



# The Mudpuppy

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THE BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP

Unto the Populace of the Great Barony of Settmour Swamp, do Rhiannon and Alexander, Baroness and Baron, send Greetings.

Fall is now upon us and the month of September seems to have rushed and flown by like the waters and winds that plagued our fair lands these past months. We sincerely hope that everyone is getting back to normal after earthquakes, hurricanes and floods (oh, my). Due to extreme weather issues, the Warren County 4H Ren Faire was postponed and then cancelled. We thank everyone who offered to help and planned to come out for the Fair and hope that you will put the dates of Sept. 8-9, 2012 on your calendars for next year. Planning has already begun and we anticipate that it will be better than ever.

We had a wonderful and educational experience on Sept. 3, when we journeyed to see the Pompeii and Harry Potter Exhibits in NYC. We were joined by Merlinia, Ceara, Ursala, Lydia, Stephanie, Andrews, Cassandra and her daughter Dana for Pompeii, and also Phillip and Jehannine for Potter. The Pompeii exhibit was an amazing time capsule display of perfectly preserved life (and death) in 79 A.D., including detailed and colorful frescoes and mosaics, portable ovens, plumbing fixtures, coins, jewelry - just, wow! The plaster

body casts of the victims were hauntingly sad, but the eeriest part was the CGI time lapse film of the 24 hour period it took to destroy the city and bury it in 12 feet of volcanic ash and rubble, especially since said film was accompanied by the proper rumbling sound effects and "quaking" of the room. Quite realistic but somewhat disturbing. After a delightful lunch break at Bubba Gump's, we went back to view an amazing array of costumes, props and vignettes from the Harry Potter film series. We encountered everything from shrieking baby mandrake roots to full size models of house elves, and a baby thestral (cute to a monstrous spider (not so cute - like Ron, Rhiannon hates spiders). The placards with information on the items was limited, but it was fun to see things close up, like the red velvet bed curtains printed with gold stars and animal designs and the details on some of the costumes that flash by too quickly in the films. Concerning Bellatrix LeStrange's corset and lace on sleeves, Viktor Krum's fur cape with gold bear claw clasp, and Lucius Malfoy's snake design jewelry -again, wow! Of course we wound up the day with a trip to both gift shops for books, t-shirts and even a stuffed Scabbers rat that Rhiannon's cats are enjoying.

Since this newsletter will (hopefully) be printed before the Coronation of our newest King and Queen, Gregor von

Heisler and Kiena Stewart, we hope that everyone came out to help and celebrated and had a great time. Details and thank yous will follow next month.

We will be traveling to Iron Bog on Oct. 15 for River Wars, and to Carillion on Oct. 22 for Ghosts, Ghouls and Goblins to visit our cousins and hope you can join us at these wonderful events.

Please keep looking for suitable sites for events, workshops, practices, meetings and get-togethers. We have heard of some possibilities but we need people to investigate and get more solid information. Look around your home neighborhoods and work areas for schools, churches, halls, clubs or whatever and stop by or call them for information about the use or rental of their site. Get the name, address and phone number and give it to one of our officers if you don't feel comfortable doing it yourself. We need places to do what we enjoy doing.

Have a wonderful October filled with beautiful fall colors and crisp cool weather. Get out there and enjoy it!

*Rhiannon and Alexander*

Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen and Alexander MacGregor, Baroness and Baron Settmour Swamp

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# Ghost, Ghouls and Goblins

Event date: October 21st, 2011 - October 23rd, 2011

**Hosted by Barony of Carillion**

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Greetings Come One, Come All, to the Premier Archery Event hosted by the Barony of Carillion!

Ghost, Ghouls and Goblins a novelty archery shoot from the diabolical mind of Master Rupert the Unbalanced (and we all know how twisted his mind is!) This is a shoot to challenge all levels, stroll through the woods protect the monsters from butterflies or the evil maidens, help stop the plague and kill the rats...this shoot is always a challenge bring plenty of arrows and have fun!

Not interested in Archery, never fear; We call our fencers to save us, by poking the scary things! Defeat them once again claiming victory of Champions for our fair Barony!

