



The Mudpuppy

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Barony of Settmour Swamp

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Vivat for our new Baronial Heirs

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Yule Revel, Swamp Stomp & Officer Meeting

Sunday December 11th

12 noon to 6 pm

High Bridge Masonic Lodge, 10 Ridge Rd, High Bridge, NJ 08829

As the holiday season is upon us we are pleased to announce we shall be holding another Swamp Stomp on December 11th from 12-6. The Stomp will be held at the High Bridge Masonic Lodge, 10 Ridge Rd, High Bridge, NJ 08829. Come join us and enjoy a day of celebration.

Our December business meeting will take place from 12pm to 1pm during the event all are welcome to attend as we discuss Mudthaw (still looking for bids for event steward and head cook) as well as other upcoming events and the workings of our officers.

Halldora will be preparing hearty shepherds pies filled with beef and root vegetables as well as a rich mushroom stew. Some bread and cheese will also be served. We ask all to bring a favorite side dish or desert to share as well as your drink of choice.

Donations will be collected to offset the cost of our event.

Please spread the word!



Baroness & Baron Letter

Beloved Settmour,

We bring to you tidings of great joy, for our heirs have been found! Their Majesties have given their blessing to **Lord Jonathan Miles** and **Lady Teresa Ana Perez** and we look forward to their investiture at Mudthaw, and hope you will welcome them as fondly as you did us. Least not, please thank **Baron Wulfgar**, **Baroness Treannah**, **Baron Mathias** and **Lady Evalina** for stepping up to run. The dedication for taking on this role, representing the Barony, is one to not take lightly and any of them would have represented this Barony with honor and commitment. You, our beloved populace, also deserve thanks for responding to the polling, so we could have a successful one. We additionally need to send out our gratitude to our outgoing Seneschal, **Lady Charis Accipiter**, for all of her work running the polling.

Speaking of our Seneschal, at the last officer meeting **Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel**, was voted in as the **incoming Seneschal**. Join us in sending out vivats to **Lady Charis**, for all of her devotion to this Barony as the outgoing Seneschal, and know that we wish her well as she moves on to her next endeavor, and vivats for Her Ladyship Judith for the task at hand of running this Barony as the new Seneschal.

We are delighted so many of our populace enjoyed the hospitality of the Shire of Rusted Woodlands and lent their hands to aid our northern neighbors for **100 Minutes War**. We had an exceptional time as always, and enjoyed seeing so many from Settmour there on the field fighting in units on both sides, in the fencing hedge maze, upon the archery field and even in the kitchens. We hope you had as much great fun as we did.

As we are in the swing of the Holiday season, we once again have arranged for a **Swamp Stomp** so we may all come together and celebrate our kinship. The Stomp will be held on December 11th from 12-6 pm, at the High Bridge Masonic Lodge, 10 Ridge Rd, High Bridge, NJ 08829. We are excited that our own Halldora will be preparing the main course for a dayboard, and we ask all to bring a favorite side dish or desert to share as well as your drink of choice. We shall be holding our business meeting from 12-1 pm during the event, and we welcome you to attend as we discuss Mudthaw as well as other upcoming events, such as an artisans schola being planned for late January early February, and the workings of our officers. Come join us and enjoy a day of celebration.

We wish you peace and joy, whichever holiday you may celebrate, be it with your birth family, chosen family, or even on your own.

In service to you, and our shared society, We remain
your Baron and Baroness,

Baron Erec and Baroness Jehannine.





Baronial Heirs



We could not have been more humbled and honored to learn that we were chosen to be the **next Baron and Baroness of our great Settmour Swamp**. We have much to learn in the next few months, meetings to attend and careful notes to take. We welcome your approach and your advice, reach out to us with your concerns and your ideas. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved, their Majesties, their Excellency's, our esteemed competitors, and of course the Populace!

Lord Jonathan Miles and **Lady Teresa Ana Perez**

Baron and Baroness, Heirs Apparent



Seneschale Notes

At the November 12 officer meeting, the officers of the Barony of Settmour Swamp voted to nominate **Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel** as our next Seneschale.

Lady Judith's name has been submitted to the Kingdom Seneschale for final approval. Lady Judith is still awaiting her formal approval from the Kingdom.

The Seneschale Notes will resume next month.



Mudthaw Autocrat and Cook Needed

It's the time of year when we start plotting and planning for the thawing of the mud. **MUDTHAW** 2017 is in need of a leader. Some inspired gentle or gentles to get the ball rolling and help us all have another great event.

