

The Barony Of Unser Hafen The Gatekeeper

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Baronial Bite

Greetings unto the Barony,

Another Winter season is upon us, and feasts are on the horizon. His Excellency and I will be doing a lot of travelling.

First, We travel north to Windkeep for their annual Yule Revel. It will be held on December 2. Please venture out to support our northern neighbors. I hear there will be dancing.

Next, I invite everyone to go with us to witness the Investiture of a new Baron and Baroness in the Barony of Caer Galen. Her Ladyship Bryn was "born" in

Next on Our tour will be Caerthen Twelfth Night on January 6. Come celebrate the New Year in the year of 1324. The feast is included in the price. You will receive tokens to barter for food at the market. Two of our own will be receiving peerages that day. Countess Kitta will be receiving a Laurel, and Baroness Richenda will receive a Pelican. We will be holding our vigils at the event. Please come and share your thoughts with us. Even more dancing.

Next on the list of visitations will be the Winter Coronation down in the Barony of Aarquelle. Gather your wagons and head down to support our very own Crown Prince Fjolverker and his Consort, Crown Princess Melissa, as they step up to rule the Outlands. No dancing, but there should be....
In February at Dragonspine's Candlemas Feast, the Baronies of the Northern Outlands will hold a Multi-Baronial A&S Championship. We plan to pick Our new Baronial A&S Champion there. Lady Euphemia has been Champion from before the plague years, and it is time for her to step down. Please come down to Dragonspine with your art and enter. It is also a good time for a dry run with your entry if you plan to enter Kingdom Arts and Sciences in March. Could possibly be dance ????

All the details for the above events can be found at <https://www.outlands.org/events/>

And, as an added bonus for reading this far, the first ten people that approach Her Excellency at one of the events mentioned above and can answer a question about this article, will receive a token of appreciation.
May the cold stop at your door, and the warmth of friends fill your home,

Richenda and Freana
Baroness and Baron of Unser Hafen

"Let us love winter, for it is the spring of genius."
- Pietro Aretino

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Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings and many Blessings!

I hope you all had a fabulous time with friends and family celebrating the time of giving thanks and remembering those that could not join us, but will always be in our hearts! We are entering the time of the hearth. Warm fires, good food and surrounding ourselves with as much joy as we can. There are some wonderful events being held in the coming months by our neighbors to the North and South and I encourage you to attend as many as you can!

For those that join us at fighter practices on Sundays, we have moved to a **NEW time (Noon to 3 pm)** and **NEW location (Edora Park, Fort Collins)** as of Sunday November 5th. This is due to renovation at our usual indoor location of the fieldhouse at CSU.

- Fighter practice will be held every Sunday outdoors at Edora Park, 1420 E Stuart St, near the large pavilion called Shelter #1, as weather permits.
 - This is effective from November 2023 through January 14, 2024, from **Noon to 3 pm**, except for the following dates:
 - Dec 24: CANCELLED for Holiday weekend
 - Dec 31: CANCELLED for Holiday weeken

Reminder: Easy access to the calendar

Did you know that you can add the Unser Hafen calendar to your Google calendar?

See the information on our calendar page for more information:

<https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/calendar>

As always, contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns!

Blessings,
Eithne
Seneschal of Unser Hafen

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Herald's Call

Greetings Unser Hafen!

Several members of the Barony had heraldic registrations pass on the September LoAR*, which came out in November:

- vagn Eglisson. Name and device. *vert, three bezants and on a chief argent a cartwheel proper.*

Congratulations to Ylva, Roland, and Vagn!

Additionally, this month I will be starting a regular series of Heraldic Office Hours, where I will be sitting down someplace public for a few hours where people to come out to talk to me about any questions or topics they wish to discuss:

- Want to discuss or start a name and/or armory (devices and badges) consult for yourselves or others?
- Want to learn more about the historical practice of heraldry or how the SCA or the Kingdom of the Outlands college of heralds works?
- Want to become a herald?
- Want to learn more about specific aspects of heraldry either in period or the SCA?

All of these and more are perfect topics for discussion at Heraldic Office Hours! I'm currently planning on doing them monthly, but I'm still working on the exact date, time, and location. Watch this space for more information!

Finally, I'm working on classes on heraldry to teach at Winter Oasis. I have a few in mind, but if there are subjects you'd like to see, please drop me a line!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any of your questions or concerns about heraldry!

Don Andreas von Meissen

Barbican Pursuivant

*Letter of Acceptances and Returns, the official letter published by Wreath Queen of Arms (head of the SCA College of Heraldry) stating the decisions made on heraldic submissions for that month. This letter contained the results of the decision meetings held in September. Laurel letters take about two months to write and proofread before they are published, hence the apparent back-dating.

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Scribal

November's Scribal Night was a New Scribe Orientation! We welcomed all interested parties - those who wish to learn more about the Scribal Arts, about becoming a Scribe for Unser Hafen and the Kingdom, and everything in between. We also would love our experienced Scribes to come and share their knowledge.

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Some potential topics, pending time slots and teachers, include: cutting and writing with quill pens, making ink and paint, paper making - and more? Please email scribe@unserhafen.org with your ideas!

