



# The Mudpuppy

The official newsletter of the  
Barony of Settmour Swamp

AS XLVIII – April 2015

## *Mudthaw Memories* *QUEST Preparations*

### Baroness and Baron Letter



While it seemed like it might never happen, the mud did indeed thaw, as attested and confirmed by our cousins and gracious Queen. We echo the thanks expressed by our Autocrat and Cook, and add our own. It is amazing how much work goes into an event like Mudthaw, and we are much honored to represent you and hear how all enjoyed the day. Please read all the notes of thanks from Mudthaw organizers and begin to see the vast scope of what this event truly entails.

There is so much gratitude in our hearts that these meager words cannot fully express; to our Royal Majesties Edward and Thyra, and their heirs Prince Omega and Princess Etheldreda for their presence and pageantry. To our autocrat Galefridus for taking on the largest burden of creating an event that all of the East Kingdom could come and enjoy. To our Seneschale, Charis, who dealt with all manner of unseemliness, and Lady Willa for the wonderful feast she created without the use of a kitchen on site. (see p 24)

We also wish to add our own thanks for those that helped us during the event. To our herald Don Orlando, and to scribes Mistress Caterina Giaocchini, Sir Jan Janovich Bogdanski, Baron Wulfgar, Master Jonathan Blacestan, and Lady Susan Longo for their splendid artwork in the form of scrolls allowing our recognition to endure. Mistress Elizabeth Lovell's gift of hand blown glass beads, given to those who shared their artworks as part of artisan's row. (continued on page 4)

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## Mudthaw Troll and Marketplace

Baroness Treannah and her crew at Troll checked in 748 attendees at Mudthaw



### Announcement from our Seneschale, Charis:

Our April officers meeting, on **Tuesday** April 7 at the home of Baroness Merlinia.

Baroness Merlinia

Joanne Shaver

147 Franklin Ave

Maplewood, NJ 07040

(973) 762-2554

The Glen Gardner site will not be available, until April 14 (see page 35)

### SCA Membership, New Website Online, **Change your Password!**

- 1) go to [WWW.SCA.ORG](http://WWW.SCA.ORG)
- 2) CLICK ON MEMBER SERVICES,
- 3) CLICK ON MANAGE YOUR MEMBERSHIP
- 4) log in with your member number and default password (first initial and last name, for example Jennifer O'Hara would use johara)

The system will send you a confirmation email and prompt you to update your password.



## QUEST XXXI —preliminary plans underway May 22 to 25



Photo by Peotr and Otgon

Preliminary plans for **QUEST XXXI** (May 22 to 25) are underway. We will be at the Clinton Elks Lodge in Pittstown, NJ. **Lord Peotr** has written a fun and challenging Quest. The goal of questers is to find the “Treasures of Timbuktu”. **Baroness Merlinia** will serve as head cook, assisted by Lady Lydia and Magister Galefridus.

### The Quest for the Treasures of Timbuktu

Search for the fabled treasure of the lost city of Timbuktu. Starting in the markets of Marrakesh, assemble all that you need to cross the fiery Sahara desert. Use your wit, courage, courtesy and bargaining skills to assemble your caravan (remember to get a camel). Next comes the trackless desert, with fierce nomad raiders and lonely oasis. With good fortune you will reach the city on the far side; what awaits there? Only the winners can tell us!

### Quest for Wit and Wisdom XXXI

Event date: May 22nd, 2015 - May 25th, 2015

Hosted by Barony of Settmour Swamp - Pittstown, NJ

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=2787>

A FaceBook group is also available for discussions and announcements.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/947686975250676/>

Baroness Ursula of North Woods  
Event Steward for QUEST XXXI





## Baroness and Baron Letter (continued)

Thanks also to the makers of the mud pails and pies, Lord Martyn and Lady Violet and to the children who helped us share it with our cousins. To our champions who escorted us into court, and stood by us during ours and Royal court. To Baroness Ursula and Baron Mathias for all their work in setting up and breaking down the royal room and high table at the start and end of the day. And while we were in court, you who were out there cleaning up the list fields. And special thanks to Master Phillip Reed, for while we were comfortable at feast, the entire site was being cleared and put away. We would like to also echo the gratitude of our autocrat and all those who assisted him, and our cooks and martiallate.

**Sleep well Settmour**  
**You have earned your rest**  
**Wake again refreshed**  
**To come play at Quest**

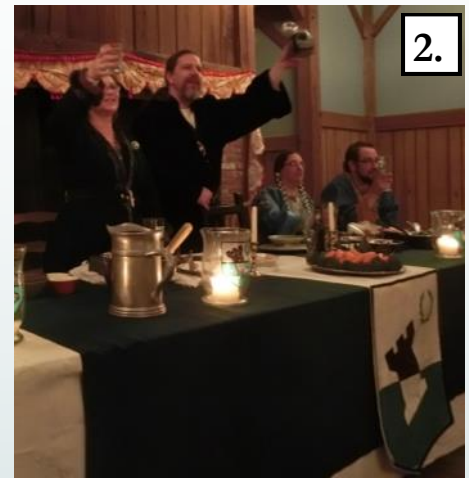
And Quest indeed will come, far too quickly and yet not soon enough. Please come join us, we miss you already. This will be our second year at the Clinton Elks, a wonderful site that offers just about everything we could imagine. We will be choosing our champions of Archery, Fencing, Rattan, A&S, and thrown weapons so come and compete. There will also be another fine artisan's row, and we can do things at this site that are difficult or prohibited elsewhere, such as blacksmithing.

Baroness Jehannine did journey to the northern reaches of our Kingdom to witness the Investitures of our cousins Isle du Dragon Dormant, and also to Carolingia. We find we are always in need of items to present as gifts for our travels, so please consider lending a helping hand to create an item we may use as a gift. We ask that you join us on 11th April as we support our Kingdom at Coronation. Travelling companions are welcome and ease the journey.

