



The Mudpuppy

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Officer Meeting— April 19

The next officer meeting is on **Wednesday, April 19**, at Baroness Ursula's home in Morristown, NJ.

Baroness Ursula of North Woods

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Our New King & Queen



On April 1, our new **King Jonnes Aurelius Serpentius** and **Queen Honig von Sommerfeldt** were crowned in a beautiful ceremony on a magnificent site in the Barony of Dragonship Haven.

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Food and Cooking Workshop

8 April, 2017 at 11am to 7pm

Montville Township First Aid Squad
137 Changebridge Road
Montville, NJ 07045

See map at <http://bit.ly/2kKV2tR>

Food and Cooking A&S Night : <https://www.facebook.com/events/382571915431721/>

The fun will begin when we meet at **11am** at the Montville Township First Aid Squad!

We'll be making a **grand tour of nearby specialty grocery stores**. South Asian, East Asian, and Middle Eastern specialty markets are on the itinerary. Join us as we seek out unusual and difficult to find ingredients! We'll grab a Middle Eastern lunch at our last stop, then return to the First Aid Squad between 3 and 4 to cook something with our purchases.

Meet at : 11 am for the Tour of Stores

Meet at: 4 pm to work on QUEST Tokens

DO NOT ENTER the First Aid Squad until Galefridus returns!
WAIT in the Parking lot for Galefridus to return.

- Garb is not required, as both these activities are more workshop-oriented.
- The site is the town's EMS squad house. An active-duty EMS crew will be present in another part of the building and will be responding to (hopefully few!) 911 calls, so we will need to stay out of their way.
- Parking is available for 20+ cars on the right side of the building. If the lot fills up, please park on Old Changebridge Road behind the squad house. Enter at the door on the right. There will be signs to direct you.
- No fee is required, but we'll have a basket set out for donations to the first aid squad, and we encourage generosity.





Baroness & Baron Letter

Mudthaw was wonderful and we cannot say enough good things about the people in attendance, the way the event ran and all the staff and volunteers involved. The moment we walked into the hall our son exclaimed, "How do they make Mudthaw so beautiful!?" The site seems to love us. They give us great support and seemed to look forward to our arrival this year. This combination of successful factors are owed to the efforts of people who have since stepped down from their roles, but also to those already assuming new ones within the Barony.

Thank you!

When we ran for office we promised to help find people to take over officer roles in the barony, secure "new blood" volunteers, and find room for our more experienced people to rest. We do not, as Baron and Baroness have the right to install/remove officers as we see fit, but we can be a part of the process and specifically we can use our social currency to motivate people into place. This process has already begun.

This month we have found a few people to push into deputy-ship under existing officers in the role of Webminister, Court Herald, Arts and Sciences, prodded a prior volunteer for Exchequer deputy. We hope we have found a replacement for Jonathan's old role as Chamberlain, but this is an office that can only benefit from more deputies. We are looking for more!!

A word about Deputy Officers:

Deputies are extremely important. While they would seem to be the second tier of officer, they are actually in the first tier. A deputy should act as an understudy, learning the roles and responsibilities of the officer they serve. Just as in the theater there is no telling when a deputy could become a primary for a given event. People get sick; cars break down; relatives need to be attention. People need a day off. Life happens. These responsibilities do not have to be a chore when you have someone to turn to on a day when you just can't. We're only human.

As Baron and Baroness, much of our methodology will involve working with the way things are, not the way they "should be." Deputies are an acknowledgement that every working position in the Barony needs backup, and that backups should be able to participate at a primary level, on occasion, so that they are getting valuable practice and experience. Ideally, and we use that word carefully, when an officer is ready to take a break, it should require nothing more than turning their head to one side and saying "You got this?"





Baroness & Baron Letter

Lastly we wanted to use this chance to let you know what events we are planning on attending and which events we attend will have courts. More events may be added; this is a preliminary list.

Coronation 4/01

Black Griffon Inn 4/22 - Court

Spring Crown 5/6 - Court (Jonathan only, as a family obligation that cannot be changed has arisen for Teresa and Oskar)

Quest 5/26 - Court

Bhakail Investiture 6/3

Southern Region War Camp 6/9

Pennsic War 7/28 - Court

Thank you for reading and we look forward to spending time with all of you very soon!

Baroness Teresa & Baron Jonathan



Baronial Heirs for Bhakail

From Baroness Treannah:

It's been announced that our neighbors in Bhakail will have Master Rowen Cloteworthy and Mistress Suba Al-Hadid as their new Baron and Baroness!

Child-Size Tunics Needed for Gold Key

Please Donate Child-Size Tunics to our Chatelaine, Lady Maerhild.

chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

We loan garb to new attendees so they can easily attend their first few events.



