

# The Wind Swept



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# Calender for December 1991

- 7 Caer Galen(CO) - Midwinter (Alexia 303-499-4176)  
22 Windkeep - Valynwood Christmas Revel & Populace Meeting  
Pinewood Village Community Room (Lady Elaine 634-2037)

## January

- 4 Caerthe(CO) - Twelfth Night (Ava 303-469-0406)  
26 Unser Hafen (CO) - Bunny Fur Wars (Rhys 632-1133)

## Febuary

- 1 Dragonspine(CO) - Candlemas (Lydia 719-687-1449)  
8 Caerthe(CO) - Abbey on the Mesa (Kate 303-989-3162)  
15-17 Atenveldt - ESTRELLA WAR!!!  
22 Caer Galen(CO) - To be Announced Revel (Demelza 303-581-0750)  
29 Glen Ora(WY) - Revel - ()  
29 Care Galen - Dorinda Benifit - (Mableth

## March

- 7-8 () - Kingdom A & S ()  
14 Unser Hafen(CO) - Dance Collegium (Titus 303-490-2936)  
14-15 Grey Squirrel Haven(WY) - Grey Squirrel Event (Roshana 307-682-0754)  
21 Caerthe(CO) - Middle Eastern Event (Fiachra  
28 Windkeep - The March Hare Affair (Kostbera & Bianca)

## April

- 11 Caerthe(CO) - A & S Competition (Etain 303-469-4174)  
18-19 Unser Hafen(CO) - Eistenfodd (Mazuna 303-482-7832)

# Regular Happenings

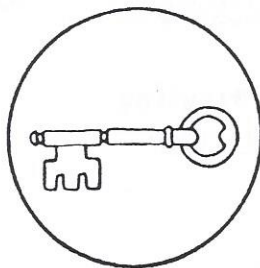
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- Populace Meetings: The last Sunday of each month at Pinewood Village Community Room. Meetings are in garb, and start at 7:00pm. Occasionally the meetings will be potluck and start at an earlier time. Such meetings will be noted on the calender.
- Fighter Practice (Heavy & Light weapons): **Currently the fighters are travelling to Unser Hafen on Sundays as the Bunny Lovers have a great indoor site. For more information contact Lord Rhys or Lord Thorman.**
- Armorer's Guild: Want to build or learn about armor? This guild is just for you! For more details contact the Guildmaster: Mavellic (778-8536)
- All Guilds Meeting: One day a month - Contact Lady Elaine for next soeduled place and date. All are welcome. Come to practice, sew garb, build armor, or just socialize, but please limit projects to those SCA related. For info call Lady Elaine.
- Windkeep Archery Practice: Practice is available Monday thru Saturday. Contact Lord Rhys (632-1133) to set up specific time for you to shoot. Loaner bows are available.
- Unser Hafen Dance Practice: 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00pm. Call Lady Catriona (303-226-2018) or Lord Titus (303-490-2936) for more information.
- Unser Hafen Fighter Practice: Heavy and Light Sundays in the CSU Fieldhouse. For more information call Lord Galen of Shadowraven at 303-229-9507. Loaner armor is available..

The cover this month was done by Lady Bianca Isabel Orsini



## FROM THE SENESCHAL



To arms, to arms. The Shire of Windkeep is in danger of being invaded by an army to the South. At the Unser Hafen Arts and Sciences Competition we were challenged, and among the many accusations was the charge of killing rabbits. I tried to remind them that rabbits are not protected in our domain but they would not listen. I now call for all able bodied fighters to arm and be ready for war. We have some time to prepare. The date of our impending battle is January 26. Although we are outnumbered, we are not without hope. His Majesty Olaf has offered us the aid of the Queens Guard, and Baron Nicholas De Kane is enlisting the aid of several groups. Also, we will be putting out a call for help at Caerthe's Twelfth Night. We hope to have enough to stand the day. To do so Lady Aldith requests chocolate chip cookies to be used as bribes. As many as you can afford to bake.

In all seriousness, this battle has a two fold purpose: First to give you, our fighters, incentive to prepare and complete your armor to meet the common foe. To give you purpose during the cold winter months. Secondly, it gives the opportunity for all northern fighters to tune up their skills prior to Estrella War. It will be great fun and I ask all of you to get into the spirit, and lets kick some tail.

