

The Signal

Barony of Vulcanfeldt

December AS 59 (2024)



“The Barony of Vulcanfeldt is located in the central region of the Kingdom of An Tir of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). Vulcanfeldt proudly claims Yakima (Washington) and its environs (Yakima and Kittitas Counties) as its own. Our lands stretch from Ellensburg and Cle Elum in the north, to Grandview in the south and Tappico in the west to Moxee and beyond in the east. Born in the year of Mount St. Helens’ fiery eruption, 1980, the Barony of Vulcanfeldt is an area of rich volcanic soil. It is said that the lands within our barony’s borders (Yakima County) ranks first in the United States in the number of all fruit trees and that it produces more apples, mint, winter pears, and hops than any other county.” *From [Barony of Vulcanfeldt](#)*

For More Information

Barony of Vulcanfeldt Website
<https://vulcanfeldt.antir.org/>

Barony of Vulcanfeldt Discussion Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/201003799915766/>

Kingdom of An Tir Events
<https://antir.org/events>

Society for Creative Anachronism
www.sca.org

An Tir Wiki
<https://antir.sca.wiki/>

Barony of Vulcanfeldt - PO Box 11429 - Yakima, WA 98909



Welcome to the Barony of Vulcanfeldt

A Barony is an area led by a Baron and/or Baroness (collectively titled "The Coronet"), who are appointed by the Crown to be Their ceremonial representative(s) in a particular area. The Kingdom of An Tir recognizes that multiple combinations of gender are possible and The Coronet may choose to use the titles Baron and/or Baroness if desired. Individually, the Coronets are addressed as "Your Excellency". From [Barony of Vulcanfeldt – Kingdom of An Tir](#)

Her Excellency Fiona (vulcanfeldt.baroness@antir.org)
His Excellency Ulrich (vulcanfeldt.baron@antir.org)
Baron and Baroness of Vulcanfeldt

Baronial Activities

Monthly - Business Meeting, Second Monday, 7:00 pm

RoundTable Pizza, 1300 N. 40th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98908

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month. Officers provide their monthly report, event stewards report on upcoming events, and monthly activity dates are announced. Contact the seneschal for additional information vulcanfeldt.seneschal@antir.org

Armored Combat Practices - *Watch this space for upcoming practice dates.*

Currently looking for an indoor site for winter practices.

Everyone is welcome to attend practices. All levels of experience are welcome to attend.

Archery Practice - *Watch this space for upcoming Spring dates.*

Colonial Lawn & Garden, 1118 W. Washington Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902

All levels of experience are welcome. Not sure you're quite ready for archery, feel free to stop by and watch. You may find an extra bow waiting for you to try.

Arts and Sciences - *Dates, Times, and Locations vary.*

Whether you are interested in learning a new craft or interested in sharing your craft with others feel free to contact the Arts and Sciences officer for meeting times, dates, and location of the next meeting.

Equestrian practices - *Available upon request.*

Equestrian activities for the barony are coordinated by Baron Ulrich Hellelicht. Please reach out to him at vulcanfeldt.baron@antir.org for more information.

Rapier practices - *Watch this space for upcoming practice dates.*

Currently looking for an indoor site for winter practices.

Everyone is welcome to attend practices. All levels of experience are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Events

Kingdom of An Tir Events

<https://antir.org/events>

- **Field of Dreams, December 28, 2024** hosted by the Incipient Shire of Four Rivers
Event Site: Boulevard Grange #389, 890 Hwy 201, Ontario, OR 97914
Site opens December 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM and closes at 9:00 PM
The Incipient Shire of Four Rivers Sponsored by the Barony of Wastekeep, welcomes you to their first event.

- **Yule Feast, January 4, 2025** hosted by the Barony of Vulcanfeldt
Event Site: Grandview Community Center, 812 Wallace Way, Grandview, WA 98930
Site opens January 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM and closes at 6:00 PM
There will be feasting as well as choosing our champions in the Arts & Sciences and Bardic. There will be prize tournaments for heavy and rapier combat as well as the opportunity for dancing and games.