April Fools

There being lands of the Swamp that border those of our neighbors in the Barony of Carillion,

and being that lands upon our side of the line born on maps of the known world which separate the two,

and upon the north western side of those lines to which we lay claim on behalf of the King and Queen of the East,

and we being caretakers of those lands that they be eaten only by cattle which belong to the King and Queen of the East, or by proxy the cattle of their sovereigns of charge being we Baron Jonathan and Baroness Teresa,

and there being blades of grass which have been severed without witness, by the teeth of cattle other than those of Settmour,

and there being a need to account for uneaten grass upon those lands,

and there being no witnesses to call to settle such matters of teeth and the severing of aforementioned blades of grass...

...do we Baron Jonathan and Baroness Teresa issue a challenge, to be settled by either champions of arms, arts, arrows and bolts, and the hurling of sharp objects at defenseless tree trunks for purposes still not fully understood, in our presences as the sun rises over the fields at **Quest**, on the 27th day of Winni-mānod in this, the fifty second year of our society.

Baron Jonathan and Baroness Teresa



Seneschale Notes

One event down, and **Mudthaw** was amazing! Kudos to all who worked hard to make this event run smoothly! I especially want to give credit to our autocrats, **Baroness Treannah** and **Baron Wulfgar**, who ably shepherded all the moving pieces of this project and made it look easy. And **Lord Yagyu no Kagetoki** for making a fabulous feast, and all of you who worked in the kitchen, helped with troll, set up royal rooms, moved chairs and tables and lists and moved them again and again, and helped with all the details involved in making such a big event come off. Well done, all. The mud has truly thawed and been duly celebrated.



(See also Baroness Treannah and Baron Wulfgar's thanks on page 16)

And now we look ahead. **BGI** is coming up on April 22. **Master Alexander**, who is autocrating that event, will be needing help.

And just two weeks after that we host the **Crown Tourney**, an event we haven't done in recent memory. **Magister Galefridus** is already sending out requests for help. We expect somewhere between 400-600 people, and the site will need setting up on Friday afternoon/evening and early Saturday morning; and then taking down afterwards.

We are already starting to prepare for **Quest**. **Baroness Ursula** is working on tokens and **Lord Galen** is looking at making things for the quest itself and assigned parts for the obstacles.

Come volunteer, enjoy the fellowship, get to know other folks better, have fun, and then enjoy the event having made it more your own.

In the meantime a number of things are happening in the background. As this Mudpuppy will tell in more detail, **Lord Dalek Bolotnikov** has been working hard revamping our **Swamp website**, making it comply with kingdom guidelines and amazingly making it look less modern while giving us more interactive features. A medieval website—that's definitely a creative anachronism. **Baroness Ursula** has been updating lists of awards and correcting the website content--an exacting job. (See page 23)

We also have **new list poles**, thanks to the hard work of **Baron Erec**, **Baron Wulfgar**, and many other volunteers who cut, sanded, and painted in the cold. They look great! (See page 26)

The barony is now renting a **storage locker** to keep all of our equipment, including those new list poles. Previously we have benefitted from the generosity of a number of people who gave us space in their garages or paid for storage. **Lady Gudrun**, **Baroness Rhiannon**, and **Master Phillip** were the most recent in my memory. Our thanks to you.

If you would like to be part of the planning for events and baronial business, come join us at the **officers' meetings**. At the next meeting on **April 19th**, we'll be discussing Mudthaw and how we can make it run better next year, and planning for the upcoming events. We'd love to have you join us.

Yours in service,

Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel



Mudthaw Court Report

So much happened at Mudthaw this year!

On the 25th of March, Their Majesties Brion III and Anna III visited Their Barony of Settmour Swamp.

We bade farewell to Baron Erec and Baroness Jehannine as our Baronial representatives, and welcomed Baron Jonathan and Baroness Teresa to lead us on.

On the rapier lists, Lord Ciarán Ua Meic Thíre was named a companion of the Order of the Silver Rapier.

During their last court, Baron Erec and Baroness Jehannine created two new Baronial orders.

The Order of the Copper Tower, which is for the youth who contribute to our Barony, now has its two premier members: Jehannette Bouchard and Halladora Svidbalki.

The two principle members of the Company of Mud, an award for continued contributions to the Barony, are Lady Charis Accipiter and Lady Karin Jacobsdotter.

As they stepped down, from the position of Landed Baron and Baroness, Baron Erec was created a Court Baron, and though she is already a Court Baroness, Jehannine was given an Augmentation of Arms. This is an honor that is added to an already registered device; Baroness Jehannine will be able to choose her augmentation

Their Majesties then invested Jonathan Miles and Teresa Ana Perez as our new Baron and Baroness! (And Oskar.)

Baron Jonathana and Baroness Teresa honored our courteous Baroness Jehannine as a member of the Order of the Silver Tower.

Our new Excellencies thanked Lady Lydia, Lord Thorfinnr, Lady Maerhild and Baron Thorlaeifr for making their garb. They also thanked Baroness Ursula of the North Woods, Baroness Jehannine de Flandres, and Countess Violante de Porto for their donations of materials and their consultation.

