



The Mudpuppy

The official newsletter of the
Barony of Settmour Swamp

AS L – May 2015

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May 22- 25
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Baroness and Baron Letter

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Joy is in the air, for spring has bloomed in the Swamp, and the muddy brown has given away to greenery. With spring upon us, Our thoughts turn towards the upcoming **“Quest for Wit and Wisdom”** where we shall strike out across the desert to find the Treasures of Timbuktu. Either camping or day-tripping, the Barony shall assemble for a weekend of revelry and relaxation. Quest also marks the end of Our Champions' tenure; over the weekend We will host tournaments to choose Our new champions in heavy, fencing, arts and sciences, and thrown weapons. (continued page **5**)

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Coronation of Darius V and Etheldreda IV (April 11)



13. photos by Cateline La Broderesse

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More Photos by Cateline La Broderesse:

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On **Sunday May 17th** besides the regular **archery** and **thrown weapons** practice we are pleased to say that **youth fighting**, run by Lord Frederick Von Eisenfaust, and **fencing** run by, Don Devillin MacPherson, will also be occurring for anybody that is interested. The practice is from 1-4 pm, and we hope to offer this once a month if there is enough interest. There will also be an **A&S felt making class** taught by Lu An-Hua. Baroness Jehannine

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The Board of Directors of SCA, Inc. believes that there are better options in terms of electronic payments in the SCA; the corporate office is moving towards an alternative payment service as rapidly as possible. As such, the Board of Directors is discontinuing its relationship with ACCEPS and no longer approves the usage of ACCEPS as of midnight April 18, 2015.
(for more details, see the official announcement)



Vivat Prince Brennan and Princess Caoilfhionn

Vivat Sir Antonio—his Third Peerage!

Vivat Prince Brennan mac Fearghus and Princess Caoilfhionn, Vivat Sir Antonio!

This weekend the known world celebrates many great things: the beginning of A.S L and the induction of the first three Masters of Defense in many kingdoms and crown tourney.

This Barony is honored that **Sir Antonio Patrasso** is one of the first three for the East Kingdom. Join us in sending out Vivats to him and Master Donovan Shinnock and Master Fraiser Macleod as the premier members of the order of Defense.

We also would like to send our Vivats to our **Prince Brennan mac Fearghus** and **Princess Caoilfhionn inghean Fhaolain**, our new Heirs of the East!

Vivats to all for a most honorable day of fighting!

Baron Erec and Baroness Jehannine



9. photo by Godiva D'Mer

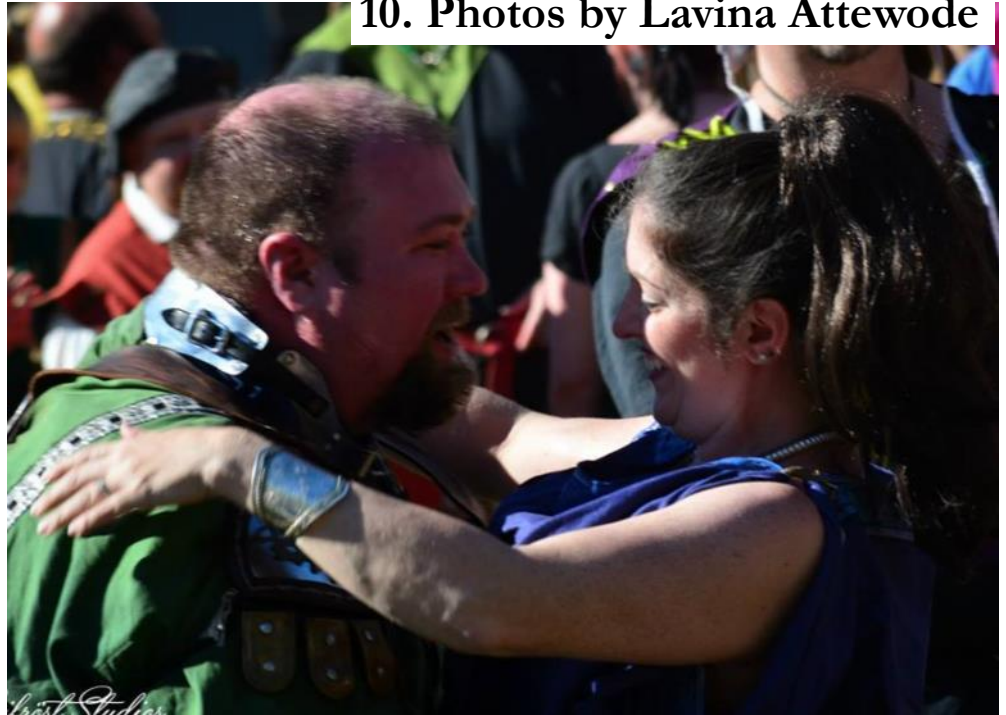
VIDEOS of the Peerage Ceremony by **Nicole Spaulding** (including Avelina and the glove)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/evilnicola/videos>



