

THE MUDPUPPY



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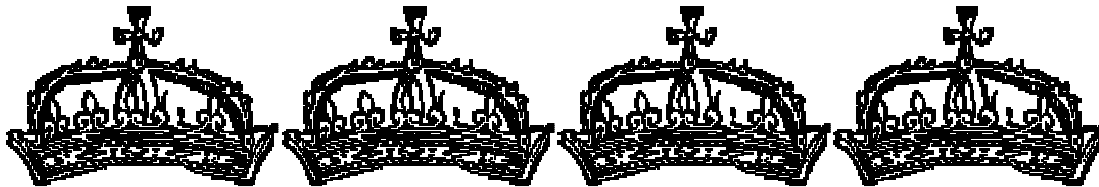
Calendar of Events

October 2007

- 5-7 (RP) Kingdom Crusades, Kingdom of Atlantia
Darlington, MD**
- 10 Baronial business meeting at the home of Baroness Rhiannon,
Asbury, NJ, 7:30 PM
- 12-14 Ghosts, Ghouls & Goblins Archery Shooto,
Barony of Carillion, Manalapan, NJ
- 17 Tyr Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ 7:30 PM
- 19-21 (RP) Warrior's Naadam, Crown Province of Ostgardr, Camel, NY**
- 25 Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions
- 27 Everything Textile Schola, Flemington, NJ
- 27 Haus von Halstern Winter Wolf Tournament, Rusted Woodlands, Tappan, NY

November 2007

- 3 (RP) Fall Crown Tournament, Concordia of the Snows, Colonie, NY**
- 7 Baronial business meeting, 7:30 PM
- 10 (RP) St. Andrews Returns to Tuscany for a Baronial Investiture
An Dubhaigeainn, East Northport, NY**
- 17 (RP) 100 Minutes War, Rusted Woodlands, Washingtonville, NY**
- 21 Tyr Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ, 7:30 PM
- 25 Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions





Greetings unto the good people of Settmour Swamp from Alexander and Rhiannon

Our summer activities have come to an end. While it was a fun summer, we are looking forward to fall with its cool days and chilly nights.

Victorian Days was a fun weekend. Not only did we get to talk to people and show them what we do in the SCA, we were able to shop or even take some time to go on the Victorian house tours. Thank you to everyone who came out for the demo. They were Sofia Serafimskaia, Lehoric Silverwater du Mer, Gudrun Gudmunderdottir, Emidio di'Arquata, Matteo, Elizabeth Elenore Lovell, Antonio Patriquin, Edmund Patterson, Emeline Patterson, Brona, Rick, Alan, Katheryn of Kringskeep, Gart Gunnarson, Engracia de Madrigal, Stephanie, Galefridus Peregrinus, Thorlaeifr Hvitkegg, Jehane and Andrusus. Next year we hope more of you can come out and enjoy the weekend or just a day. On September 18th we were invited to do a demo for the boy scouts in Woodbridge. While all demos are important, this one was especially so. This is Emidio and Matteo's troop. I would like to thank everyone who came out that night: Brenden Firebow; Antonio Patriquin; Aodhan Ó Dunlaing; Jan Janowicz Bogdanski; Emidio di'Arquata; Edmund Patterson; Engracia de Madrigal; Rachel of Gwynedd; Thorlaeifr Hvitkegg; Ceara MacKiernan; Lliadan; Katheryn of Kringskeep; Gart Gunnarson and of course Sofia Serafimskaia.

Later this month Lady Jehannine de Flandres will be autocrating the Everything Textile Schola on Saturday, October 27th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Flemington. This promises to be a fun day of classes on everything related to textiles. Lady Eleanor will be preparing a Fall-Harvest-themed dayboard. The southern region exchequer will also be hosting a track of exchequer classes, open to anyone wishing to know how SCA financials work. Lady Gwenhwyvar is looking for a deputy. This would be a perfect way to learn about the office if you're interested in the position of deputy exchequer. If you are going to the event don't forget to pre-register so you are entered in the drawing for a textile themed gift basket. The drawing is open only to people who pre-register for the event.

On November 10th we will have our first baronial road trip. We will be going to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. We will be meeting at the museum at 9:15 AM so we are there when it opens at 9:30am. The museum's "suggested" fees are \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students and children under 12 are free. If you want more information on The Met check out their website at <http://www.metmuseum.org>. Several members of the barony have expressed interest in meeting up and going in together. If you are interested in that, please use the Swamp's Yahoo group to find people in your area. If you don't have internet access contact Baron Alexander. (contact information in the officer's section of this newsletter). If you need to reach us that day for any reason, please call Alexander's cell phone, 732-740-7654. We have no idea about reception inside the building, so if he does not pick up, please leave a message and a way to call you back, if needed. He will do his best to check for messages regularly.

If you have any suggestions for future "road trips" please let us know. So far we are looking at The Cloisters in late spring or early summer and a cathedral tour of NYC has been suggested.

