

The Mudpuppy

The official newsletter of the Barony of Settmour Swamp

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QUEST IN ROME

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Baron and Baroness Letter

With the Mud firmly thawed we look towards **Quest** and all the events of the coming month.

There is still much to be done for Quest, so come out and partake of **Rome**. Considering being be an obstacle, or teach at Artisans' Village; tell a story at the bardic circle or just camp

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Swamp Officer Meeting (date change)

Settmour Swamp Business Meeting Thursday, May 12th at 7:30 pm Jonathan Miles and Teresa

Teresa and Jonathan Bayles

115 B West Cliff Street Somerville, NJ, 08876 Street parking only

908 644 4599 Jonathan 908 644 0004 Teresa



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East Kingdom Prince and Princess

Duke Brion Anthony Uriel Tarragon won the right to make his consort, Duchess Anna Ophelia Holloway Tarragon, Princess of the Eastern Kingdom.

https://eastkingdomgazette.org/2016/05/01/crowning-a-princess/

PENNSIC XLV - SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B80hOQEz78XpWi1WcExHdmhTR2s/view?pref=2&pli=1



Call for Baron and Baroness Candidates

At Mudthaw, the Mud did indeed thaw. Our good Baroness and Baron planted seeds that the Swamp may prosper in the coming years. They asked for candidates for the position of Baron and Baroness to submit their intention.



The mud has thawed and the seeds planted. Now is the time to put the call out to see who will be the **next baron and baroness** to tend and care for this great Barony.

Know that this is an endeavor that will be one of the most rewarding things you can do, but that it takes effort, time and patience. Please refer to the rights and responsibilities of the office in the Baronial Policy and Procedures to learn the core and starting point for the role.

For those thinking of taking up the position of Baron and Baroness, please submit your letter of intent to the Seneschal no later than <u>June 16</u> at <u>seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org</u>. Once we receive all your letters, we will announce your intent to the populace of the Barony and arrange gatherings where you can talk about your ideas and goals for the future of Settmour Swamp. The populace will then be polled for their opinion, according to Kingdom procedures, and the results sent to their Majesties.

Letters of Intent must include medieval and modern names, and contact information including email, phone, and address, SCA membership number and expiration date.

We look forward to meeting Our Heirs!

Baroness Jehannine and Baron Erec

Note: This official notification was published on April 17, 2016. A clarification was added on April 23, 2016.



Ursula & Pete Designed a Settmour Swamp Tee-shirt

Interested in ordering a "BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP" tee-shirt? Then just call the toll free number below to speak to a **Customink** Sales Associate to place your order:

800-293-4232

When you call, to order the design mentioned above, you'll want to reference the previous order number **7397591**. The sales associate will then place your order using your email account and preferred shipping address. CustomInk will require your credit card information as well as your billing

address information to complete payment.

Note: Chronicler rules do not permit the listing of prices.

Ben Yust CustomInk Satisfaction Assurance Associate 855-277-5390

service@customink.com
http://www.customink.com

FAST, FRIENDLY HELP 7 DAYS A WEEK

Mon-Fri: 8am - 11pm Sat: 10am - 6pm Sun: 10am - 9pm (all times eastern)



Karin Jacobsdotter Designed a Settmour Swamp Mug



Karin Jacobsdotter designed a mug and a beer stein with Settmour Swamp logos. You may purchase one for yourself from **Zazzle**. Karin suggests you use a coupon code to reduce the price. Shipping costs can be reduced by ordering several at one time. All royalties will be donated to the Barony of Settmour Swamp.

http://www.zazzle.com/mug-168521169520261667



Baron and Baroness Letter (continued)

and pass time in good company. We invite you to enter the Baron and Baroness Largess Challenge. Donations are being sought for the auction on Sunday, to support Judith for her trip to the International Medieval Congress, to present the research she has been doing in the SCA. Our champions for the coming year for rattan, fencing, thrown weapons, archery and A&S shall also be chosen. Enter the competition or just come cheer everybody on.

