

The Mudpuppy



September, 2004

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Calendar of Events

September

- 3 - 6** Swamp Thing 14 -- The Gods are With Us!
(Shire of Caer Adamant - Middletown, DE)
- 10 - 12** After War Toy War
(Shire of Iron Bog - Newfield, NJ)
- 11-12** Victorian Days Demo
(Settmour Swamp - Belvidere, NJ)
- 11** 3rd Annual Sea Tygers Rhyn Demo
(Canton of Sea Tyger's Rhyn - Haddam, CT)
- 18 - 19** Lakewood Ren-Faire XXIII
(Barony of Carillion - Lakewood, NJ)
- 18** A Day at the Lichtenauer Fighting Academy
(Canton of Marwick - Edison, NJ)
- 25** Leif Erikson Demo
(Settmour Swamp - Budd Lake, NJ)

October

- 1-3** Ghosts, Ghouls, and Goblins
(Barony of Carillion - Manalapan, NJ)
- 2** Coronation of Thorvald and Svana
(Barony of Carolingia - Bolton, MA)
- 23** Bows at the Beach Archery Tournament *
(Shire of Barren Sands - Mays Landing, NJ)

November

- 13** 100 Minutes of Ragnarok (100 Minutes War)
(Shire of Rusted Woodlands – Augusta, NJ)

Practices and Activities

Archery Practices:

Tuesdays - 6:30pm in Pittstown (Until October 3)

Sundays - 1:00pm in Pittstown (exit 15 off Route 78). Call the Captain of Archers by Thursday

Arts & Sciences Activities:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 346 High Street (Rt 609), Hope, NJ. Contact the NW Canton Seneschal for information.

Monthly Business Meetings:

2nd Monday of the month, location changes. See the Mudpuppy or the Baronial website for location and directions.

Youth Fighter Practices:

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, assuming that we do not have a conflict with a major holiday, church function, or local SCA event. Our first scheduled day is 12/14/03. Time is from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rte. 31, Flemington

Calligraphy Workshop

1st Tuesday of the month at the home of our Baron and Baroness, 39 Claire Dr., Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Directions to Practices

Fighter Practices, Moose Lodge, Edison

From I-287 South take Exit #3 – New Durham/Metuchen. Turn RIGHT at light onto New Durham Road. At next light, make a RIGHT onto Talmadge Road. At next light turn LEFT onto Coolidge St. Go 0.2 miles, make a LEFT into Moose driveway/parking lot.

From I-287 North take Exit #2B – New Brunswick/Rte. 27 South. Turn traffic flows onto Rte. 27 South. At third traffic light turn RIGHT onto Talmadge Road (Sturgis Road). Go 1.8 miles to 3rd light, make a LEFT onto Coolidge St. Turn LEFT into Moose driveway.

Youth Fighter Practices, St. Paul's, Flemington

St Paul is located along Route 31 in Flemington, next door to the Hunterdon Medical Center, two miles north of the Flemington Circle

From Route 287

Go I-287 to US-202 (Exit 17), go Southwest on US-202 to Flemington NJ

Make first right in circle to get on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From Route 78 in Pennsylvania

Go East on I-78 to NJ-31 (Exit 17) Then Go South on NJ-31.

Follow signs for Hospital.

Make right onto Gaunt Place church is on Left.

From New Jersey Turnpike south to I-78 WEST/NEW JERSEY TPKE EXT EAST RAMP towards EXITS 14 TO 14C/CARS-TRUCKS-BUSES.

Merge onto I-78 WEST RAMP.

Merge onto I-78 W.

Take I-78 EXPRESS Lane W towards GARDEN STATE PARKWAY / CLINTON.

Merge onto I-78 EXPRESS Lane West. I-78 EXPRESS Lane West becomes I-78 W.

Take the I-287 exit, exit number 29, towards SOMERVILLE (US-202/206).

Merge onto I-287 SOUTH RAMP.

Merge onto I-287 S.

Take the US-202 SOUTH/US-206 SOUTH exit, exit number 17, towards SOMERVILLE(US-22 W) / FLEMINGTON.

Stay straight to go onto US-202 S. until you reach Flemington Take first Right on circle to stay on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From Garden State Parkway

Go North on GARDEN STATE PKWY (Portions toll) to I-195 (Exit 98).

Go West on I-195 to I-295.

Go North on I-295 to I-95 SOUTH.

Go South on I-95 SOUTH to NJ-31 (Exit 4).

Go Northwest on NJ-31 to Flemington

Take first right on circle to stay on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From Philadelphia

Go North on I-95 NORTH to New Jersey.