Our new Excellencies presented the tournament awards:

Heavy Weapon Tournament:

Duke Brennan mac Fearghus

Rapier Tournament:

Don Thomas of Effingham won the Cut and Thrust rapier tourney

Master Ogedei Becinjab, called Ook, won the heavy rapier tourney.





Mudthaw Court Report (continued)

Youth tourneys:

Constantine won the Youth Heavy, and
Leon Griffin won the Youth Fencing.

The Arts and Sciences tourney was in three levels, with a winner for each.
Novice level was won by Wynstan Bheithir, for his wooden game board
Intermediate level by Marion Quyn, for her research into Byzantine musical notation
Expert by Elizabet Marshall, for her banner based on the Bayeux tapestry.

The Baronial Bake Sale raised \$370 for the East Kingdom Travel Fund.

Our gracious King Brion and Queen Anna saw fit to give awards to two of our own. Lady Lydia Fitzwalter was made a Companion of the Order of the Silver Crescent for her service;

Lady Aurelia Alfaiata d'Alcáçova na' Bheithir was made a Companion of the Silver Brooch for her artistic contributions.

King Brion and Queen Anna gave Emma Lovell and Caleb Patrasso the Award of Gilder.

Queen Anna summoned Duchess Caoilfhionn inghean Fhaolain, Mistress Elizabeth Elenore Lovell, and Master Antonio Patrasso and, in recognition of their service to the Crown, presented them each with the Queen's Award of Esteem.

Queen Anna presented Duke Gregor von Heisler with the Queen's Cypher.

For all the gentles who were honored, VIVANT!

Lady Ceara MacKieran

Barony of Settmour Swamp Herald

Baroness Ursula of North Woods

Edited and augmented this Court Report



Note: This Court Report includes all Baronial Awards and Kingdom Awards that were granted to members of the Barony of Settmour Swamp. For the full Kingdom Court Report, see

<https://eastkingdomgazette.org/2017/04/01/unofficial-court-report-for-mudthaw-3/>



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Investiture of Baron Jonathan and Baroness Teresa





Silver Crescent for Lady Lydia FitzWaulter

The Order of the Silver Crescent was not complete. The Crown called for **Lady Lydia FitzWaulter** and named her a Companion for her many years of service preparing feasts and dayboards and clothing others. A scroll recognising this was illuminated by **Lady Onora inghean Ui Ruairc**, with calligraphy and words by **Duchess Thyra Eiriksdottir**. (from Unofficial Kingdom Court Report for Mudthaw)



rado near those to whom these present letters come greetings. When ever our faithful subjects illuminate the deeds of those whose actions are in harmony with the motive of justice and pertain to the good weal of the Kingdom such recognitions as are pertinent and admissible should be granted laudably with ready heart and benevolent intent. When one who has been rewarded sincerely and well by those who represent the royalty to the populace and who thence continues in the same vein to give of her time and her skills with diligence and fortitude we must not overlook such devotion nor allow it to go unnoticed by our subjects. Many have benefited directly from the service of Lydia FitzWaulter by producing food and clothing to preserve the body and also by teaching and dancing to elevate the spirit. Having now heard the petitions of our subjects concerning the merits of Lydia FitzWaulter we Brian by right of arms King and Anna by virtue of exuberance Queen do now give grant and by this present charter confirm unto the said Lydia the title and status held by members of our Order of the Silver Crescent. In confirmation of the above we cause this letter to be given and signed with our names upon this twenty fifth day of March in the fifty first year of the Society during the Mud Thaw of Settmour Swamp.

Brian
King

Anna
Queen



Silver Brooch for Lady Aurelia

Lady Aurelia Alfaiata d'Alcáçova na' Bheithir was made a Companion of the Silver Brooch for her artistic contributions.

Aurelia Alfaiata d'Alcáçova, A&S Champion of Settmour Swamp proves victorious. Aurelia, Arts and Sciences Champion of our beloved Barony has once again tested her mettle against the artisans of the known world both in the East and at foreign wars. Like the predecessors of her most noble line, she has triumphed over all those who sought to pit their skill and knowledge against a Settmour Swamp champion. - 1st place, Autocrat's Challenge (9th-11th century Scandinavia), Bellringers, 2017 - Laurel's Prize sponsored by Mistress Iofa merch Macsen, Gulf Wars XXVI, 2017



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17. Aurelia



Mudthaw Thanks from Treannah and Wulfgar

The Mud has Thawed!

We have so much still whirling around in our heads about Mudthaw. It was so much work and so much fun and such a joy to be Co-Event Stewards together, and such an honor to be entrusted with by the Barony of Settmour Swamp, and more specifically by Jonathan and Teresa, Settmour Swamp's newest Baron and Baroness.

Their Majesties offered to let us thank people when they thanked us in Royal Court, and while Wulfgar did a great job of thanking the folks who helped with the list pole project, Treannah completely panicked that she would miss someone and then her mind went blank of any names, so now we will fix that!