The Flemington meetings will be continuing through the fall and winter. We have several A&S projects we would like to work on in the coming months for the Barony. First up would be baronial favors for the populace of the Barony to wear (this means you!). We will keep you posted as plans are made.

We have a team put together to autocrat and cook Mudthaw 2008. Our autocrats are Lord Eric LeClare, Lord Alexander MacRus and Lady Cassandra deMatisse. This year's cooks are Quinn and Riordan. If you are interested in helping out at our largest annual event, please contact the autocrats.

See you all soon.

YIS,

Alexander and Rhiannon



Officer Reports from the September Business Meeting

Youth Marshall

Draguin has stepped down. No commitments so far for youth fighting.

Chamberlain

Will do inventory this month (Sep 22).

Exchequer

The Barony is solvent and in good standing with Kingdom.

Chirurgion

Notwithstanding the miserable weather, folks in the Swamp camp generally stayed safe and in good health during Pennsic. Injuries were pretty much limited to cuts, abrasions, blisters, and the occasional bruise. There were one or two heat/hydration-related matters, which yielded to treatment.

Dom. Galefridus Peregrinus, MC

Captain of Archers

Practices are going well. I plan on keeping them going as long as the weather allows. Hope to have a few archery based classes during the winter when the weather is not good for shooting.

Jehannine

Knight Marshal

Nutley is up and running smoothly. This past Thursday we started up Flemington, it was a bit of a scramble with Draguin absent but we have managed to find three individuals who are willing to alternate Thursday to make sure it's covered until we can find a permanent replacement.

Pan Jan and Aodhan will be alternating weeks with Baron Brennan or myself filling in when needed. Aodhan will be taking charge this Thursday and the alternation will begin there. Sir Mitchell has volunteered to run the Sunday Flemington practice, so those will continue as scheduled with his assistance.

That's all for now.

Herald

Heraldry happens.

I am the Court Herald for their incoming Majesties Andreas and Gabriella. I therefore will be looking for a Deputy to handle Their Excellencies courts over the next few months. Since my prior Deputy, Mistress Mercedes, no longer lives in the Barony, I also need a general all purpose Deputy. Anyone interested in the position should let me know whether he/she is primarily interested in vocal heraldry or book heraldry (or both).

Alys

Arts & Sciences

Not much going on in the world of A&S. Sofia, Katherine and our Baroness were displaying and working on various projects during the Victorian Days Demo. Wilhelm will be starting up C&I workshops soon. Also, Septembers Mudpuppy contained the first "Artisan of the Month" article. The first of many that I hope to write.

Elizabeth

Chancellors Minor

No chancellor minor report. We have done nothing this summer.

Fencing

All is well in the realm of fencing. Thursday practice has seen an increase including some old friends and new faces courtesy of Pippen. We had four fencers at the Victorian Days Demo and plan on having a handful at the Boy Scout Demo on the 18th.

MoL

Nothing much happening on the MoL front.

Ceara

Focus on the Arts

Our featured artist this month is *Sof'ia Zhirinskaia*. Sof'ia's area of interest is textile and fiber arts.



Q: How long have you been in the SCA?

A: Three years.

Q: Have you always lived in Settmour Swamp or have you played with different groups during your SCA life?

A: I've always lived in Settmour.

Q: Do you have a persona? If so, please tell us about it.

A: My persona is Sof'ia Zhirinskaia, wife of a rich Kievan Rus fur trader living in 10th Century Kiev. I spin, weave, nalbind, embroider, make clothing and paint for my family and friends.

Q: Do you have any Baronial or Kingdom level awards? If so what are they?

A: I have an AOA, Bronze Tower, and am the current Baronial A&S Champion.

Q: Are you an apprentice, protégé, or squire? If yes, with whom are you affiliated?

A: I am a student of Lady Elisabeth Elenore Lovell.

Q: What arts and sciences do you practice?

A: Spinning, knitting, painting, Viking wire knitting, nalbinding, sprang, tablet weaving, lucet, garb making and beading.

Q: Where did you learn your skills and from whom did you learn?

A: Most of my skills have been self taught, but I do learn a great deal from taking classes at Pennsic.

Q: Are there any areas of arts and sciences that you would like to learn about or any skills you would like to practice that you don't already?

A: I would like to learn more about Icon painting, illumination, woodworking, metal work, glass making, natural dyes and pigments.

Q: What project(s) have you completed that you are most proud of?

A: Reproduction of a 14th Century Knitted Sion Purse. It was created using fine silk thread on size 0000 needles, 16 stitches to the inch to replicate the gauge that was used to make the extant piece. I entered this piece and won the Settmour Swamp Baronial A&S Championship.

Q: What are you working on now?

A: Baronial favors, several icons, sprang purse, Viking chests, painted boxes and a secret project for Northern Lights. It's a secret because I'm not sure I will be able to pull it off in time!

Q: What projects do you have planned for the coming year?