- **Twelfth Night Coronation and Bardic Championship, January 10-12, 2025** hosted by the Barony of Three Mountains
Event Site: DoubleTree Hilton – Portland, 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, OR
Site opens January 10, 2025 at 3:00 PM and closes January 12, 2025 at 1:00 PM
Barony of Three Mountains invites you as we attend Their Royal Majesties King Eirik and Queen Brynhildr as their reign draws to a close, completing another chapter in the glorious history of An Tir. Revel in the glorious coronation of Crown Prince Nicolai Rabenis Von Tachov and Crown Princess Ana de la Sara as they claim the rightfully won crown of An Tir for their own.

- **Kingdom Arts and Sciences and Queen's Rapier Championship, March 7-9, 2025**
Location TBD
This event features the competition for the An Tir Kingdom Art & Sciences champion. Competitors enter items for judging that display their knowledge, research and skills, in their chosen area(s) of medieval A&S.

- **Oasis War, March 22, 2025** hosted by the College of Cranehaven
Event Site: Oasis Park, 2541 Basin Street, Ephrata, WA 98837
Site opens March 22, , 2025 at 9:00 AM and closes 5:00 PM

Young warriors, artisans, and merchants welcome! Although Oasis War is well known as a Heavy war, we also have Rapier Combat scenarios each year as well. Rapier fighters highly encouraged to attend!

→ **Baroness War, April 4-6, 2025** hosted by the Barony of Vulcanfeldt
Event Site: Grandview Event Center and Rodeo Grounds, 812 Wallace Way, Grandview, WA 98930.
Site opens April 4, 2025 at 12:00 PM and closes April 6, 2025 at 3:00 PM
Weekend activities: Archery, Equestrian, Heavy Armored combat, Rapier, Thrown Weapons, Arts and Sciences, Bardic, Baroness Tea, Classes. Sunday AM: Baronesses Champion Tournament. War points: Archery, Equestrian, Heavy, Rapier, Thrown Weapons. Prizes awarded: Arts & Sciences Contests, Bardic.

→ **Honor War, April 11-13, 2025** hosted by the College of Lyonsmarche.
Event Site: Chief Timothy Park, Silcott Island Clarkston, WA 99403
The Port of Silcott is once again besieged by roving bands of brigands from the East, and South, and North.... Thus do we call for aid from our Great Neighbors, those brave souls of the Inlands!

Salutations from Ashley Longbow, Event Steward for Baroness War 2025!

Let's talk about Baroness War (BW) 2025.

Site opens Friday, April 4 and closes Sunday, April 6, 2025.

We will begin setting up Thursday, April 3, 2025. If you are interested in assisting with the event please contact me at [ashleymolongbow\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:ashleymolongbow@gmail.com)

Needs and Wants for the event. If you would like to help in any of these areas please contact me.

- Archery
- Arts and Sciences
- Bardic
- Baroness Tea
- Camp Site Coordinator
- Classes
- Clean up Crew
- Equestrian
- Gate
- Heavy combat
- Merchants
- Rapier combat
- RV Coordinator
- Siege Cooking
- Set up Crew
- Thrown Weapons
- And probably some items I have forgotten..



From the Chronicler

Greetings from Ashley Longbow,

Just a reminder that articles, artwork, and photos are always welcome additions to The Signal. If you wish to submit an article please note the deadlines listed below.

The Signal will be published on the last Wednesday of the month, with the deadline for articles being the Sunday prior.

Deadlines:

December 22, 2024, *The Signal* will be published December 25, 2024

January 26, 2025, *The Signal* will be published January 29, 2025.

February 23, 2025, *The Signal* will be published February 26, 2025.

Dame Ashley Longbow, OP



Chronicler, Barony of Vulcanfeldt



From the Chatelaine

Greetings!