We are planning our next Baronial Field Trips, we will be going to Wellsweep Herb Farm in May and will be going berry picking over the summer. Our Yahoo group and Facebook will hold the details as they arise. Another special event to be added to your calendar is at the Penn Museum in Philadelphia on April 18th for Rome's birthday, many members of our Barony plan on attending. If you hear of something that might make a good trip, please let us know.

Thank you Settmour Swamp for being as incredible as you are, may we all continue to thrive and prosper.

**Baron Erec and**  
**Baroness Jehannine**





## Seneschale Notes

### Huzzah and Vivats for an amazing Mudthaw!!

I am always so humbled to be a part of a Barony so full of talent and energy. From the gathering of volunteers to the final minutes of clean up, the members of this Barony (and their friends and neighbors) proved once again how great we truly are. The new site caused many challenges throughout the day and every one was met and overcome with grace and a cheerful attitude. I have posted my thanks to all who helped out on our Baronial e-mail list and various pages but I would like to re-post it here and again thank all who helped to make the Mudthaw a success:

First I want to thank EVERYONE who pitched in to make our event a success, I am always awed by the amount of people who happily give their time and talents in our Barony, you are an amazing bunch of people and I am proud to be part of such a wonderful group. Mudthaw is a huge undertaking and working with a new site is always a challenge. I would like to thank our autocrat, Galefridus for working so hard and pulling all the various parts of this event together and making things work on the fly as new hurdles came up on site. I would also like to thank Willia for putting on an excellent feast in the midst of the chaos that was the "kitchen" (and I use that term very loosely). Many hands make light work and many hands helped out on Sat to bring this together...I would like to thank the set up crew that came out on Fri in the cold to get the lists and tents up. Ursula and crew did wonders with the area set aside for the royals as always. Many thanks as well to our head Troll, Treannah, and all her staff for keeping the lines moving and getting everyone checked in. I would like to thank Marion for putting together our A&S activities, all the artisans who made our Mudthaw artisan's row a success again and for Elizabeth for organizing them and Judith for running the bread baking competition. I would like to thank our marshals in charge, Brennan and Firebow and their assistants for running the tourneys very safely and appropriately in the mud. Fighting and fencing could not happen without the assistance of our MOL's, thank you to Ceara and all the other MOL's for keeping things organized and running smoothly. When our kitchen went to pot, a call went out for assistance and as always the Barony jumped to help, a special thanks to Rhiannon, Ceara, Crow, Pippin and our good Baron's wife for coming to the assistance of our head cook and staying long into the evening to help get food to the hungry masses. (See page 24.) Lastly, I would like to thank Phillip and the rest of the clean up crew who got us off site in record time leaving the place spotless. I know I have left names off the list above but please know that everyone who helped is very much appreciated even if my boggled mind cannot remember all the names of the wonderful support staff who made our Barony shine on Saturday.

**My heartfelt thanks to you all.**  
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## Seneschale Notes (continued)

### On the business side:

At our March officer meeting, Lady **Ceara** agreed to stay on as MOL until **Lu An Hua** is ready to take over full time. Our good chirurgeon **Miles Bowman** was renewed in his office for another term and **Lady Maerhild** was voted in as our new Chatelaine. Vivat to all these good gentles for their service to the Barony!

As the weather turns toward spring (very slowly) our archers prepare for practice to resume. The officers allotted \$100.00 for the purchase of three **new archery targets** for use by the Barony.

Our heavy weapons fighter practice on Wed in Nutley is running strong.

Our **fencing practices are temporarily on hold**. The Thurs night practice is on hold until a new site can be found. Our Tues night practices will resume on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Glen Gardner Site pending new certificate of insurance. Please watch our e-mail lists and message boards for updates on practices.

The officers also voted to purchase an **EZ-UP pavilion** through a contact of our good **Baron Erec**, \$150.00 was allotted for this purchase.

Our April officer meeting will be held on **Tues** April 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Baroness Merlinia** (see page 2). This change was made with the agreement of the officers to accommodate our Quest staff. Please come and see what goes on behind the scenes, voice your opinions and share your ideas.

That's all for now...on to Quest!!

YIS,  
**Charis**



The Waterloo Village vendor offered a commercially available luncheon and a commercially available bar.

See “Saga of the Outdoor Kitchen” on page 24.





## Baron Erec and Master Alexander in the A&S Hall



### Chronicler Notes

The April issue of the Mudpuppy is devoted to Memories of Mudthaw at our new site, Waterloo Village. I have collected photos from as many photographers as possible and selected those that I think capture the contributions of the members of the Barony of Settmour Swamp to this fabulous event.

I also highlighted Malcolm's Pelican (page **26**) and the sad passing of Nadira (page **30**).

QUEST is going to be so much fun! Please volunteer to help. (page **3**)

Please note the announcement from our Seneschale, Charis, on the unavailability of Glen Gardner site until April 14. (page 2)

Please contact me if you have ideas for an article.

If you have a new or old story of the Swamp to tell, please send it to me.

Thanks to **Ceara, Judith, Galefridus**, and Peter for encouragement, and excellent proofreading.

**Baroness Ursula of North Woods,**

[Chronicler](#)



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**Mudthaw THANKS from Magister Galefridus Peregrinus**

I spent a fair bit of time racking my brains to recall the names of all who helped to make this year's Mudthaw a successful event.

Below is a list of individuals to whom thanks are due for making this year's Mudthaw a success. The new site presented us with a bunch of challenges, many of which were almost impossible to anticipate. Nevertheless, my event staff and other volunteers handled these challenges with grace and equanimity.

Heading the list of individuals who made things work well are our **Baron and Baroness Erec and Jehannine**, whose unstinting support and encouragement called out of me abilities that I didn't know I had. Our **Seneschale, Lady Charis** also served much the same role, in addition to which she found us a truly excellent site. **Master Phillip Reed**, my co-Autocrat was amazing, anticipating a multitude of needs and simply dealing with them with speed and efficiency. Especially impressive was his management of end-of-event cleanup -- at some point I blinked, and pretty much all of the trash had vanished.

