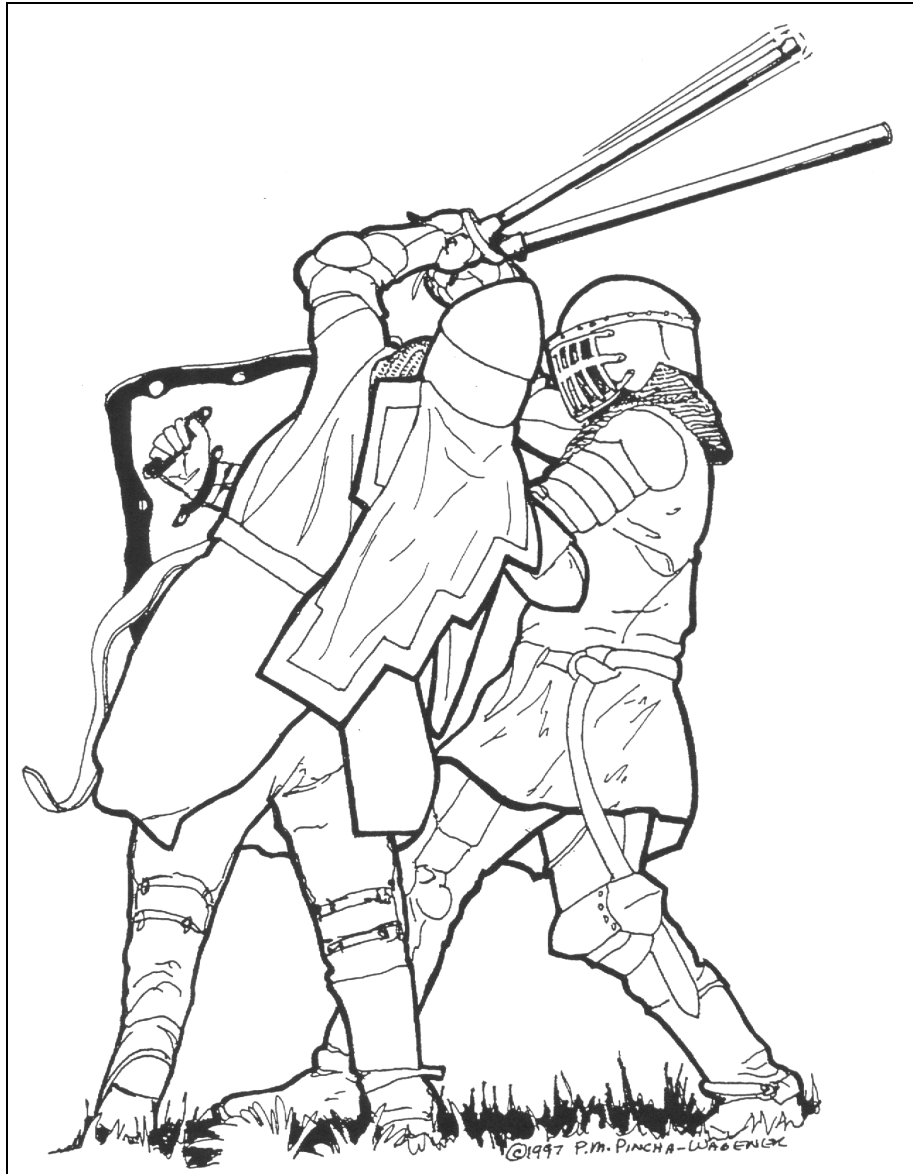


THE MUDPUPPY



*The Newsletter of
the Barony of Settmour Swamp*

March A.S. XLIII

Calendar of Events

March

- 7 (HP) Princess Gabriella's Challenge, Eisental (Bethlehem, PA)
7 Celtic Winter Games, Carillion (Forked River, NJ)
8 Weapons practice, archery, St. Paul's Church (Flemington, NJ) 1:30 PM
11 Baronial business meeting at the home of Lady Eleanor Callaghan in Somerset, 7:30 PM
17 Marwick meeting, (Cranford, NJ)
18 Tir Mynydd meeting, (Hope, NJ)
21 Nova Schola, Hartshorn Dale (Blue Bell, PA)
22 Weapons practice, archery, St. Paul's Church (Flemington, NJ) 1:30 PM
25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
28 (RP/HP) **Mudthaw, Kings & Queens Champion of Arms and Arts & Sciences Champions, Settmour Swamp (Livingston, NJ)**

