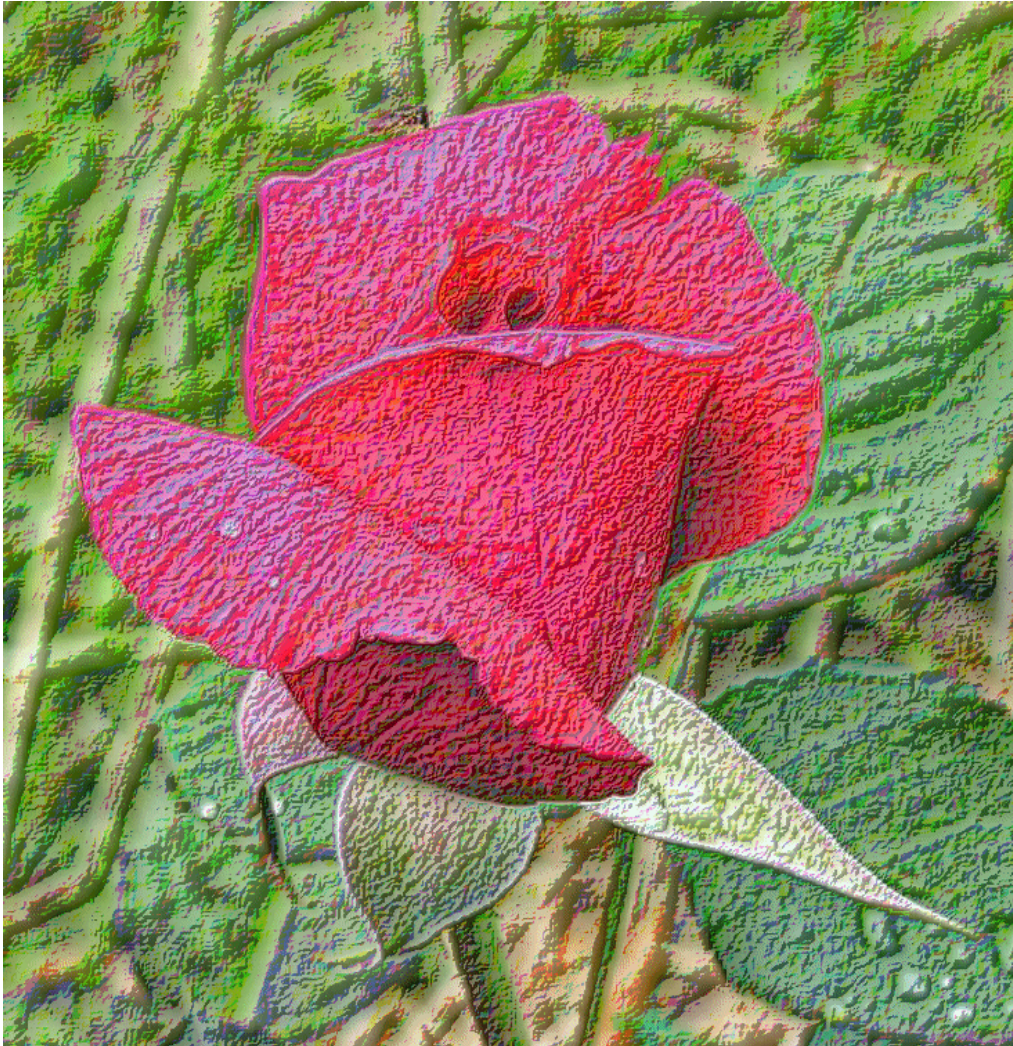


The Mudpuppy



May, 2006

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Calendar of Events

May 2006

- 19-21** West Windsor Renaissance Faire
(Barony of Carillion - Trenton, NJ)
- 21** Chivalry Grows in Brooklyn
(Canton of Brokenbridge (incipient) - Brooklyn, NY)
- 26-29** **Quest XXIII Magellans Voyage through Polynesia**
(Barony of Settmour Swamp - Neshanic Station, NJ)