As we go into our winter event schedule, I would like to thank everyone who made our busy spring and summer events, events to remember. I hope you enjoy what our kingdom has in store for us on the winter schedule. Safe travels!

Yours in service,
HL Magdalyn Tynkere
Chatelain, Vulcanfeldt



A Quick Look At The History Of Seed Beads

HL Magdalyn Tynkere

Confession; I am a textile arts enthusiast and a research nut. I have been doing quite a bit of poking around the research sources looking for anything connected to the use of mixed medium fabric decoration. What I mean is, the use of thread, paint, beads, etc.... to make raised decoration on fabric. That was the broader search. I have fallen down the rabbit hole with beads. Particularly glass seed beads.

Beads have been decoration for wearable items for at least 38,000 years. Some sources say 100,000 years. Beads have been made from everything from bone, shell, antler to clay, mud and ash, and everything in between. It was in the 13th century, in Italy, that the process for more uniform glass seed beads (tiny beads, hence the name 'seed') was developed. In Venice, glass makers were producing glass beads of all styles and around 1291, the Venetian glass makers relocated to the island of Murano to protect their processes and techniques.

The first seed beads were made one at a time. Very time consuming and inefficient. But in time, the technique for mass production was developed. It took two men pulling molten glass over a thin cane and letting the glass cool. Two men working quickly could stretch the glass up to 100 feet. After the glass had cooled and hardened, they then used a "guillotine" to cut the beads into the desired lengths, then the beads were then tumbled in a clay slurry to finish the edges and make sure they were smooth. This was the beginning of a process that has been refined into the process that produces the seed beads of today.

The Venetian bead business became a key trade item throughout Europe and in many other countries until the early 19th century when the Czech glass bead trade became a competitor in the market.

This is just a drop in the bucket as far as bead history goes, but it is key to my artistic endeavors. Now, I am off to connect the dots between seed beads and embroidery. Happy beading!

The Barony of Vulcanfeldt Needs You

Current Office Openings

- *Lists*
- *Chamberlain*

Office Descriptions

Seneschals are the legal representative for the branch. They are responsible for the coordination of the Society activities in their branch.

Exchequers are responsible for the handling of all SCA funds within their branch.

Heralds provide heraldic services to their branches including consultations, field heraldry, town cries, and court heraldry.

Marshals are responsible for making sure that all SCA combat and similar athletic activities are conducted in a manner that is safe and enjoyable for both the participants and the spectators.

Arts and Sciences officers are the local resource for arts & sciences in the branch. They may arrange classes, workshops, promote competitions, and hold monthly gatherings.

Chroniclers act as the secretary for the branch, attending monthly meetings, publishing meeting minutes and monthly newsletters.

Chamberlain ensures that the baronial items stored in the trailer and the storage unit are available when needed for events.

Lists manage contestant scores for heavy and rapier tournaments. Currently we host tournaments at Vulcanalia and Baroness War.

Landed Barons and Baronesses

A landed Baron and/or landed Baroness are the Crown's representative within a Barony and provide the inspirational leadership for a barony. They are empowered to hold courts, grant awards which are recognized in the Kingdom's Order of Precedence; and can have Sergeants, Yeomen, Gallants, Courtiers, and Lancers. Landed Barons and Baronesses are required to report to the Crown and their Royal Highnesses one month prior to each Coronation.

Vulcanfeldt Business Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 18, 2024 - 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Aesa Ormriauga, Alric Ivarsson, Ashley Longbow, Cem Hedar, Chiera/Crystal, Fiona ingen Conchobair, Iona Reginasdottir, Jon Macleod, Magdalyn Tynkere, Regina, Rurik Gjafvaldsson, Shannon Ni Connell, Steinnar Hrafensfuri, Tai, Ulrich Hellelicht
Quorum met according to Minor Carta guidelines.*

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Rurik Gjafvaldsson, Seneschal.

Approval of October meeting minutes: Motion made, seconded, minutes approved as submitted.