On June 18th the Barony will have a <u>Day in the Solar</u>. This event is a great place to come and sew or get assistance with your projects. Workshops to make banners and sheet walls to help beautify the Pennsic Swamp camp are being planned.

We shall both be attending <u>Southern Region War</u> Camp on June 11th, and Baroness Jehannine will be representing us at the <u>SCA 50th</u> the following week.

We are delighted and honored to be your Baroness and Baron, and take great joy in seeing everyone develop in your pursuits, hone your skills, and be part of these Current Middle Ages. At Mudthaw we announced that we are seeking our heirs and invite any interested parties to come forward and put in a letter of intent to the Seneschal.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about our Barony please reach out to us. We are here for you.

In service, we remain

Baron Erec and Baroness Jehannine





Seneschale Notes

The Mud has Thawed!!!

Spring has sprung! As the official start to the fighting and fencing season, Mudthaw was a great success. There are many, many people who helped to make this event run smoothly but the chief among them were our autocrats **Baron Alexander** and **Ciaran** who put together a great support staff making the event seem run effortlessly. A grand VIVAT also must go out to **Yagyu no Kagetoki** who worked his wonders in the kitchen to produce food fit for royalty and enjoyed by all.

This weekend we held another <u>Swamp Stomp</u> work day, organized by <u>Baroness Ursula</u>. (see photos page 8) Many gathered to help create mysterious items of unknown import for our upcoming <u>Quest for Wit and Wisdom</u>. (see page 10) <u>Aharon</u>, our autocrat for the event, is working hard to get everything ready for a fun weekend of fighting, fencing, archery and of course Questing.

As was announced at Mudthaw, we are <u>seeking new heirs</u> to the Baronial seats of Settmour Swamp. (see page 3) We are preparing the way to start the process of selection. As posted in the Special issue of the Mudpuppy (and a great thanks to our Chronicler Baroness Ursula for all her hard work on that) letters of intent to run for the Baronial seats must be submitted to me at seettmourswamp.eastkingdom.org no later than June 16, 2016. We will announce the names of all interested to the populace of the Swamp and arrange for gatherings where all may meet and talk.

At our April business meeting **Baroness Ursula** accepted a vote of confidence for another two year term as our Chronicler where she has done an outstanding job.

Our 1st Quarter Seneschal report has been submitted to the Regional Seneschale's office.

Archery is once again taking place on Sundays at the home of our beloved Baroness, weather permitting.

Our Baron and Baroness have conceived of two new awards to be given through the Barony, The **Order of the Copper Tower** – an award for the outstanding youth of the Barony to be recognized

and The <u>Companions of the Company of the Mud</u> – An award for an exceptional one time service to the Barony that may be received multiple times.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12th at the home of our Chamberlain, Jonathan Miles. (see page 2) Please come out and join us for a night of planning and comradery with friends.

Yours in Service, Charis





Rest in Peace Helen (siting on Irik's lap, 1994)



QUEST 1994—Sechal's QUEST for Love (Arabian Nights theme): Caitlin, Rae, Cuthbad, Morgaine, Persephone, Irik, Helen, Donnan, Ursula, Dermot, Retep (speaking), Serric, Anibal Ramirez

Chronicler Notes

The May issue of the Mudpuppy is dedicated to preparation for QUEST and memories of Mudthaw. Selected photos from the May 1 Swamp Stomp and photos from Mudthaw are included in this issue.

Some of the time-sensitive announcements were previously published in a special April issue.

At the April officer meeting, my two-year term as Chronicler was renewed.

I am seeking a **deputy chronicler**. If you would like to learn how to be a

snoopy reporter, a nitpicky editor, and develop skills with MS Publisher, this is your opportunity! Please let me know if you would like to help with any aspect of the Mudpuppy.

Thanks to Lady Judith for her excellent proofreading.