June 2006

- 3** Something Fishy This Way Comes X /
(Lord of the Rivers IX, Rampart Riot VIII Tournaments, Bhakail Baronial
Champion V, Bhakail Baronial Rapier Champion V)
(Bailiwick of Iveyinrust - Philadelphia, PA)
- 9-11** Barren Sands War
(Shire of Barren Sands - Elmer, NJ)
- 16-18** K&Q Archery
(Barony of Carillion - Manalapan, NJ)

- 16 - 18** Landsknecht Vereidigung
(Shire of Eisental - Leighton, PA)

July 2006

- 21 - 23** East Kingdom War Camp
(Shire of Eisental - Leighton, PA)

Practices and Activities

Archery Practices:

Tuesdays (discontinued until April) – 6:30pm in Pittstown (exit 15 off Route 78). Sundays 1:00pm in Pittstown, please give advance notice if you're coming.

Also, there will be archer practice at the youth fighter practices, 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. (Discontinued until spring)

Arts & Sciences Activities:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 346 High Street (Rt 609), Hope, NJ. Contact fafnir62@yahoo.com for information.

Monthly Business Meetings:

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

Fencing Practices –

Thursdays 8 - 10:30 PM, at the North Stelton Fire Company, 70 Haines Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

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.

Time is from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

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

Settmour Swamp Fighter Practice:

Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 10 pm Nutley, NJ

It costs money to rent this site, so a \$5.00 donation is requested! If you have questions please email Sir Tanaka Raiko salvacion_hank@hotmail.com. Should you get lost, Tanaka's pager is 201-232-9337.

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. Tamp 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.

Nutley Fighter Practice

Note: Many of the exit ramps from Route 3 are sharp curves.

From NJ Route 3, Essex/Passaic County (East or West):

Take the MAIN AVE, NUTLEY-PASSAIC exit

At the bottom of the ramp, make left onto Main.

Go past Bradlees to the next light, make a right onto Kingsland,

Go to the first light, and turn left onto Franklin.

At the third light make a right onto Chestnut

Go one block and make left onto Hillside Crescent. The church is on the left-hand side; park on the street.

Alternate directions that will help you avoid some traffic:

From the South

Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 151. , at the end of the ramp make a right onto Watchung Ave.

At the next light make a left onto East Passaic Ave.

Take your 2nd right onto Coeyman Ave.

Take the 1st right onto Bromley Place.

Bromley Place turns into Glenview Place.

You will come to a stop sign at Ridge Road right after a curve (be careful).

Continue straight and Glenview becomes Chestnut St.

Continue straight through the traffic light at Bloomfield Ave.

*at the top of the hill, at Prospect St, Chestnut jogs to the right. Continue on Chestnut.

Take the next right onto Hillside Crescent. ,the church will be on the left after the curve.

From Route 3 Westbound

Take the Passaic Ave exit.

At the end of the ramp, make a left onto Passaic Ave.

Follow directions from ** below

From Route 3 Eastbound:

Take the Passaic Ave exit.

Stay to the right and merge with Ward Ave.

At the next intersection (50ft or so), make a left onto Passaic Ave.

**Passaic Ave turns into Cathedral Ave.

Stay to the right at the fork in the road.

At the end of Cathedral, make a right onto Kingsland St.

Take the first left onto Bloomfield Ave. (Across from Roche and at the railroad tracks).

Take Bloomfield Ave to the traffic light at Chestnut St. This should be the second traffic light, but there have been lights added to that road since I lived there. (Chestnut is one of those). The three streets on the left before Chestnut are Raymond Ave., Beech St. and Mountainview Ave.

Continue from * above.

Dance Practice!

Dance practice is starting up in the Barony! All are welcome, beginners and experienced dancers alike!

We will meet 2nd Tuesdays (starting April 11), 7:30 pm at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue in Cranford, NJ. The Center is 2 blocks from the Cranford train station, and also near routes 22, 9, and the Garden State Parkway.

For more information, call Jessa d'Avondale at 732-563-1029, or email: mlecin@optonline.net

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Monthly Baronial Business Meeting

The Baronial office's meeting for the month of April will be held on May 10th at the home of our Seneschal, Phillip the Facetious.

310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519)
Holland Twp, NJ 08848

Directions:

Take your best route to Route 78.

