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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLET THE BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP

To the populace Settmour Swamp, greet- now and the fall. ings from Alexander and Rhiannon.

Mudthaw will have come and gone we would like to thank everyone for all their efforts for making this event happen but we will leave the details until next month.

On March 12th a group of us had the chance to travel to the University of *Penn*sylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology to see the Secrets of Silk Road exhibition. We had a wonderful time. It is a shame the exhibit was forced to close early. We do hope everyone who wanted to see it had a chance to get to the closed. Thank you to Merlinnia, Ceara, Stephanie, Mike, Katherine, Ben and ested in helping Cathy for joining us. Ideas already pouring in. seems there are several exhibits of interest going With the weather warmon over the next several months. Please keep an eye out for the announcements for more information. We hope to have

of about 3 trips between theme and review any-

At Mudthaw our current Seneschal Lord Erec By the time you read this L'Clair will be stepping down. We would like to thank him for his years of service to the Barony as our Seneschal. Vivat for a iob well done! THL Emeline Patterson will be stepping up to the position as Seneschal of Settmour Swamp. We hope you all give her your support during her term and we look forward to working with her.

With Spring officially here plans are underway for this year's Quest. year the Quest will be based on The Decameron and our travels from Flor-Museum before the exhibit ence to the country to it. the bubonic avoid plague. If you are interplease contact our Autofor the next road trip are crats Dom Galefridus and It Lady Katherine.

> ing up it also means that Pennsic is coming up. We will have our normal meeting after court on Sunday this year's party

thing else needed for this year's camp. We do need volunteers for Mommy / Slum Lord and Land Agent. Alexander will be available to be Land Agent if needed, but we would like to find someone who would be interested in helping with it or taking it over. Please contact us soon if you are interested in either position.

Speaking of Pennsic. thank you to Erec L'Clair, James, Bowie and Phillip for traveling out to Coopers Lake to retrieve the tower project and drive it home. The tower is now at Eric and Nan's home and we will be having workshops soon to finish

We are still looking for a practice site new use. If you know of a site, please let us or Emeline know.

## Alexander and Rhiannon Alexander

MacGregor Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen

> Baron and Baroness, Settmour Swamp

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Officer Listing

## **Quest XXVIII: A Pocket Full of Posies**

Welcome to 14th century Florence, where plague is stalking the streets. Join us as we escape the city to our country retreat and seek to amuse ourselves.

Fighters, bring your armor and weapons. Fencers, bring your rapiers. Archers, bring your bows and arrows, and those who practice target throwing, bring your axes and knives. Artisans, bring your Arts and Sciences projects. The winners of these tournaments will be our Baronial Champions. The fighting, archery, and thrown weapons competitions will be held on Saturday. Fencing competition will be on Sunday. In addition, a brewing contest will be held on Saturday.

After a long day of events we will be having a great Italian feast on Saturday evening prepared by Lady Charis (menu to be announced). The feast will be limited to 100 gentles, so we ask you to please register early. After the feast we challenge you to gather around our fire pit and entertain us with your songs and stories. The best of all will be named our Bardic Champion.

For those looking to use their wits, we offer you a mighty quest based on Boccaccio's Decameron. It promises to be fun and challenging. The Quest will begin at 1 PM on Sunday. Childrens teams are welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult.

We ask that you supervise your children at all times. Anyone under the age of eighteen who is not with a parent must be accompanied by an adult and must present a consent form signed by the parent listing the parents contact information. If a minor does not have a blue membership card, a minor waiver must be signed by the parent/legal guardian and presented at Troll. Copies of this waiver are available on-line at <a href="http://www.sca.org/docs/waivers.html">http://www.sca.org/docs/waivers.html</a> and will be available at the event.

The camping area will be open from 4 PM Friday until 11:30 AM Monday. It is a damp site, which means beer, wine, and mead are permissible, but please no distilled liquor. Running water is not available on site, so please bring enough bottled water to last the weekend. Port-a-Johns, dumpsters for garbage, and bins for recyclables will also be provided. In addition to feast gear, you will need chairs and a table, or a blanket to sit on for the feast. There will be a large, central fire pit for socializing. Pets are welcome so long as they are leashed and cleaned up after.