April

- 11 (RP) **Coronation of Andreas and Gabriella, Nordenhalle (Kingston, NY)**
12 Weapons practice, archery, St. Paul's Church (Flemington, NJ) 1:30 PM
11 Baronial business meeting, 7:30 PM
21 Marwick meeting, (Cranford, NJ)
22 Tir Mynydd meeting, (Hope, NJ)
24-26 (RP) **East Kingdom Southern Region Spring War Practice and Royal University, Owlsherst (York Haven, PA)**
25 Spring Thyng VI, The Hunt, Caer Adamant (Middletown, DE)
25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
26 Weapons practice, archery, St. Paul's Church (Flemington, NJ) 1:30 PM

May

- 9 (RP) **Spring Crown Tournament, Carillion (Manalapan, NJ)**

About the Cover

This month's cover is by Marion von Rapp (An Tir).



Unto Our Fellow Swamp Dwellers do Rhiannon and Alexander send Greetings!

It's almost here! It's almost here! The Mud is soon to thaw! Our traditional celebration of this yearly phenomenon will take place with all the usual contests and awards, feasting and merriment with the additional excitement of the King and Queen's Rattan Championship and Arts and Sciences Championship. With so much to see and do we strongly advise you to get your reservations in as soon as possible to avoid wasting precious time on the check in line. Also, help is always needed and appreciated especially with kitchen and hall clean up to relieve those that have been toiling all day for our pleasure. Charis, our esteemed head cook, would be grateful for any help with pre-cooking the week before the event.

But wait! Before Mudthaw (March 8th to be precise), Alexander, Rhiannon and several other adventurous and interested parties will be traveling to the Philadelphia Museum of Art for some special programs scheduled for that day to celebrate Norooz, a Middle Eastern festival of new life, which will include dance performances, songs, stories, painting and crafts. We plan to meet at the museum entrance (outside if it's a nice day, inside if it's not) at 10 a.m. General admission is \$14 for adults but Sundays are "Pay what you wish". Since this is a special celebration I'm not sure which applies but I'm guessing the latter.

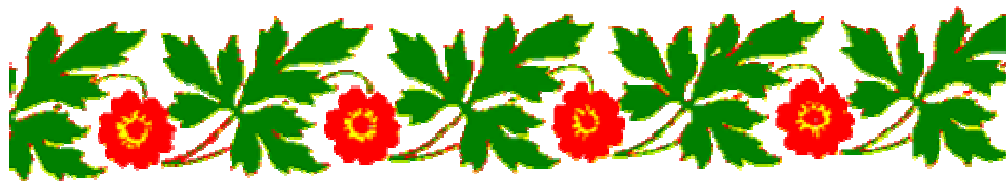
We will also be traveling to the Coronation of Andreas and Gabriella in the Shire of Nordenhalle on April 11. Join us if you can and send your reservations in early to aid the event coordinators in planning and to speed you through check in.

Quest is also getting closer so mark your calendars (always Memorial Day weekend), start digging out your camping gear, work on those A&S projects, brew some tasty beverages (the Baroness likes mead and girly drinks), practice your marshal arts and contact the autocrat (Eric the Horseman), head cook (Riordan), and Quest Mistress (Elissabetta) to help out. Contact information for any of the aforementioned key event personnel can be found in the event announcements later in this newsletter or on the Baronial website.

So get ready to trade your wools and furs for linens and silks, your smoky halls and wet snow for green fields and sunshine as warmer weather approaches - can't be fast enough for me! Let the thawing begin!

YIS,

Rhiannon and Alexander



Election Results

At the February business meeting, Mistress Alys Mackyntoich was reaffirmed as the Baronial Herald.

We thank her for her continued service to the barony.

Announcements

Lord Galefridus Peregrinus, Baronial Chirurgeon, has been appointed the Southern Regional Deputy Chirurgeon, replacing Master Robin Gallowglass. Galefridus will be the Acting Chirurgeon until a successor has been named. We congratulate him on his appointment and thank him for his service to the barony.

Officer Reports Presented at the February Business Meeting

Herald

Heraldry happens. I am teaching a hands-on Court Heraldry class at Noisemakers on this coming Saturday. Don Orlando Sforza is officially my Deputy. I'll be arriving for the meeting late on Wednesday, probably around 8:30 or so. Not optimal, but it's the best I could manage.

