



# The Mudpuppy

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
THE BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP

Good Gentles, We Greet You and Bring the Following News...

The Barony's annual Quest for Wit and Wisdom was very eventful this year, but Judith and Galefridus handled everything efficiently and gracefully. We thank them for a wonderful event, along with Charis for yet another delicious and bountiful feast. We also would like to thank Ceara who wrote and ran the Quest and to everyone who helped in any large or small way to make this event happen. It was a wonderful weekend.

The month of June saw several workshops on the Swamp Pennsic Tower project, run by James at the home of Erec and Ana. We thank them all for their dedication to this undertaking and would like to encourage people to come out and help get this thing done in time for Pennsic this year. We are on schedule, but could use more hands to make things go more smoothly and lessen the burden for those of us who have toiled long and hard on this worthy

project. If you would like to view Pennsic from the top of a 14 ft. tower this summer, come and help make it happen. July dates are the 16th and 17th, 23rd and 24th. Workshops start at about 10 and go to about 4 or 5, sometimes as late as 8 p.m. You don't have to stay all day, just do what you can.

The Red Mill Museum Demo is the weekend of July 9-10 and all are welcome. We still need fighters, fencers, weapon throwers and archers, as well as people to display and discuss their crafts. Entertainers (singers, dancers, musicians, storytellers) are also most welcome. Let Rhiannon know if you are able to come, doing what and if bringing a tent, shade canopy, etc. Fair is from 10-4 both days. Set up Friday evening or early Saturday. All cars to be unloaded and off site by 9 am each day. Parking is available in local public lots.

We will be visiting the Morgan Library on July 16th to take in the exhibit of medieval Flemish costumes with the associated manuscripts on display. We know this conflicts with one of the

Tower workshops, but we plan to make up for our absence on Sunday the 17th. Come join us both days if you can. We will meet in the lobby of the museum when it opens and probably have a late lunch nearby.

If you have not already registered for Pennsic with the Coopers, you may not camp with the Swamp. If you have, please fill out the Swamp Camp form and return it to Alexander now. We have about 80 people camping with us and there is much to do. Everyone will be needed to help with camp responsibilities and the party. We still need someone to oversee the party planning and someone or a group of people to organize breaking down camp. Major jobs like this get you preferred camping sites, the points don't matter. Please contact Alexander, who is our Land Agent and Slum Lord, if you can help him. Alexander and I have many responsibilities on behalf of the Barony during Pennsic and it is difficult for either of us to

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take care of all camp matters as well. We need you to help as much as you can.

After Pennsic, actually, 2 weeks after, the weekend of Aug. 27-28, we have another demo at the Warren County 4H Ren Faire. We had a great time last year and it should be even better this time. We can repeat whatever we did last time (they loved us), expand if we want to, and just have some fun interacting with the fairgoers. Let them do some hands on A&S, if possible, and talk to them about the marshal arts they are watching. Set up will be Friday afternoon, even Thursday is possible, if needed. Period tents and canopies are welcome as is any period furniture that you can bring. Anyone in period garb with a membership card will be admitted for free, but please plan to help out with the demo if you come. Let Rhiannon know what you will be doing and bringing.

Well it certainly will be a busy summer, so stay cool, drink plenty of water and have a great time.

See you all very soon,

Alexander and Rhiannon  
Baron and Baroness  
Settmour Swamp

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the populace of the Barony of Carillion as we all mourn the loss of Baron Cosmo of Carillion who passed from this life on June 17th, 2011. He will be remembered and missed in Carillion and far beyond its borders.

Alexander and Rhiannon



Photo by Baroness Cateline la Broderesse

# Settmour Swamp—June Business Meeting Notes

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June 8, 2011

South Plainfield, NJ

Recording Scribe: Jehane

## In attendance:

### Officers:

Seneschal: Emeline Patterson  
Baron: Alexander MacGregor  
Baroness: Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen  
A&S: Jeannine de Flandres  
Archery: Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg  
Chamberlain: Gudrun Gudmunderdottir  
Chatelaine: Edmund Patterson  
Chronicler: Owynn Greenwood  
Exchequer: Ryan  
Herald: Alys Mackynitoch  
Knight Marshal: Erich Hundeman  
Marshal of Fence: Orlando Sforza

### Autocrats:

Quest: Galefridus & Judith

### Others in attendance:

Gaspar Perera  
Constance Maria Colona  
HRH Kiena Stewart  
Eric L’Claire  
James of York

### Not in Attendance:

Chirurgon (acting): Philip Reed  
Gryphonewald: Failenn Finn  
MoL: Caera MacKieran  
Thrown Weapons: Pdraig Quinn  
Webminister: PJ

There are currently 17 officer positions in the barony and 1 autocrat of baronial events, thus quorum is currently 10.