**Lord Aharon ben Ze'ev**, who arrived early to coordinate day-of-event setup.

**Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg**, merchant wrangler.

**Count Brennan**, **Baron Wulfgar**, **Lady Ahn-Wa**, and **Lady Charis**, all of whom served on the Friday setup crew. Brennan and Wulfgar in particular set up list fields for both heavy weapons and fencing, and Brennan ran the heavy weapons tournament.

**Ladies Ceara** and **Lu An-Hua**, the heavy list MOL and deputy MOL (see page 10)

**Don Orlando** and his Cadet, **Brendan Firebow**, together with their MOL **Maryam Hanoum** for running the various fencing tournaments.

**Mistress Elizabeth Lovell** and her assistant **Rue**, for setting up and running a spectacular artisans' row. Thanks are especially due to Rue, who took over when Mistress Elizabeth had to leave suddenly in the middle of the day. (see page 13)

**Lady Marion Quyn**, who ran the A&S competition and display. (see page 13 and 22)

**Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel** and **Mistress Jadwiga**, who have respectively run and judged the bread competition for the past several years and continued the tradition this year with their usual excellence.

**Baroness Rhiannon** and **Croebnat**, for their hearth cooking demo. The demo itself totally rocked; moreover, it added to the ambiance of the hall. When their demo was over, both headed over to the other hall and spent the remainder of their time at the event assisting with feast preparation. (pg. 12)

**Ladies Willa** and **Charis**, for producing an excellent feast in extremely trying circumstances. (pg. 24)

**Lord Miles**, for his handling of mail-in and ACCEPS registration, as well as making himself generally







**Mudthaw THANKS from Magister Galefridus (continued)**

useful throughout the day.

**Baroness Theodora** and her staff, for her efficient management of Troll in an unexpectedly cramped space. (see page 11)

**Baroness Ursula** and her staff, who, as has been her custom for years, set up and took down the Royal Room area. (see page 23)

**Baron Matthias**: As Court was drawing to a close, I went over to the feast hall to initiate the setup process. As it turned out, my presence was unnecessary, as Matthias had the matter well in hand, setting up both the general seating and high table.

**Lord Frederick**, who ran the youth fighting. (see photo page 12)

**Lady Alana** and her assistants (including an unnamed 12 year old young lady) ran an excellent children's area with age-appropriate activities. (see page 10)

**Countess Caoilfhionn**, who, through her Children's Service Initiative, encouraged the older children to assist in many areas throughout the course of the event.

Many others also served, often stepping up at the moment of need and disappearing afterward. My thanks to all of you who saw needs and dealt with them.

I especially thank Their **Royal Majesties Edward and Thyra** and Their **Royal Highnesses Omega and Etheldreda** for attending and supporting the event, as well as the over 700 attendees for making the trek to our new site.

Finally, a special thank-you to **Judith**, my lady wife, who supported and assisted me with much of the basic planning in the early stages, kept me calm when I was dealing with roadblocks in the middle stages, and ran many errands for me in the last weeks immediately prior to the event.

**Magister Galefridus Peregrinus**,

Mudthaw 2015 Event Steward





## Mudthaw THANKS from Alana for Children's Activities

Thanks to Everyone who helped make the little kids play area possible!! I saw a lot of happy kids enjoying the space and activities. I'd especially like to thank the parents that loaned or shared their toys and supplies, and the very patient and talented 12 yr old girl that spent hours there volunteering. Alana

## Mudthaw the Frozen Fingers of the Mistress of Lists

**Mistress of Lists** - the **MOL** handles all the scorekeeping for the tournaments with frozen fingers, eager smiles and shouts of "winner on top". After eight years of serving the Swamp as MOL, Ceara is training Lu An-Hua to take over this office. Alana's daughter, Rowan Auley assisted and did not mind the freezing temperatures! Ursula



## Mudthaw THANKS for List Setup and the Marshals

Many thanks to go out this evening!  
First, thank you for helping with list set up Adam Brennan, Lu An-Hua & Galefridus.

For today, our Marshals were awesome!  
I know there are a couple that I am missing, so please don't be offended and feel free to post your names.

Sir Brennan, Sir Jabril, Sir Wilhelm, Sir Mord, Sir Manfred, Tobijas, Mark, Ryo, Mark.

Wulfgar Silfrahaar





## Mudthaw THANKS to Fighters

I want to give a huge thank you to all of our fighters yesterday!

We had a couple of new fighters take the field, others expanding their weapon depth, and everyone looking for a day of good fighting.

We had great competition, clean fights and some nice camaraderie in the cold and the mud. Thanks for coming out to break in our new site and making our event another success!

**Wulfgar Silfrahaar**

## Mudthaw THANKS to Arts and Science Competition

Mudthaw was amazing. I heard there was some sort of fighting going on but I was happy to be in where it was warm getting to run my very first **A&S competition**.

Many thanks to the amazing judges **Worm** & **Tristan**, Lindy Sanford and Naomi. To **Galefridus** for answering a million of my questions. And everyone who entered or displayed or voted. Fantastic works all around -the judges had a difficult decision!

**Katheryn Fontayne** won judges' choice for her madder dyed hood, and **Aribella d'Mer** won populace choice for her tablet woven mud sparrow scene (see page **22**) . It was also of some note that **Elena de Los Libros** wrote a beautiful poem in English and Spanish practically overnight and performed it for the judges (her first A&S entry and our only performance piece)

Vivant to all!

**Lady Marion Quyn**

## Mudthaw THANKS to TROLL—748 Attendees!

Thank you to everyone who helped at Troll - you all worked really hard, through multiple rounds of long lines, and I can not thank you enough!