Knight Marshall

Practices continue at Nutley and Flemington Sundays. A Cub Scout demo request has been received, no further details as yet. One new member/guest contact in reference to attending Mudthaw. Responded to them and also forwarded them to the Chatelaine.

Exchequer

I am in the process of getting the address changed over and the signature cards from PNC Bank. They will need to be sent to Molly for her signature before they can be filed. I have all of the files, both

electronic and hard copy, to date. Jenna is still working on the EoY report and she will be sending that to me as soon as she gets it done. I have emailed Molly and I still haven't heard back from her about getting warranted. Hopefully that will get done soon.

I need a few things. I need to get on the officer's list serve so I can get information about meetings and be in touch with officers. I guess I also need the baronial exchequer email addy to get forwarded to me as well. We need a new file box for hanging exchequer files. The old one is full. We also need more hanging file folders along with stamps and envelopes for mailing out checks so people don't have to wait until meetings to get pre-approved funds. I can bring all this up with prices at the next meeting. I just wanted to mention it.

I have compiled universal Troll spreadsheets that will hopefully make everyone's job alot easier. There are three excel spreadsheets and three instruction sheets (in word format) attached to this email. Each Spreadsheet comes with detailed instructions for use. There is a spreadsheet for pre-reg, for Troll (if they

choose to use a computer at troll), and there is a sheet for hand-written troll entries. Could you please forward these to whoever is running troll and reservations for Mudthaw? I would appreciate it. These spreadsheets are version 1.1 and there is plenty of room for modification down the line.

I guess that is it for me. I will try to get Tami to change the information on the website soon. I am always available for questions or comments at e.rose.green@gmail.com or by phone (732-300-0303 or 732-564-7720). Hope y'all have a great time!

Chronicler

The February issue was distributed, electronically and in hard copy.

Arts & Sciences

I have sent out a missive to the great Barony of Settmour Swamp searching out A&S projects to highlight in the Mudpuppy. I have had a few nibbles, no bites :(I will continue to reach out to our artisans and see what I can turn up. I have had no requests otherwise.

Mistress of Lists

No report

Chatelaine

G-Greetings!!! I have had quite a busy month fielding emails from quite a few prospective new comers. I have answered each email promptly and have heard back, with eager enthusiasm, from everyone! Some are interested mainly in arts and sciences, some are looking to get involved with heavy weapons and all are eager to be involved in more than one area. I have never had as many inquiries in one month than I had in January and I hope that I have as many, if not more in February! R-I had one phone call which I must return, from a newbie. I do, indeed have the Trifold. If there is new material on the EK Chat's list, then Gabi and I will meet to look at what they have and then bring whatever we choose, if anything, to the Officers to peruse.

We have an Official Demo Request for May 8th in Hillsborough, on Rt. 206, for a School Function for Lady Gabi's children's school. All activities are requested for demonstrating, Dancing, Spinning, Fighting, Fencing, Archery...etc.

Senechal, May we do this Demo?

That's about it or this month from this half of your Friendly Chatelaine Team.

Marshall of Fence

Practice continues in Somerville on Wednesdays. Due to the travel schedule of the local fencing marshals, I doubt we will be able to have a marshal present for the Flemington practice until after Mudthaw. King and Queen's Fencing Champions is in Bhakail on February 28th. Come down and support your local fencers.

Captain of Archers

Congratulations to Jehannine de Flandres and Master Phillip Reed the Facetious, who were inducted into the order of Sagittarius at 12th Night. No other news to report from the archers.

Marshal of Thrown Weapons-

No report

Chirurgion

To the best of my knowledge, the Populace of Settmour Swamp stayed safe and healthy during the month of January. I have made contact with two persons who have expressed a desire to serve in the Chirurgionate. One served with me as a Chirurgion in Training at Bellringers, and I hope to meet the other at one of the Flemington practices sometime in February. I served at two events outside of Barony in January: Twelfth Night (Rusted Woodlands): Chirurgion Bellringers (Carillion): Chirurgion in Charge

Chamberlain

Nothing to report, nothing has changed. Reminder, I won't be at the meeting, nor will I be available. I am in class from 5:30 PM to 9:20 PM and my phone ringer will be turned off.

Webmistress

No report



MUDTHAW

Kings & Queens Champion of Arms and Arts & Sciences Champions

Saturday, March 28th, 2009

Livingston, NJ

As winter turns to spring, the world awakens once again. Their Excellencies, Alexander and Rhiannon, Baron and Baroness of Settmour Swamp, invite the known world to their annual celebration of the thawing of the mud. Their Excellencies are delighted to host Their Royal Majesties, Darius and Alethea, as they search for their next Champions of Arms and Arts.