Thank you to our Reservations and Gate keeper, Miles Boweman, as well as to Suba Al-Hadid for stepping in to support him in doing an amazing job his first time running Gate. Also our thanks to their entire crew, Kiena, Larissa, Margarette, Felice and Ursula, and we know there were others who's names we don't have - the lines never got terribly long and you all worked hard to make sure that was so.

Huge thanks to our Head Cook, Yagyu no Kagetoki, who took our crazy concept for a feast theme and made it beyond spectacular, along with his phenomenal crew, that included Pippin, Stephanie, Alexander, Dalek, Jewel, Ryan, Emily, Ben, Jen, Brian, Mark, Merlinia, Sofia, Rob, Kristin and so many others (this crew needs to know that they were seriously awesome), as was our serving crew, coordinated by William MacCrimmon, and including Valgard, Tanaka, Gui, Hildemar, Jehannine and Thorson. Our gratitude also to the wonderful feast minstrels, coordinated by Adelisa and including Sabine, Suba, Quin, Margarita and Ariel.





Oh my goodness, huge thank you's to our Royal Room crew (thank you **Ursula** for making sure we have photos of those amazing rooms), **Mathias Feuerdrachen** who was the driving force and his crew of **Evalina**, **Galefridus**, **Judith**, **Ursula** and **Maerhild**, who also handled an awesome Royal Dayboard. (See page 21)

To our Merchant Coordinator, **Perote Campbell**, who did such a great job coordinating absolutely everything relating to our Merchants, it was a pleasure working with you and your deputy, **Jessa de Hunteleghe**. **Elizabeth Lovell**, who handled the Artisans Village for the event did an absolutely wonderful job once again, and with **Aziza** as her deputy they had every i dotted and every t crossed. Our thanks also to **Caterina Giaocchinni**, who organized and ran our A&S display and competition so well.



Our thanks to everyone who helped run the Rattan and Fencing for both adults and youth, **Ogurr**, **Orlando**, **Mathghamhain** and **Wentlianna**, as well as our MOL folks, **Lu An Hua**, **Duncan**, **Jocelyn**, **Alis** and **Candy**. And all the marshals who made the great fighting and fencing possible.

Our gratitude as well to our Main Room Reset Team, coordinated by **Ilea** and including **Drew**, **Eva**, And **Frank** and others who just jumped in and helped. You guys seriously set records getting that room set for court and then for feast.

Thank you to our traffic managers **Erika** and **Eva** as well as a huge thank you to the folks who worked so hard on setup and breakdown, **Judith**, **Galefridus**, **Yon**, **Lydia**, **Emidio** (who somehow was always right there every single time something needed doing all weekend long), **Felice**, **Rowan**, **Phillip**, **Jocelyn**, **Caterina**, **Erec**, **Hildemar**, **Ono No Fujiwara**, **Mithgilidan** and our own **Baron Jonathan** and **Baroness Teresa** and so many more we've lost track!

Many hands do indeed make light work, and even lighter hearts. Thank you.

Wulfgar and Treannah

PS: Please know we are terribly sorry for any oversight; it does not indicate a diminished gratitude, just diminished sleep!



Mudthaw Artisans Village Thanks

Once again Mudthaw was host to the Artisans Village. Lots of fun A&S was being tried and played with.

This year I had **Lady Aziza Bint Noor Al-Shirazi** as my deputy and she was awesome! A big thank you to the following people who came and taught in the village this year.

We had **Lady Raziya Bint Rusa** teaching about period botanicals, **Baron Perote Gormal Campbell** teaching Kumihimo, **Lord Muin maqq Minain** teaching about period wire work, **Erlan** working with children to make period style wood cuts, **Mistress Sabine de Kerbriant** and **Fru Margreba La Fauvelle** running the period musical instruments petting zoo, **Mistress Nataliia Anastasiia Evgenova** and **Lord Vettorino Antonello** were the faces of the Signet so possible new scribes could come talk shop, **Baroness Charitve Dale** ran the Heraldic consultation table and **Lady Myrun Leifsdottir** was teaching illumination.

The Village was constantly busy, and I really enjoyed watching people learning new things and sharing ideas

Mistress Elizabeth Elenore Lovell





Arts and Sciences Winners

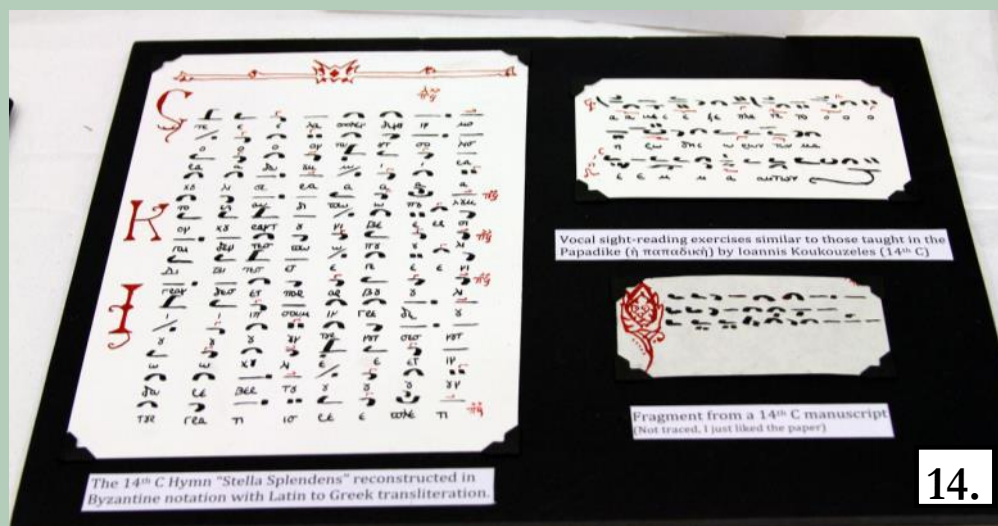
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Mudthaw Royal Rooms