Heavy fighters we call on thee to bump, thwack and hit the scary ghouls and goblins! To save this fair barony from the tyranny of the creepy crawlies and claim a victory!

Thrown weapons your accuracy is required! Knives, axes and spears are what's needed to defeat the ghosts and monsters this fair barony is facing! Dazzle us with your skills and claim a victory over things that go bump in the night!

Arts and Sciences your skills too are required, show us your prowess in the arts or befuddle the monsters with science! Please bring your projects for all to see the mighty skills of our artisans.

The autocrat is challenging our artists to present a period appropriate project incorporating Ghost, Ghouls and Goblins! Also in honor of our dearly beloved Baron we also encouraging an A&S challenge of horses and/or Fish.

There is also a people's choice award.

Children come carve pumpkins and show your skills! The pumpkins will be used for the night novelty archery shoot! All are welcomed to stay after feast to shoot the pumpkins in the dark! More activities listed below.

G&G is also Carillion's Champion event. We ask all

who enter our competitions to be aware that they may come out the champion!

Obligations of Champions:

Plan the next year's champion competition in your field, i.e., thrown weapons, heavy, fencing etc Attend & stand with the Baron and Baroness of Carillion during baronial court. Walk with Carillion during Pennsic opening ceremonies

Merchants Attending the event:

The Burley Badger:

<http://www.facebook.com/The.Burley.Badger>

The Indigo Cat Fiber Arts:

<http://www.indigocatfiberart.com/>

This is a weekend long camping event.

**Troll is open:**

Friday Oct 21, 6pm-10pm

Saturday October 22, 9am - 3:30/4pm

If you expect to arrive after 10pm on Friday, please call autocrat or co autocrat before 10pm for instructions.

**Site Closes:** 12pm 10/23/11

**Event Location**

Quail Hill Scout Reservation

56 LaValley Drive

Manalapan, NJ 07726

**Directions:**

Quail Hill is located in Manalapan Township in western Monmouth County.

From the shore: Take NJ Route 33 west from Freehold (U.S. Route 9) six miles to County Route 527A (Iron Ore Rd.). Turn right (north) and proceed 1/2 mile to LaValley Drive. Turn right again and follow LaValley Drive 1/2 mile to the gate.

From the NJ Turnpike: Exit #8 from the turnpike to Route 33 east. Proceed east 6 miles to Route 527A. Take the jughandle and proceed north as described above.

**Event Fees**

Site : SITE FEES IN ADVANCE of 10/07/11:  
 Adult day:  
 Non member: \$15.00;  
 Member's receive a \$5 discount:\$10.00  
 Child Day:\$5.00 (children under 3yrs old free)  
 (checks must be postmarked by October 7, 2011 to receive advance payment discounts)

**CAMPING**

Adult:\$5.00  
 Child:\$3.00  
 Cabins:\$6 per person  
 (\*Cabins are shared; bring your own bedding)

Family Rate for Members in advance only:  
 2 adults 3+ children incl feast: \$40.00  
 Family Rate for members w/camping: \$50.00

**SITE FEES AT DOOR:**

Adult Day:  
 Non member \$18.00  
 Member received \$5 discount \$13.00  
 Child Day:\$5.00

**CAMPING**

Adult:\$5.00  
 Child:\$3.00  
 Cabins\*:\$6.00 per person  
 (\*Cabins are shared; bring your own bedding)

NO family rates at door  
 Feast: FEAST FEES IN ADVANCE of 10/07/11  
 Adult Feast: \$8.00  
 Child Feast: \$5.00  
 (family rate listed in site fees)

**FEAST FEES AT DOOR:**

Adult: \$10.00  
 Child: \$5.00  
 No family rates at door

**Make Checks Payable to:**

**SCA NJ, Inc - Barony of Carillion**

**Send Reservations to:**

Lady Luned Gwyn  
 mka Tina LaSala  
 23 Lincoln Street  
 Howell, NJ 07731

**Contact Information**

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 frayoch at gmail dot com  
 732-996-1504 please no calls after 10pm

**Co Autocrat**

Lady Rapheala Mascala mka Shannon Jayne  
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 732-674-0210 no calls after 10pm

**Children's Activities times posted at Troll:**

Pumkin Carving  
 Story Time  
 Make a ghost!  
 Make a scary marionette!  
 See what a knight wears  
 Whack a Knight  
 All children are welcome to participate, as always parental/guardian supervision is required.

