## THE MUDPUPPY



The Newsletter of the Barony of Settmour Swamp

November A.S. XLV

## Calendar of Events

#### **NOVEMBER 2010**

6	Artisans' Challenge, Display and Workshop, Shire of Hartshorn-dale (Blue Bell, PA)
6	St. Andrew Stops to Smell the Roses, Barony of An Dubhaigeainn
	(Center Moriches, NY)
10	Baronial business meeting at the home of Galefridus, 7:30 PM
19-21	Musicians' Day, Crown Province of Ostgardr (Peekskill, NY)
20 (RP)	100 Minutes War, Shire of Rusted Woodlands (Sparta, NJ)
25	Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions

#### **DECEMBER 2010**

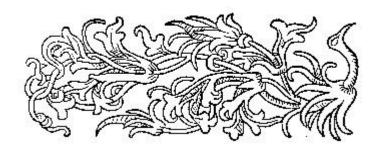
8	Baronial Business Meeting
11	Bhakail Yule, Barony of Bhakail (Philadelphia, PA)
11	Shire of Coill Tuar & Crown Lands of Orange &Sullivan County
	Third Annual Yule Feast, Shire of Coill Tuar (Highland, NY)
18	Iron Bog Toys for Tots Challenge, Barony of Iron Bog (Pemberton, NJ)
25	Deadline for Mudpuppy submission

### JANUARY 2011

15 (RP)	Twelfth Night, Barony of Settmour Swamp (Livingston, NJ)
22 (RP)	King & Queen's Rapier Championships, Barony of Bergental

For information on the Sunday practices held in Flemington, please contact the baronial seneschal at <a href="mailto:seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org">seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org</a>

This month's cover from Sierra Print Artist.



# Oh Great Swamp Dwellers! Rhiannon and Alexander bid you Good Day!

Leaves are starting to obscure my lawn and the temperatures are dropping right on schedule. This is my favorite time of year. Still nice enough outside for marshal activities, which continue at various sites around the Barony, and cool enough for hot soups and cider at events and workshops, and for getting my fireplace going on chilly evenings.

We just had our first ever Swamp Swap and Flea Market, which was a big success. Fun was had by all; goods were sold, traded, donated and even given away. If you weren't there, you missed an opportunity to swap cool stuff and enjoy a day of mingling in a relaxed market atmosphere. Dona Emeline Patterson did a fabulous job auto-crating and has ideas already for the next one. Vivat! Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Barony sale table and to those who participated in the buying and selling and swapping. Also, thanks to the set up and clean up and kitchen crews (who have been formally thanked in emails that went out already to the Swamp list).

Alexander and I like to organize at least two field trips a year, usually in the Spring and Autumn, and since it's Autumn, we would like anyone who is interested to join us on Dec. 4th to visit the University of Princeton Art Museum. They have recently reopened their medieval exhibit, which I have not seen for many years, but I still remember being impressed by it, none the less, and am anxious to visit once again. Drop us an email if you want to meet us there. Any suggestions where to have lunch?

We are not sure which events we will be able to attend in the coming months, due to uncertain personal schedules, but we will keep you posted as best we can and hope to see many of you at events and practices and workshops in the near future.

The Barony is honored to be hosting Their Royal Majesties' Twelfth Night celebration on January 15th. Lady Eleanor (Tami) will be the autocrat and Lord Wilhelm will be the head cook. Please let them know if can help out the day of the event, the day before with set up or with any of the various cooking workshops that Wilhelm will be running in the weeks prior to the event. There is also need of someone to organize dancing, so, please help if you can.

Just a reminder that Baronial Business meetings are held at different places around the Barony, usually on the second Wednesday of the month and that all are welcome to attend and voice their suggestions and opinions. There are several officer positions that are open or due for re-election in the next few months and officers always need deputies to assist them. If you think you might like to consider one of these positions, please contact Lord Erec L'Claire for further details and encouragement. The Swamp is a great, fun place to play but we need to take turns running things too.