Yours in Service,
Regalis dei Falchi and Galen FitzThomas,
Your Friendly Neighborhood Scribal Team

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Fighter Practice Dates

TIME AND LOCATION HAVE NOW CHANGED TO THE WINTER LOCATION OF EDORA PARK

Starting Sunday November 5th, fighter practice will be held every Sunday
(weather permitting)

Edora Park

Shelter #1

1420 E Stuart St, Fort Collins, CO 80525

[map](#)

- Dec 24: CANCELLED for Holiday weekend
- Dec 31: CANCELLED for Holiday weekend

Medieval Night

Medieval Night at Gryphon Games and Comics

First Monday of the Month

6-9pm

1119 W Drake Rd C-30

Fort Collins, CO 80526

[\(MAP\)](#)

Free Admission

Join us on the first Monday of each month for dancing, garb making, games, arts & crafts, and general merriment.

Wearing Garb is encouraged, but not required.

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White Rose Inn

The White Rose Inn is Open!

On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, the White Rose Inn will open for an evening of warmth and hospitality in Unser Hafen. If you are interested in medieval food, there will be a short talk and things to taste test. Bring along and share your own culinary experiments if you want. Not into cooking? Come test what others have made. Or just come and hang out and share your scintillating conversation. Don't live in Unser Hafen? You are welcome as well.

Come Taste, Test, And Talk. No SCA garb is required, and you are welcome to bring along food if you didn't have time for dinner.

The Inn will rotate between Fort Collins, Loveland, and Greeley.

Wednesday December 13, 2023

The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Hélène Boudin

2114 42 nd Avenue in Greeley

Phone (970) 590-7602

Subject: Holiday Foods

Links: <http://www.godecookery.com/how2cook/howto06.htm>

Wednesday Jan 10, 2024

The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Richenda and Baron Freana

1232 Lawrence Drive, Fort Collins

Phone (913) 219-3808

Subject: Middle Eastern Foods

Links: <http://eatlikeasultan.com/dishes/>

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Looking Forward

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to chronicler@unserhafen.org and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.

Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to webminister@unserhafen.org and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication methods.

Awards and Recognitions

Editor's note: This article will continue to be printed for ease of access.

Hype Your Friends!

We all see amazing acts at SCA events and activities. From bards who grant us an exceptionally moving performance, to the fighter who steps off the field to encourage a newcomer, or a Herald who roams camp every morning to give daily announcements - there is so much that happens at any event that often goes missed by those able to recognize great works. The Crown and Baronage of any group relies heavily on award recommendations to ensure their populace is properly recognized. With a new King and Queen on the Stag Throne, now is an ideal time to brag on your friends so here's a guide to get you started!

Q: How do I know what awards there are?

A: Unser Hafen awards, those that can be granted by our Baron and Baroness, can be found at www.unserhafen.org/baronial-awards

- This page offers a great visual reference for what awards belong to [Unser Hafen](#).

For Kingdom awards, those granted by our King and Queen, visit <http://www.outlandsheralds.org/>

- Precedence & Awards (<http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/>)
- "Awards By Kingdom or Barony", on the left hand side, will take you to a page where awards for the Outlands, and every Barony within, are detailed.
- Select 'Outlands' to see your options
 - You can explore Unser Hafen's, and other Baronies', awards here as well
 - Please note some awards have very specific requirements while others are 'closed' and are no longer being issued.

Q: When should I submit an award recommendation?

A: Every chance you get! Kingdom recommendations get uploaded to a database that compiles when an individual receives multiple recommendations so don't worry about duplicates. Duplicate recommendations can actually help a hopeful's chances. **Do** worry about timing, however! Most awards require the Crown or Baronage to request a scroll from their scribes. This process can take two to three months so please be sure to look ahead when thinking of recommendations. For Baronial events you can go to [unserhafen.org](http://www.unserhafen.org) and visit the "Calendar & Events" tab. For Kingdom events go to www.outlands.org and find "Events" along the top. While there, pay attention to the "Royal Progress" column that shows which events Their Majesties plan to attend.

Q: How do I know what awards a person already has?

A: From the same Wimble website as listed above, go to the left and select "All Awards and Orders for the Outlands and Baronies". This will show all awards listed under their respective group which will link to a roster of every person who has received that award in the past. You can search an individual by their SCA name for a filtered list that shows all the awards that one person has received. It is important to note that one person is assigned to keeping this website updated, and they rely on Court Heralds from the Crown and Baronies to send email updates of what awards have been issued. Sometimes there are delays in updates to Wimble.

Q: What are the awards I can recommend?

A: Just about any award that exists so long as the individual lives in or has done service for the group that registered the award. It is important to make sure that the award matches the service.

Q: What awards should I NOT recommend?

A: Count/Countess, Duke/Duchess, or Viscount/Viscountess cannot really be recommended as these are elevations that are granted only at the end of a reign to the individuals stepping down from being Crown or reigning over a Principality. There are also awards specifically designed for the Crown or Baronage to issue based on personal service and exemplary grace during a reign (e.g. Cordon Royal, Queen's Cypher, Queen's Grace, or Torchbearer of Unser Hafen).