Baroness Ursula of North Woods,

Chronicler

"He who makes no mistakes never makes anything." -English proverb





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Swamp Stomp, May 1, SCA 50th





Swamp Stomp, May 1, SCA 50th (continued)





Quest- May 27 to 30





QUEST Autocrat—Lord Aharon Ben Ze'ev

Quest will soon be upon us. Please join us for a brief and exciting visit to **Rome**. See the East Kingdom events calendar for the details.

http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3026

Rome was not built in one day and we are looking for more volunteers. Please contact the autocrat, Aharon Ben Ze'ev, at Aharon.Ben.Zeev@gmail.com. I hope to see you all there for a fun event!

Caera Fitzpatrick has volunteered to help with Artisans' Row.

QuestoCrat of "the" Quest—Lady Ceara MacKieran

Fellow Swampies:

Our next Barony Field Trip, to be held during Quest this year, will be to that bustling seat of civilization, **ROME**. Come meet the Emperor, have an encounter with the gods, and enjoy the cuisine of the center of the world!

If you would like to help organizing the trip, please contact me, <u>Ceara MacKieran</u>, at <u>melantha.chimera@gmail.com</u>. Tour guides are needed!



Clinton Elks Lodge (same location as the past two years)

Clinton Elks 211 Sidney Road Pittstown, NJ 08867

<u>Baroness Merlinia</u> has created a Roman Tavern feast menu. (see page 16) This has not yet been approved by the officers.



QUEST for Wit and Wisdom May 27-30th, 2016

Updated as of April 20th, 2016. For up to date information see:

http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3026

Added information is listed in Red

QUEST IN ROMA EST!

Settmour Swamp welcomes you to join us for the thirty second Quest. This year we will bring ancient Rome to Quest. Come and see what the gods have in store for us, what perils we must endure to win Quest.

Quest is a camping event that includes the rapier combat, archery, arts and sciences, bardic circles, and the Settemour Swamp heavy weapons champion competition. Once again we will have our Arisan's row a various live displays and demonstrations from our A&S community.

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.

Quid est illud in aqua?

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.





QUEST for Wit and Wisdom May 27-30th (continued)

SCHEDULE (Preliminary and subject to change)

FRIDAY

4pm Site opens, Troll opens

SATURDAY

11am Archery Tournament begins 12 noon Armor Inspection 12:30 Heavy Weapons Tournament 2pm Artisan's Row starts 2:30pm Dancing 3pm Brewing Contest 5pm Artisan's Row closes 6pm Feast

SUNDAY

10am Artisan's Row Starts 11:30 Fencing Tournament 12noon Auction Opens 1pm Quest

2pm Artisan's Row closes

4pm Auction Closes

8pm Bardic Circle

5pm Court of Baron Erec and Baroness Jehannine

6:30 Pennsic Swamp Camp Meeting (Alexander and/or Thorfinnr will be reporting for Elizabeth & Vika)

Monday Clean up

Site Closes at 11:30am

ARTISANS ROW: Lady Caera Fitzpatrick

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 or demonstrations that require large outdoor spaces. 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 Caera if you have an artistic skill that you would like to demonstrate.

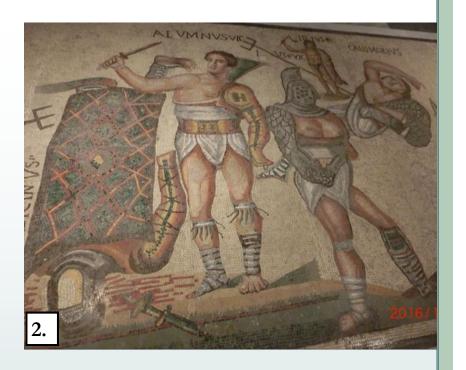
Lady Caera Fitzpatrick

jellycrys@gmail.com

ARCHERY TOURNAMENT:

HEAVY WEAPONS TOURNAMENT:

THROWN WEAPONS TOURNAMENT:





QUEST for Wit and Wisdom May 27-30th (continued)

YOUTH FIGHTING:

DANCING:

Ursula will be teaching English Country dancing and the Buffins Sword dance as part of the Artisan's Row.