On the same theme of a sort, we are having an event. On March 28 1992 we are having The March Hare Affair. It will be a harebrained event intended to show Unser Hafen just how much we do like rabbit. Lady Bianca and Lady Kostbera are the Autocrats and would love any input you might have to make the event more fun.

On a final note, I would like to encourage all of you to get your memberships in before the end of the year. Prices are going up and if you were considering becoming a member now is the time to do it. Also, many events are now giving discounts for gentles showing proof of membership. Until next month, keep living the dream.

*In service to Windkeep and the Outlands*

*Lord Rhys Afalwin  
Seneschal*



## FROM THE CHRONICLER

**THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE UNLESS YOU SUSCRIBE FOR 1992.** It's a real bargain! Just \$8.00 for 12 issues! Don't miss out on a single issue. On another note this Chronicler has been doing some serious thinking about her responsibilities, and her upcoming ascension to a Kingdom office, and thinks a deputy might be nice. If there are any interested takers please contact the Lady Kostbera.

**Oh, and the winner of the Great Cover Contest is...**

I don't know, since I didn't receive a single vote! Those attending populace meeting will have another opportunity to vote.

*Yours in service to the Society,  
Lady Kostbera Kveldulfsdottir*



## From Arts & Sciences

Unto the good gentles of Windkeep,

Due to the pressures of two jobs and college classes I feel I no longer have the time to do the office of Arts & Sciences justice and will be stepping down as of February 1st. I would like to find a replacement among the populace to carry this office on. Any who might be interested are invited to contact me or the seneschal.

In service to Windkeep,

Lady Elaine the Lonely of Valynwoode

### **Hear ye! Hear Ye!**

The fifth annual Valynwoode Christmas Revel is about to begin! All are welcome! This year the revel will be followed by the

#### **Shire Populace Meeting.**

**Date:** Sunday, December 22nd

**Where:** 1005 West 5th St (Pinewood Village Community Room)

**Time:** Site opens at 3pm. (Revel 3-7, meeting starts at 7)

**What to bring:** Yourself, feast gear, your own drinks, and food to share. This is a potluck revel. No site fee if you bring a dish to serve six people. (Families please double the amount) Autocrat is providing meatballs. For more details call Lady Elaine 634-2037

Unto the Shire of Windkeep:

Greetings.

I wish to introduce myself. I am Lady Anastazia Winogradzka, Chronicler of the Barony of Unser Hafen and the Overall Autocrat for the Highland Games, A.S. XXVII (1992). This is a deadline notification for the merchants who wish to have their names printed in the program for the Games. PLEASE NOTE: In order to sell ANYTHING, you must be a licensed merchant with a Sales Tax I.D. number. I need to know who you are, what you will be selling and your tax number by January 2, 1992 to meet the Estes Park Committee's deadline. If you miss this date, you can still sell your wares, but you will not have the advantage of prior advertising. Also, there will be a \$110.00 fee to be shared by all merchants for the SCA "booth."

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours in the Service of the SCA,

*Lady Anastazia Winogradzka*

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Who says Windkeep doesn't like rabbits! We like rabbit, yes, we do...

And to prove just how much we like rabbits we are going to hold an



event in their honor. Announcing...



## The March Hare Affair



March 28 - Windkeep (Cheyenne, WY)



It has been said recently that Windkeep has no fondness for the sweet and furry rabbit. Such impudence! We've even been challenged to a war for the sake of this creature! Well, the Bunny Fur Wars may be fought on January 26th, but it won't stop there! Somebunny in the shire has come up with a harebrained idea. The Ladies Bianca and Kostbera were all ears, and quite hoppy, I mean happy, to take charge and they didn't waste time splitting. From the burrows of their brains has emerged an event just a hare short of lunacy - The March Hare Affair - in which the hare-oic lepus is the Guest of Honor!!! Oh, what a prolific bounty of plans - games whose aims are to focus on the regal rabbit; a feast in which the honorable rabbit shall be served with dignity first and foremost at each course; contests in which tails, I mean tales, of the noble bunny will be judged and garb featuring rabbit themes admired. There will be dancing dedicated to the rabbits' graceful movement, and combat for the Champion of the Hare.

Don't be a dumb bunny; suscribe to the Windswept and don't miss a single bit of information on this hare-raising event! Until then, your



bunny-crats, Lady Bianca (307-635-0427) and Lady Kostbera



(307-634-0224), bid you short trails and good hunting.