## Meeting Called to Order

### Past Events

#### Quest Memorial Day Weekend

Quest XXVIII (27-30 May 2011) was a successful event. New baronial champions were selected, many participated in a thoroughly enjoyable Quest, and

many of the attendees we spoke with said that they were enjoying themselves. As already stated on the Settmour Swamp Yahoo group, this success was due in large part to the excellent staff of volunteers who worked with us: Charis Accipiter, Feastocrat; Eric the Horseman, who served as an invaluable resource to us; Ceara MacKieran, who ran the heavy weapons tournament and wrote the Quest; Suba al-Hadid, who stepped in fairly late in the game to run Troll; Hildemar the Alchemist, our Chirurgon-in-Charge; the various champions and marshals who designed and ran the tournaments; and the many individuals who gave unstintingly of their time, often without being asked.

Nevertheless, we observed or were informed of a number of issues:

1. Individuals arriving on Friday before the site was actually open (one small group got there before we arrived on site at 9:00am);
2. No firewood available on site;
3. Port-a-Johns insufficient (overripe by late Sunday);
4. Grass was a bit too long;
5. Transport of baronial inventory to and from the site was logistically difficult.

Another matter specific to this particular Quest was the occurrence of two health-related incidents that necessitated calling 911.

Finally, as autocrats working on this event for the first time, we rapidly discovered that no Quest-specific documentation existed that would guide us in the planning process. Everyone was quite helpful, and we received a lot of guidance and help in the form of anecdotes from more

experienced folks in the Barony, but a single, comprehensive, Quest planning document would have made our lives much simpler. To that end, we will be developing such a document and submitting it to the officers for approval.

### Future Events

#### Red Mill Museum in Clinton demo. July 9, 10

- Rhiannon and Phillip to head
- Rhiannon sent an e-mail to the lists
- Thor to run archery, Jehannine to run A&S, Owynn will run fencing if necessary, Eric will run heavy fighting, and there are a number of people who have committed to doing various demonstrations \$60 budget for food/drink for set up and break down crews

#### July 16<sup>th</sup> Morgan Library Flemish – Illuminating Fashion

Email sent to Settmour list

#### Warren County 4 H August 27 & 28

- 2 weeks after Pennsic
- Owynn to email Elaine for digital copy of flyer to make available to all who want
- Rhiannon to check if ok to invite all SCA with membership card for free and post on EK site
- We are being moved down closer to where the archery was held last year, with a larger area being designated for our people.
- Discussion for what to do with the archery back drop issue.
- \$250 budget for food/drinks for set up and break down crews E-mail to be sent out to invite all

## June Meeting Notes Continued

members with the requirements

### September 3<sup>rd</sup> Discovery Center Pompeii and Potter

Email sent to Settmour list

### **Elections**

Chirurgion: Gaspar Perrera  
Confirmed his warrant with the regional. Membership is in good standing. Term from June 2011 to June 2013

### **Cantons**

#### Gryphonwald

All is well

#### Marwick

Canton is inactive

#### Tyr Mynydd

Not meeting any longer.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Demo Sign

- Ceara will have after Quest Rhiannon almost done too

#### Restaurant Depot Cards

- 5 Active Cards
- Charis has one - #3
- Megan has one.

Who has others? Wilhelm? Elizabeth Talbot? Cass? Trixie?

#### Pennsic

- 25 people already pre-registered
- Court will be Thursday
- Camp mommy will be the same as last year
- Party theme will be a play on the "40" theme
- Tent has been ordered

- Owynn will be running 2 fencing tournaments at Pennsic, asked if Barony will sponsor the prizes for the tournament. One will be a known world high order of merit (OGR, White Scarf, etc) tourney, the other will be a known world cadet tourney. Wants \$70 total, \$35 each tourney, Darkwood will give gift certs for \$50 per \$35. Motion passed.
- Orlando will be running the by the book fencing tourney, and has asked the Barony to sponsor. There are usually 3 prizes. He asked for a budget of \$75 for prizes. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Other

- Mudthaw – will now conflict with Estrella Wars, will we lose RP status? We decided on March 24 – should be after Estrella and before Gulf. We are penciled in. The Shriners will be forwarding the proposal to us as soon as they can. Em to put in a placeholder on the EK web site.
- Coronation for Gregor and Kienna?(October 1<sup>st</sup>) – We will possibly put in a bid for this. Eric is looking into various sites for this event. Anyone with suggestions for site locations, please e-mail Eric directly
- House Von Halstern wishes to run an event beginning of October (yes), we will interface with them after the coronation is decided.
- Mike – school demo, from last year June 17<sup>th</sup>, Em to send e-mail to list to ask for volunteers, 8:30 to 4:30, Readington Middle School.