Vivat Prince Brennan and Princess Caoilfhionn

10. Photos by Lavina Attewode



More Crown Tournament photos from **Lavina Attewode**

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Crown Tournament photos by others:

https://www.facebook.com/lorraine.kanter/media_set?set=a.10204943017229805&type=1&pnref=story

Baroness and Baron Letter (continued)

On June 20th, we will thrill to see the return of the event **"A Day in the Solar."** This **Donation-Only event** is a great place to come with your questions regarding sewing and tailoring. There will be classes on the basics on T-tunics, fittings, and embroidery to help you take the plunge into sewing new garb and preparing for Pennsic.

We will also issue a **largess challenge** for this event. We request members of the populace to make nine of anything they deem worthy as a gift, be it veils, beads, notecards, beverages, etc. We are looking for items that we can give as gifts from our Barony and Kingdom. At the event we shall display these items; there will be three winners - a Baron's, a Baroness', and a Populace's choice. The three winners will be gifted one of all of the items, and the remainder shall be used as largess gifts.

The Baronial thrones furthermore challenge you to bring to Our attention great deeds and wonderful stories of members of our Barony. We are eager to hear who is doing what, where, and how they impressed you, for We wish to recognize these people that perform such worthy deeds.

To the aforementioned end it is clear that such a great and noble Barony as ours requires many helping hands to get the work done. We find we are always in need of Baronial officers, autocrats, and event staff so that our events can proceed smoothly. We are commonly in need of retainers to help set up for courts and the thrones and displaying the Baronial banners. If you wish to help with this, please contact Us.

This past Mudthaw hailed the second year of Our reign and We are honored at the amount of love and support we have received thus far; we hope to continue to grow and support the needs of this great Barony. While we return the love to you all, we realize that this will not last forever and it is time to start thinking about our Heirs. We urge you to consider this as well and let us know your thoughts of who might make noble successors.



Baron Erec & Baroness Jehannine

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Seneschale Notes

Greetings Settmour Swamp!

We are quickly approaching our Annual **Quest!** Get ready to have a great time with entertainment for all, fighting, fencing, archery, thrown weapons, an artisans row and a fabulous Quest. All this as well as a scrumptious feast and fun by the fire. So come out, enjoy the company of friends from near and far, lend a hand to help make things run smoothly and meet new people.

As the summer months heat up so do happenings in our barony! Our Tuesday night fencing and fighting practice is in full swing again with new A&S (Arts and Sciences) activities soon to come. Wednesday night fighter practice is also going strong. We are still looking for a Thursday night practice site for the southern fencing practice but hope to find one soon. Archery has resumed on Sunday's at our good Baroness' house and they will be adding some youth fighting and fencing soon as well.

We have two offices coming up for election in September, the office of **Herald** and the office of **Chamberlain**. If you are interested in learning more about either of these positions please contact the current officer and find out more. I am now halfway through my term as your seneschal and am actively looking for a second in command to start learning the ropes.