There will be an Inn on site run by Rachel of Gwynedd. Several fast food establishments are a short distance away.

Reservations must include Mundane and SCA names for all persons included in the reservation, in addition to the ages of all the children included in your party. You will need to provide proof of membership for all members included in the reservation (photocopy of membership card or a copy of the cover of a recent Pikestaff with the member's name is acceptable). Also include contact information for the head of your party. The check or money order should be made out to SCA Inc., Barony of Settmour Swamp for the total amount of the reservation.

Merchants are most welcome, and there is no merchant fee. We do ask that you bring your own tables and PLEASE pre-register so we can allot you enough space. All Merchants must contact the Autocrat prior to the event. With your reservation please include full contact information as well as the name of your merchant booth.

Site Opens: 4 pm Friday Site Closes: 12 noon Monday

## **Event Location**

Neshanic Volunteer Fireman's Field Corner of River Road & Elm Street Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

## **Directions:**

**From 287:** Take Exit 17 and merge onto Route 202/206S. Stay on 202/206S for 3.7 miles. Turn left at Chubb Way. It will turn into S. Branch Road. After 3.8 miles turn left at Pleasant Run Road (County Road 567). It will change its name to River Road. After almost a mile, turn right onto Elm Street and go over a white girder bridge. The site is on the right.

**From the South:** Use Route 202. It can be reached from Routes 31 and 29 from the south. Take Route 202 north. Turn right onto Pleasant Run Road (County Road 629). Continue to follow County Road 629. It becomes County Road 567 (River Road). About 3 miles from Route 202, you'll see the white girder bridge. Make a right turn onto the bridge (Elm Street). You'll see the site on the right.

**From eastern NJ:** Take Rt 287 exit 14B (a left-hand exit) onto Route 22 West for 3 miles. Take the exit for Routes 206/202 south, then keep to the left to take Route 202 over the Somerville Circle. After 5.4 miles, turn left at the traffic light onto Chubb Way. Then follow the directions for people coming from the North.

For those with GPS units, you can give the address as 200 Elm St., Neshanic Station, NJ.

## **Event Fees**

**Site:** \$ 6.00 Friday night

\$11.00 Saturday day trip rate adult [18+] \$11.00 Sunday day trip rate adult [18+]

Monday is free

\$ 6.00 minor [6-17] per day rate

Children under 6 are free

All children must be accompanied and supervised at all times by an adult.

\$60.00 Family Max site fee

\$ 5.00 Adult Non SCA member surcharge

Make Checks Payable to: SCA inc, Barony of Settmour Swamp

Credit card payment through ACCEPS is in the process of being set up and will be available shortly.

**Feast:** \$7.00 Onboard fee for the feast All reservations must be postmarked by May 18

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

## **Contact Information**

### **Event Steward:** Send Reservations to: Dom. Galefridus Peregrinus Lady Katherine de Staverton [Lon Mendelsohn] [Katie Mendelsohn] Baroness Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen 3 Morris Place 3 Morris Place c/o B.J. Altrath Towaco, NJ 07082 Towaco, NJ 07082 163 Anderson Rd. (973) 214-4957 before 10pm (973) 402-1799 before 10pm Asbury, NJ 08802 galefridus@optimum.net mcmendelsohn@optimum.net

## Other Contact Information:

All Merchants MUST contact the Autocrat prior to the event. With your reservation please include full contact information as well as the name of your merchant booth.

## **Schedule of Events**

- April 2— Coronation (Bridge)
- April 13—
   Business Meeting
- April 24—
   Gryphonwald Meeting
- April 29, 30 & May 1— Southern Region War Camp (Carillion)
- May 11—
   Business Meeting
- May 22—
   Gyrphonwald Meeting
- May 27—30: Quest

## Armored Combat Practice

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 10:00 PM at the: Franklin Reformed Church, 45 Hillside Crescent, Nutley, NJ 07110.

A \$5.00 donation is requested to help defray the cost of the site rental. If you have questions, contact Sir Douglas Henry at: rayotd@yahoo.com or 551-206-1724.

## **Rapier Practice**

Thursdays, 7:00 to 10:00 PM at the: Somerville Rescue Squad, 21 Park Avenue,

Somerville, NJ 08876.