**Judith** bas Rabbi Mendel, **Suba** Al-Hadid, **Lydia** FitzWaulter , **Miles** Boweman, **Ursula** of North Woods, **Caterina** Giacocchini, Paul Lamhut, Kate Justkate, **Sinn** Larensdotter, and Mark Saladini.

I could not have asked for a better staff, truly, thank you.

**Baroness Treannah**

See photo on page 2







## Favorite Mudthaw Moments - 16<sup>th</sup> Century Scottish Kitchen

A Representation of a Working 16<sup>th</sup> Century Scottish Kitchen, by Baroness Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen and Croebnat Foltchai'n

One of the challenges was water. Thanks to Merlinia for finding interesting ways to get 20 gallons of water to Rhiannon & Croebnat from the Ladies room! We absolutely had to have water to cook and wash up. Thanks also to James, Jan and Alan for helping us unload, set up, break down the tables and pack up, With the tight time frame we needed your help and you gave it graciously and efficiently. Thanks so much, Rhiannon and Croebnat







Favorite Mudthaw Moments - A&S and Artisan's Row







Favorite Mudthaw Moments - Fighters Heavy, Rapier & Children's







## Favorite Mudthaw Moments - Thawed Mud & A New Knight





## Mudthaw Court Report from Don Orlando Sforza

### Awards at the Court of Baron Erec and Baroness Jehannine at MUDTHAW XXXV

Baron **Wulfgar Silfrahaar** (Silverbraid) - Iron Tower  
Scroll by : Master Jonathan Blaecstan

Lord **Ioannes Sepentius** - Iron Tower  
Scroll by: Mistress Caterina Giaocchini

Lady **Aziza Bint Noor Al-Shirazi** - Ivory tower  
Scroll by: Sir Jan Janovich

Lord **Miles Bowman** - Bronze Tower  
Scroll by: Mistress Caterina Giaocchini

Baroness **Theodora Bryennissa** (Treannah) - Bronze Tower  
Scroll (work in progress Orlando and Charis)

Lady **Vivian De Dunbar** - Ivory Tower  
Scroll by: Baron Wulfgar Silfrahaar

Baron **Mathias Feuerdrachen** - Bronze Tower  
Scroll by: Lady Nyfain

**Croebrnat Fholtchain** - Bronze Tower  
Scroll by: Mistress Caterina Giaocchini

### Awards for Tournaments

HEAVY Weapons - **Sir Douglas Henry**

FENCING: Champion's Qualifier Tourney - **Don Caine Ramsey**  
Mudthaw Tourney - **Don Melchior Kleibel**,  
Cut and Thrust Tourney - **Don Armand de la Poor**

Arts & Sciences (A&S) :

Judge's Choice - **Katheryn Fontayne**, madder dyed hood

Populace Choice - **Arabella d'Mer**, tablet woven mud sparrow scene

Bread Contest (A&S) - **Misha Griffith**

Thawing of the Mud - Invite Landed Baron & Baroness to taste test

Thanks Artisans - Mistress Elizabeth Elenore Lovell

Thanks Autocrat - Magister Galefridus Peregrinus





## Mudthaw Court Report from Don Orlando Sforza (photos)

Baron **Wulfgar Silfrahaar** (Silverbraid) - Iron Tower  
Scroll by : Master Jonathan Blaecstan



Lord **Ioannes Sepentius** - Iron Tower  
Scroll by: Mistress Caterina Giaocchini







## Mudthaw Court Report from Don Orlando Sforza (photos)

Lady **Aziza Bint Noor Al-Shirazi** - Ivory tower  
Scroll by: Sir Jan Janovich



Lord **Miles Bowman** - Bronze Tower  
Scroll by: Mistress Caterina Giacchini







## Mudthaw Court Report from Don Orlando Sforza (photos)

Baroness **Theodora Bryennissa** (Treannah) - Bronze Tower  
Scroll (work in progress Orlando and Charis)



Lady **Vivian De Dunbar** - Ivory Tower  
Scroll by: Baron Wulfgar Silfrahaar







## Mudthaw Court Report from Don Orlando Sforza (photos)

Baron **Mathias Feuerdrachen** - Bronze Tower  
Scroll by: Lady Nyfain



**Croebrnat Fholtchain** - Bronze Tower  
Scroll by: Mistress Caterina Giacocchini







## Mudthaw Court Report from Don Orlando Sforza (photos)

### Announcing Tournament Winners



HEAVY Weapons - **Sir Douglas Henry**

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Mudthaw Tourney - **Don Melchior Kleibel**,  
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**Arabella d'Mer** A&S Competition,  
Winner, populace choice







## Favorite Mudthaw Moments - Maunch & Outdoor Kitchen

I have two...

The first is when I came back from cooking at my house just in time to see Orlando receive his Maunch. He was so obviously so thrilled and surprised to be recognized for all his efforts in research and teaching historic fencing. His medallion, hand crafted by a fellow fencer, was beautiful. (see page **28** for photos)

The second, was when I was done congratulating Orlando, I went over to the "kitchen" to find so many people had jumped in and were helping Willa to get the feast out under crazy circumstances. It awes me how very generous the people of this Barony are with their time and talents. It is always a reminder of why I love this game so much, we are all family and family pitches in and helps. **Charis**

## Favorite Mudthaw Moments - Royal Room

Royal Room at Mudthaw - I have organized the Royal Room for Settmour Swamp events for 15+ years and this was the easiest in decades. The hall at Waterloo Village is lovely with a large stone fireplace and windows trimmed with heavy wooden planks. Overall, the ambiance is elegant. We had to cover some of the windows to gain a modicum of privacy for the Royal households, but at least we did not need to spend hours covering hideous clown faces (in "the clown room" at the Shriners hall). There was only one Royal Room (instead of two or three at the Shriner's hall) but the room was large enough to accommodate TRM, TRH, the Acre Queen and King and our own Baroness and Baron. It was a bit cozy, for the large households and guests and meetings, but overall this Royal Room is very nice.

Thanks to Baroness **Merlinia** and — of York (unnamed by request) for helping with set up.