BREWING CONTEST:

BARDIC CIRCLE:

RAPIER TOURNAMENT:

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

PENNSIC SWAMP CAMP MEETING

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. Only above ground fire pits are allowed. Contact the autocrat for more detail.

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).





QUEST for Wit and Wisdom May 27-30th (continued)

Site fees will be refunded if a request is received before 8pm Thursday May 14. 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.

Site Opens: 4:00pm Friday May 27 Site Closes: 11:30am Monday May 30

Merchants are welcome Please contact the autocrat for more details. There is a \$5 merchant fee.

Quest Auction to Support Magister Lady Judith Bas Rabbi Mendel (see page 18)

On Sunday May 29th at Quest the Barony will be holding a silent auction from 12:00 - 4:00 to support Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel so she may travel with Galefridus Peregrinus to England this July to present their papers that were accepted at the Leeds International Medieval Congress. We are asking for items to be donated towards the auction. Take a look around your house, do you have books, garb, dishes, accessories, or other items that are now collecting dust, or do you just have items you do not use anymore? Let us find them a new home. Are you an artisan willing to donate your time or workmanship? Consider contributing a piece to support your fellow artists.

Donations can be dropped off Saturday morning or Sunday morning in the back of the covered pavilion area by the thrones, to Baroness Jehannine, who will be running the auction. If you have any questions or want to donate something, contact her at baroness@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org. When dropping the items off,

please include your name, so we know who is making the donation and what you think the item is worth, so we know where to start the bidding.

In Service to the Dream, Baroness Jehannine & Baron Erec





QUEST for Wit and Wisdom May 27-30th (continued)

Site Opens: 4 pm Site Closes: 11:30 am

Event Location

Clinton Elks 211 Sidney Road Pittstown, NJ 08867 Google Map

Registration Fees

Registration: \$5 Friday night camping - adult (kids free) \$15 Saturday "day trip" rate \$15 Sunday "day trip" rate \$5 per minor (age 6-17) per day Children under 6 year old are free \$30 Adult Maximum Fee \$65 Family Maximum site fee \$5 Adult Non-member Surcharge

\$5 Merchant fee

\$8 for the Feast at a Roman Tavern

Feast: Reservations must be postmarked by May 22nd

Make Checks Payable to: SCA of NJ Inc., Barony of Settmour Swamp

Contact Information

Event Steward:

Aaron Cohen Aharon Ben Ze'ev aharon.ben.zeev@gmail.com

Send Reservations to:

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

Other Contact Information:

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. Please contact Aharon Ben Ze'ev for more information.





QUEST for Wit and Wisdom May 27-30th, 2016

PROPOSED—QUEST Feast at a Roman Tavern by Baroness Merlinia

Note: This feast menu has not yet been approved by the officers.

"Dinner at a Copona"

- I. Bread, olive oil, olives, ceci beans, radishes, (white) carrots, hard boiled eggs (regular or possibly guinea fowl), cheese.
- II. Wheat polenta with and without mushrooms, lucanian sausages, veggie sausages, red lentils, meatballs (turkey or possibly ostrich)
- III. watermelon honeydew with salt and pepper, figs, date

Drink: Posca (water & "wine" mix- red grape juice, water, and red vinegar)

A Roman Tavern preserved at the Port Town of Ostia (30 miles outside Rome)







350 Tokens for QUEST were created by Baroness Ursula using a reproduction Roman coin. The coin was obtained in Ostia, an ancient port city, 30 miles outside of Rome.