We are looking for bids for Event steward and head cook.

For more information please feel free to contact me via IM or email.

The event is slated to take place on March 25th at the same wonderful site as last year, Ss Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox church in Livingston.

YIS,
Charis

Immediate past Seneschale



BGI Black Gryphon Inn

Preliminary Planning for BGI 2017 has started!

Due to site availability, **BGI** will be held on **April 22nd** this year.

The theme is the spring opening of the meadhall to welcome our new Baron and Baroness to the canton.

At this time I am looking for someone willing to run troll.

Eventually will need setup crew and a clean up crew.

If you are interested in helping let me know.

Baron Alexander Macgregor,
Event Steward

Event Location

Kiddie Keep Well Camp (Schirber Dining Hall)

35 Roosevelt Drive Edison, NJ 08837

Food and Cooking A&S Night

Galefridus has scheduled our first Food and Cooking A&S night

6 January, 2017 at 7pm - 10pm

Montville Township First Aid Squad.

137 Changebridge Rd, Montville, NJ 07045

I'd like to set up a monthly food and cooking night (probably one Friday evening per month or alternating Fridays and Saturdays) for the North Jersey SCA community. The Montville Township First Aid Squad is fairly close to where 80 and 287 cross. They have a kitchen and a decent sized meeting room, so there's no reason why other A&S activities couldn't be happening at the same time as us food and cooking geeks are doing our thing.

Galefridus Peregrinus:

Food and Cooking A&S Night <https://www.facebook.com/events/1819149974970340/>



Chamberlain Needed

Our current Chamberlain, **Lord Jonathan Miles** is also our Baronial Heir Apparent.

Lord Jonathan needs to find a deputy Chamberlain, to train and take over the office as soon as possible.

Please contact our Chamberlain, Lord Jonathan, at jonathanbayles@gmail.com

The office duties are as follows (from Lord Jonathan):

- Maintain a time line of swamp events where gear from the locker will be needed.
- Speak with the autocrats, martial-ate, and other activity organizers prior to the event to determine what they will need.
- Set the expectations of how the gear will be moved to and from the event in plain terms. If you are moving it, commit to that, if they are moving it let them know where and when to show up, and what kind of vehicle to bring. There is no requirement to move the actual gear, and remember that moving things is easy, being a good and accountable facilitator is the key strategy.
- Either bring or facilitate the transport of the needed gear to the event in a timely fashion, and see the gear safely home at the conclusion of the event. Again, do not be afraid to ask for help, no one expects you to move all the gear by yourself.
- Inform the officers of the Barony when anything is not returned, lost, or damaged.
- Respond to the monthly report emails from the officers list with anything relevant to the gear, its status, or needs for new gear.
- Attend monthly business meetings and offer your vote and experience to the Baronial processes.
- Graciously receive any donations to the Barony and place into storage, thank them sincerely.
- The most important part of the job, to my mind, is to give everyone a sense of confidence that the gear will be onsite and on time.



Webmaster Needed

The Swamp needs a new **Web Master** to maintain our Baronial webpages.

Lord Dalec Bolotnikov has maintained the Swamp web pages for many years. It is time for another to take up the roll of Web Master.

Please contact our Seneschale Elect, Lady Judith - mcmendelsohn@optimum.net

The East Kingdom has established an unofficial standard design, preferably in WordPress and offers some help pages and assistance. One possibility would be to redesign the Barony page in WordPress to comply with the Kingdom preferences.

<http://helpdesk.eastkingdom.org/>

Lord Dalek described the current Barony Webpage as follows:

The Barony of Settmour Swamp website (<http://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/>) does not completely comply with the East Kingdom suggested standard design. A step was taken to get there, but the standardization is not complete. For example, instead of hundreds of individual pages, there's things like header and footer pages, and arrays designed to hold some data.

Required Skills: proficiency with **html5**, novice understanding of **php**

Chronicler Notes

The November issue of the Mudpuppy is dedicated to the new Baronial Heirs and our new Seneschale.

Please note the need for new officers and consider volunteering to help organize and run our Barony.

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.

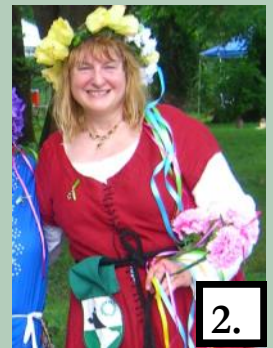
Feel free to contact me with ideas for

an article. I am happy to help .