Note: Detailed Instructions for Organizing Royal Room are in the February Mudpuppy.

Treannah: Oh my goodness, huge thank you's to our Royal Room crew (thank you **Ursula** for making sure we have photos of those amazing rooms), **Mathias Feuerdrachen** who was the driving force and his crew of **Evalina**, **Galefridus**, **Judith**, **Ursula** and **Maerhild**, who also handled an awesome Royal Dayboard.





Defenders of the West



Settmour Swamp Fighters among those named Defenders of the West at Gulf Wars XXVI

The Kingdom of the West was called to war, marching long days and nights to Gulf Wars XXVI. Their Majesties Roger Stockton and Zanolbia Fiorentini, knowing the trials ahead and the dire need of fighting men and women in the coming battles, requested of Their most Royal cousins, Their Majesties Brion Anthony Uriel Tarragon and Anna Ophelia Holloway Tarragon, aid as befits an ally. Their Royal Majesties responded with the generosity all would expect from the Monarchs of the East and tasked a cadre of soldiers, with such prowess that by their authority victory in battle was assured, to fight under the banner of the West. This stalwart band accounted themselves with such valor and ferocity upon the field in service to the West that Their Majesties Roger and Zanolbia were moved to create them a Defender of the West. This honor is given to those that serve the realm most outstandingly during times of war. The names of these redoubtable soldiers are: Donnan Fitzgerald a' Bheithir (pictured right), Dietrich of Timiș (pictured center), Joachim Liechtenauwer (pictured left), Sir Luis de Castilla, Sapphira the Navigator, Duke Randal of the Dark, Bricca di Ghelere, Fella-Bjorn Gunnarsson, William Hauke of Effingham.

Donnan Fitzgerald a' Bheithir



New Settmour Swamp Website

Lord Dalek Bolotnikov has created a new website for the Barony of Settmour Swamp. Lord Dalek created a new website in WordPress and imported all the officer data, historical award data, historical event data and historical Swamp champion data. The new Swamp website has amazing new features, including the ability for officers to enter posts and for anyone to enter a (moderated) comment. **Baroness Ursula** is working on updating the historical data and day-to-day maintenance as Deputy Webminister.

History of the Swamp Website by Mistress Jessa d'Avondale

Mistress Jessa was the original designer of the previous Settmour Swap website and the first webmaster of the Barony's website. It went online in **1996** and Jessa was the webmaster until **2005**. The pages were all lovingly **hand-crafted in HTML** code, with no special programs used. It was originally designed in a shocking shade of green, which was toned down as time when on. In the early years, I even **hand-coded the calendar pages**; there was no Google calendar back then!

One thing I wanted was for the website to not just include the basics (calendar of events & meetings, officers' list, what area/zip codes the group encompasses), but a lot of additional information for different audiences:

- Info for **Newcomers** about the SCA and how to get started
- (*Our newcomers' page was honored in Baron Modar's Website of the Week column on The Medieval Times website Vol. III No. 23, [October 24](#), 2001.*)
- **Baronial History**: history of the group, Barons & Baronesses, details of past events, what awards were given out at each event
- Research links for various times and places in Medieval and Renaissance history
- Links to other local SCA groups and households
- Contact emails and websites for Swampies (way before we kept in touch with Facebook!)
- Links to online SCA projects, articles, achievements, etc. by Settmour residents.

By the way, if you are looking for historical items, I kept local copies of many Settmour event webpages with details like menus, schedule of events, merchants, even chronicles of the day that we posted on the website after the event was over.

Mistress Jessa d'Avondale



New Settmour Swamp Website—Mudpuppy

As Chronicler, I am prejudiced, but my favorite feature is the new display of past Mudpuppy covers.

✓ 2017

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JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH

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JANUARY



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✓ 2015



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New Settmour Swamp Website—Awards & Events

Dalak has already created a sortable tabular display for the new awards!

Home Calendar The MudPuppy About the Barony Resources

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▼ ORDER OF THE COPPER TOWER



The Copper Tower is awarded for service to the Barony by younger denizens.