This last month the officers approved an adjustment to the **Quest budget** to accommodate the addition of a larger dumpster for the trash collection (\$441.00). The officers also voted to approve adding another event to the calendar, the second **Day at the Solar**. This event will be held on June 20th at the Glen Gardner Practice site (see page 7). Finally the officers approved the purchase of some needed cooking supplies (\$270.00) which will be stored with our gear at the home of our Chamberlain, Baronees Rhiannan.

Our May meeting will be held at the home of our Baron Eric on Wed May 13th and our June meeting will be held on June 10th at the good Baroness Ursula's home. Please come out and join us as we would love to hear your ideas and suggestions.

Yours in Service,

Charis

Seneschale, Barony of Settmour Swamp





A Day in the Solar

June 20,

**A Day in the Solar event, June 20, 2015
sponsored by the Barony of Settmour Swamp,
Youth Center at Glen Gardner
16 Hampton Road, Glen Gardner NJ 08826**

Greetings to all who read these words,

The great Pennsic War looms! Is there a **seamstress or tailor** among us who does not struggle with clothing self and household? Or wrestle with fitting problems, piles of mending, and banners with too darn many laurel leaves? Come join us in the solar for an afternoon of good company, good food, and good advice for your tailoring issues.

In addition to the solarium, or open area where all may work while being entertained by musicians and storytellers, there will be three smaller class areas where we will offer specific project assistance, such as stitching fixes, or fitting help.

We ask all attendees to bring an item of any size or type for the **potluck**. Contact Lady Vika Grigina z Praha at lurking.girl@gmail.com to coordinate. Alas for our spirits (but good for our handwork) the **site is Dry**.

*We will not take pre-registration for the event, but we'd appreciate an **RSVP** (to nedInthred@gmail.com) so we can plan resources accordingly. The fee is "**Suggested Donation**" and will include a useful site token.*

We are also encouraging you to bring your excess fabrics and trimmings to sell or trade. You know you have things in your stash that you will never use. Now is your chance to clear out your stash. We will have an area in the hall for these materials.



Day in the Solar 2014

2. Photo by Ursula of North Woods



A Day in the Solar

June 20, 2015 (continued)

Musicians and bards who are interested in performing, please contact the Autocrat, Baroness Elizabeth Talbot, at nedInthred@gmail.com.

Entertainment Challenge:

We challenge all to prepare a tale of adventure, from either the sagas of history, or your own past, to tell before the assembled at luncheon. Please rehearse your story enough that you can be heard over 4-6 large tables, and time it to 7-10 minutes.

Their Excellencies Baron Erec L'Claire and Baroness Jehannine de Flandres, holders of these swampy lands, put forth the following challenge:

Largess Challenge:

We request members of the populace to make nine of anything they deem worthy as a gift, be it veils, beads, notecards, beverages, etc. We are looking for items that we can give as gifts from our Barony and Kingdom. At the event we shall display these items; there will be three winners - a Baron's, a Baroness', and a Populace's choice. The three winners will be gifted one of all of the items, and the remainder shall be used as largess gifts.

The Day's Schedule:

11am: Site opens	Setup class area, work area, display, and sale/swap areas.
11am-5pm: Main Hall	Solar -- open sewing and entertainment
12-3pm: Main Hall	Potluck dayboard served
12 pm: Class Area 1	"How to fit a bodice/fitting help" Mistress Caterina Giocchini (volunteer from the audience needed: please email autocrat)
12 pm: Class Area 2	"14th century pouch styles" Lady Vika Grigina z Praha
12 pm: Class Area 3	"The Chiton, the Tunic, the fast and the historic" Mistress Elizabeth Talbot
1 pm: Lunch break	Everyone shares a potluck meal Storytelling challenge
2 pm: Class Area 1	"Fix this sewing problem clinic" Mistresses Caterina Giocchini and Elizabeth Talbot (beginning with bodice-fitting overflow, bring your own pcs.)
2pm: Class Area 2	"Beginning embroidery stitches" Ladies Elizabet Marshall and Ceinwen ferch Llywellyn
2pm: Class Area 3	"The Viking Apron Dress" Baroness Jehannine de Flandres
3pm: Class Area 1	"The sixteenth-century Flat Cap" Mistress Elizabeth Talbot
3pm: Class Area 2	"Fingerloop braids" Lady Elizabet Marshall
3pm: Class Area 3	"The Viking 'Skjoldenham' Hood" THL Þórlæifr hvitskegg
4pm: Main Hall Solar	open sewing
4pm: Class Area 1	Athena's Thimble (EK Embroiderer's Guild) Panel
5-6 pm:	Site Cleanup will commence, all welcome :) ; site closes at 6:00pm!



QUEST XXXI —Treasures of Timbuktu— May 22 to 25



Photo by Peotr and Otgon

**The Quest for the Treasures of Timbuktu
Quest for Wit and Wisdom XXXI**

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/>

**May 22, 2014 to May 25, 2015
Clinton Elks
(211 Sidney Rd Pittstown, NJ 0886)**

Glorious Spring has finally arrived after a winter filled with cold and ice and endless snow.

The Barony of Settmour Swamp will frolic in celebration and take on the challenges of the **Thirty First Quest for Wit & Wisdom.**

QUEST is Settmour Swamp's local camping event and includes competitions to determine the Barony's champions for heavy weapons fighting, rapier combat, thrown weapons, arts and sciences (A&S) and archery. There is also an Artisan's row (live displays and hands-on demos), dancing, a bardic circle and of course the QUEST. This year Lord Peotr has designed a delightful

Quest for the Treasures of Timbuktu.



QUEST XXXI —Treasures of Timbuktu— (continued)

Baron Erec L'Claire and Baroness Jehannine de Flandres, of the Barony of Settmour Swamp, welcome all to join in our weekend-long celebration and to take on the challenges of the QUEST for the Treasures of Timbuktu.

CHILDREN are most welcome, but please supervise your children at all times. Anyone under the age of eighteen must be accompanied to the event by a parent or legal guardian. SCA youth waiver policy will be enforced.

POND: There is a pond on site, this is not for swimming.

PETS are permitted, and must be kept on a leash at all times. Certain areas will be off limits to pets.

ALCOHOL POLICY: No alcoholic beverages may be brought on site. There will be a site-run bar available, and open until 2:00am. This policy will be strictly enforced by event staff. Anyone in violation of this policy will be removed from the site. See below for Brewing Contest.



2. Photo by Ursula of North Woods



QUEST XXXI —Treasures of Timbuktu— (continued)

SCHEDULE (Preliminary and subject to change)

FRIDAY

4pm Site opens, Troll opens

SATURDAY

11am Archery Tournament begins

11am Lady Nadira Memorial Almost-Freebies

12 noon Armor Inspection

12:30 Heavy Weapons Tournament

2pm Thrown Weapons Tournament

2pm Youth Fighting (time may change)

2pm Artisan's Row starts

2:30pm Dancing

3pm Brewing Contest

5pm Artisan's Row closes

6pm Feast

8pm Bardic Circle

SUNDAY

10:30 A&S Competition opens

11am Hurley – gather and warm up

11:30 to 12:30 Hurley game

11:30 Fencing Tournament

12 noon Silent Auction opens

1pm Quest for the Treasures of Timbuktu

4pm A&S Competition ends

4pm Silent Auction ends

5pm Court of Baron Erec and Baroness

Jehannine

6:30 Pennsic Swamp Camp Meeting

Monday

Clean up

Site Closes at 11:30am



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SILENT AUCTION: Offered by Baroness Jehannine De Flandres

Donated items will be offered for auction. Please bring items to contribute to the auction. Donations will go to the Barony.