Thanks to **Brian**, Lord **Miles Boweman**, and Alana's daughter, **Rowan Auley**, for helping me and Baron **Mathias** to take down and pack up the Royal Room and the High Table.

**Ursula**







## Favorite Mudthaw Moments - Saga of the Outdoor Kitchen

### **This year's Mudthaw feast was a disastrous, but successful adventure.**

After finding out we had no use of the kitchen, we were provided a table in the hallway without access to an electrical outlet and outdoor space on the back deck. I'm sure those of you who attended can attest it was windy and cold. Very cold. But we remained calm.

This could work, This would work. We'd encountered obstacles before. Except on this day, anything that could happen, did happen.

Multiple problems arose... we acquired extension cords but then the electricity didn't work!

We couldn't get the propane stove lit at all and had to call for help from a chivalrous lord to fix the situation. However, there was not enough heat and we called for back up, eventually deciding to shuttle food back and forth to Charis' house to make sure it was warm.

The outdoor space itself provided a challenge. We were constantly re-boiling water and relighting the Sterno to keep the food warm in the cold, because there was no space inside. The temperature difference between the heated pots and the cold wind actually made a singing sound similar to that made by running your finger around the rim of a wine glass.

Many hands came together to make this feast happen, and keep spirits high. I would not have been able to accomplish this and serve you all without the help of my wonderful friends who gave their time to thankless tasks in the cold outdoors and in the cramped hallway. Rhiannon, Ceara, Crow, Pippin and our good Baron's wife all pitched in.

There are no words to express my gratitude both for their help getting the food served hot and on time, and for keeping me from loosing my head.

Much love and thanks to all, and I hope the food was worth the fight!  
Yours in service,

**Lady Willa De La Mer**

Note: Sadly, there are no known photos of the Outdoor Kitchen

So Willa knew in advance that there was no functioning indoor kitchen, but she was still game to take on the responsibility of the Mudthaw feast. However, we were supposed to have use of the full kitchen space inside for food preparation. When we arrived on site we were informed that it was not to be. Now, since we didn't have much inside space and it was so cold outside, there was no real way to keep the food warm or heat it up in the warming trays. Then the cook stove we brought would not work due to a kink in the line from the propane tank. Fortunately, that did get fixed by a nice gentle whose name I do not know. By then we were woefully behind schedule, but Willa kept a clear head. There was no real space to do preparation work and no electrical outlets to use for gadgets. So with the help of my other sister, I took what I could home to heat. Willa prepped what she had left as best she could with the help of many wonderful gentles who came when the call went out that we needed help. My girls even hand-mashed chickpeas for hummus, since we could not plug in the mixers. Things were peeled, mashed and mixed as best that could be expected. I got back with the hot food and Willa had the warming pans all ready to go. She had managed to get everything ready and cooked in record time under crazy conditions. We finished up a bit late and then served the feast. **Charis**



## Favorite Mudthaw Moments - Links to Photo Collections

Wonderful photographers have taken hundreds of photos of Mudthaw. Many of these are posted on publicly available sites and many additional on FaceBook.

Some collections may be limited to authorized friends of the photographers

**Raziya Bint Rusa** - (A&S, Royal Court, Baronial Court, Fencers)

[https://www.facebook.com/elizabeth.burdick.9/media\\_set?  
set=a.1087031894646623&type=1&pnref=story](https://www.facebook.com/elizabeth.burdick.9/media_set?set=a.1087031894646623&type=1&pnref=story)

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/birdvoyeur/sets/72157651273587688/>

**Master Alexander Macgregor** (Baronial Court)

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set=a.10202797875348076.1073741918.1836450332&type=3](https://www.facebook.com/ddevito17/media_set?set=a.10202797875348076.1073741918.1836450332&type=3)

**Baroness Ursula of North Woods** (setup, Heavy fighters A&S, Baronial Court, Royal Court)

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**Baroness Diana the Wanderer** (A&S, Royal Court)

[http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?  
sid=0AatGTdm4Zt2TRMg&emid=shareprintviewer&linkid=link5&cid=EM\\_sharview](http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=0AatGTdm4Zt2TRMg&emid=shareprintviewer&linkid=link5&cid=EM_sharview)

**Michele Broton** (Fencing)

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## Baron Malcolm Bowman joins the Order of the Pelican

This past Saturday (March 14, 2015) many members of our Barony travelled north to the Barony of Bridge to attend the Black Rose Ball and witness the elevation of our own Baron Malcolm Bowman into the Order of the Pelican. Please join us in celebration of Master Malcolm being recognized for his dedication to serve to our great Kingdom of the East.