Baroness Ursula of North Woods,

Chronicler

I see the newsletter as capturing the history of the Barony of Settmour Swamp. By comparison, FaceBook is like a cocktail party where chaotic information floats rapidly by and can't be found a week later. We are after all a history group. **The newsletter captures the HISTORY of the HISTORY group.**



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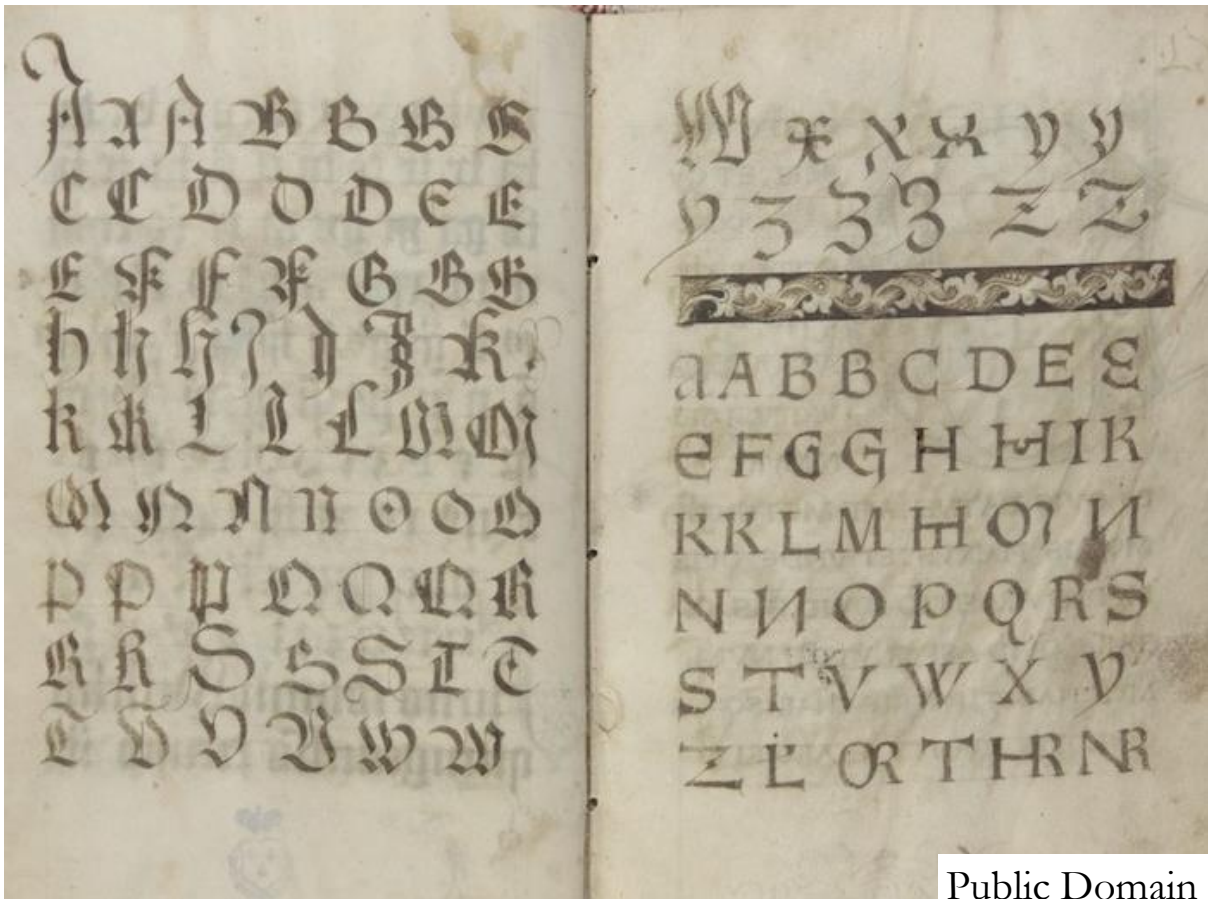
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The **East Kingdom Calendar**

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

16th-Century Pattern Book for Scribes

<http://publicdomainreview.org/collections/16th-century-pattern-book-for-scribes/>



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Society for Creative Anachronism **Newcomer's Portal:**

<http://welcome.sca.org/>

A **Newcomer's Guide** to the SCA:

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



Ursula, Pete & Orlando Designed 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**

Call CustomInk and 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.