Show 10 entries Search:

RECIPIENT	EVENT	REASON
Halladora Svidbalki	2017-03-25 Mudthaw XXXVII	

Ursula made her first WordPress entries to update the Event Tables

HISTORICAL EVENT LISTING

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Show 10 entries Search:

DATE	EVENT	AUTOCRAT	HOST	LOCATION
2017-03-25	Mudthaw XXXVII	Baron Wulfgar & Baroness Treannah	Barony of Settmour Swamp	Ss Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church Roseland, NJ
2016-08-27	Brennan and Caoilfhionn's Ducal Challenge	Mistress Elizabeth Eleanor Lovell	Barony of Settmour Swamp	Clinton Elks Lodge #2434 Pittstown, NJ
2016-10-22	Winter Wolf	Sir Manfred von Halstern	Barony of Settmour Swamp	American Legion Hall 164 494 Willow Grove Street



Building List Poles for Tournaments—PART II

Part I of this article is in the March, 2017 Mudpuppy

This was a project that Their Excellency's Erec and Jehannine and I had been tossing around for a little while and decided that now was the time to get it done. We really wanted to dress up our list fields and add a bit of pageantry for our rattan and rapier fighters.

I want to thank Their Excellency's for putting their trust in me to lead this project. However, it never would have happened without the help of some really great people.



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16. Lu An-Hua

From February 25th to March 19th, we worked outside; most of those days barely seeing thirty degrees and a few barely seeing twenty. We built a large campfire near us for warmth, taking turns tending it and feeing scraps into it. We worked against mundane work schedules that decided to blow up, health issues and injuries (fortunately, nothing project-related).

When it was time to paint the posts, two to three people worked, mostly nights, in an unheated garage at Lu An-Hua's home.

Baron Erec, thank you for stepping up, opening your home and for the use of your tools and expertise. This was never getting off the ground without you.

To your Lady Wife, Ana l'Claire, thank you for the warmth of your home, a smiling face of encouragement and the home cooking; it helped our morale as much as our energy.

Over this time, Alana from Carillion and her daughter Rowen Auley, Lu An-Hua, our (now current) Baron, Jonathan, Winston and Brian all came out to work; thank you all so very much!



Building List Poles for Tournaments—PART II (continued)

I also had a painting crew!

Lady Lu An-Hua, thank you again for the garage space and the help, even stepping in and working on your own.

Many thanks to Baroness Edana Mackinnon, Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel, Baron Owynn Greenwood, and Molle Baker. Without you, these would never have been painted in time.

Last, but never least, many thanks to my lovely wife, Treannah, who kept my spirits up and my focus true. Your support and belief in me is something that I will always be grateful for.

If there is anyone I have forgotten, please forgive me, and add your names to this amazing list.

Yours in Service to Settmour Swamp and the East Kingdom,

Baron Wulfgar Silfrahaar





Did You Know:

By Ursula of North Woods

The **East Kingdom Calendar**

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

Compositiones Variæ

Compositiones Variæ - a late 8th century artists' technical treatise by **Thea Burns**

The 'Compositiones Variæ' is the **earliest extant medieval collection of artisanal recipes**. Translated into Latin from a Hellenistic source and copied at Lucca, it is said to preserve technical knowledge surviving in Tuscany around **800 CE** and to have offered practical assistance to the Lucca scriptorium.

The recipes are today bound together with numerous **early medieval historical and liturgical texts** in a massive compendium, Lucca, Biblioteca Capitolare 'Feliniana,' Cod. 490. The scripts and textual contents of the compendium have been intensively studied, but the volume's physical and material features have been largely ignored. This publication demonstrates that as much meaningful data is embedded in the manuscript's materials and structure as in the words on the page.

The significance of the 'Compositiones variæ' appears when its context is reconstructed, using evidence supplied by the early medieval Lucchese setting and numerous texts. An investigation of functional relationships - production, uses, practices and preservation - what the object's materiality represents, reveals the 'Compositiones variæ' as a social product placed within the cultural and social history of medieval knowledge and power.

Compositiones Variæ is available on Amazon.com.

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>



New Webminister. & Deputy Webmaster

I am delighted to announce that **Lord Dalek Bolotnikov** will submit his application to renew his Kingdom level webminister warrant as soon as possible.

Baroness Ursula has been warranted as a webminister by the East Kingdom and will assist Lord Dalek, as a Deputy Webminister, with the daily maintenance and content of the new Swamp Website.

Lord Dalek is training Baroness Ursula in the mysteries of WordPress, and the training will continue until Ursula's brain melts.

Chamberlain Volunteer

We have a volunteer for the Baronial office of Chamberlain! The Chamberlain maintains the Baronial property that is used at events. Watch this space for an announcement next month!

Chronicler Notes

The April issue of the Mudpuppy is dedicated to the our new Baron and Baroness, the amazing work that went into Mudthaw and the new Swamp Website.

I am warranted as a webminister. See the new website on pages 23 to 25.