Until we see you next, fare thee well,

Rhiannon and Alexander Baroness and Baron Settmour Swamp



#### **VIP PASSES**

Exciting news! Beginning in October 2010 the SCA will test a newcomer recruitment initiative that will run until July 1, 2011. During this time the SCA will include a VIP Pass in the envelopes containing membership cards sent out to the first 6,000 participants who renew their memberships. This benefit of membership allows a renewing SCA member to give a VIP Pass to a single newcomer.

The holder of the VIP Pass is exempt from paying the Non-Member Surcharge (NMS) for their first three events they attend while exploring the SCA. The VIP Pass is not a free admission to an SCA event; it simply excuses the Pass holder from paying the NMS.

At the third event, these passes will be collected by "Gate" personnel and sent on to the SCA NMS deputy. The SCA will then follow up with these newcomers with membership literature. Instructions for handling the VIP Pass at "Troll"/"Gate" can be found at both the Society Exchequer and Corporate Treasurer websites at <a href="http://www.sca.org/officers/exchequer/">http://www.sca.org/officers/exchequer/</a> and <a href="http://www.sca.org/officers/treasurer/">http://www.sca.org/officers/treasurer/</a>.

To validate the Pass, the newcomer must fill it out, sign and date it at Gate at the first event they attend. Passes are good until redeemed fully at a total of three events. Each pass can be used only by the single newcomer whose name is put on it at the time of the first use. Passes are not transferable. All VIP Passes expire on July 1, 2011.

The VIP Pass is meant for use only by first time newcomers, not for folks who are current or past members of the SCA. The VIP Pass is NOT valid for the following Inter-Kingdom events: Pennsic War, Gulf Wars, Estrella War, Lilies War and Great Western War. At these events, newcomers must still pay the NMS.

As the Society is based on the concepts of honor and Chivalry, it is assumed that the good gentles using the VIP Pass will not seek to abuse the hospitality of the SCA. Any person abusing the system will be subject to sanctions.

If you have additional questions please email <a href="mailto:chatelaine@sca.org">chatelaine@sca.org</a> or <a href="mailto:exchequer@sca.org">exchequer@sca.org</a>

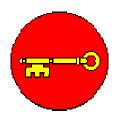
Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to: SCA Inc., Box 360789, Milpitas, CA 95036 You may also email comments@sca.org.

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## ACCEPS Now In Use in East Kingdom

The East Kingdom is now signed up to use ACCEPS (Ansteorra Credit Card Event Payment System). This system allows people to register for events with a credit card. There are a few steps and fees involved, but the full details can be found here: <a href="http://acceps.ansteorra.org/index.php">http://acceps.ansteorra.org/index.php</a>

#### From the Baronial Seneschal:



#### Baronial Officer Elections

The following baronial positions are up for election in the coming months. If you are interested in running for any of these, please let the seneschal know.

#### **November:**

Chronicler

Chamberlain

Webmaster

#### **December:**

Exchequer

## Officer Reports Presented at the October Business Meeting

#### **Herald**

Heraldry happens. No one died.

#### **Knight Marshall**

No report

#### **Exchequer**

No report

#### Chronicler

The October issue has been distributed. I approved one new electronic subscription request. In order to align with Society Chronicler Policy, there has been a change in the Kingdom Policy. Since the barony has an electronic newsletter, I can now send an electronic copy to their Majesties, the Kingdom Chronicler and the Kingdom Historian. This reduces to three the number of print copies being mailed.

#### **Arts & Sciences**

I have had contact with two newcomers sent to me by Edmund. One did respond back and hopes to attend an event very soon. The other did not return my email.

The position of MOAS is up for election this month. I would like to continue and have been asked to help run the A&S display at 12th night. I have spoken with Katheryn and Galefridus and they are willing to take on deputy positions.

We had a demo on Oct 9th in Milford NJ. Gudrun, P.J. and Thorlaeifr came to help and we had a A&S display for people to see. We handed out about 15 fliers but nobody signed up for more information. We also had a older lady offer to work with Gudrun and P.J. plus a few others on medieval tapestry making. We are waiting on her to contact us.