HERALDS AND SCRIBES SYMPOSIUM

16-17 May 1992

University of Colorado/Boulder, CO



My lords and ladies, gracious gentles all, I am pleased to announce that the Shire of Caer Galen is sponsoring a weekend of classes (demos, lectures and workshops) in Heraldry and the Scribal Artes. The class schedule is currently being filled-please offer to teach if you have the urge-and the illustrious faculty so far includes: The Laurel King of Arms, Master Da'ud ibn Auda; Countess Cymber of the Darkwater; Master Demetrios ho Bibliophilos, Scribe of the Outlands; Master Erasimierz Waspanięski, St. Hubertus Herald Extraordinary; Master Hagar the Black, Gimlet Pursuivant and currently Blue Iris Herald; Sir Konrad Altensteig von Griefswald; Mistress Saerlaith L'Estrangere; Lady Marhuma Maniyzeh az Basra (called Mazuna of the Farshore); Lady Cala of Savatthi, deputy Scribe of the Outlands; Lady Sidonia of Seven Oaks and Lady Rhiannon Wild Heart. There will also be a revel on Saturday evening at a different site than the symposium (details to follow in the next issue or two). If you want to teach, want more information, have comments, please contact the autocrat: Etain Winterbourne, co/ Ann Barker, 11568 Ingalls St., Broomfield, CO 80020-3075; (303) 469-4174, farspeaker w/message gnome.





## Our End of the Kingdom - Nearby events to plan for

For more information consult the Outlandish Herald

**Candlemas in Dragonspine - February 1 - Colo Springs, CO** War college, A&S, SCA Wedding, Dancing. Norman feast. Site fee \$3. Feast fee \$7 until Jan 1/\$8 until Jan 15. Autocrat: Lydia of the Pines 719-687-1449

**Estrella War VIII - February 15-17** Atenveldt vrs Caid! FIGHTING! Merchants. Workshops. A&S. Equestrians? Looking for helpers and volunteers in many areas. Autocrat: Arianna Windhaven 602-963-9043 (not after 9pm Standard time, please)

**Kingdom A&S Collegium - March 7-8 - Santa Fe, NM** Classes on all aspects of SCA and medieval life including war, history, time lines, scribal arts. Looking for teachers! Autocrat: Berengaria de Chinon 505-474-0899



### Christmas is Coming!

Come Share the Christmas spirit with others who can't get out of the house due to age or disability.

Lady Elaine invites all comers to her church's Caroling Party.

**When:** December 15th at 5:45pm

**Where:** First United Methodist Church, 108 E 18th St

**What to bring:** Yourself, a coat, and some chili to add to the pot.

A chili dinner will be served before groups leave for caroling.

Afterwards all will return to the church for hot drinks and cookies.

Don't miss this chance to have fun and spread a little Christmas cheer. For more details call Lady Elaine 634-2037

Unto the good citizens of our illustrious Outlands,  
Greetings:

### **!!!! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED !!!!**

Our Lady Freya (Margo Strid) is still in the hospital, and it looks like she is going to be there for a while longer. She has been there since September 12th. Freya has been a friend and helpmate to almost all she has come in contact with; now she needs help. She is worried about the bills. We know she has a great many friends and family out there who do not know what's going on and would like to help.

Please find it in your heart to send a word of cheer, cards, letters or monetary support to help make this a little easier for her. If you would like to help with any notes of cheer or contributions, please send them in care of Lorna Edwards (Laureo Katherine Donnachoidh), 214 North Orchard, Farmington, NM 87401, (505) 325-5112 (There is an answering machine on this line).

**FIND SOME CHRISTMAS SPIRIT EARLY THIS YEAR**



There is a great deal of medieval Christmas traditions that are observed today, and many that are not. Here is some Yuletide Trivia researched by an old member, reprinted to share with the new members.