Please join us on March 28, AS XLIII (2009) at the Salaam Shrine in Livingston, NJ as we gather to enjoy all that our society has to offer. There will be tournaments of martial skill in armored combat, rapier fencing, archery, thrown weapons, and youth fighting. There will be a grand arts and sciences competition to find the next kingdom champions. There will be a baking competition and a brewing competition. There will be shopping with some of the finest merchants from around the known world. And to cap off the day, we will have a wonderful feast.

The Champion of Arms tournament will be fought in the traditional Mudthaw double elimination format. All entrants shall have the option of fighting for the right to be named King's or Queen's Champion of Arms and the duties and privileges thereof. Sign in for the tournament will be held in the upstairs hall, until 11:30 AM. The tournament will begin promptly at noon. If you intend to fight in the tournament, please fill out our online tournament registration form located at www.mudthaw.org to speed your way.

The Champion of Arts and Sciences competition will be held in the upstairs hall. Check-in for the competition will begin promptly at 9:30 AM and close at 11:30 AM. Details on the format of the competition will be posted to www.mudthaw.org when they become available. Entrants are encouraged to pre-register for the event and for the competition using the online form located at www.mudthaw.org. Entrants who are pre-registered will be allowed to enter the hall to set up when troll opens for staff and merchants at 9:00 AM. Entries must be picked up by 3:00 PM.

In addition to the dual championships, there will be tournaments for rapier combat, archery, thrown weapons, and youth fighting. The fencing tournament will begin at 12:30 PM. Archery and thrown weapons will begin at 11:45 AM and 1:15 PM respectively. More information will be forthcoming in regards to youth combat. Sign in for these martial activities will be inside the upstairs hall until 11:30. If you intend to participate in a martial activity, please fill out our online tournament registration form located at www.mudthaw.org to speed your way.

The East Kingdom Brewers Guild will be hosting a brewing competition, and while man cannot live on bread alone, we will be holding the first Mudthaw bread baking competition. Entries will be accepted in the following categories for the baking competition: period recipe, bread with spread, dessert bread, and surprise us. Please include a full ingredient list for all entries. Entries in the period recipe category must include documentation.

After court, we invite all to dine on the delicious feast being prepared by Lady Charis Accipiter. Baroness Rhiannon will be holding her second annual subtlety contest. The theme for this year's subtleties is Champions. All entries should be presented to Her Excellency at High Table during the feast for judging.

**** Please note, there will be no dayboard at this event. **** We encourage you to provide your own food for the day, and are arranging to have food merchants on-site.

For more information and online tournament and competition pre-registration forms, please visit our website at www.mudthaw.org.

Please make checks payable to "SCA Inc – Barony of Settmour Swamp". With your reservation, please list each person's modern and SCA name and the ages of any minors. Please also include an e-mail address or phone number where we can reach you if needed. If you intend to use the express check-in, please send proof of membership with your reservation and a SASE for the express check in letter. Acceptable proof of membership includes a copy of your membership card, a current Pikestaff label with your name on it, or the proof of membership letter from the SCA web site.

Directions:

From the Garden State Parkway:

Take exit 145 to Route 280 WEST. Go 4.3 miles to exit 7 for Pleasant Valley Way toward Millburn/Verona. Bear left at end of ramp (toward Millburn), turn left at Pleasant Valley Way SOUTH and go 0.4 miles to junction of Route 10/Mount Pleasant Ave. Turn right onto Route 10/Mount Pleasant Ave. WEST. The site is 1.2 miles down the road on the right.

From Route 287:

Take the exit for Route 10 EAST (exit 39 from 287 South; exit 39A from 287 North). Follow Route 10 EAST, continuing on Route 10 through the traffic circle at Eisenhower Parkway. The site is 8.7 miles east of Route 287 on the left.

Public Transportation:

N.J. Transit has Bus service from Newark Penn Station that travels along Route 10 in Livingston and can stop near the site. Consult www.njtransit.com for updated information on service and schedules.