Baron and Baroness (Ulrich & Fiona): Attended Collegium, smaller turnout than usual possibly due to it no longer being a Kingdom event. Attended regional fight practice yesterday (Sunday, November 17). Currently working on a report for Curia. Ulrich reminded the group that we still need a name for the Equestrian Champion. If you have ideas please submit them to the Baron & Baroness and Herald. Ulrich plans on attending Twelfth Night and Ursulmas.

Seneschal (Rurik): Everything going smoothly. Procured insurance for Sunday practice. Working on insurance for Grandview fairgrounds events. Completed quarterly reports for seneschal and herald.

Chronicler (Ashley): Minutes and The Signal completed and posted to Facebook discussion page. The deadline for December Signal will be Sunday, November 24, 2024.

Webminster (Shannon): Still no access to web page or email.

Exchequer (Jon): Financial Committee meeting held 6:12 PM - 6:25 PM prior to business meeting. Committee approved budget for baronial offices. Received two (2) additional invoices for Vulcanalia, portable toilets and trash. *(Totals are not published in the minutes. If you wish to know bank statement amounts please contact the Seneschal and Exchequer.)*

Chamberlain (OPEN): If interested in this office please send a letter of interest to Seneschal (Rurik) and Baron and Baroness (Ulrich & Fiona). Discussion regarding the baronial trailer, Ulrich will move the trailer to his home.

Herald (Cem): Cem Hedar volunteered. Motion made, seconded, approved. Gregoir currently has books/boxes for the heralds office.

Master of Stables (Steinnar): Attended practice in Grandview on Sunday. Good turnout. Looking at holding 3-4 additional practices at the site. Dates discussed January 18 or 19, February 1 or 2, February 22 or 23, March 15 or 16. Rurik confirmed that these dates do not conflict with other events. Cost would be \$50 per hour with a two (2) hour minimum. Motion made to cover the cost up to \$400 for four (4) dates, motion seconded, approved. Discussion regarding people donating to offset the cost. Rurik covered the insurance cost for the fight practice event held November 17, 2024.

Rapier (Cem): Had good practice Sunday, 4-5 hours of fighting time. Had 8-9 rapier fighters in

attendance and 8-9 heavies. Held 5-6 classes, with 4-5 hours of fighting.

Archery (Alric): Archery practice closed down for the winter. Discussed hosting some archery classes. Has patterns for quivers and braces.

Equestrian (Ulrich): If interested in equestrian this weekend, November 23-24, contact Ulrich. Chiera/Crystal mentioned a 50x100 indoor arena near Cle Elum, discussion followed.

Lists (OPEN): If interested in this office please send a letter of interest to Seneschal (Rurik) and Baron and Baroness (Ulrich & Fiona).

Chatelaine (Magdi): Nothing to report. Haven't been to any outside events. Gave out some cards at the fight practice on Sunday.

Arts & Sciences (Iona): Quarterly report completed. Attended practice yesterday. Working on having an Arts & Sciences gathering, when the date is decided will post to Facebook.

Scribe (Kata): Absent. Fiona has scribal blanks for people to paint, if interested contact Fiona.

Social Media (Uvhild): Absent.

Past Events / Travel to other branches

Shannon attended Tir Righ Coronet and Rose and Thorn.

Upcoming Events:

Yule Feast, January 4, 2025 (Event Steward - Rurik Gjafvaldsson, Co-Steward - Iona Reginasdottir): There will be an addendum to the rental cost for Yule Feast. Motion made, seconded, and approved to increase rental cost by \$100. Discussed kitchen area. Cannot use the stove, but we can use the microwave and plug in crock pots/slow cookers. Have discussed the schedule with the Baron and Baroness.

Baroness War, April 4-5, 2024 (Event Steward - Ashley Longbow): Getting a team together. Contact Ashley if you are interested in helping. Will get a Facebook group active around December 1, for the team. Will update the information on the Kingdom Calendar and create a Facebook event page.

