

The Mudpuppy



October, 2004

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Calendar of Events

October

1-3 Ghosts, Ghouls, and Goblins

(Barony of Carillion - Manalapan, NJ)

2 Coronations of Thorvald and Svana

(Barony of Carolingia - Bolton, MA)

23 Bows at the Beach Archery Tournament *

(Shire of Barren Sands - Mays Landing, NJ)

November

6 Haus von Halstern Winter Wolf Tournament

(Shire of Rusted Woodlands - Sparta, NJ)

13 100 Minutes of Ragnarok (100 Minutes War)

(Shire of Rusted Woodlands – Augusta, NJ)

December 2004

4 Dinner, Dance, and Desserts

(Shire of Iron Bog - Swedesboro, NJ)

11 Bhakail Yule Revel

(Barony of Bhakail - Philadelphia, PA)

11 Mistletoe Revel

(Shire of Barren Sands - Pomona, NJ)

17-19 East Kingdom Brewers Collegium

(Crown Province of Ostgardr - Peekskill, NY)

Practices and Activities

Archery Practices:

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 would like to congratulate Baroness Jessa and the populace of the Canton of Marwick, and friends for putting on a wonderful event on September 18th. I was not able to attend but from all reports I have heard the Day at the Liechtenauer Fighting Academy was a success. I am sure there will be more about it in this issue.

I would also like to thank Baron Teric for being our land agent for Pennsic this year. While we were tight on space we managed to fit everyone in and still had room for the party Thursday night. Everyone who camped in the baronial camp owe the crew who built the shower a big thank you. I know it was said over and over but the shower rocked.

I know May seems far off but quest planning will have to start in a few months. If anyone is interested in Autocrating or cooking the event next May please let me know. We will be selecting the Autocrat and cook at the November business meeting.

Seraglio is being planned for November 20th, this event sells out fast so please get your reservations in soon. Also I am sure the autocrat will need lots of help. Look for the full event announcement in this issue.

Yours in Service
Alexander

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From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings from Teric and Paigan, Baron and Baroness of Settmour Swamp;

As the summer fades into fall, we're as busy as the squirrels gathering acorns in the Barony! As we write this missive, we're happy to say that the Victorian Days demo was a great success, although brigands who had blocked the westward road prevented us from attending... thanks to everyone who did make it! Though the skies opened up this past Saturday, leaving our western lands rather soggy (it is a swamp, after all), we all made merry at the Lichtenauer Academy sponsored by our Canton of Marwick. The event was very enjoyable, vivat to the autocrat Jessa, to Rhys for teaching, and also to Dietrich and Heinrikr who prepared delectable food for everyone, and the whole event staff! On Sunday, the weather cleared enough for a visit our cousins in Carillion at the Lakewood Renn Faire, thanks to all the Swampies who turned out.

We're sure to see many of you at the Leif Erikson demo in VASA Park next weekend, and would like everyone to mark their calendars with yet another demo at the Medieval Festival being held at the lovely Waterloo Village on Sunday, October 24th. Remember that doing demos is one the ways we make our Society known to our communities and recruit new membership, so please try to come out and have an enjoyable afternoon with us while doing benefit to our Barony!

We'll be journeying to Kingdom Crusades the second weekend in October, which is a very fun mini-war kind of event at a beautiful site with something for everyone. It's not much more than a couple hours away, and we highly encourage folks to join us there, whether to do fighting, fencing, archery, arts classes and competitions, shopping, or just to hang out and tip back a horn or two...

We're planning on hosting the next Baronial Officer's Meeting at our place on October 11th, which is Columbus Day, so if anyone has the day off and would like to come over to work on projects or just be sociable, please feel free to come over earlier in the day. We'll be looking forward to seeing you soon!

-- Baron Teric and Baroness Paigan

From the Canton of Marwick

Greetings from the Canton of Marwick! The canton was proud to host Die Schlachtschule on September 18. The material was well thought out and well presented, and it was fun to give some of the stuff a try. The food was exceptionally good as well, including a pork roast wrapped in rye bread... mmm! Folks had fun gaming and gambling later in the day, but our fearless seneschal lost all his coin at the first table he came to!

We are also meeting regularly, every third Tuesday of the month. The location is subject to change, so if you are interested call or email the seneschal at lorderec@aol.com. Our last meeting was very good; we had some new members and some old members that we haven't seen in a while. There was a brewing workshop and a medieval garden tour as well. And plenty to eat, too. Our next meeting will be October 19th; we hope to see you there!

From Tir Minydd

Dear Friends,

I know I have been a very naughty boy and not written to Mudpuppy in a while but it really has been a madcap summer. I have been very involved in a lot of personal things this summer but the proposed Canton is moving along beautifully in my absence.

Our active membership is beginning to get more active these days and I am very happy to see this happening. We haven't been having any classes because although we have been getting a couple more people, SOMEONE (I won't mention any names) has not been around to hold the meetings and schedule the classes. I will have to get to work on that.

General membership in the area seems to be a constant but as far as active members go, we are still hovering at less than a dozen people. When one considers that there are only about 30 people living in the area who are paid members and that some of the people who are playing with us are not paid members, it is still not a bad ratio.

Belvidere Victorian Days was very successful and I would once again like to thank Orvarg, Berelinde and Magdalena for all of their help. We had 9 people at the tent on Saturday and 7 on Sunday. Because of a traffic accident on Route 78, we didn't get any fighters but the demo went off quite well, regardless.

I would like to remind everyone that there will be a demo at Waterloo Village on Sunday, October 24. Please come on out and help support us in this. Everyone has something to contribute and everyone is wanted. I can't wait to see people there.

Until next month

Yours in Service
Lehoric
(PJ)

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 10:00 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: 10:00**Site Closes:** 11:00**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**Provost** (in charge of classes): Mathias "Mathias" Eclipsea Blackheart D'Mer MathiasSCA@aol.com and/or yahoo.com**Musical Directress:** Lisa "Sorcha" Brady**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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