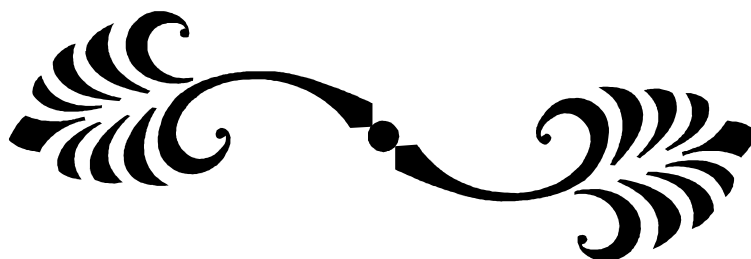
A: In the works are a quilted Elizabethan underskirt, wood block printing, wood carving and double faced tablet weaving.

Q: Of the A&S skills you possess, which do you think you would be able to teach to others?

A: Spinning, Viking wire knitting, sprang, knitting, tablet weaving and making garb.

Q: Are you willing to share your knowledge with the populous? If so how can you be contacted should someone be interested in leaning from you?

A: I am happy to share my knowledge with the populous. I teach at Pennsic and at local events. I am also available at most Flemington practices for those interested in learning what I know.



Practices and Activities

Archery Practice

First and third Friday in Asbury, NJ at the home of the Captain of Archers. Call 908-319-1847 for directions.

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

October thru April weekends in Pittstown at the home of Elizabeth Hawkwood. Anyone wanting to shoot, please contact her 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.

Fencing Practice

Thursdays from 7:30PM to 10:00PM, Somerset, NJ. Location is Maestro Fencing, 217 W Main St, Somerville, NJ 08876 There is a \$3.00 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.

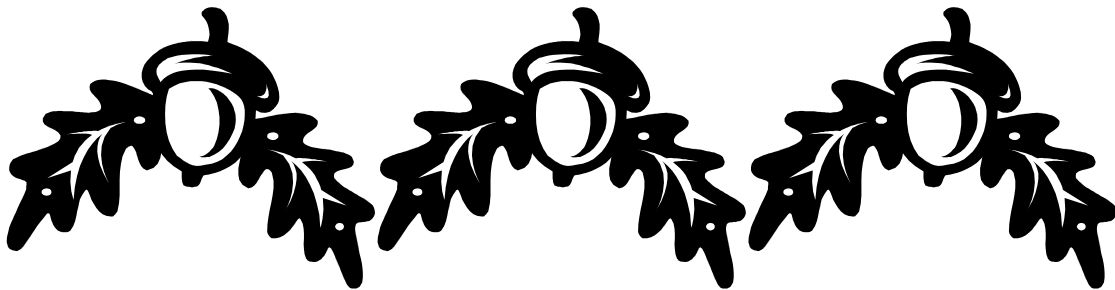
Youth Fighter Practice

Second and fourth Sunday, St. Pauls Church, Flemington, NJ

Settmour Swamp Fighter Practice

Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM, 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 – 9:30 PM, St. Paul's Church, Flemington, NJ.



Directions to Practices

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

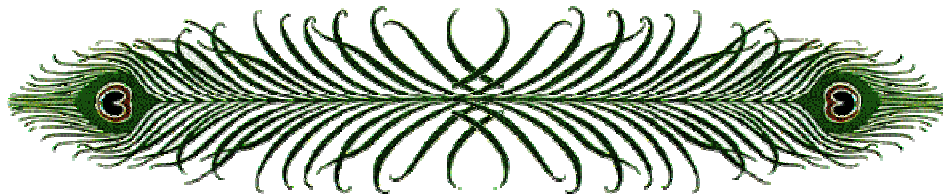
St Paul's is on Rt. 31 in Flemington, next door to the Hunterdon Medical Center, two miles north of the Flemington Circle. Directions are on line or contact Lord Draguin at 908-782-7393 or youth_combat@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

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, NJ

Maestro Fencing is at 217 W Main St, Somerville, NJ 08876 Directions are available on line or contact Sebastian Estevan de Xavier via email at Xavier1101@yahoo.com or call 732-742-8882.



From the Canton of Marwick

The October Marwick meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at the home of one of our members (to be determined). Please contact Jessa for details (seneschal@marwick.eastkingdom.org or call 732-563-1029).

Dance practice is cancelled for October.

Baronial Business Meeting

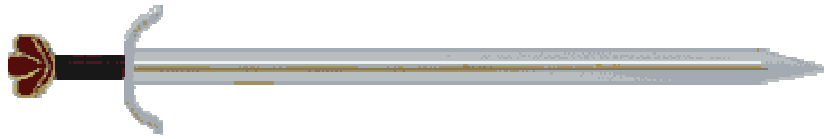
The October 10th meeting will be at the home of Baroness Rhiannon in Asbury at 7:30 PM. For directions and more information, contact the baronial seneschal.

Baronial business meetings are open to all members of the barony.

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