- Queen's Favors for Pennsic – Rhiannon, Jehannine and Connie to set up a workshop
- Orlando proposes a search committee to locate a new Baronial meeting site. He will head up the committee. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Orlando directly.
- Gaspar has volunteered to be Baronial Chirurgion. Was discussed and voted on – approved.
- Possible New Quest site – working farm located in East Lebanon with kitchen facilities with freezer and cold room. Has flush bathrooms and water facilities (will still need to rent port a johns). Has roofed area which will seat approximately 100 people to use for feast. Has fire pits and picnic tables on site. Still waiting to receive price quotes from site. Will work on having non-smoking areas (camping and activities) at new site.
- Em suggested having an EK swap meet (similar to the Swamp Swap we had last year) with Carillion.
- Tower – next week will be work day for tower. Also planning work days for third and fourth weekends of July. Have canvas for sides, will schedule work day to sew

#### Future Meetings:

July 13: Phillip and Jehannine's  
August: No Meeting  
Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>  
Oct. 12th  
Nov. 9: Galfriedus and Judith  
Dec. 14th

# Settmour Swamp—May Officer Reports

## **ARCHERY:**

Archery is alive and well in the swamp. We had 13 shooters in this past Saturday's tourney at Quest. The new baronial champ is Garth the Tinker. Practice will resume this Sunday at the home of Phillip and Jehannine

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## **CHAMBERLAIN:**

The general inventory (carports, pop-ups, stakes & ropes, drink dispensers, etc.) have returned from Quest. Food related items are still out & about but will return soon in good shape (as in clean) since Lady Charis is known to be good about these things. All else is in good order, with no changes or problems.

Gudrun Gudmunderdottir

## **HERALD:**

Sinking Tower Pursuivant doesn't have much to report: heraldry happens. People continue to be interested in putting in names and devices. Congratulations to Erec le Clair on successfully running Court at Quest.

Alys

## **WEB MINISTER:**

Unfortunately, the home office is still in shambles after the epic gryphonwald moving, so my planned site refresh hasn't moved along much. I've been able to catch up with updates from work, so at least there's that ;) The camp form has been tweaked slightly: text has not changed from what was given to me, this was just lining things up, and smoothing the inevitable result of a billion minor annual edits.

Finally, I will not be at this weeks meeting, and won't be very accessible until next Sunday. There's a mountain in Tennessee calling.

X, aka  
PJ Sickels, aka  
Aether Manas

## **MINISTER OF LISTS:**

The tourney at Quest was lots of fun. It went rather smoothly, and we were successful in getting another Champion.

Ceara

## **CHATELAINE:**

Quest went well. We had several people stop by and we received their email addresses. Information has been sent out to those people.

Edmund

## **THROWN WEAPONS:**

Quest Tournament went well and we have a new Baronial Champion, Alexander of Eisental. He was unable to attend the final Court due to mundane reasons. I am currently waiting for him to email me with his contact information. I briefed him on all the responsibilities of a Baronial Champion and he is able to meet all of them.

I have had a few practices this month with very little attendance but I am working on growing my practices.

I have also been working on the Demo with the Middle School that will be held on 17th of June of this month. I am currently waiting to hear back about the attendance of any fencer for fighters than can come along as well. I am also working on what I am going to do for the other two demos that are coming up this summer.

Paddy aka Mike

## **TOWER PROJECT:**

As a reminder, this weekend Saturday June 11 and Sunday 12 we will be working on the top portion of the tower, railing, and hatch door. Also, the tower has a number of items that will need paint:

- Steel frame
- Arches
- Top Plywood deck sections

The next work weekend will be June 18 and 19. Painting will be a priority that weekend.

James of York

**DEMO AT THE RED MILL MUSEUM VILLAGE IN CLINTON  
JULY 9-10**

Settmour Swamp has been asked to come to the aid of the Red Mill Museum to demonstrate our arts and skills at the "Hunterdon Medieval Faire". Proceeds from this event would benefit the Museum's educational programming, historic buildings and collections.

They are looking for the following:

Heavy Weapons  
Fencing  
Archery (shooting if feasible or arrow making ( ? ) if not enough room for safe shoot)  
Thrown Weapons  
Period Cooking - (covered but could use help)  
Herbs and Medicines? (there is an herb garden on site)  
Carding (museum has carders for fairgoers to try if someone wants to teach)  
Spinning  
Weaving  
Embroidery  
Dyeing (actual or display)  
Wood working  
Leather working

Blacksmithing (museum smith will be in attendance)  
Period dance class, maypole (I believe they have one)?  
Period Belly Dance  
Gaming  
Period music  
Other crafts or skills?