**Vivats, Baroness Jehannine and Baron Erec**

**Scroll** by Mistress Nataliia Anastasiia Evgenova Sviatoslavina

**Hat** by Baroness Alesone Grey with assistance from Lord Martyn De Halliwell

**Cloak** by Baroness Alesone Grey with embroidery by Mistress Elizabeth Eleanor Lovell

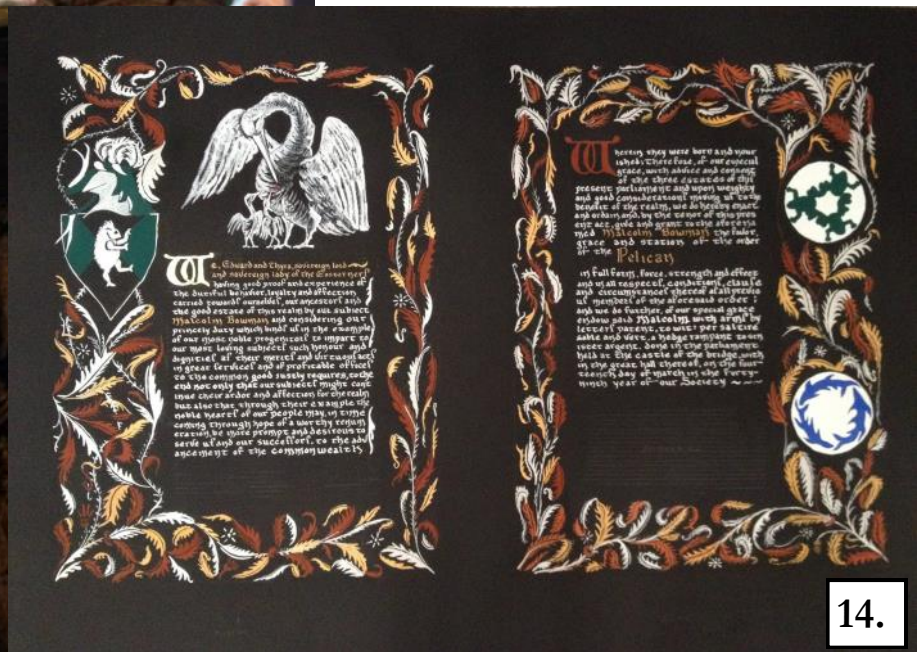


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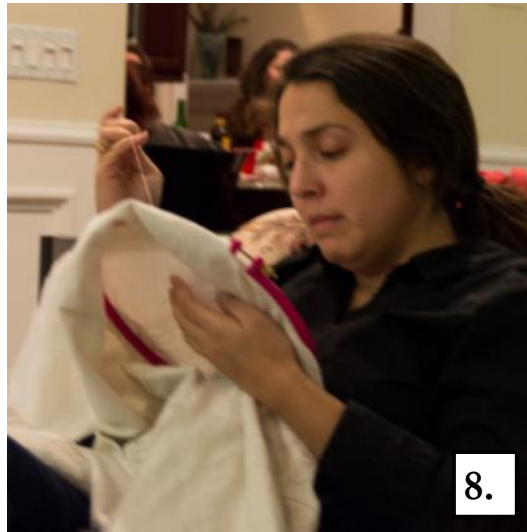




## Highlighting a Swampie, Lady Maerhild

Lady Maerhild has accepted the position as our new Chatelaine. The Chatelaine is the liaison for new people and also organizes the gold key loaner garb.

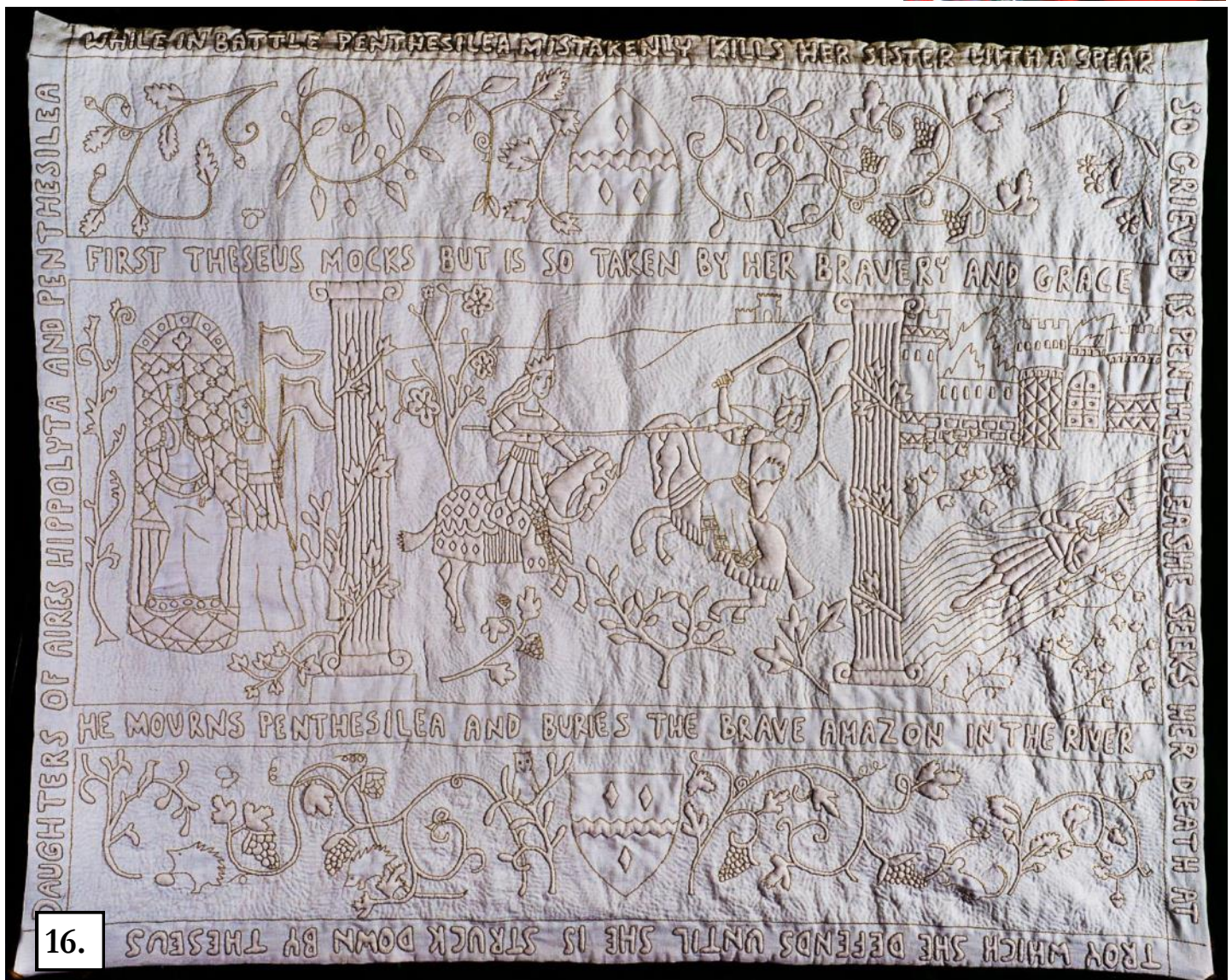
Lady Maerhild created a magnificent embroidered quilt as a gift for Her Majesty, Queen Thyra. The quilt was presented to Her Majesty during court at Mudthaw.