QUEST XXXI —Treasures of Timbuktu— (continued)

ARTISANS ROW: Offered by Lady Ceara MacKieran

Artisan's Row includes live displays and hands-on demonstrations. The Artisan's Row is a particularly wonderful opportunity for Arts and Sciences that are too messy or time-consuming for usual events. We are especially interested in woodworkers, blacksmiths, dyers, stone carvers, potters and any artisan who would avail themselves of a long weekend out of doors. Our village-like atmosphere will allow you to demonstrate, teach, and peddle your wares. Last year we had woodworking, weaving, blacksmithing, cooking and other displays.

Please contact Ceara if you have an artistic skill that you would like to demonstrate.

Lady Ceara MacKieran

melantha.chimera@gmail.com

201-486-1816 (no calls after 9pm)

ARCHERY TOURNAMENT: Offered by Lord Miles Boweman (the Barony's current archery champion). Their Excellencies will be holding an Archery tournament at Quest to choose their next Archery Champion. The tournament will consist of shoots that follow the overall theme of Quest. You need not wish to compete for the title of Champion to shoot. Archers of all ages and experience levels are invited to come out and have fun.

Lord Miles Boweman

miles.boweman@gmail.com

908-307-8672 (no calls after 9pm)

HEAVY WEAPONS TOURNAMENT: Offered by Sir Mord (the Barony's current heavy weapons champion), assisted by Baron Wulfgar Silfrahaar (the Barony Knight Marshal). Details to follow

THROWN WEAPONS TOURNAMENT: Offered by THL Colin MacKenzie (the Barony's current thrown weapons champion). Details to follow

YOUTH FIGHTING: Offered by Frederick von Eisenfaust

Fredrick will offer training in sword and shield for youth ages. Details to follow.

DANCING: Offered by Baroness Ursula of North Woods

I plan to teach and lead simple English Country Dances and Bransles

Gathering Peascods

Sellengers Round

Horses Bransle

Hole in the Wall

I will be delighted to teach any requested dances.

Please contact Ursula with any questions.

seltzerwater1@yahoo.com



QUEST XXXI —Treasures of Timbuktu— (continued)

BREWING CONTEST: Offered by Lord Serric der Grimm and Lord Pippin a Bhethir. All brewing contest entries are to be presented to Troll upon arrival on site and must be kept behind the bar until the contest. Each bottle needs to be accompanied by the name of the item, the category (beer, wine, mead, cordial) and the name of the maker of said libation.

Note: Any unconsumed brewing entries may be discarded after the competition.

Please contact Lord Serric with any questions.

Serric@ptd.net

BARDIC CIRCLE: Offered by Lily MacRuarie

Tell us a tale, about your best SCA experience, or recite medieval verse, or sing songs, or what have you.

LADY NADIRA MEMORIAL ALMOST-FREEBIES

Mithgiladan and Karen (of Carillion) are helping Nadira's family go through Nadira's house and separate out SCA related items. We are going to offer these items at QUEST with a suggested donation amount. The donations will be split between Carillion and Settmour Swamp. There is some SCA-type jewelry, a tent and many other items that need a new home. Please stop by the memorial with a kind thought for a kind SCA Lady who is no longer with us. Chose an item and give it a new home. If you can afford a donation, that would be great and will help the Baronies of Carillion and Settmour Swamp.

Ursula

ARTS and SCIENCES COMPETITION: Offered by Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (the Barony's current A&S champion). The time has come to choose a new baronial champion for Arts and Sciences.

We will be holding two arts and sciences competitions:

1. Populace Choice
2. Baronial Champion

All entries for both of these competitions must fall within the years 400-1600 CE.

Populace Choice: Each member of the Populace attending the event may take a number of beads, depending on office held and baronial awards received. Members of the Populace are free to distribute their beads in whatever manner they wish. The artisan who receives the most beads will be the Populace Choice winner.