#### **Mistress of Lists**

No report

#### Chatelaine

We had 2 demos and got lots of names and emails. We contacted the individuals through email and did a follow-up. We have not heard back since.

#### **Marshal of Fence**

No report

#### **Captain of Archers**

Nothing to report for archers. My term is scheduled to end, but if it please the barony, I wish to continue in my post. Can not make this month's officer meeting due to mundane matters.

#### **Marshal of Thrown Weapons**

No report

#### **Chirurgeon (Acting)**

No report

#### Chamberlain

Nothing has changed, nothing to report.

#### Webmistress

No report

#### **Officer Terms**

Minister of Arts & Sciences
Baroness Jehannine de Flandres
Elected Nov. 2008; Term expires Sept. 2010

Captain of Archers
Lord Þórlæifr hvitskegg

Elected Nov. 2008; Term expires Sept. 2010

Chronicler

Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood

Elected Nov. 2008; Term expires Nov. 2010

Chamberlain

Lady Gudrun Gudmunderdottir

Elected Nov. 2008; Term expires Nov. 2010

Webmaster

Lady Eleanor Callaghan

Elected Nov. 2008; Term expires Nov. 2010

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Lady Siobhna ap Prechainn

Elected Dec. 2008; Term expires Dec. 2010

Sinking Tower Pursuivant (Herald)
Mistress Alys Mackyntoich
Elected Feb. 2009; Term expires Jan. 2011

Mistress of the Lists
Lady Ceara MacKieran
Elected Feb. 2009; Term expires Feb. 2011

Chancellors Minor
Angus Sutherland & Brianna Sutherland
Elected Feb. 2009; Term expires Feb. 2011

Seneschal Lord Erec L'Claire Renewed March 2010; Term expires March 2012

Knight Marshal Lord Erich Hundeman Elected March 2010; Term expires March 2012

Marshal of Fence Don Orlando Sforza Elected March 2010; Term expires March 2012

Marshal of Thrown Weapons
Padraig Quinn
Renewed June 2010; Term expires June 2012

Chatelaine
Don Edmund Patterson
Elected June 2010; Term expires June 2012

Baron and Baroness
Alexander MacGregor – Baron
Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen – Baroness
Renewed July 2010; Terms expire in March 2013



### **Practices and Activities**

#### **Archery Practice**

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

Sundays at the home of Elizabeth Hawkwood. Contact Elizabeth at <a href="mailto:hawkwoode@att.net">hawkwoode@att.net</a> or call 908-996-6315 for more 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.

#### **Fencing Practice**

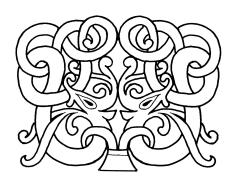
Practice will now be held at the Somerville Rescue Squad, located at 21 Park Avenue in Somerville, NJ 08876. Practice will begin at 7:00 PM and end at 10:00 PM. A \$5 per person donation will be collected each week. For more information, please contact Lady Jehane de Fenwyk, who is the marshall in charge. She can be reached on (908) 217-4484.

#### **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.

#### **Youth Fighter Practice**

Practice will held one Sunday each month at St. Paul's Church in Flemington, NJ. Please contact the baronial seneschal for more information.



#### 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.

#### 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 - Somerville Rescue Squad

Somerville Rescue Squad, located at 21 Park Avenue in Somerville, NJ 08876 Contact the marshall in charge, Lady Jehane de Fenwyk. She can be reached on (908) 217-4484.



## Baronial Business Meeting

The meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8 at the home of Galefridus. For directions and more information, contact the baronial seneschal Lord Erec L'Claire at seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org or call him at 908-268-0725.

## Canton of Gryphonwald Business Meeting

Gryphonwald meetings are held the fourth Sunday of the month. Contact the Gryphonwald seneschal, Lord Pippin a'Bheithir at <a href="mailto:gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org">gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org</a> for details.

## Canton of Marwick Business Meeting

Contact the seneschal, Lord Edmund Patterson at 908-561-2345 or email him at <a href="clost95@aol.com">clost95@aol.com</a> for dates and details of upcoming meetings.

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