# Yule Say What?

1. The "Boar's Head" is given special recognition in many English dinners to commemorate the legend that a certain student of Queens College, Oxford, being attacked by a boar on Christmas Day, chucked the animal with a copy of Aristotle and took his head back for dinner. The swan is sometimes seen on English tables as a dinner dish instead of boar.
2. When playing cards were first introduced into England, they were looked upon purely as a Christmas pastime.
3. Carols were sung in England every year from time immemorial until in 1525 when the people were prohibited from singing them on account of the serious illness of the king. For this reason, the Christmas of 1525 is remembered as the "Still Christmas."
4. In olden times, "Twelfth-night" or Epiphany revels were held in England. A feature of this celebration was the "Cake" lit by a number of white candles. Within the cake were baked a bean for the male finder to be "king" of the party and a pea for the female finder to be "queen" of the party. Then followed the medieval custom of raising the king on the shoulders of four men to the ceiling where he chalked a cross on the rafters to keep away evil spirits. These revelries were presided over by the make-believe "King and Queen" seated on an improvised throne. Mock trials took place and scenes from English history enacted and so forth. Merrily the time was thus spent until midnight when the Christmas greens which decorated the room were gathered and burned to close the festivities.
5. Dating back to Byzantine times (330-1453), it is the custom of children in the Greek Empire to go around on Christmas morning and collect walnuts, figs, raisins and sweets. This is known as "Luck of Christ". The Greeks still call their Christmas, "Feast of Lights".
6. In Iceland there are only four hours of daylight on Christmas Day and these are spent in church services.
7. It was an ancient custom in Norway to feed salt in a cowbell on Christmas Day. By so doing, the cattle would be sure the following summer to come home from the pastures in the evening on their own.
8. It was St. Francis of Assisi who popularized the Crib in the tangible form in which we know it today. In 1223 he went to Pope Honorius II in Rome and presented his plan of making a scenic representation of the place of the Nativity. The Pope gave his sanction and on Christmas Eve, St. Francis constructed a crib and grouped live animals in a real stable with a manger and figures to make the scene more vivid to the people.

Information above from the book CHRISTMAS by John N. Then



9. In the medieval church the candle was traditionally of beeswax, the belief being that bees came to earth directly from heaven.
10. The first use of the Christmas tree was in the medieval German Paradise Plays, held outdoors, and portraying the creation of man.
11. Martin Luther(1483-1546) was perhaps the first to use a lighted tree. Luther was enraptured with the beauty of a starry sky when he went out to get a tree for the family. Wishing to share the enchantment he felt with his family, he cut an evergreen down and at home he placed candles upon it to represent the beautiful sky he had seen.

Information above from the book Our Christmas Symbols  
by Aylene E. and Cameron Cooke

12. Particularly in the mid-fifteenth century, holly, ivy and evergreens were up, candles and torches were lit, and mummers clowned in the streets. There were singers, Christmas presents, fortune-telling and much feasting and drinking.
13. December 24th, in the medieval church calendar, was Adam-and-Eve's Day. On this day, the people play-acted the legends of the Garden of Eden; and before the play the actors paraded through the town with Adam carrying the Tree of Life, in which apples were hung.

Information above from the book 4000 Years of Christmas  
by Earl W. Count

14. In some sections of England, Ireland and Scotland, an interesting custom was practiced in medieval times. One hour before midnight the big bell of the church would toll slowly as if tolling for a funeral. But as the clock struck twelve, all the bells would ring out in a merry peal of Christmas joy. This tolling from 11 to 12 was called "the devil's funeral," for according to the old legend, the devil-died when Christ was born.
15. In Medieval England "carol" meant a ring-dance accompanied by singing. The dancers would form a circle and joining their hands walk in rhythmic dance-steps while keeping the form of the circle. Gradually the meaning of "carol" changed and in an English-Latin vocabulary of 1440 a synonym for carol would be "song". The word "carol" has come to denote all songs pertaining to Christmas.
16. Medieval superstition in England endowed holly with a special power against witchcraft; unmarried women were told to fasten a sprig of holly to their beds at Christmas to guard them throughout the year from being turned into witches by the Evil One.
17. Rosemary is pictured as a great protection and help against evil spirits, especially if it had been used in church as a decoration on Christmas Day.

Information from the book The Christmas Book  
by Francis X. Weiser



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As Joseph was a-walking,  
He heard an angel sing:  
This night shall be born  
Our heavenly king.

He neither shall be born  
In housen or in hall,  
Nor in the place of Paradise,  
But in an ox's stall.

He neither shall be clothed  
In purple nor in pall,  
But all in fair linen,  
As were babies all.

He neither shall be rock'd  
In silver nor in gold  
But in a wooden cradle  
That rocks on the mould.

(Medieval English mystery carol)



Albrecht Dürer made this interesting woodcut of the stable showing the Holy Family, the shepherds, and the heavenly host

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