

## Mosaic Time

Given the vast number of different cultures and races keeping a unified system of time on Mosaic is difficult. Some races continue to use the calendars of their home worlds, even though these growing increasingly meaningless the longer they are in use. Others use the years since arrival, years since a city or nations founding, or years of a noble's rule. Most, however, have come to employ the Common or Trade Calendar either by itself or in conjunction with a local measure. The origins of the Common Calendar (CC) are unclear, it has been in use for several thousand years, nor are its references, although the constellations visible from Mosaic lend their names to the years. At some point in the distant past it became widespread and has remained the standard.

Years are figured thusly:

There are 13 subjects: Dragon, Horn, Warrior, Tree, Maiden, Swords, Mage, Cup, Book, Hounds, Spider, Kraken, Gate.

There are 9 modifiers: Sleeping, Dreaming, Waking, Hungry, Questing, Lost, Warring, Victorious, Dying.

The current year is The Year of the Questing Hounds CC.

The Year is a solar year divided up into 4 Seasons beginning at the Winter Solstice: Sleeper, Sower, Harper, and Reaper

Each Season has 4 Quarters of 22 days each, with each Season having an extra day in the middle of the Season known as Mid-Season's Day or Dreamfest, Seedday, Songday, and Harvestfest respectively.

There are regional variations on all of these names, but substitutions are usually obvious (Wolves for Hounds, Fall for Reaper, etc.) Many people put prophetic significance to the name of the years but the names are so general that almost anything can be made to fit.

**Recent Years – with events known to the party or in Alliance when appropriate**

Year of the Sleeping Dragon – Birth of Bellos

Year of the Dreaming Horn

Year of the Waking Warrior

Year of the Hungry Tree – Birth of Giuliana

Year of the Questing Maiden

Year of Lost Swords – Mordecai’s Birth

Year of the Warring Mage – Ellis Fulgent dies in a mage duel that also destroys the surrounding neighborhood in Alliance, now known as the Ashward

Year of the Victorious Cup – Rashmali’s Birth

Year of the Dying Book – So-called “Plague Lands” bury their Way Stones

Year of Sleeping Hounds

Year of the Dreaming Spider

Year of the Waking Kraken – Worst storm season in a century ravages Sea of Colors

Year of the Hungry Gate

Year of the Questing Dragon

Year of the Lost Horn

Year of the Warring Warrior –Horde of the Burning Moon conquers several lands

Year of the Victorious Tree

Year of the Dying Maiden – Pearlescent Bud in Melting Snow, princess of the Blossom Lands dies, details unknown

Year of the Sleeping Swords

Year of the Dreaming Mage

Year of the Waking Cup

Year of the Hungry Book – Mentors very busy, spend little time with PCs

Year of the Questing Hounds – Current Year

Year of the Lost Spider

Year of the Warring Kraken

Year of the Victorious Gate