<http://www.customink.com>

Note: Two Designs are available: request either the "TREE" or the "TOWER" design. High resolution images of these designs are available in the April Mudpuppy.

http://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/mudpuppy/media/The_Mudpuppy_-_2016-04.pdf



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>



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

Recommended Donation is \$5 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 **Ögurr Aðalbrandarson**
marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Location:

Franklin Reformed Church,
45 Hillside Crescent
Nutley, NJ 07110

Day/Time:

Wednesdays 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

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



Archery Practice (photos by Vivian De Dunbar)

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

Location:

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Archery is suspended for the winter.

Practices may be announced If there is particularly good weather.





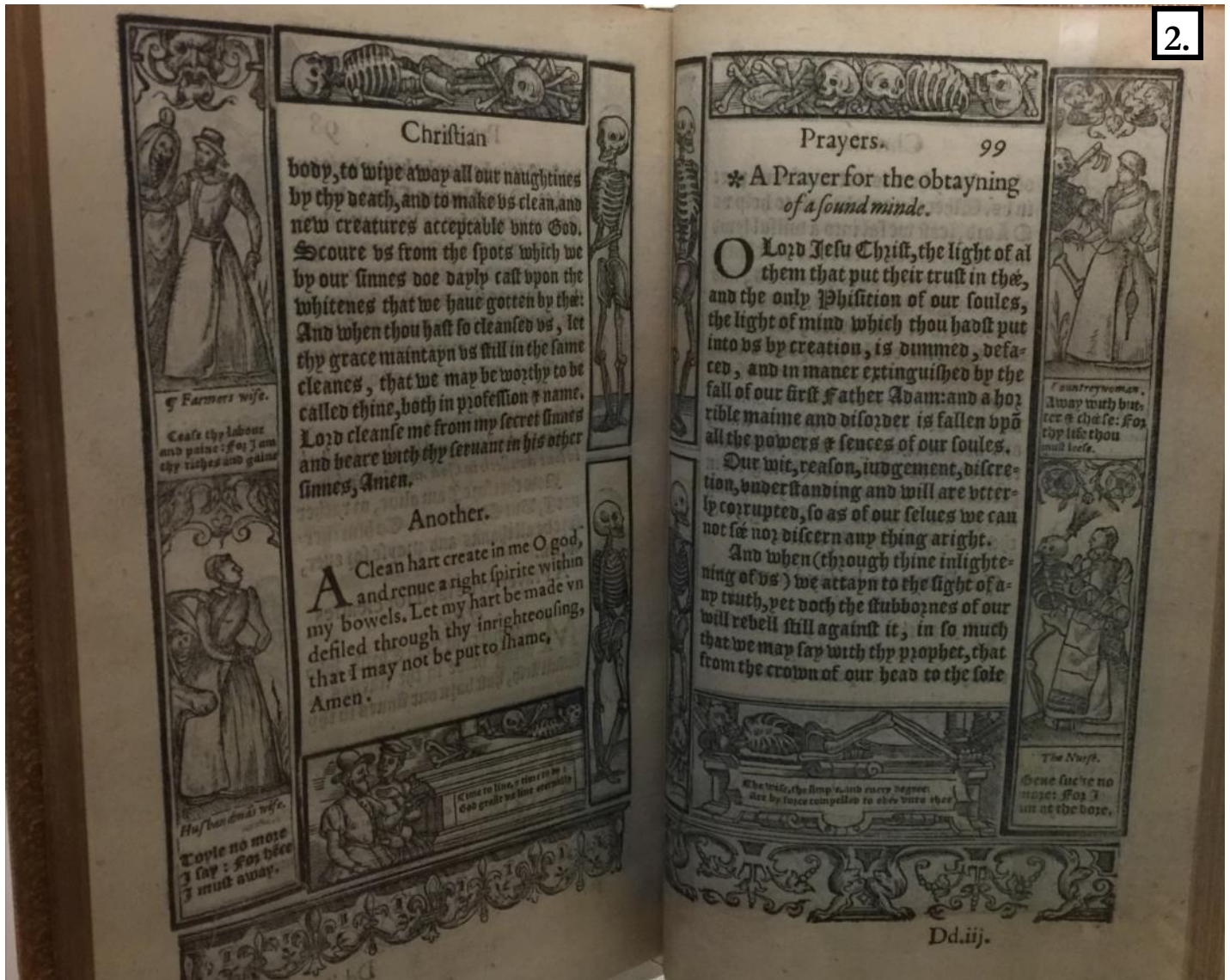
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Chamberlain	Lord Jonathan Miles Chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 644 4599	Elected September 2015 Expires September 2017



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





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.eastkingdom.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.eastkingdom.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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