A \$5.00 per person donation will be collected each week. For more information, please contact:

Lady Jehane de Fenwyk at 908-217-4484

## **Archery Practice -**

Beginning in April, there is weeknight archery practice at the home of Elizabeth Hawkwood. Please contact Baroness Elizabeth at hawkwoode@gmail.com for details and directions.

# April 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6 Fight Practice	7 Rapier Practice	8	9
10	11	12	13 Business Meeting Fight Practice	14 Rapier Practice	15	16
17	18	19	20 Fight Practice	21 Rapier Practice	22	23
24 Gryphonwald	25	26	27 Fight Practice	28 Rapier Practice	29	30
Meeting			<u> </u>	, -	Southern Reg	ion War Camp

# May 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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8	9	10	11 Business Meeting	12 Rapier Practice	13	14
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22 Gryphonwald	23	24	25	26 Rapier Practice	27	28
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## **Sunday Archery and Thrown Weapons Practice**

From 1:00 to 4:00 PM

at the home of Maîtresse Jehannine de Flandres & Master Phillip the Facetious 310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519), Milford, NJ 08848 (908) 995-4417

# Settmour Swamp-March Business Meeting Notes

## March 9, 2011 Somerville Rescue Squad

Recording Scribe: Emeline Patterson

### In attendance:

## Officers:

Seneschal: Erec L'Claire Baron: Alexander MacGregor Baroness: Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen A&S: Jeannine de Flandres Archery: Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg Chamberlain: Gudrun Gudmunderdottir Chatelaine/Marwick: Edmund Patterson Chirurgeon (acting): Philip Reed Chronicler: Owynn Greenwood Exchequer/Gryphonwald: Herald: Alys Mackynitoch Knight Marshal: Erich Hundeman

## Autocrats:

Webminister:

Mudthaw: **Emeline Patterson** Quest: Galefridus Peregrinus

## Others in attendance:

Charis Accipiter, Costanzia Maria Colonna, Faelin Finn, Gaspar, Jehane de Fenwyk, Siobhna na Preachainn

## Not in Attendance:

Marshal of Fence: Orlando Sforza MoL: Caera MacKieran Thrown Weapons: Padraig Quinn

There are currently 18 officer positions in the barony and 2 autocrats of baronial events, thus quorum is currently 11.

## Officer Election:

## Seneschal:

Erec L'Claire will step down at Mudthaw, position will be open for March meeting vote.

Emeline Patterson voted in.

## **Past Events:**

## January 15, 2011 12th Night

Ryan to post report onto officers list In attendance adults 176, 1 child, 3 6-17 year olds \$4206.00

## February 12, 2011 - Black Gryphon

42ish people

Feast went smooth

Too cold for activities

It is a really good site they did set up and clean up, have dishwasher, smallish kitchen facilities

Did not hit break even Lost about \$200 Must get event report

\*\*Note - All Seneschals should have a copy of the insurance paperwork and all autocrats should have a copy at every event. **Future Events** 

## March 26. 2011 - Mudthaw

Need fencing MOL

Email to marshals to not start tourneys until Excellencies open each tourney

Preliminary Feast Menu presented - already

List of planned activities and people in charge of activities - Heavy Tourney Erich Hundeman, Fencing Tourney Orlando Sforza, Cut and Thrust Tourney Orlando Sforza, Youth Fencing pickups Collin Monroe, Youth Fighting Tourney Sterling, Thrown Weapons Tourney Collin Mackenzie, A&S Competition Jehaninne, Artisans Challenge (metal boxes) Karin Jacobsdottir, Baking Competition Brigit, Brewing Competition Phillip, Artisan Displays/ Demonstrations Jehaninne, Subtlety Competition Baroness Rhiannon, Exchequers' Meeting Kingdom Exchequer, 2 vigils, Baronial Court, Royal Court, Feast

Other Staff: Tammi Head of Troll, Malcolm set-up, Tadcaster court set up and breakdown, Edmund cleanup, TOAD cleanup crew, Alisone has her own kitchen crew...Konrad's

crew for outdoors cleanup

Prize ideas presented to Baron & Baroness for approval - scrolls, wood burning, silk painted scarf, etched stein

Final Feast Budget and Menu - same as it ever was...