Take Exit 11 -- "Rt. 173/W. Portal/Pattenburg"

Follow the circle around to the left, following the signs to Rt. 614, over the Interstate.

Go through a light, continuing on Rt. 614 south

At 1 mile from the light, go under a one lane bridge

At 2.5 mi, you cross Rt. 579

At 5 mi, make a left in Little York to stay on Rt. 614

(to Milford)

At 7.5 mi, make a left onto Rt. 519 south

Pass the red 'Alexandria Farm' on the left

Ours is the first house past the farm

Tan house on the left on a hill - "310" on mailbox.

From the Baron and Baroness

Greeting from Teric and Paigan, Baron and Baroness of Settmour Swamp!

Another year's Quest is nearly upon us, and this year, 'Quest' has an entirely new meaning for us, as we are on a quest for our Heirs! We encourage everyone to consider the exciting possibility of being the designated Royal Representative(s) for our Barony! You get to wear a cool spiffy coronet and folks bow to you when you walk by! Seriously, it's a demanding but rewarding leadership position, where you can make a lot of contributions and get a lot out of it, so long as you realize that as much as you'd like to make everyone happy, it's usually not possible to manage that one hundred percent, so you just have to do the best you can to help make this an enjoyable hobby for everyone, inspire and facilitate people in their interests, and be a good liaison both within the Barony as a whole, and between the Barony and the Kingdom. Settmour Swamp is truly a treasure of wonderful talented people from all walks of life, it has a rich history of tradition and camaraderie, nurtured by the efforts of our esteemed predecessors – it's a great Barony to live in, and could be yours to rule, all it takes is a dollar and a dream. Okay, well, you don't even have to pay a dollar, just send a letter of intent to our Seneschal, Phillip, by Quest, and he'll put you on the ballot. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us. We hope to have a schedule set of summer meet-and-greets where the populace can talk with the candidates by Quest, where we will be first introducing the hopeful Baron and/or Baronesses-to-be.

We'll be doing a medieval demo for the boy scouts (future SCAdians!) at the Yards Creek Scout Reservation in Blairstown on May 20th, so any who are not planning on being at the West Windsor Renn Faire in Carillion that day who would like to volunteer to come show the scouts about the SCA should contact Morgaine (MESidhe@aol.com) – your time and efforts will be greatly appreciated! On June 25th, the Barony will be hosting a regional practice for the Southern Region Army at our Flemington site, along with all the other regular activities there, such as youth fighting, craftworks and archery, so feel free to come out and encourage our Kingdom's warriors as they prepare for War!

Also, don't forget to register for Pennsic, the deadline for Cooper's Lake Pennsic registration is May 15th for mail-in and June 15th for on-line (www.pennsicwar.org). The Settmour Swamp camp form is available on the website (www.settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org), or you can get a hardcopy from Troll at Quest. You need to return this to Baroness Paigan by the last weekend in July to ensure your spot in Swamp Camp at Pennsic.

A last note about Quest – the Elm Street bridge adjacent to the Quest site is under refurbishment construction, so there is a short and easy detour which will be published in

advance and clearly marked with road signs. We're looking forward to seeing many of our fellow Swampies there, viewing the tournaments to determine our new Baronial Champions, and enjoying a wonderful journey of discovery to the Polynesian culture as was explored by Ferdinand Magellan in the early 1500s on his own 'quest' to find a westerly route to the Spice Islands! Aloha, Mahalo, Shaka!

Take care till next we meet,

Teric and Paigan

Baronial Candidates Wanted!

All those who wish to be considered as candidates for Baron and/or Baroness should write a letter stating their intention and submit it to our Seneschal, along with proof of membership. All candidates should be declared by Quest (Memorial Day weekend).

Minutes from the April Business Meeting

Mudthaw – made ~\$1000. Suggestion made to have more people at troll next year, and to have the children's area downstairs.

Quest - White bridge will be down for 15 months. Will it affect parking? Eric will call construction company for details. Maybe arrange offsite parking.

Chancellor Minor will run boat races for halflings.

Pennsic – Barony registered with Coopers. Tent was bought for entrance.