Go North on I-95 NORTH to NJ-31 (Exit 4).

Go Northwest on NJ-31 to Flemington

Go 1/2 way around circle to stay on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From The Seneschal

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer.

We have a very busy September, two demo's and one event.

On September 11th and 12th there is a Demo in Belvidere, NJ celebrating Belvidere Victorian Days. Any who wishes to fight, do a demo or just talk about the SCA and what we do is welcome. If you would like more information on this demo please contact Lord Lehoric Silverwater du Mer or myself or Baroness Paigan.

On September 18th Baroness Jessa d'Avondale will be autocrating Day at the Liechtenauer Academy at the Edison Moose lodge.

There is a limit

of 50 students and observers. As a special incentive, all those who send in paid reservations by September 15th will have their

names entered into a drawing for a copy of Christian Tobler's newest book, "Fighting with the German Longsword" ! So please get your reservations in now.

We have been invited back to participate in the 7th Annual Leif Erikson Festival on September 25, Budd Lake, NJ. Please see the write up else where in this issue. This can be a very important demo for us. There will be new papers there covering the festival. Camping is allowed but I need to let them know how many people will be camping before hand. They will also provide food vouchers for us but I must give them a list of names by September 22nd. If you would like to go or have any questions, please let me know.

Yours in service
Alexander.

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings from Baron Teric and Baroness Paigan;

Despite the torrential downpours at the end of the week, we had a marvelous time at Pennsic this year -- though next year, regardless of a sunny forecast, we will make sure to trench the encampment early and thoroughly... Thanks to Cuthbad, Orvarg, Mata and Volk for constructing the great new propane shower, and thanks to virtually everyone in camp and especially our head cook Berelinde for making the Runnymede Dinner, where we hosted our Cousins the territorial Coronets of the East, such a rousing success!

Settmour Swamp fielded a decent contingent of fighters to the battles, including Donnan, Cuthbad, Serric, Pippin, Ragnarr, Guy, Christian, Amalric, Arab Boy and Angus -- surely a significant contribution to the East winning the war. We fared well in the archery and rapier fields as well, and await to fully hear the tales of glory and valor. Our own Quinn the Mighty placed second in the thrown weapons competition, vivat! And we managed to play one full hurley game on Wednesday before the heavy rains descended; it was an exciting and well played match that ended tied. The Thursday night Swamp Party was also a blast despite the damp; it was attended by hundreds, and even some Royalty stopped by for some beer, haggis and merriment. Any who have suggestions or improvements for next year's Pennsic should pass the info to the seneschal, and we'll have another general Pennsic discussion at the next Quest.

At our Baronial Court, Eric le Claire presented us with some exquisite hand struck coins with the Baronial Arms which he produced; we awarded Bronze Towers to Elizabeth Maledicta and Fionbhar a Bheithir for their dedicated service, and presented,

in absentia due to illness, our Ivory Tower to Nahla, aka 'Trixie' for her superlative skills and service to the arts -- we will miss her as she sojourns to Tennessee in her studies. Cuthbad and Orvarg received the Baroness's sigil, the thistle, as a token of her esteem and affection. In Royal Court, some of our local folks received recognitions by the Crown -- Garrett Shadwell was elevated to Knighthood, and Elizabeth Hawkwood received a Court Barony in recognition of her service as a royal chamberlain to TRM Gaufred Kelson and Genevieve.

So now that we're all unpacked and dried out and recovered from Pennsic, its time to prepare ourselves for a busy month of demos in September -- Belvidere Victorian Days on 9/11-12, Lakewood Ren Faire on 9/18-19, and the VASA Park Leif Erikson demo on 9/25. Going to the demos is not only fun, its a very beneficial service to the Barony and Society -- its how we promote the SCA to our communities and connect with potential new membership, so please try to come out and join us at some of these gatherings! We will also be hosting the Lichtenauer Academy event on 9/18, so if you're interested in period fighting techniques, get your reservation in now as the attendance is limited to 50.

One more thing to note on your calendars is Kingdom Crusades the first weekend in October -- this event is a mini-war between Atlantia and the East, its a lot of fun and only about 2-3 hours away. The site has tent camping and also has cabins available, for those who pre-reg, 8 to a cabin, or 4 to a half cabin. If you're interested in pooling for cabin space, contact Paigan at baroness@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org to coordinate the reservation.

Take care, do great things, be excellent!
--- Teric and Paigan

From the Captain of Archers

Beginning October 3 and continuing thru the winter months, archery practice will now be on Sunday. Start time will be 1:00 PM. Since only two archers attended Tuesday night practice, I ask that anyone planning on coming on

Sunday, please email or call me to let me know in advance. Number of archers attending has a direct effect on how the range will be set up.

Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood

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A Day at the Lichtenauer Fighting Academy

Saturday, September 18th, 2004

Hosted by Canton of Marwick - Edison, NJ

Event Last Modified: May 15th, 2004

Come spend a day at the Lichtenauer Academy, studying the Secrets of German Medieval Swordsmanship! Count Rhys of Harlech, fechtmeister of Die Schlachtschule ("The School of Battle"), will teach techniques from medieval fechtbucher (fighting manuals) written by Johannes Lichtenauer, Hans Talhoffer, and Sigmund Ringeck, in addition to 'Le Jeu de la Hache'.

The morning will be spent reviewing the materials, and after lunch there will be hands-on practice of the techniques using wooden "waster" daggers, long-swords, and poleaxes. Afterwards, students will gather at "die Taverne", where there will be board, card, and dice games, a hearty repast, and a cash bar for those who desire ein Glas Bier with their meal.

The event, sponsored by the Canton of Marwick, will run from 10:30am - 7:30pm at Moose Lodge #1978 in Edison, NJ. Adult fees will be \$11 for the day, plus \$5 for dinner (The Non-member surcharge of \$3 applies.)

** There is a limit of 50 students and observers. **

With your reservation, please include each attendee's modern name, SCA name, and a contact phone number or e-mail address. Indicate which attendees will be students, and if they will be bringing their

own waster dagger, longsword, and/or poleaxe.

For more details contact Jessa d'Avondale (the autocrat/ reservations clerk), at mlecin@optonline.net, or Count Rhys at hughk1066@juno.com.

Directions:

FROM THE NORTH: Take route I-287 South to Exit #3 - New Durham/Metuchen. At end of ramp turn RIGHT at traffic light onto New Durham Rd. Go to the first traffic light and turn RIGHT onto Talmadge Road. Go to the traffic light and turn LEFT onto Coolidge St. Go 0.2 miles, make a HARD LEFT at the Moose street sign-post, then RIGHT into Moose driveway/parking lot.

FROM THE SOUTH: Take route I-287 North to Exit #2B - New Brunswick/Rt. 27 South. Ramp traffic flows onto Rt. 27 South. Go 0.7 miles to third traffic light, and turn RIGHT onto Talmadge Road. Go 1.8 miles, again to third traffic light and turn LEFT onto Coolidge St. Travel 0.2 miles, make a HARD LEFT at the Moose street sign-post, then turn RIGHT into Moose driveway/parking lot.

FROM THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY NORTH OR SOUTH: take Exit 127 for Routes 440/I-287 (Route 440 West becomes Route 287 North). Take I-287 to exit #2B, then follow directions above "From the south".

Event Website: <http://www.settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org>

At-a-Glance Event Information

Site:

Edison Moose Lodge #1978
410 Talmadge Rd. (mailing purposes only)
Edison, NJ 08817

Site Opens: 10:30

Site Closes: 7:30

Event Fees:

Site : \$11 site fee (adult); reserve by Sept 13.

Feast: \$5 feast fee; reserve by Sept 13.

Send Reservations to:

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Autocrat:

Marla Lecin, 362 Cherry Avenue, Bound Brook, NJ, 08805; 732-563-1029; mlecin@optonline.net

Make Checks Payable to: SCA, Inc - Canton of Marwick

Demo at 7th Annual Leif Erikson Festival

September 25, Budd Lake, NJ

Settmour Swamp is hosting a VIKING demo for the Vasa Lodge.

We should be set up and ready to go by 9:30 am. Event goes until 5:00. The Vasa Lodge will provide food and drink and dancing. We are welcome to stay after 5:00.

Although they want as much VIKING as they can get from us, any demo from pre-1600 Scandinavia is welcome. **** YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A VIKING TO GO*****
Just be able to tell your audience that the craft you are demonstrating was practiced in Scandinavia before 1600. Garb from any time period before 1600 in Scandinavia is also acceptable o talk about the SCA and what we do.

Please bring chairs, tables, pavilions, or any accoutrements you need for your demo.

Fighters are welcome! Round shield preferred, but we welcome you all.

Some camping is allowed but I need to let them know how ahead of time how many people are camping. If you would like to camp please let me know. Do not just show up with a tent.

If you know your going please let me know, I will be providing them with a list of people by September 22nd. These people will have food vouchers waiting for them to use for lunch.

DIRECTIONS

Take your best route to I-80 WEST to Exit number 26,

(route 46) towards BUDD LAKE/HACKETTSTOWN.
Go WEST on Route 46 towards Budd Lake for 3.5 miles.
Pass the lake on your right.