Baronial Champion: All entries will be judged by Lord Erec LaClaire and Maitresse Jehannine de Flandres, Baron and Baroness of Settmour Swamp; Mistress Caterina Giaocchini, Settmour Swamp Minister of Arts and Sciences; and Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel, current Settmour Swamp Arts and Sciences Champion.

The following questions will be used to evaluate each artisan. The answers may be given verbally or



QUEST XXXI —Treasures of Timbuktu— (continued)

in writing:

1. WHAT is your entry?
2. WHEN did the entry come from?
3. WHERE did you get the idea to make the entry?
4. HOW did you make the entry?
5. WHY did you use the materials and methods described in HOW?
6. What sources, primary and otherwise, did you use to verify the historicity of the entry?
7. Did you accomplish what you initially set out to do?
8. What problems did you run into along the way and how did you solve them?
9. What role did creativity play in your project?
10. If you did it again, how would you change it? Are there next steps you are planning?

Those submitting a research paper should get them to me by May 15 so we have a chance to read them well. If you have questions, please contact Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (mcmendelsohn@optimum.net).

RAPIER TOURNAMENT: Offered by Don Orlando Sforza.

The Annual Quest for Wit and Wisdom Rapier Tournament and Baronial Championship

This year, we are romancing the stone; searching for the fabled gems of Timbuktu.

Fencers will be randomly determining with which forms they will fence by drawing a gemstone from a bag. With the coins earned from the bouts fought, fencers may pay for a redraw or a refight. The fencer with the most coins at the conclusion of the tournament shall be the winner, and, if able, Baronial Champion.

Don Orlando Sforza

rapierdon@comcast.net

908-850-8690

HURLEY GAME: Offered by Donnan a Bhethir

Hurley will happen! Gather at the archery field at around 11am Sunday morning to warm up and form teams. The Hurley game will begin promptly at 11:30 and end at 12:30. There may also be time for a second game around 3:30 after the QUEST.

8. photos by Alexander Macgregor





QUEST XXXI —Treasures of Timbuktu— (continued)

QUEST: Offered by Lord Peotr assisted by Thorfinn and Otgon (the members of the winning QUEST team in 2014).

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 oases. With good fortune you will reach the city on the far side, what awaits there? Only the winners can tell us!

Each team of questers will contain either three adults or three children. Children's teams shall be accompanied by a parent.

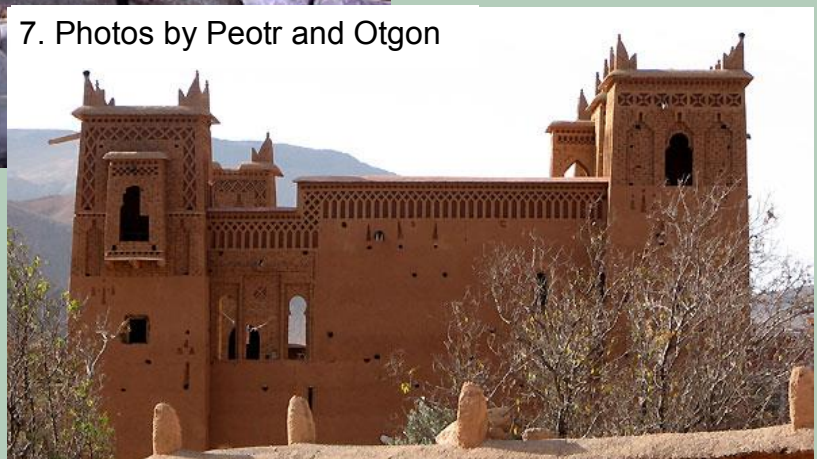
For questions about the QUEST or to volunteer as an obstacle contact:

Lord Peotr

art@frux.net



7. Photos by Peotr and Otgon





COURT: Erec and Jehannine will hold Court and present to you the winners of the tournaments, contests and Quest..