Old/New Business: Magdi reminded everyone that she is putting together a list of everyone's awards they have received. Discussion followed regarding the OP and missing awards. Magdi would like everyone to send her a list of their awards.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to adjourn meeting, 7:45 PM

Next Business Meeting: Monday, December 9, 2024 - 7:00 PM - Roundtable Pizza, Yakima, WA

**Per Barony of Vulcanfeldt Minor Carta - Customary for the Barony of Vulcanfeldt "for any votes to be taken, a quorum must exist that includes at least four of the //Major Officers and/or the Baronage. Each person holding a Major Office may cast one vote. The Baronage together counts as one vote."*

"Major Officers shall be defined as those holding the offices required to function as a Barony: The Seneschal, Exchequer, Herald, Chronicler, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Master of Stables, Web Minister, and Chatelaine. While not a required position, Chief Scribe is also considered a Major Officer."



Their Majesties of An Tir
King of An Tir – Eirik Daegarsson II
Queen of An Tir – Brynhildr Ansvarsdottir



Their Royal Highness of An Tir
Crown Prince of An Tir - Nicolai Rabenis Von Tachov
Crown Princess of An Tir - Ana de la Sara

Officers for the Barony of Vulcanfeldt

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Ionamyst Reginasdottir

Branch Marshal

Steinnar Ravensfury, KSCA

Chronicler

Ashley Longbow, OP

Scribe

Kata Bugthyra

Exchequer

Jon Macleod

Webminister

Shannon Ni Connell

Herald

Cem Hedar

Archer

Alric Ivarsson

Equestrian

Ulrich Hellelicht

Social Media

Uvhild Arrowseeker

Rapier

Cem Hedar

Lists

OPEN



Vulcanfeldt Champions

Arts & Sciences - Her Ladyship 'Izza al-Dimashqiyya
Baronial Protector - Her Excellency Aesa Ormriauga
Bardic Champion - His Lordship Cem Hedar
Equestrian Champion - Lady Chikkaya Kali
Heavy Champion - Lord Nafnlaus Hetison
Rapier Champion - Master Rowland Green

SCA Mission Statement:

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is an international non-profit volunteer educational organization. The SCA is devoted to the research and re-creation of pre-17th century skills, arts, combat, culture, and employing knowledge of world history to enrich the lives of participants through events, demonstrations, and other educational presentations and activities. In pursuing its mission, the SCA is committed to excellence in its programs, communications, and activities.

SCA Core Values:

- To act in accordance with the chivalric virtues of honor and service in all interactions with SCA members and participants;
- To be a responsible steward of SCA resources;
- To deal fairly with others, and value and respect the worth and dignity of all individuals:
- To practice inclusiveness and respect diversity;
- To promote a safe and respectful environment for all SCA members and participants;
- To act with transparency, fairness, integrity, and honesty;
- To maintain a harassment-free environment in SCA spaces; and,
- To avoid behavior that reflects adversely on the SCA or other SCA members and participants.

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The Signal is available at vulcanfeldt.antir.org and on the Barony of Vulcanfeldt Facebook group discussion page, or may be received via email. The Signal is currently available in PDF format. If you wish to receive a copy through email please contact the Vulcanfeldt Chronicler at vulcanfeldt.chronicler@antir.org

Articles, photos, poems and event copy are welcome contributions to The Signal and will be published as space permits. *Per Barony of Vulcanfeldt Minor Carta - Customary for the Barony of Vulcanfeldt dated 2022* The Chronicler will publish The Signal monthly, and such that the following requirements are met:

- 1) The Signal must include any information given regarding Baronial events, meetings, or results of meetings in the newsletter. The Chronicler may edit at their discretion.
- 2) The Signal must publish changes in officers or policy, vacancies of an office, service Awards given, Orders established, or votes carried.
- 3) The Signal must publish minutes of the Baronial Council meetings.