Turn LEFT onto Wolfe Road.

Vasa Park is on your RIGHT.

>From the South:

Take your best route to Route 46 East.

Continue on Route 46 through Hackettstown and over the
river into Morris County.

Turn RIGHT onto Wolfe Road. If you get to the lake,
you've gone too far.

Vasa Park is on your RIGHT.

Seraglio 2004 , Murder on the Silk Road

This is the formal declaration that "Seraglio 2004" will take place on Saturday, 20 November, 2004 at our traditional site, the Unitarian Society of New Brunswick, at 176 Tices Lane, East Brunswick, New Jersey. Attendance will be limited to 80 on-board reservations. The cost of the event will be \$18.00 and reservations are mandatory as the hall is fairly small.

This year, in addition to various classes to be held during the day (teachers needed), there will be an interactive murder mystery game with the theme of, "Murder on the Silk Road", see below for details The Author of the Game is Baron Dur of Hidden Mountain.

The game will be played upon your entry to The Swampish Caravansari, all are invited, nay encouraged to participate! The game will continue on during the Feast, which will also be punctuated with glorious entertainment.

The site will open at 10 a.m., and clean-up begun by 10:30 p.m. in order that we be quit of the building by 11:00 p.m.

Merchants are welcome, but there is VERY limited space; and Merchants will be asked to provide their own tables and let us know how big the tables are when they reserve their space. There will be space for about 5-7 Merchants to ply their wares.

There will be a sumptuous Feast with foodstuffs commensurate to the area of the world that we will be focusing on: The Silk Roads; The Swampish Caravansari is situated in the City of Samarkand. Feasters will have the option of Eastern (floor with cushions) or Western-style (standard chairs and tables) seating. Bringing one's own pillows, fluffy or otherwise is encouraged, so that you may be comfortable during the murder inquiry. Livestock of an Unnatural and/or Ersatz Nature are welcome.

There will be Crafts and Projects of an A&S nature on display throughout the entire event; and perhaps a more active A&S activity, at the whim of the Minister of A&S.

The usage of the area of the Silk Roads location "offers opportunities to consider major themes in...history-the significance of trade, the spread of religions, the diffusion of technologies and artistic motifs, and the development of powerful military forces and empires. Yet perhaps even more appealing...is the opportunity" for people of many different personae to interact in an historical milieu that will allow some learning to take place, inadvertently (shhh! don't tell). People from variously different places and cultures met, here in Samarkand along the Silk Road, were suspicious of and got to know one another, eventually. The courageous among you may even be tempted to speak to someone from Another Land, and since we are in a Caravansari, that means everyone; even you! And it will be a lot of fun.

Needed:

Volunteers for: set-up (decorating, logistics, etc) and clean-up needed, so please do volunteer (or we'll put you, outside with the overflow livestock!) and thank you!

Teachers for classes please contact the Provost and tell him what you'd like to teach. Just to clarify, subjects related to the Silk Roads, Near, Middle and Far East are encouraged, but if you have something really cool to teach on an unrelated subject, we welcome you to do so. Kitchen crew will also be needed.

At-a-Glance Event Information

Site:

Unitarian Society of New Brunswick,
176 Tices Lane,
East Brunswick, NJ.

Site Opens: 12:00

Site Closes: 10:00

Event Fees:

Site : \$18 site fee

Send Reservations to:

Autocrat. Please specify whether you prefer Eastern seating (on the floor, at low tables, you provide your own cushioning) or Western seating (chairs provided, tables at regular Western table height).

Autocrat:

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Co-Autocrat: Arianne "Rummi" Grosky

Author: Baron "Shepherd of Many" Dur of Hidden Mountain

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

A little Historical Information about the Silk Road

Samarkand was at a crossroads of the Silk Road, the route that goods, people and most importantly, ideas traveled along to connect East and West. It is located in present-day Uzbekistan. This route "linked the civilizations of Eurasia for much of pre-modern history, starting as early as the second century B.C.E., if not earlier. China, Central Asia, West Asia, and, to a lesser extent, Europe, were placed in touch with each other via the Silk Roads. The economic significance of their contacts in pre-1500 history may have been exaggerated, but their cultural impact can hardly be overstated, and the political influences, particularly during the era of the Mongol empire, have only, of late, received much attention.

Major themes of cultural borrowing, interactions of civilizations, and the development of new economic institutions and technologies to facilitate commerce, together with the sheer excitement of travel and adventure, can be conveyed through historical descriptions of the Silk Roads"

(from: <http://www.aasianst.org>).

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