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## Favorite Scroll Don Orlando Sforza, Order of the Maunche







## Favorite Scroll Don Orlando Sforza, (continued)

Don Orlando Sforza's scroll for the Order of the Maunche: Medallion by Master Tristan de Warrell  
Calligraphy by Mistress Elsa Delyon







## In Memoriam Lady Nadira of the Lonely Tower

February 22, 2015

RIP Lady Nadira of the Lonely Tower

For those who don't recall, Lady Nadira was an early and regular participant in both Settmour Swamp and Carillion. She was a regular volunteer for event support as well as a musician and cook. Mundanely, she was known for her illustrations and vocal work on a number of Filk tapes. Sadly, her SCA participation faded as her funds and health issues did. It appears she passed away two days ago (February 20, 2015) in her home in Cranford, NJ.  
Mithgiladan the Herald

A long time member of Settmour Swamp, Nadira, passed away at her home apparently on February 20, 2015. While she had not been active for quite a few years due to very ill health, she was active when many of our now "elder statesmen" were first starting out. Her passing should not be without contemplation and thought. We build ourselves up on the work and effort of those who came before us and our foundations would be shakier if they had not been there.  
Mary the Hun



Photographer unknown, photo dated 1987

### 12. Mudthaw 1996



### Favorite Scrolls

Please submit a high resolution photograph of your favorite scroll for publication in the Mudpuppy. It can be the prettiest, the silliest or just your favorite. See an example of Orlando's Maunche scroll on page 28.

Ursula



### Fencing Tip from Don Orlando Sforza

Orlando's **Mudthaw Solutions** (dealing with Mud problems)

I will begin by stating that there are no problems, only challenges.

Flexibility is paramount; if you are unwaveringly committed to your plan, you may collapse in a heap of frustration and anxiety. We have encountered challenges during several years of running fencing at Mudthaw. In one case the mud was just too muddy. The marshals found a space in the parking lot, and were able to set up lists. In another, the rains descended. We cleared benches beneath an A frame and fenced in there, rather than cease our activities. As herald, I have run through the site seeking individuals their Excellencies wish to see, tracking down scrolls, improvising in court on request. We have encountered ovens going out, eleventh hour vigils, over-run courts and plumbing issues, but we have always walked out in the wee hours after cleaning up with happy hearts for a job well done. No worries, it's all good.

**Orlando**



### Fencing Tip from Don Orlando Sforza

Orlando's Fencing Tips; **About Time**

The Italian fencing masters gained their title for good reason; they had a lifetime of experience and the combined knowledge of the line of masters who taught them. Which is why, when the masters instruct that the fencer should attack in tempo, then we should heed their wisdom. Many fencers today learn the two count parry - riposte. First, one beats away the incoming attack, then responds by extending and returning the attack. This two count attack is drilled into fencers until it becomes muscle memory. Unfortunately, this duo tempo motion is easily defeated by feints. The contra tempo attack, however, is one that takes advantage of the opponents attack by extending into the attack, in essence combining one's parry and thrust. By angling the counter thrust while extending and twisting the wrist so that the hand is in fourth position and the quillions turning clockwise, one can close the line of attack and guide the incoming blade to the outside line. By drilling the single tempo attack, this will be the fencers ingrained response to an opponent's threat, and you will be winning bouts in just no time at all.

**Orlando**







## Chamberlain Tip from Baroness Rhiannon

### Here are a few GUIDELINES for borrowing Swamp equipment:

Make a list of everything you may need.

The Head Cook is responsible for cooking and serving gear (pots, bowls, platters, utensils, etc.).

The Autocrat is in charge of everything else (EZ-ups, tables, list posts and ropes, road signs, etc.).

Note: Troll Box is managed by the exchequer and is not kept in the storage locker.

Plan your strategy for transporting the equipment to and from the event. Is your vehicle big enough?

Do you need to borrow someone else's?

Do you need someone to help with the heavy lifting?

Contact the Chamberlain to arrange a mutually convenient day and time to get what you need. This should happen at least one month before the event. Even if (especially if) you want to pick up things the night before the event, you need to make the arrangements well in advance. The more notice, the more likely the Chamberlain will be able to accommodate you.

Be aware that the storage unit has no lights and finding what you need in the dark is not easy.

The Chamberlain needs to be present, both to let you in – the front gate is locked after hours and the unit has a padlock and key – and to inventory what is borrowed and returned.

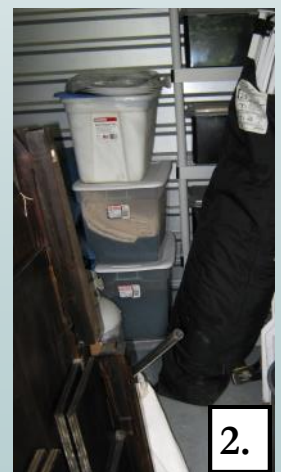
I do not drive at night if I can avoid it and not at all if it is raining – very bad vision.

Kitchen gear is stored presently in the Chamberlain's garage. There are lights and I don't have to drive anywhere, so the logistics are better for that. Be aware though, that my driveway can get icy in bad winter weather and it is on an incline.

Everything you borrow will be counted going out and coming back, and you will need to sign for it. You will get a copy of the list. This helps us keep track of where things are and if anything needs to be repaired or replaced. It also helps you to distinguish what you brought to the event and what belongs to the site. Things can get confused after a long tiring day.

Don't forget about the spice box. You can arrange to get this in advance of the other kitchen equipment, so you can start cooking when you need to and don't have to get the other cooking and serving gear until closer to the event, if you like. Spices traditionally cost more when purchased in small quantities. That's why we sometimes buy in bulk and keep these extras for use by the cooks of subsequent events. Please check the box before you buy more of the same. If anything is past its prime, feel free to toss it and buy fresh.