PENNSIC SWAMP CAMP MEETING

Immediately following Court, gather near the Pavilion for the Pennsic Swamp Camp meeting. Vika (one of our much beloved Pennsic camp mommies) will organize this meeting and discuss the preliminary plans for the Settmour Swamp encampment at Pennsic War.

FEAST: Offered by Baroness Merlinia of Rivenoak, assisted by Magister Galefridus Peregrinus and Lady Lydia FitzWaulter.

Reservations for the feast are limited to a seating of 100.

Please contact Baroness Merlinia with any dietary concerns.

Merlinia (merliniajws@gmail.com)

Feast at Quest

1. Roast Kid

kid
salt
pepper
cinnamon

2. Cooked fried chicken

chicken
olive oil
vinegar
pepper
cilantro
cumin
garlic
saffron

3. Vegetable Tajine

onions
cilantro
butter
garlic
carrots
turnips
chick peas
ginger



2. Photo by Ursula of North Woods





- cumin
- saffron
- salt
- pepper
- preserved lemon
- 4. Couscous - served as rice
 - couscous
 - water
- 5. Baklava
 - walnut
 - honey
 - filo dough
 - cinnamon
 - butter
- 6. Shaved ice with flavored sauces
- 7. Persian Mint Drink
- 8. Lemon water



11.. Photo by Lydia FitzWaulter

The **camping area** will be open from 4PM Friday until 11:30am Monday. Everyone must be off site by 11:30am or they will be thanked as they are put to work as part of the Clean-up crew.

RESERVATIONS should include **both** your mundane and SCA names, whether you are day-tripping (and what day(s) you are attending) or camping, and a way to contact you (phone #, e-mail, etc.) Include either proof of membership or \$5 non-member surcharge.

If, after sending a reservation, you are unable to attend please contact the reservations clerk (Miles Boweman).

Site fees will be refunded if a request is received before 8pm Thursday April 22.

Feast fees will be refunded if the space is resold.

Camp setup begins at 4:00 on Friday.

LOCAL HOTELS

For those of you who do not camp, there are two near-by hotels in Clinton, New Jersey.

Hampton Inn Clinton (near the Walmart)

16 Frontage Drive, Clinton, New Jersey, 08809

TEL: +1-908-713-4800

Holiday Inn CLINTON - BRIDGEWATER

111 West Main Street, Clinton, NJ 08809

1-888-477-5276



SHOPPING

A Walmart is approximately 3 miles from the site on Route 513.

DIRECTIONS

Take your best route to Interstate 78, and follow that to Exit 15
Turn right at the set of lights at the bottom of the ramp onto 513 s
Turn right onto Sidney Road.
Site is about 2 miles, on the right.

Event Steward

Baroness Ursula of North Woods
Seltzerwater1@yahoo.com
973-538-0079 (no calls after 9pm)

Co-Event Steward

Eric the Wandering Horseman
wanderhrse@aol.com
732-672-5345

Reservations should be mailed to:

Lord Miles Bowman
c/o Michael Iurilli
806 Benner Street
Highland Park, NJ 08904
miles.boweman@gmail.com
908-307-8672 (no calls after 9pm)

TROLL: Head Troll Master Alexander MacGregor

A troll table will be available near the entrance to the site. The planned times for troll to be open are as follows:

- Friday 4pm to 8pm
- Saturday 9am to 3pm
- Sunday 10am to 1pm

Volunteers are needed for Troll. Contact Alexander to volunteer.

Master Alexander MacGregor
Ddevito7@comcast.net
732-297-1721

MERCHANTS are most welcome, and there is plenty of room. We do ask that you bring your own tables and tents. To merchant, pre-registration for the event is required and there is a \$5 merchant fee.



Site Opens: 4:00pm Friday May 22

Site Closes: 11:30 am Monday May 25

Updates will be posted on the kingdom event page:

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

A FaceBook group is also available for discussions and announcements.