**Game Day**

you can learn to play "Hnefatafl" and then be one of the 20 from that class who play three rounds to win a 27ct oval cut Tanzanite gemstone from Africa.

No pets permitted on site except service animals.

Merchants there are no additional fees beyond the site fee and feast if so desired.  
 Please contact co autocrat Rapheala Mascala for space.

Day Board will be provided by Baroness Katrina MacAulish.

Feast will be provided by Lord Wulfgang Gruenwald (Bob!) plumbbob49@gmail.com  
 Allergy and food concerns please contact our food providers.

## **Baronial Business Meeting Notes**

Wednesday September 14, 2011

Recording Scribe: Jehane

### **Attending Officers:**

Emeline Patterson –	Seneschal
Alexander MacGregor –	Baron
Rhiannonde Carreg Cennen –	Baroness
Owynn Greenwood –	Chronicler
“Thor” Þórlæifr hvitskegg –	Archery Marshal
Jehane De Fenwyk –	deputy Seneschal/ Fencing Marshal
Edmund–	Chatelaine
Constanza–	Deputy Chatelaine
Orlando–	Fencing Marshal
Ryan–	Exchequer
Erec L’Claire –	Autocrat Coronation
Gaspar Pereira –	Chirurgion
Dalek Bolotnikov –	Webminister
Failenn Finn –	Seneschal Gryphonwald
Vivianne Dunbar–	Dayboard Coronation

### **Other Attendees:**

Galefridus & Judith

Note– there are 18 Regular Officers (2 vacant right now). 1 Seneschal of the Canton(Gryphonwald)and the Autocrats of any given event Therefor quorum right now is 10 not counting autocrats. Currently 1 autocrat so quorum is 11 officers/ deputies for this meeting.

### **Past Events**

#### **Pennsic:**

- There were issues with land grab, but all worked out okay
- Thanks to our “Camp Mommies” for the great job they did.
- The tower made it to war and looked great
- Better ladder is needed next year to access 2nd floor of tower
- Better pole needed next year for banner on top of tower
- Camp shower is broken and needs to be replaced
- Camp broke even this year, will need to increase fees next year by \$5 or \$10 to offset cost of new showers.

- Swamp party went very well.

### **Red Mill Museum demo— July 9, 10**

- Great job for all who attended demo.
- Expectations were not met by Red Mill Museum. There was not enough advertisement of the event.
- There were no food vendors on site and there was no water available for the fighters
- We did not receive a thank you from the organizers.

### **Warren County 4 H Fair Aug 27 & 28**

- After being postponed due to the hurricane, the rain date was also cancelled due to wet conditions of the fields
- We will plan to attend next year – date has been set for September 8 & 9, 2012

### **Discovery Center Pompeii and Potter September 3**

- A great day was had by all who attended.
- Had 10 to 12 people attend.

### **Future Events**

#### **Coronation October 1**

- Menu for dayboard and feast have been received and posted.
- We will only have access to the 2nd floor of the site on the day before the event until 3 pm. We will have access to the downstairs for as long as we need on Friday for set up.
- Need to remind Ursula to bring the tablecloths for the high tables
- Feast will start between 6 and 6:30 pm
- Tournaments will start after first court.

- Diagrams and floor plan rough drafts have been prepared. We currently have 6 merchants scheduled.
- Orlando will be presenting a masque during the first course of feast.
- Branslers are scheduled to perform, as well as the current bardic champions.

### **Mudthaw March 24, 2012**

- Orlando and Connie have agreed to co-autocrat with Owynn as deputy, will receive official bid next meeting
- A bid has been received for feast.
- As the current EK A&S champion is from our Barony, we may be hosting A&S champions competition at Mudthaw.
- Currently looking at fees for event of \$12 members, \$17 non members, \$6 children 6-17, \$10 students 18-24 with ID, children under 6 free.
- Ryan is working on streamlining the troll process.