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 our HISTORY group.**



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BGI Black Gryphon Inn

April 22, 2017

BGI

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3151>

Winter has past into memory, Spring has arrived, and the Canton of Gryphonwald is preparing to greet our new Baron and Baroness to the Canton! By order of the Seneschal Failenn Finn, the canton's meadhall is to be opened for the celebration. Aife Bean Mhiclomhair will be preparing a wonderful Norse feast for the occasion.

A tournament of Kubb will be held in honor of their Excellencies' visit, overseen by Jon Renwick of Bheither. If you are not familiar with this Norse game then come out and learn! Spectators and players are welcome!

Test your skills in the arenas of art and science by entering a piece of work in our populace vote A&S competition. It is beneficial to provide alongside your piece a short description of the work and its origin or inspiration.

Submit a sample of your favorite concoctions to our Brewer's competition. This competition shall be split into two categories consisting of beer and mead.

Lastly we are honored to host our Barony's Bardic competition! Come before our Canton of Gryphonwald, the Barony of Settmour Swamp, and our esteemed Baron and Baroness to compete in our Bardic competition and become the next Baronial Bardic Champion of Settmour Swamp! All who wish to participate please come with a small index card with brief documentation to be presented before the competition begins.

The site is wet so you are welcome to bring the libation of your choice. However the site has a strict policy that all alcoholic beverages be kept indoors.

**** For more details and the updated schedule, please see the event announcement on the EK Calendar**

Site Opens: 12:30pm

Site Closes: 7:30pm

Kiddie Keep Well Camp

35 Roosevelt Drive

Edison, NJ 08837

[Google Map](#)

Directions:

Direction can be found at: <http://kiddiekeepwell.org/directions/>

Registration: Event Fees

Site :

Adults SCA members : \$11

Adults non members : \$16

Youth (age 3-17): \$5

Children (under age 3): Free



BGI Black Gryphon Inn

April 22, 2017

BGI Feast menu, Feast \$8

First Remove:

Bread from Birka

Skyr

Second Remove:

Soup of Spring Greens

Apple Frumenty

Third Remove:

Filled Spit-Roasted Chicken

Wild Leek Herb and Cheese Pottage

Bread in a Bag

Fourth Remove:

Hazlenut Treats

Honey Glazed Fruits

Please send any dietary concerns before April 15.

Please include the full mundane names and SCA names and reservation types with your reservation fees. Please clearly mark the reservation is for BGI.

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

Event Steward:

Master Alexander MacGregor

Mka David DeVito

Ddevito17@comcast.net

732-297-1721

Send Reservations to:

Please send reservations to:

Lord Miles Boweman

c/o Michael Iurilli

806 Benner St.

Highland Park, NJ 08904

Other Contact Information:

Head cook.

Aife Bean Mhiclomhair

Mka Laura Rager

LNardomarino@gmail.com

BGI 2016





Spring Crown Tournament May 6, 2017

Spring Crown Tourney

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3153>

Hear ye, Hear ye!

Prince Ioannes and Princess Honig are pleased to announce that their Spring Crown Tournament will be held on 6 May, 2017 at South County Park Fairgrounds in the Barony of Settmour Swamp. This event listing will be updated as information becomes available.

For those wishing to stay the night, several lodging facilities are available in the nearby towns of Flemington and Lambertville. The site is a large open area with a few buildings and plenty of parking.

Information for those wishing to enter the tournament will be posted when it becomes available.

**** For more details and the updated schedule, please see the event announcement on the EK Calendar**

Smoking is permitted outside the buildings.

By Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation regulations, the site is dry.

Site Opens: 10am

Site Closes: 8pm

Location:

South County Park Fairgrounds

1207 Route 179

Lambertville, NJ 08530

[Google Map](#)

Directions:

From the North:

Take your best route to US 202 South.

6.5 miles past the Flemington circle, take the exit to NJ 179 South toward Lambertville.

The entrance to the site is 0.6 miles south on the right.

From the Northwest:

Take your best route to NJ 31 South.

At the Flemington circle, get onto US 202 South.

6.5 miles past the Flemington circle, take the exit to NJ 179 South toward Lambertville.

The entrance to the site is 0.6 miles south on the right.

From the Southwest:

Take your best route to NJ 179 North.

The entrance to the site is 5 miles north of downtown Lambertville on the left.



Spring Crown Tournament May 6, 2017 (continued)

From the Southeast:

Take your best route to NJ 31 North.

About 7 miles north of Pennington, bear left onto Rocktown Hill Rd.

In 0.3 miles, turn left onto Gulick Rd.

In 1.1 miles, turn right toward NJ 179 North.

The entrance to the site is 0.2 miles on the left.

Registration:

Adult: \$17.00

Adult with membership: \$12.00

Child 7-13: \$6

Child 6 and under: FREE

Feast: There will be no feast, but a hearty dayboard will be prepared by Lord Martyn de Halliwell. If you have any dietary concerns, please contact him no later than 26 April.

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

Event Steward:

Magister Galefridus Peregrinus

(Loren D. Mendelsohn)

3 Morris Pl

Towaco NJ 07082

(973) 214-4957 (mobile)

springcrown.steward@eastkingdom.org

No calls after 10pm.