Before returning equipment, please make sure everything is clean and dry (this includes dish towels) and in working order. If anything needs repair or replacement, please make a note of it and let the Chamberlain know.



Thank you for your cooperation and consideration,

**Baroness Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen**, current Baronial Chamberlain



## Exchequer Tip from Lord Miles Boweman

Greetings good gentles of these, our great lands,

For those of you paying for site and/or feast fees via check (whether pre-registration, or at troll), the correct payee is:

**"SCA NJ Inc. Barony of Settmour Swamp"**

Also, For those that incur expenses for events, there is an expense **reimbursement form**, which is available at:

[http://exchequer.eastkingdom.org/resources/EK\\_ReimbursementRequestForm.xls](http://exchequer.eastkingdom.org/resources/EK_ReimbursementRequestForm.xls)

Submitting this form with your receipts (hard or soft copy) will make my job as Exchequer easier, and expedite the refund process as it includes all the necessary information in one place.

Miles Boweman  
Exchequer - Barony of Settmour Swamp







## Did You Know:

By Ursula of North Woods

### The **East Kingdom Calendar**

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventListing.html>

lists all official **events** and up to date information and registration details.

## Need Recipes?

In the Feast Kitchen  
The Cookbook of the  
Barony of Bhakail

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## In The Feast Kitchen

The Cookbook of the Barony of Bhakail



Second Edition - Electronic Version

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## Tuesday Night Fighting & Rapier Practice & A&S

The **heavy weapon practice** and **rapier practice** meets most Tuesday nights.

We will also be hosting an **Arts & Science (A&S) gathering** to work on various projects for the Swamp. **Dance practice** will occur on alternate Tuesdays. Or just come and watch, or bring a project of your own. All are welcome. There will be fencing and room for heavy weapons practice, if a marshal is available.

Contact [Orlando](#) with questions.

### Location:

The Glen Gardner Youth Center  
16 Hampton Rd  
Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826

### Time:

Tuesdays 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

### Suggested Donation:

\$7 per person

**Note from our Seneschale, Charis:**

**We will NOT be holding practice at the Glen Gardner Site until April 14.**



### **Rapier Practice**

Please be aware that we have **lost the site for the Thursday night rapier practice**. At this time, the only rapier practice available within Settmour Swamp is the Tuesday night practice in Glen Gardner. We are actively searching for a new location with which to host an additional practice. **Owynn Greenwood** [owynn.greenwood@gmail.com](mailto:owynn.greenwood@gmail.com)

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## Nutley Heavey Weapons Fight Practice (photos by Liz Basedow)

The heavy weapon practice, Nutley, NJ.

Contact [Wulfgar](#) Silfrahaar with questions.

### Location:

Franklin Reformed Church,  
45 Hillside Crescent  
Nutley, NJ 07110

### Day/Time:

Wednesdays 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

### Suggested Donation:

\$5 per person



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Chancellors Minor	Vacant	Vacant (organize activities for children and teenagers)
Thrown Weapons	Vacant	Vacant
Canton of Gryphonwald (Middlesex Cty, NJ): Seneschale	Failenn Finn <a href="mailto:gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org">gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org</a>	The Canton of Gryphonwald holds <b>BGI</b> (Black Gryphon Inn)
Canton of Marwick (Union County, NJ): Seneschal	Baron Edmund Patterson	The Canton of Marwick is inactive





Combat	Date/Time	Location	Contact	Notes
Fighter Practice	Wednesdays 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Nutley, NJ. Franklin Reformed Church, 45 Hillside Crescent Nutley, NJ 07110	Wulfar Silfrahaar marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Other fight practices: Fighter Practice group at Yahoo!Groups; suggested Donation \$5
Fighter Practice	Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Glen Gardner Youth Center 16 Hampton Rd Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826	Wulfar Silfrahaar marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Also fencing and Arts& Science; suggested Donation \$7
Fencing Practice	Thursdays, 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	<b>Seeking new Site for Fencing Contact Owynn with suggestions</b>	Owynn Greenwood owynn.greenwood@gmail.com  908-447-2979	suggested Donation \$5
Fencing Practice	Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Glen Gardner Youth Center 16 Hampton Rd Glen Gardner, NJ 08826	Orlando Sforza rapierdon@comcast.net  (908) 850-8690 (No calls after 9pm )	Also heavy fighting and Arts& Science; suggested Donation \$7
<b>Glen Gardner is NOT available until April 17</b>				
Archery Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Milford, NJ 310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519), Milford, NJ 08848 (908)995-4417	Jehannine de Flandres baroness@settmourswamp.ea stkingdom.org Phillip the Facetious	
<b>Archery Practice will resume as soon as the weather permits</b>				
Thrown Weapons Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Milford, NJ 310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519), Milford, NJ 08848 (908)995-4417	Jehannine de Flandres baroness@settmourswamp.ea stkingdom.org Phillip the Facetious	Please email for directions.
Thrown Weapons Practice	First and Third Tuesdays of every month	Maplewood, NJ	James of York (contact via Merlinia) merliniajws@gmail.com (973) 762-2554	Please email for directions.





Art	Date/ Time	Location	Contact	Notes
Swamp Cats	Evenings TBD	Announced on the Yahoo email list	Rhiannon De Carreg Cennen <a href="mailto:chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org">chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org</a>	Occasional Meetings to Share Art Projects
Dancing	Evenings 7:45 to 8pm	Glen Gardner , NJ (same location as fencing)	Ursula of North Woods <a href="mailto:chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org">chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org</a>	Every other week for 15 minutes—one dance taught each week
Archery Practice	Wednesday evenings May through October	Pittstown, NJ	Elizabeth Hawkwood <a href="mailto:hawkwoode@gmail.com">hawkwoode@gmail.com</a>	Occasional Practices  Please email for directions.

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