Demos – 2 coming up – Hacketstown and Liberty Twp Morgaine & Paigain will investigate the possibilities

Web – Yahoo groups can have more than one owner; possibility for General list. Elisa will list both Archery practices.

Canton practices – Had 1st dance practice- 12 people attended! Interest in archery. Will need 3 new targets. 2005 end of year report was forwarded to EK Exchequer

Drop Dead Deputies – all officers will need a drop dead deputy. May hold another officer, though.

Policies / Procedures – final recommendations due to Seneschal by April 30.

Baronial polling – will 're-use' ballots from last polling.

Vote on Baronial Seneschal – passed by acclamation.

Purchase of Tower medallions approved for 150.50

Chatelaine – Gabi is moving. May need a new chatelaine. Morgaine is drop dead.

Arts & Sciences

No one has reported anything new to me.

I have received the paints for Pennsic XXXV Queen's favors, and am looking for fabric of the proper weight and color. I shall soon schedule and announce meetings at the Flemington site on Sundays for the general populace to come and help make these favors.

I have nothing else to report.

No one has reported to me dead, and none have been reported dead to me.

Respectfully submitted, in service,
Domina Richenda de Honneflo
done by my electronic hand
on the 19th day of fourth month
in the Year of our Lord 2006

Cantons

Marwick held its meeting and first Dance Practice on April 11. Over a dozen people attended, and had a great time.

I have asked Elisabetta to add our new meeting times (7:30, 2nd Tuesdays at the Cranford Community Center) to the Baronial website.

Owynn Greenwood has completed the paperwork for the 2005 EOY financial report, and forwarded it to our new Exchequer. I will make sure it is received by the Kingdom Exchequer.

We have people in the group who are interested in Archery. There are a couple of places where we might be able to start up additional archery practices (an archery range in South Mountain Reservation in Essex County, and a former gun range in Kenilworth) - I will work with our Captain of Archers to find out if we can use them.

Jessa d'Avondale

From the Mudthaw Autocrat

Mudthaw 2006 – what a great time! I would sincerely like to thank everyone who helped work the event – without everyone working together, none of it could ever happen.

I'd like to start with thanking my deputy autocrat, who also was our entertainment coordinator, my sister Andrea. Thank you!

Next up, the cooks – Riordan a'Bheithir for being head feast cook, and Quinn a'Bheithir for being his number one backup, and Cas and Alexander MacRus, for making the best lunch pies anyone ever had. All the food was delicious and you guys were a pleasure to work with. While I'm thinking about the food, I can't forget Rachel Gwynn who organized the serving, Baroness Jessa D'Avondale, who organized bringing the dayboard to the fighters, and Berelinde Cynewulfohtor, our chamberlain, who helped provide all the serving equipment that a large event needed.

No event can run without a Troll, and ours was run by Baron Alexander MacGregor. He was ably assisted by Elisabetta Maldestra, Dima a'Bheithir, Fai'lenn Dhubh, Gordon, Rebecca, Galefridus, Stephanie, Persephone, and I'm sure many others.

Speaking of Troll, our beautiful beautiful troll tokens were made for us by Master Ali (aka Arab Boy).

Also crucial for a Mudthaw are all the various contests and tournaments that go on. Ours were ably run by:

Heavy Weapons: Lord Cullyn mac Kinnon
Fencing and Thrown Weapons: Lord Sebastian Estevenez de Xavier
Archery: Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood
Youth Fighting: Lord Draguin atte Maeldun
Mistress of Lists: Rhiannon deLicorne (assisted by Caera MacKieran)
Brewing competition: Jehannine de Bordeu
A&S (Subtlety competition): Lady Richenda de Honoflo
Youth Activities: Angus & Brianna Sutherland
Chiurgeoning: Philip the facetious, Edana & Galefridus

Our merchants were ably and efficiently run by Edmund Patterson. Thank you so much for all your considerable efforts. Also thank you to Macolm Bowman for assisting him.

Baroness Ursula, as always, ran the best royal room ever. She continues to outdo herself.