Site : Pre-registration: Until March 12, 2009; Adult: \$10.00; Children 6-17: \$5.00; Under 6: Free
At the door: Adults: \$12.00; Children 6-17: \$5.00; Under 6: Free
Adult non-members: please add the \$3 non-member surcharge.
Feast: \$9.00 per person

Reservation Refund Policy: If, after sending in a reservation, you are unable to attend, please contact the autocrat before the event. Site fees and merchant fees will be refunded after the event. Feast fees will be refunded if we are able to resell your feast space. Troll will close when royal court opens. Unclaimed feast reservations will be sold off to a waiting list if there is one when troll closes. If you plan on arriving late, please let the autocrat know.

Send Reservations to: Mistress Jessa D'Avondale, c/o Marla Lecin, 362 Cherry Avenue, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

Autocrat: Lord Owynn Greenwood (Michael Sklower), 31 Mali Drive, North Plainfield, NJ 07062 (908-447-2979)

Merchant Coordinator: Lady Kalisfena D'Mer Greenwood (Shawn Sklower)



Volunteers Needed for Troll at Mudthaw

Greetings,

Volunteers are still needed to staff the check-in tables. Shifts will be two hours in length and the first shift starts at 9:00 AM. Currently I am understaffed on all shifts. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help out, even if only for one hour.

Contact me at hawkwoode@att.net if you are able to volunteer or if you have any questions.

In service,

Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood

Practices and Activities

Archery Practice

Second and fourth Sunday, St. Paul's Church, Flemington, NJ.

Weekends in Pittstown (October thru end of March), weather permitting. Anyone interested in shooting, please contact Elizabeth Hawkwood at hawkwoode@att.net or call 908-996-6315 for directions and information.

Arts & Sciences Activities

Third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 346 High Street (Rt 609), Hope, NJ.
Contact fafnir62@yahoo.com for information.

Dance Practice

Third Tuesday, 7:15 PM. The Canton of Marwick hosts practice at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford. Anyone who would like to learn medieval/renaissance dances, whether you live in the Barony or a neighboring group, is welcome to attend.

Fencing Practice

Thursdays from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM at Maestro Fencing, 217 W Main St, Somerville, NJ 08876 There is a \$5.00 site fee to cover the cost of using the facility. Contact Sebastian Estevan de Xavier for more information via email at Xavier1101@yahoo.com or call 732-742-8882.

Youth Fighter Practice

Practice will held one Sunday each month at St. Paul's Church in Flemington, NJ. Please contact Angus Sutherland at 908-284-2614 or email him at minor@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org for current information.

Fighter Practice

Wednesdays 6:30PM to 10:00PM, Nutley, NJ. A \$5.00 donation is requested to help defray the cost of the site rental. If you have questions, please email Sir Tanaka Raiko at salvacion_hank@hotmail.com. If you get lost, Tanaka's pager is 201-232-9337.

Thursdays, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM, St. Paul's Church, Flemington, NJ. *Currently suspended.*



Directions to Practices

Youth Fighter Practice - St. Paul's Church, Flemington

St Paul's is on Rt. 31 in Flemington, next door to the Hunterdon Medical Center, two miles north of the Flemington Circle. Directions are on line or contact Angus Sutherland at 908-284-2614 or email minor@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

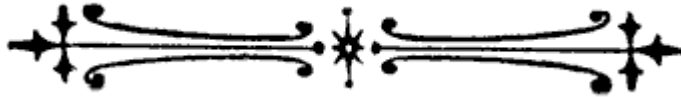
Fighter Practice - Reformed Church of Nutley, Nutley

The church is on Hillside Crescent, Nutley, NJ. Directions are on line or contact Sir Tanaka Reiko at salvacion_hank@hotmail.com.

Fencing Practice – Maestro Fencing, Somerset

Maestro Fencing is at 217 W Main St, Somerville, NJ. Directions are available on line or contact Sebastian Estevan de Xavier via email at Xavier1101@yahoo.com or call 732-742-8882.

Dance Practice - Calvary Lutheran Church, Cranford. The church is at 108 Eastman Street (on the corner of Eastman and Holly) For information and directions contact Jessa at mlecin@gmail.com or call her at 732-563-1029.



Baronial Business Meeting

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11 at the home Lady Eleanor Callaghan. For directions and more information, contact the baronial seneschal via email for more details.

From the Canton of Gryphonwald

Gryphonwald meetings are held the fourth Sunday of the month. Contact the Gryphonwald seneschal, Lord Pippin a'Bheithir at gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org for details.

From the Canton of Marwick

The Canton will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford at 7:15 PM. For more details and directions, contact the seneschal, Lord Edmund Patterson at 908-561-2345 or email him at clost95@aol.com

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