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



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THANKS!

from

Aife Bean Mhic Íomhair

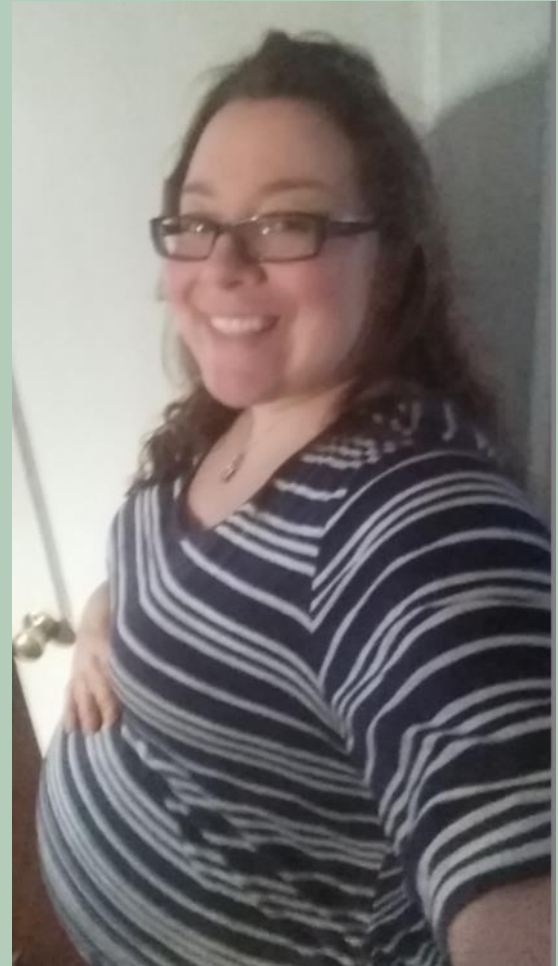
Aife wants to thank all the good gentles who have shown their love and support during her period of confinement while she and her beloved await the arrival of their twins.

Most especially thank you to dear Lady Mærhild, Meg the Red, Lady Failenn Finn na Bheithir, Baron Erec LeClare, Mistress Elizabeth Talbot -Baroness of the Eastern Court, and Mistress Briony of Chatham for their support, encouragement, and kind actions during this time.

Vivat to you.



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12. Photo by Aife Bean Mhic Íomhair

Chronicler Notes

The May issue of the Mudpuppy is devoted to the **QUEST** event and **THE QUEST for the Treasures of Timbuktu**. I am not only the chronicler, but also the event steward for this event, so I am extremely busy.

As we begin the **50th** year of the SCA (and my 44th year in the SCA) we should all be thankful for those who came before us and created this wonderful organization.

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** and Peter for encouragement, and excellent proofreading.

Baroness Ursula of North Woods,

Chronicler



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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.

What year is it? **YEAR 50 for the SCA!**

To Determine the Anno Societatis or A.S, check this page:

<http://www.sca.org/links/calendar.html>

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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



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 Gardener. We are actively searching for a new location with which to host an additional practice. **Owynn Greenwood** 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:



Archery Practice (photos by Vivan De Dunbar)

Archery Practice is lead by Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg each Sunday at the home of our Gracious Baroness Jehannine in Milford, NJ.
Contact Thorlaeifr with questions.

Location:

Milford, NJ
310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519),
Milford, NJ 08848
(908) 995-4417



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The Officers Of Settmour Swamp (continued)

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

QUEST Pavilion at Clinton Elks Lodge



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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



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	Seeking new Site for Fencing Contact Owynn with suggestions	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
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	
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
Dancing	Evenings 7:45 to 8pm	Glen Gardner , NJ (same location as fencing)	Ursula of North Woods chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Occasional practice for 15 minutes—one dance taught each week
Archery	Monday and Wednesday 6:pm to dark	Pittstown, NJ	Elizabeth Hawkwood hawkwoode@gmail.com	Email Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood for directions

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