Submit request for Baronial Inventory to Chamberlain - we'll just take the whole inven-

Site Tokens decided upon - feast tokens only by Alexander Younger

Pre-reg

84 Adults (11 from ACCEPs)

1 Student

6 Minors (3 from ACCEPs)

58 Feast (11 from ACCEPs)

91 total pre-reg

## Memorial Day Weekend—Quest

Quest theme Florence 14th C during the

plague Decameron

Site fee looking at about 4K

Site token posies

Rhiannon to take pre-reges

ACCEPs form ready

Charis - Preliminary Feast Menu \$7 Italian, mostly 14th c: white cheese torte w/ sweet pastry crust, rice fritters, cabbage & sausage in white wine sauce, baby onions, plum pastry, copiette sliced beefed grilled w bacon & herbs, chicken in pomegranate sauce. Charis is test cooking all to see if this all works. Have white board or something with sched-

ule and rules of site at troll.

## **Cantons**

## Gryphonwald

Doing swell. Nothing going on except BGI. BGI next year: there was a problem with fighting. Next year to do just Inn, no marshal activities. More focus on A&S and brewing. Canton wants to make the focus smaller Gryphonwald got the zip codes for Somerset

## Marwick

Officers have stepped down, all officer positions open

## Tyr Mynydd

Not meeting any longer.

## **Old Business**

## **Swamp Shirts**

Zazzle Store set up, artwork in the works, should see by April meeting

## Officer Budget

Voted and passed

## **New EZ-Ups**

EZ Ups Express 2 model, \$200 each, vote passed to purchase

Erec will purchase and bring to Mudthaw

Being fetched on Sat Mar 12, going to Erec's

## **Demo Sign**

Ceara to bring to Mudthaw. Will go into inventory.

## **Restaurant Depot Cards**

5 Active Cards

Charis has one.

Megan has one.

Who has others? Wilhelm? Elizabeth Talbot? Cass?

## March Meeting Notes Continued

## **Church Shed**

Phillip and Erec to go get on Fri or Sun

### Chronicler

Owynn needs permission from officers to publish phone numbers. Owynn to post to the list for Officers to give permission

## **New Business**

University of Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, March 11, 2011 Secrets of the Silk Road

Baldrics for each office.
Please start discussion on line.

## Logistics

Emeline proposes a new office be created to be called Logistics. The barony would purchase a medium sized trailer (able to be pulled by a 6 cylinder car). The new position would be responsible for care and transport of the trailer, transport of inventory to and from Chamberlain for each Swamp event.

Barony is registered for Pennsic and preregistration is open.

May Morgan Library the 14th c Flemish

Red Mill Museum in Clinton demo. July 11 & 12 Rhiannon and Phillip to head.

Phillip and Jehaninne to host archery on Sundays in the starting in April. Phillip to email Owynn with info for Mudpuppy

## **Future Meetings:**

Wednesday April 13, 2011 – Charis and Orlando Hackettstown, NJ

May 11, 2011 – Somerville Rescue Squad

June 1st or 2nd weekend in the park?

# News from around Settmour Swamp

## **News from their Majesties Court at Mudthaw:**

- Congratulations to our Baron, Master Alexander Macgregor on his induction into the Order of the Pelican.
- Congratulations to our Baroness, Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen and Lady Ása in Svarta on their induction into the Queen's Order of Courtesy.
- Congratulations to our knight marshal, The Honorable Lord Erich Hundeman on receiving a Grant of Arms.

It takes many people to run an event like Mudthaw. From the people there the day before to set up things; to those who worked troll, welcoming people to the event; to our marshals and MOLS; our A&S coordinators and judges; our head chef, cooks, and servers; and those who stayed to clean...

Trying to name each person would be too difficult. We would forget someone and some we will never know who did something small or large to help the event run. So to each and every person who attended, who helped out, who made the day what it was....

To those who stayed late to clean in the kitchen:

- Jon i Visby, who was in the kitchen all day scrubbing dishes
- Tjelvar Inn Landverski who jumped into the kitchen to help clean at his first event in the Kingdom
- Master Ali (Arab Boy) and Duke Konrad who stayed late and cleaned the last of the dishes.
- Mistress Juliana von Altenfeld, Don Edmund Patterson, Don Malcolm Bowman, Lady Caitriona of Greenwood Isle, Lady Jehane de Fenwyk, Lady Kalisfena Greenwood
- And anyone we may have forgotten...