The tokens were strung and feast-beads were added at the May 1 Swamp Stomp. (see photos page 8)



QUEST Largess Challenge

Largess Challenge

Greetings to all who read these words,

At Quest, we the Baron and Baroness, would like to once again put forth a our largess challenge as part of the A&S activities. We request members of the populace to make six 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. We have given out many of the items from the last few challenges and the recipients, including the King & Queen, have expressed how beautiful and useful the items are. At the event we shall display these items; there will be two winners - a Baron & Baroness's choice and a Populace's choice. The two winners will be gifted one of all of the items, and the remainder shall be used as largess gifts.

Baroness Jehannine and Baron Erec









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In Service to the Dream,

Baroness Jehannine & Baron Erec





A Day in the Solar event, June 18, 2016

A Day in the Solar event, June 18, 2016 sponsored by the Barony of Settmour Swamp, Host Masonic Lodge #6, 10 Ridge Rd, High Bridge, NJ

Greetings to all who read these words,

The great Pennsic War looms! Is there a tailor among us who does not struggle to keep up with growing children and/or bellies? Wrestle with fitting problems, embroidering favors, and the sheet walls that sounded like a good idea last August? 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, there will be three class areas set aside where we will offer specific project assistance, such as stitching fixes, or fitting help, or historical construction advice.

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. In order that you overcome the Fear of the Needle, the site is wet.

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.

Musicians and bards who are interested in performing, please contact the Autocrat, Baroness Elizabeth Talbot, at <a href="mailto:nedline:nedli

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.

There will be workshops to make banners and hangings for the Meadhall at Pennsic, and we would love as many people as possible to help.

It will be a short day, beginning at 11am and closing at 6pm. The potluck lunch will be served around 1pm and there will be some classes as well as the banner and sheet wall workshops.







Map of Fencing Practices in the East Kingdom is Officially Live By Ciaran ua Meic Thire

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I am very excited to say that my personal project- an interactive map of all of the fencing practices (or as many as I could find information for) in the East Kingdom- has now born fruit or at very least flowers.

Let me start from the beginning. A few months ago, Duke Timothy of Aethelmarc created an event, that was essentially a massive practice for fighters and fencers alike so that we could learn and grow from people all over the known world (I believe there were over 300 people from 12 different kingdoms there). It was an amazing weekend (Rachael had just started fencing, as had Lucy) and all of us got to learn a lot and fight a lot and had so much fun. On the way home, Rachael and I were talking and I came up with an idea. What if there was a way to see all the practices around a person. I also know a few people who travel (either within their own kingdom or to other kingdoms) who may have some time to kill and want to go to a local fencing practice so I figured why not make a map?

I went on to google maps and started putting pins down for the practices that I knew about. I decided that just the locations may not be a ton of use so I decided to add information like time and day of the practices, if there are any fees associated with the practice (to help keep the lights on and offset the cost of the site), location (sometimes just an address is hard to find when the name of the building would be a lot easier) and who runs the practice. Me being the stickler for details that I am, I decided to color code the pins based on what day the practices were on (red for Mondays, orange for Tuesdays (yes I did follow ROYGBIV intentionally for those who noticed)).





I then found a list of all of the baronies, shires, and cantons in the kingdom and went to each's personal website and checked if they had information about their local fencing practices. After that, I sent out an email to each baronial fencing marshal (or seneschal if I couldn't find a marshal) and told them what I was doing and asked if they had information and/or corrections that could be added to the map. I didn't get as many responses as I'd hoped but I was able to find a ton of information on my own.