Museum hours are Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 12-5.  
Period tents are welcome and overnight camping will be allowed.

Merchants are also needed and may contact the museum directly for specifics. (Phone # 908-735-4101x101).  
Food vendors will also be on site and there are many places to eat in town, one block away.

The Village is lovely as is the town of Clinton. We have done demos here before and have always been well received and had fun. Please contact Rhiannon if you would like to participate or with any questions: [sewho@msn.com](mailto:sewho@msn.com) or 908-537-7495

Please share this with any other lists or individuals that you wish.

**WARREN COUNTY 4-H REN FAIRE DEMO  
Aug. 27-28, 2011**

Calling all Swampies, neighbors and friends. Please save the weekend of Aug 27-28, for the Warren County 4H Renaissance Faire. The Barony of Settmour Swamp has been invited to participate in this fundraiser for the local 4H student exchange program. This will be our second year of partnering with them to build it into a premier event for Northern and Central New Jersey.

Where: Warren County farmers Fairgrounds, Rt. 519, Harmony, NJ (3 miles no. of Phillipsburg)

When: Saturday and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Set up Friday - contact us for details.

Fees: None if part of the Swamp Demo group -  
Come in garb and show SCA your membership card at the gate.

Camping: Available. Separate safe compound area adjacent to fair for non-period camping. On site camping in period tents also allowed.

Food: Available from fair vendors or bring period food to share with our group. We will have a communal cooking fire for the demo. Talk with Rhiannon if you want to cook something.

We are looking for volunteers and coordinators for:  
Heavy Weapons, Fencing, Thrown Weapons, Archery, Dancing and Singing, Fiber Arts, Calligraphy, Blacksmithing, etc. Any period art, craft or activity that lends itself to having the fair goers try it out would be especially desirable (obviously that does not include the martial arts, those they can watch).

Only period tents, period furniture and accoutrements will be allowed on the fair grounds. This is to be an educational endeavor as well as an entertaining one.

Demo Coordinators:  
Baroness Rhiannon: 908-537-7495 [sewho@msn.com](mailto:sewho@msn.com) or  
Emeline Patterson: [emelinepatterson@aol.com](mailto:emelinepatterson@aol.com).  
Please call to sign up or with any questions.

Please feel free to forward this message to any and all who may be interested and mark your calendars.

## Schedule of Events

- July 9-10:  
Red Mill Museum Demo,  
Clinton, NJ
- July 13:  
Business Meeting,  
Milford, NJ
- July 16, 17, 23, & 24:  
Tower Workshop  
High Bridge, NJ
- July 29—August 14:  
Pennsic War,  
Slippery Rock, PA
- August 27-28:  
Warren County 4-H Faire  
Demo, Harmony, NJ

### Armored Combat Practice

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 10:00 PM  
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 ques-  
tions, contact Sir Douglas  
Henry at: [rayotd@yahoo.com](mailto:rayotd@yahoo.com)  
or 551-206-1724.

### Rapier Practice

Thursdays, 7:00 to 10:00 PM  
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

Weeknight archery practice  
at the home of Elizabeth  
Hawkwood. Please contact  
Baroness Elizabeth at  
[hawkwoode@gmail.com](mailto:hawkwoode@gmail.com)  
for details and directions.

### Archery and Thrown Weapons Practice

Sundays, 1:00 to 4:00 PM at  
the home of Maîtrese  
Jehannine de Flandres &  
Master Phillip the Facetious  
310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd.  
(Rt. 519), Milford, NJ 08848  
(908) 995-4417

# July 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Fight Practice	7 Rapier Practice	8	9 Red Mill Demo
10 Red Mill Demo	11	12	13 Business Meeting Fight Practice	14 Rapier Practice	15	16 Tower Workshop
17 Tower Workshop	18	19	20 Fight Practice	21 Rapier Practice	22	23 Tower Workshop
24 Tower Workshop	25	26	27 Fight Practice	28 Rapier Practice	29	30 Pennsic
31 Pennsic						

# August 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Pennsic						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Fight Practice	25 Rapier Practice	26	27 4 H Faire / Demo
28 4 H Faire / Demo	29	30	31 Fight Practice			

**BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP: OFFICER LISTING**

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<b>Exchequer</b>	Ryan exchequer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: February 2011 Term Expires: February 2013
<b>Chronicler</b>	The Honorable Lord Owynn Greenwood chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: November 2010 Term Expires: Nov. 2012
<b>Chirurgion (Acting)</b>	Gaspar Perrera chirurgion@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: June 2011 Term Expires: June 2013
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**Upcoming Baronial Business Meetings:**

Wednesday, July 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 events and as officers. For more information on how you can help out, please contact Emeline Patterson: seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org.