Q: What does 'armigerous' and 'non-armigerous' mean?

A: Armigerous awards carry with them an Award of Arms (AoA). When an armigerous award is given, the recipient automatically becomes a Lord/Lady/Noble of the Realm if they had not been granted an Award of Arms previously. Non-armigerous awards, then, do not carry an AoA.

Q: How do I submit an award recommendation?

A: For Kingdom Awards go to <https://www.outlands.org/>

- Login/Logout - You will have to create login credentials to have access to the Awards Recommendation link. It does not take much, and it allows the system to send you a confirmation email once your recommendation is complete. A submitter does not have to be a paid SCA member to sign up for this website.
- "Award Recommendations" is the first link under Outlands Quick Links on the right
- "Review Kingdom Award Info" will open another tab to the Wimble website where all Precedence and Awards are documented.
- "Submit an Award Recommendation" opens the form needed to do just that.
 - All required fields have red stars
 - Note that you do not have to know much of the hopeful's information but having a name and the local group where they reside will go far in helping the Crown find the person you have submitted
 - There is another handy link in the middle of the form, "Outlands Awards Descriptions", that will take you to the Awards by Group list on the Wimble page.
 - Once you submit a recommendation, the information will be entered in a massive database that the Crown has access to.

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What's Going on in our Barony?

Armoured and Fencing Practice

Sundays, 12 noon - 3:00 PM

Edora Park in Fort Collins [map](#) **

Visit the [Website](#) for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule.

We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing! Garb is encouraged

A&S Gathering

Join us at Armoured and Fencing Practice on most Sundays! See above for more info. Updates can be found on the Book of Faces.

Calligraphy &/or IlluminationContact:

Galen FitzThomas & Regalis dei

FalchiEmail:scribe@unserhafen.org

Scribal NightEvery 3rd Monday at 6:30PM

The home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, or virtually - check the [Book of Faces](#) for links to the meetings.

For more information contact

scribe@unserhafen.org.

Equestrian PracticeContact: Lady

Cecelia O'Connor

970-420-6652

(Dance and Embroidery Guild are currently inactive.)

Archery Practice

Our December indoor archery practice is Saturday the 9th at 11am-1pm. Our practice is at the Rocky Mountain Archery location in Fort Collins. Rocky Mountain Archery is just north of Harmony Road on Innovation Drive (4518 Innovation Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80525).

Note: We may start a few minutes late to allow everyone to clear out of private events before opening.

Visit the [Website](#) for changes/ additions and more info. Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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Check the Unser Hafen [website](#) or [The Book of Faces](#) for additional upcoming events and locations.

VIRTUAL POPULACE MEETING

*Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 at 6:30 pm.**

Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqu

Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

**Solstice is December 21st this year.*

Kingdom Calendar

Please visit
<https://www.outlands.org/events>
 for the most up-to-date information.

The Court of Unser Hafen



His Excellency

Baron Freana Geardson

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Her Excellency

Baroness Richenda de la Selva

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Court Herald - Sir Felix Sniumi
 Defender - Lord Lycus (of Stag's Pass)
 Protector - Don Andreas
 Warden - Sir Rand the Tracker
 Equerry - Lady Amina
 Arts & Sciences Champion - Lady Euphemia de Argyll
 Pencerdd Bard - Lord Vagn Egilsson
 Barbican Persuivant - Don Andreas von Meißen
 Head of Household - Lady Euphemia de Argyll

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Baronial Officers

Officers and Responsibilities

Seneschal - President
 Chancellor of the Exchequer - Treasurer
 Barbican Pursuivant Herald - Submits name and armory applications
 Chatelaine/Hospitaller - Assists Newcomers
 Gold Key - Loans period-looking garb and feast gear to event participants
 Knight Marshal - Oversees combat activities
 Marshal of Fence - Oversees fencing activities (Rapier, Cut and Thrush)
 Captain of Archers - Oversees archery activities
 Minister of Arts and Sciences - Oversees all art and science activities
 Scribe - Coordinates creation of award scrolls
 Equestrian - Oversees activities involving Horses
 Chronicler - Editor of the Newsletter
 Social Media - Oversees social media postings of events/communications
 Webminister - Oversees the running of the websites of the barony
 Quartermaster - Maintains, inventories and stores physical property of the barony

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Sir Uchtred Leifsson

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Copy/paste versions of embedded website links:

Wimble Herald

- <http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/index.php>

Map to Medieval Night at Gryphon Games and Comics:

- <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Gryphon+Games+and+Comics/@40.5518711,-105.0970032,18.33z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x87694b0722773bc9:0xfa91cd56d0a6fbe2!8m2!3d40.5517128!4d-105.0974072!1s%2Fg%2F1hc34g714?hl=en&authuser=0>

Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- <https://unserhafen.org>

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

- <https://www.facebook.com/BaronyOfUnserHafen/>

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- <https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer>
- Map for Edora Park: <https://www.google.com/maps/@40.5648628,-105.0512051,283m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu>

Archery Website:

- <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer>

Kingdom Calendar:

- <https://www.outlands.org/events>

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