When I started feeling confident that I had a decent draft, I posted it to the East Kingdom facebook page and asked if anyone had any information to change/add. I got a ton of compliments and enthusiasm about this as well as a bunch of people contacting me with information for it. After talking with the Kingdom Fencing Marshal, Master Frasier, he told me how proud he was of me for doing this (which I cannot honestly expressed how much that means to me. Master Frasier, you are one of my role models for fencing and someone I aspire to be like as I grow.) and suggested I contact Brian of Stonemarche who is the kingdom webminister. After sending him an email last night with a link to the map, he responded that it is an awesome idea though I forgot a practice, his. Oops! I immediately



Rapier Practices (continued)

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used the info he gave me and added it in (and apologized profusely for missing it). I woke up this morning to find an email with a link with my map on the East Kingdom Rapier website and Rachael can attest to my squealing with joy over this. Months of work all coming to be made publicly available so that it could be used to help people. I am so excited that this can now be viewed by anyone who may be looking for practices around them or is new to fencing and wants to know what's around.

My dream of this map coming out to help people from all over has now come to light. My goal with this, though, was not JUST to help those in the East Kingdom fencing community. I want to inspire others to take this idea and maybe do it for other activities (heavy fighting, archery, A&S, dancing, etc) as well as in other kingdoms. Maybe one day we can make a site with all the practices in the Known Worlde! And that is why I am posting this here. I know my following is very small as of right now but I'm hoping it will grow. I'm hoping people will see this and not only use it but also add to it, learn from it, maybe expand it into other disciplines or kingdoms. That is where you come in. Please please PLEASE (pretty please with sprinkles on top) tell your friends about this. Spread the word. I don't care if you mention me at all. I didn't do this to look good, I did this because I want to help others and I want this to become a thing. Spread the word, let's get this to take off and make it happen in other kingdoms too! Let's show those who have been fencing for a while and those who are just thinking about getting into alike what is around them. Help build the fencing community into something the likes of the SCA has never seen. Make new friends, fence new people. help those around you, teach, be taught, never stop stabbing (and parrying), never stop learning and most importantly of all, never stop having fun. Thank you all.

Yours in Service.

Ciaran ua Meic Thire, proud fencer of the East

Kingdom

P.S. here's a link to the map. If you've got ideas to make it better, information to change or add, or general comments, please don't hesitate to let me know. Thanks!

http://rapier.eastkingdom.org/practices/





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Mudthaw 36 Thanks by Alexander

This was our <u>36th Mudthaw</u> and over the years this event has grown into a large complicated event with many groups with varying interests competing for space and time. It takes a lot of people working together to make this happen. I am constantly impressed by the abilities of the members of Settmour Swamp and the SCA in general. When you all pull together events like Mudthaw become easy to put on.

I tend to worry when writing up event thank you's because no matter how careful I try I always end up missing someone. If your name is not here it does not mean that your service is not appreciated I just can't list everyone no matter how hard I try, to all the people who moved chairs and tables thank you, the people who washed dishes or any of the other of the many many tasks it takes to make this happen thank you. Everyone who showed up Friday for setup thank you.

There are some people I do need to list and thank for their efforts.

My coautocrats <u>Lord Ciaran</u> and <u>Baroness Treannah</u> who made sure what needed to happen during the day happened efficiently and on time. You both made my job easy.

Our Feast was prepared by <u>Lord Yagyu no Kagetoki</u> and his team of helpers <u>Cas</u>, <u>Pippin</u>, <u>Renny</u>, <u>Stephanie</u>, <u>Arlene</u>, <u>Jewel</u>, <u>Dalek</u>, <u>Merlinia</u>, <u>Failenn</u>, <u>Finebhar</u>

<u>Lord Miles</u> for being in charge of reservations.

<u>Lady Eleanor from running troll and her team Miles, Aurelia, Ursula, Judith, Caitlin, Elizabeth Talbot and Thorfinn.</u>

Mudthaw would not be Mudthaw without our tournament thank you to <u>Baron Wulfgar</u> for running it this year.

Don Orlando for being the marshal in charge of our fencing for the day.

<u>Lady Judith</u> for overseeing the royal room.

<u>Lady Maerhild</u> for being our merchant coordinator.

<u>Mistress Caterina</u> for organizing the Arts and Science competition and display and to <u>Lady</u> <u>Maerhild</u> for taking over when Caterina had to leave the event early.