Send Reservations to:

Lady Mabel Fortune

160 W. Hanover Ave across from Junard

Morristown, NJ 07960

(862) 209-0619

springcrown.gate@eastkingdom.org

No calls after 10pm.

Other Contact Information:

Dayboard:

Lord Martyn de Halliwell

T.J. DeLuca

springcrown.dayboard@eastkingdom.org

(484) 557-8757 (call or text)



Quest for Wit and Wisdom XXXIII

QUEST

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3172>

Quest for Wit and Wisdom XXXIII

May 26, 2014 to May 29, 2017

(Clinton Elks, 211 Sidney Road, Pittstown, NJ 08867)

The Barony of Settmour Swamp will celebrate the Thirty Third Quest for Wit & Wisdom. This year will have a Spanish theme. "The QUEST" by Lord Galen, is titled "Man of La Munchkin," featuring Don Quixote. A delicious Spanish feast will be prepared by Lady Charis.

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), a bardic circle and of course "the QUEST." This year Lord Galen has designed a delightful Quest featuring Don Quixote.

Baron Jonathan Miles and Baroness Teresa Ana Perez, welcome all to join in our weekend-long celebration. Baroness Teresa and Baron Jonathan were invested as the new Baroness and Baron of Settmour Swamp at Mudthaw, on March 25.

**** For more details and the updated schedule, please see the event announcement on the EK Calendar**

Registration: SCA Members receive a \$5 discount (except on \$5 fees)

Adult rates:

\$ 5 Friday "day trip" rate (members \$5, no discount)

\$20 Saturday "day trip" rate (members \$15)

\$20 Sunday "day trip" rate (members \$15)

\$35 Adult Maximum Fee (members \$30)

Minor (age 6 to 17) rates (no discount):

Free Friday "day trip" rate

\$5 Saturday "day trip" rate (members \$5)

\$5 Sunday "day trip" rate (members \$5)

Children under 6 years old are free

\$70 Family Maximum site fee (at least one member, family rate \$65)

\$5 Merchant fee (members \$5, no discount)



Quest for Wit and Wisdom XXXIII (continued)

Reservations must be postmarked by May 11.
Site fees will be refunded if requested by Thursday May 11.

Please include with your reservation:
Mundane and SCA names for each person on the reservation
Member numbers (with expiration date) for each person on the reservation
Weekend or day-trip (specify which days you plan to attend)
Contact information - (phone number and/or e-mail)

Feast: Feast: \$8.00 (limited to the first 100 gentles)

Reservations must be postmarked by May 11.
Feast fees will be refunded if the space is resold.

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

Contact Information:

Event Steward:

Baroness Ursula of North Woods
Sandra Unger
36 Terry Drive
Morristown, New Jersey
07960
Seltzerwater1@yahoo.com

Send Reservations to:

Sandra Unger
36 Terry Drive
Morristown, New Jersey
07960





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, 2016 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.



Nutley Heavey Weapons Fight Practice (photo by Ioannes)

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



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Archery Practice (photos by Vivian De Dunbar)

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

Location:

310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (rt. 519)
Milford NJ 08848

Archery is suspended for the winter.

Practices may be announced If there is particularly good weather.



5. Vivian



The Officers Of Settmour Swamp		
Baron	Baron Jonathan Miles baron@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 908 644 4599 - (no calls after 9pm)	Invested March 2017 Expires March 2021
Baroness	Baroness Teresa Ana Perez baroness@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 908 644 0004 - (no calls after 9pm)	Invested March 2017 Expires March 2021
Seneschale	Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (973) 214-5356	Elected November 2016 Expires November 2018
Sinking Tower Pursivant	Lady Ceara MacKieran herald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected November 2015 Expires November 2017
Knight Marshal	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected March 2016 Expires March 2018
Exchequer	Lord Miles Boweman exchequer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed November 2016 Expires November 2018
Chronicler	Baroness Ursula of North Woods chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed April 2016 Expires April 2018
Deputy Web Minister	Baroness Ursula of North Woods webmaster@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Warranted March 2016 Expires December, 2016
Mistress of A&S	Mistress Caterina Giaocchini moas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org.	Renewed December 2016 Expires December 2018
Mistress of The Lists (MoL)	Lady Lu An-Hua mol@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected June 2015 Expires June 2017
Chatelaine	Lady Maerhild chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected March 2015 Expires March 2017
Marshal of Fence	Don Orlando Sforza fencing@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected January 2016 Expires January 2018
Captain of Archers	Honorable Lord Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg archery@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 406-0143 (No calls after 9pm)	Renewed December 2016 Expires December 2018
Chamberlain	Lord Jonathan Miles Chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 644 4599	Elected September 2015 Expires Baronial Investiture



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 & Sciences; 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)	Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg archery@settmourswamp.e astkingdom.org (908) 406-0143 (No calls after 9pm)	
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 J.dflandres@yahoo.com	Please email for directions.

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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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