## THANK YOU!

The Honorable Lady Emeline Patterson &
The Honorable Lord Owynn Greenwood
—your autocrats for Mudthaw XXXI

## **Your Barony Needs... YOU!**

Ask not what your barony can do for you, but what you can do for your barony

Have you ever wanted to run an event in the SCA? Have you ever wanted to cook a feast?

At Interested parties should contact the Baronial Seneschal, The Honorable Lady Emeline Patterson:

seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

# FROM THE BOARD

Due to external economic conditions and increased overall costs facing the SCA Inc., the Board of Directors and senior staff have been forced to make over \$250,000 in cost cutting measures to the 2011 budget in order to ensure continued operations.

The largest recurring expense for the SCA at the corporate level is the stipend payments made to the Kingdoms for publishing hardcopy newsletters. As our modern society moves increasingly away from hardcopy publishing to electronic mediums, the costs of hardcopy publishing have increased proportionally. Based on the need to curb these costs, and the responses of the membership in the 2010 census, the Board of Directors believes it is essential for the continued financial health of the SCA to transition the organization away from paper newsletters. Accordingly, the SCA has initiated a project to transition all kingdoms to e-newsletters, and is projecting implementation by Jan 1, 2012. Until the SCA has the infrastructure in place to support e-newsletters, the 2011 stipend amount provided by the corporate level for production assistance will be reduced to cover only those aspects required by the governing documents. This will reduce the overall stipend for mailings and production by 60%. The decrease will begin with the stipend checks being mailed after the end of the 1st quarter of 2011. The Board of Directors greatly regrets the necessity of making these changes to the stipend structure, but feels that it is the best of an array of difficult options to execute its fiduciary responsibility to the membership of the organization.

This means that postage will still be covered for all mailing classes, including the expected postal rate increase later this year, but the production stipend will be greatly reduced. Most components of newsletter production costs are controlled at the Kingdom level, including newsletter size, use of color printing, page count due to non-required information, and printing companies utilized. Thus, Kingdom Chroniclers have several tools at their disposal to lessen the impact of the stipend decrease. To further mitigate the financial impact to the Kingdoms, the following changes in required inclusions will be effective with April 2011 newsletters:

- Membership forms will no longer be required to be published
- The list of Board of Director nominees will no longer be required to be published
- Full Society regnum will no longer be required to be published. Contact information for the Kingdom Ombudsman must still be included.
- A statement indicating where to locate the additional information on www.sca.org and/or Kingdom websites will be required to be published.

As additional reminders, branch event announcements are only required to be published for the month in which the event occurs. Should the branch event occur in the first week of the month, publication in only the prior month is acceptable. Please refer to the Chronicler's Handbook for the minimum event information required for publication.

The Society Chronicler has information available for the printing house in Knoxville, Tennessee (USA) that several Kingdoms have already been utilizing for more cost-effective printing and mailing services.

Fundraising that is specifically done for the purpose of newsletter publication is still allowed, but (as always) is at the discretion of the Kingdoms.

The Board of Directors, SCA, Inc. greatly appreciates the time and effort put into newsletters produced at all levels of the organization and is committed to implementing a financially responsible process to provide information to the membership by a blend of electronic and hardcopy media.

Please contact your ombudsman with questions or concerns.

Board of Directors, SCA, Inc.

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# Upcoming Baronial **Business Meetings:**

Wednesday. April 13, 2011—Please contact the seneschal for address and directions.

All are welcome to attend the Baronial Business Meetings. For directions or more information about the Baronial Business Meetings, please contact The Honorable Lady Emeline Patterson:

seneschal@settmourswamp. eastkingdom.org

Many Hands Make Light Work

Running barony, canton or an event like Twelfth Night, Mudthaw, Quest, or even Black Gryphon Inn takes a lot of work. There are many positions where volunteers are needed. From decorating the hall and setting up chairs, to cleaning up after the event, the more people who pitch in, the better the event is for everyone. Volunteers are needed to help with event and as officers. For more information on how you can help out, please contact Emeline Patterson: seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org.