Thank you to <u>Mistress Elizabeth Lovell</u> for setting up another wonderful Artisans Village and all the artisans who came out.



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<u>Þórlæifr hvitskegg</u> for keeping a watchful eye on the parking lot and helping transition over to the overflow parking lot.

<u>Lady Charis</u> for arranging the bake sale fundraiser and all the people who donated items to be sold or helped staff the table.

<u>Lord Mithgiladan</u> the Herald for speaking to the bards in attendance and setting up entertainment during feast, and think you to the people who performed during feast. I know performing during feast is not easy but it adds so much to the event I enjoyed all the performances.

Master Phillip for taking point on clean up.

Lord Galefridus for setting up and taking down the SCA signs.

<u>Lord Jonathan</u> for picking up all the Baronial supplies needed for the day and bringing them to the event and making sure they got back to storage. I do not know how to express how much this helped.

Aurelia for making the awesome site tokens.

Their Excellences <u>Baron Erec</u> and <u>Baroness Jehannine</u> and our <u>Seneschal Lady Charis</u> for all your help and support.

In the end no matter how great the event staff is , it is the populace that brings the event to life and makes it an amazing day. Thank you for everyone who came out to spend your day with us and help us celebrate the 36th annual thawing of the mud. Yours in service

Master Alexander Macgregor





Mudthaw Photos

















Silver Tower for Lady Charis d' Accipiter





Iron Towers for Jonathan and Yehuda





Ivory Tower for Lady Maerhild





Vika and Judith, and Lily







Recognition Tokens for Aurelia and Teresa





Recognition Tokens for Ellynor and Nyfain







Thorfinnr and Orlando





Award of Arms for Lady Teresa





Wulfgar and Ionnes





Serric and Donnan Bring in the Mud





Princess of MSR attacks the Queen of the East



















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The East Kingdom Calendar

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http://www.sca.org/officers/chatelain/pdf/NewcomersGuidePages-low.pdf



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. 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

Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.





Caterina's Arts & Sciences (A&S) and Calligraphy

Mistress Caterina Giaocchini (Kasia) is hosting

Arts and Sciences (A&S) get together on THIRD Fridays, at 7:00 pm

Calligraphy and Illumination (C&I) workshop FIRST Sundays, at 7:00 pm

55 Hillcrest Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960 917-968-9321

Bring whatever you are working on and come **chat and hang out** with others doing their thing.

Caterina



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

<u>Donation are welcome</u> to help offset the the practice site.



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Archery Practice (photos by Vivian 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 908-319-0765 (cell) Archery has restarted.

Come join the Archers on Sundays...





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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	Renewed March 9, 2016 Expires March 9, 2020

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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.

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	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Other fight practices: Fighter Practice group at Yahoo!Groups; Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Fighter Practice	Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Glen Gardner Youth Center 16 Hampton Rd Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Also fencing and Arts& Science; suggested Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
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; Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Archery Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Milford, NJ 310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519), Milford, NJ 08848 908-319-0765 (cell)	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 908-319-0765 (cell)	Jehannine de Flandres baroness@settmourswamp.ea stkingdom.org Phillip the Facetious	Please email for directions.



Art	Date/ Time	Location	Contact	Notes
Caterina (Kasia) A&S Thingy	THIRD Friday 7pm	55 Hillcrest Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960	Mistress Caterina (Kasia) mas@settmourswamp.eastkin gdom.org 917-968-9321	Caterina announces meetings on the Swamp email list and on the Swamp Facebook page.
Caterina (Kasia) Calligraphy & Illumination	FIRST Sunday 7pm	55 Hillcrest Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960	Mistress Caterina (Kasia) mas@settmourswamp.eastkin gdom.org 917-968-9321	Caterina announces meetings on the Swamp email list and on the Swamp Facebook page.
Archery	By Appointment	Pittstown, NJ	Elizabeth Hawkwood hawkwoode@gmail.com	Email Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood for directions

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