Erik the Wandering Horseman and Caitlin Fitzgerald were wonderful in heading up the clean-up effort. And, of course, Serric for being "in charge" of kitchen clean up

There are scores of other volunteers to thank, Cuthbad, Cordelia, Aiden, Mata, Gwen, Gabrielle, Eowulf, Lehoric, Gudrun, Sven, Avrigne, Hildemar, Izumi, Baroness Merlinia, Gwir & Marcus, Katherine de Staverton, Elizabeth Maledicta, Magdalena, Orvarg, Owynn, and Jeremiah, to name a few. I know I'm forgetting people, but know that I'm thankful to all of you, especially those that did 2 and 3 and 4 jobs.

Finally I'd like to thank our Baron and Baroness, Teric and Paigan, because the both of you do endless work, and without your help I could have never kept track of the thousand things that were going on at once. You are wonderful to work with, and I'm very glad I got the chance to do so.

Quest XXIII Magellan's Voyage through Polynesia

Friday, May 26th, 2006 to Monday, May 29th, 2006

Hosted by Barony of Settmour Swamp - Neshanic Station, NJ

The Barony of Settmour Swamp welcomes one and all to our 23rd Quest for Wit and Wisdom. Quest is a three day camping event with something for everyone to enjoy. This year's Quest theme is Magellan's Voyage through Polynesia. The Quest will recreate Magellan's 1519 voyage through Polynesia where he visited the exotic and mysterious islands of Tahiti, Aotearoa (New Zealand), Rapa Nui (Easter Island), Samoa and Hawaii. Solve riddles and perform wondrous feats in pursuit of the ultimate prize and recognition.

Saturday will bring competitions for the Baronial championships. All are welcome to compete for the glory of representing the Barony of Settmour Swamp as one of it's Champions!. For those who crave battle, there will be competitions in armored combat, thrown weapons, fencing, and archery. . The Baronial Arts and Sciences championship competition will also take place on Saturday as well. A&S entries in all categories are welcome. There will also be youth fighting activities available

After the afternoon activities, we invite you to partake in a grand Polynesian feast. Lady Leolani (formerly Ma'isah) will be preparing wondrous delights from the Pacific Rim. Around the campfire, Saturday evening, come compete in, or just enjoy, the Baronial Bardic Competition.

The site is primitive. There is no running water on site. We ask you to please bring potable water for your needs. There will be port-a-castles onsite. The site is damp.

Children are welcome and there will be various activities for them to participate in. We ask you to please supervise your children at all times. Minor waivers must be signed for all under 18 by a parent or legal guardian. Pets are also welcome, but must be on a leash at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets

Directions:

From Route 206: [Route 206 can be reached from Routes 287 and 22 from the north, and from Routes 95,295,and 195 from the south. Take Route 206 to County road 514 [Amwell road] in Hillsborough NJ. If you are coming from the north, turn right onto Route 514. If you are coming from the south make a left. Stay on Route 514 for about 8 miles untill you come to a 3-way intersection at a large white Church. Turn right onto Route 567 [River road]. A mile or so down the road turn left and go across a white metal girder bridge [Elm St.]. The site is across the bridge, on the right.

At-a-Glance Event Information

Site:

Neshanic Station Fire Dept Picnic Ground

Elm St.

Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

Site Opens: Friday May 26th at 4pm

Site Closes: Monday May 29th at 12pm

Event Fees:

Site : Event Fees:

Adult [18+] day trip - \$10/day Adult Weekend - \$20/day

Child [6-17] day trip - \$5/day Child Weekend - \$10/day

Children under 5 are free

Adults arriving on Friday will pay an additional \$5

Families will pay a maximum of \$60

Persons who cannot show proof of membership must pay the \$3 Non-Member Surcharge. Monday is free

Feast: Feast is \$8.00 per person and limited to 100 people. Please send in a reservation to _____ reserve _____ your _____ spot.

Send Reservations to:

Baron Alexander MacGragor [David DeVito]

307 Village Drive Somerset N.J. 08873 exchequer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Autocrat:

Lord Eric the Wandering Horseman [Fred Henninger Jr] Cell # 732-672-5345 or e-mail at wanderhrse@aol.com

Other Contact Information:

There is no charge for merchants but must supply your own tables.

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

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