### **Medieval Seder**

- Judith would like to run a medieval seder. Needs to find a site and check available dates.

### **Black Gryphon Inn**

- Next year’s event will have more tavern-style activities.
- Looking to hold event in either February or April
- No fighting will be scheduled
- Planning a cordial/brewing contest
- Looking for autocrat

### **Quest**

- New site will not be able to accommodate us for a week-end event, but will be willing to host us for a day event.

- Need new site
- Rhiannon would like to write and run the Quest

### **Library Research Day part deux**

- Galfriedus is available on November 5
- Will tentatively plan research day for that date.

### **Elections**

- no elections this month

### **Cantons**

- **Gryphonwald**
- All is well

### **Old Business**

- Restaurant Depot Cards
- 5 Active Cards
- Charis has one - #3
- Megan has one.
- Who has others? Wilhelm?  
Elizabeth Talbot? Cass? Trixie?

### **New Business**

House Von Halstern wishes to run an event beginning of October (yes), we will interface with them after the coronation stuff is decided.

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.

### **Future Meetings:**

#### **October 12 -**

Nancy L'Claire's office  
109 Main St.  
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

#### **November 9 -**

Galfriedus and Judith's house

December 14

unknown

## Library Research Day part deux

Back by populace demand!

Missed this trip the last time around? Still got that research project nagging at you? On Saturday November 5th, I will once again be your guide as we travel to the New York Public Library (NYPL) for a day of research. Mundanely, I am an academic librarian, so if there is any information available on your topic, I can find it.

As before, I suggest that anyone who plans on coming devote some time to thinking about the specifics of what you're looking for. A specific topic (15th century Hungarian heraldry, e.g.) is much easier to work with than a general topic (medieval Eastern European heraldry, e.g.) Feel free to contact me privately if you have any questions.

Other considerations:

1. Bring a decent-sized USB flash drive to download information.
2. If you have a laptop, bring it -- it's easier to connect to the library's WiFi than to sign up for a workstation, which only NYPL card holders can do.
3. No scanners are available, so bring cash for photocopying.
4. There is no cafeteria within the library, so we will go some place for lunch within the immediate area.

In addition to the research session, NYPL is currently exhibiting their copy of the Gutenberg Bible.

This is the NYPL research library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, easily accessible by public transportation. We will be meeting in the gift shop shortly after it opens at 10am.

-- Galefridus

## Schedule of Events

- October 1—Coronation of Gregor and Kiena (Settmour Swamp)
- October 14-16—River Wars (Iron Bog)
- October 21-23—Ghosts, Ghouls, and Goblins (Carillion)
- November 5—
  - Library Research Day part deux
  - Crown Tournament (Bergental)
- November 19—100 Minutes War (Rusted Woodlands)

### 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 questions, 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 Maître Jéhannine de Flandres & Master Phillip the Facetious  
310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519), Milford, NJ 08848

# October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<u>1</u> <u>Coronation</u>
2	3	4	5 Fight Practice	6 Rapier Practice	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>Business Meeting</i> Fight Practice	13 Rapier Practice	14 <b>River Wars</b>	15 <b>River Wars</b>
16 <b>River Wars</b>	17	18	19 Fight Practice	20 Rapier Practice	21 <b>GGG</b>	22 <b>GGG</b>
23 <b>GGG</b>	24	25	26 Fight Practice	27 Rapier Practice	28	29
30	31					

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Fight Practice	3 Rapier Practice	4	5 <b>Library Research Day Crown Tourney</b>
6	7	8	9 <i>Business Meeting</i> Fight Practice	10 Rapier Practice	11	12
13	14	15	16 Fight Practice	17 Rapier Practice	18	19 <b>100 Minutes Wars</b>
20	21	22	23 Fight Practice	24 <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	25	26
27	28	29	30 Fight Practice			

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**Upcoming Baronial Business Meetings:**

Wednesday, September 14, 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.