



# The Mudpuppy

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Barony of Settmour Swamp

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March 2018



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### Officers Meeting — March 14

**The March Officers Meeting is at the Mudthaw church.**

**Date: Wednesday, March 14 at 7:30pm**

**Location: SS. Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church  
60 Laurel Avenue  
Roseland, NJ 07068**

[Google Map](#)

### Help Needed—Mudthaw SETUP — March 23

Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am to when we are finished. We need help setting up tables, setting up the list area, setting up royal rooms, changing rooms etc.

The more people able to help the faster it will go.

If you can make it please let the autocrats know

email [mudthawsteward@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org](mailto:mudthawsteward@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org).

**Location: SS. Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church  
60 Laurel Avenue  
Roseland, NJ 07068**



## Food & Cooking and Arts & Sciences Gathering

**Saturday, March 17 at 10 AM - 4 PM**

Montville Township First Aid Squad

137 Changebridge Road

Montville, NJ 07045

See map at <http://bit.ly/2kKV2tR>

Food and Cooking A&S Night

<https://www.facebook.com/events/950178085106756/>



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### A St. Pat's day food and cooking/A&S gathering!

We have a guest speaker -- Master Joel of Vestfell will be coming down from Concordia to share with us his excellent class on caring for baronial kitchen equipment.

As usual, you are encouraged to bring samples of projects that you may currently be working on. In honor of the day, Irish/Celtic-themed projects are especially encouraged. And if your current A&S project isn't food related, feel free to bring it along — we have plenty of space and all are welcome!

Hosted by Magister Galefridus Peregrinus.

- Garb is not required.
- The site is the town's EMS squad house. An active-duty EMS crew will be present in another part of the building and will be responding to (hopefully few!) 911 calls, so we will need to stay out of their way.
- Parking is available for 20+ cars on the right side of the building. If the lot fills up, please park on Old Changebridge Road behind the squad house. Enter at the door on the right. There will be signs to direct you.



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- No fee is required, but we'll have a basket set out for donations to the first aid squad, and we encourage generosity.



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## Seneschale Notes

Starting this month, we're changing how we do the seneschal notes in the Mudpuppy. Instead of trying to find a different way each month to encourage us all to be active in the barony and the SCA, I'm going to tell you what happened when the officers met together. This summary of the minutes will (I hope) be more interesting than the lengthier detailed version of the minutes we've been publishing. These meetings are open to any resident of the Swamp who would like to attend.

I trust you've all found ways to hone your skills and grow in the SCA over the last few months. We're heading into our busy season as a barony, starting with Mudthaw at the end of this month. We do need your help to make this a successful and fun event; please contact Natal'ia or Alexander to volunteer.



YIS,  
Judith

### Summary of Baronial Officers Meeting Held January 10, 2018

**Present:** Jonathan, Teresa, Judith, Galefridus, Mabel Fortune, Emidio, Natal'ia, Alexander, Charis, Jocelyn, Dalek, Coleen and John (new residents of the Swamp). We had a quorum.

Minutes from December were approved.

#### Updates on Mudthaw:

- We've been approved for PayPal for pre-registrations. The event announcement has been updated. People to run portions of the event are still being worked out, as are details about some of the parts of the event. Royal court is likely to last three hours.
- Savory bake sale: The officers voted that the money raised from this sale should be used to pay the expenses of hosting the House Runnymede dinner at Pennsic in 2019. We can't use baronial funds for this purpose and need to raise the money in other ways, like bake sales.
- New knives need to be purchased to replace the dull ones in the baronial kitchen equipment. The knife rolls were thrown away last year after they became moldy. We raised money at the Quest silent auction to cover this cost. The officers voted to release this money to buy knives and knife storage in time for Mudthaw.

#### Quest

We need an event steward, feast cook, and someone to do the quest itself. Emidio is interested in autocrating the event and will present a bid. We already have a signed contract with the Elks for the weekend.

#### Ducal Challenges

- Prince Brennan is unable to be the event steward this year because of his other commitments. Jocelyn expressed interest in taking on that role.
- Dates? September 8 or 21 would be best. We need to check with Brennan; then Judith will get a contract from the Elks.





## Seneschale Notes (continued)

### BGI

The site for BGI in recent years is already booked. They are finding somewhere else.

### A&S and Food & Cooking Gigs

Galefridus has booked the Montville First Aid Squad for alternating Friday evenings and Saturdays through June. A&S can take place at the same time because the room is large and well lit. We discussed having a Swamp Stomp at the May one to prepare for Quest.

### Proposed New Event

Charis would like to put on a Welsh event in October; it would be a celebratory feast day as it would have run in a noble household. During the day there would be a lot of food and bardic and maybe dancing; the event will end with a feast. The feast would be part of the basic cost of the event, not an additional fee. She'll present a bid at the next meeting.



### Officer Reports:

- Exchequer: Reports have been submitted to kingdom for first 3 quarters. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report isn't due yet. Information is missing so Ducal Challenges report is incomplete. Charis is training Mabel.
- Chamberlain: Emidio is replacing the tub used for troll with a sturdy tub on wheels. The officers approved the cost and also \$50 to buy a new cash box.
- MoL: Nothing happened this last month to report on.
- Webminister: The transition to Google for NonProfits is going pretty smoothly. We need group emails that include the deputies.

### Other Business

General discussion of handling baronial finances:

- We have been lowering the cost of admission for events to close to break even.
- We need to have enough in our bank account to cover the failure of Mudthaw and Quest, if weather or other factors outside our control cause us to cancel these events.

Replacing the tower at Pennsic Swamp Camp

- The present tower is labor-intensive and difficult to put up. A professional architect should look at the plans. Jonathan is open to suggestions about a new tower.

We are still looking for a place to hold archery practice.

Next meeting: at Jocelyn's house in Springfield. On February 21<sup>st</sup> (not the 14<sup>th</sup> because we're romantics).

YIS,

**Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel**

**Mudthaw—March 24, 2018****Mudthaw****Nowruz comes to the Swamp.**

Aidé shomā mobāarak, Happy New Year and Happy Nowruz!! With the arrival of the vernal equinox, the festival of Nowruz will start. Their Excellencies Jonathan and Teresa and the populace of Settmour Swamp invite the Known World to help celebrate the annual thawing of the mud this year with a Nowruz theme.

Please join us on March 24th at the SS Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Roseland, NJ, as we gather to enjoy much that our society has to offer. There will be tournaments of martial skill; the arts and sciences will be celebrated and demonstrated. After Kingdom and Baronial court we shall feast!

**Event Location**

SS. Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church  
60 Laurel Avenue  
Roseland, NJ 07068

[Google Map](#)

**Registration:**

Preregistration ends on March 13th 2018.

Adult Non-Members \$20.00  
Adult Members (with Member Discount) \$15.00  
Minors (6-17 years of age) \$5  
Minors (0-5 years of age) free

We are accepting **Paypal** for event preregistration, PayPal registration will be open until March 13, 2018.

If you are a merchant and wish to use PayPal to pay your merchant fee, you must first contact our Merchant Coordinator Stephanie Macgregor (see information below under Other Contact information) first to verify we have space left.

To use PayPal please use the following link, once you fill out the form you will receive a PayPal invoice from kingdom within 24 hours. Your PayPal preregistration is not complete until the PayPal invoice is paid.

<http://surveys.eastkingdom.org/index.php/158233>

**Feast:** Feast will be \$9 per person in addition to the personal registration fee.





## Mudthaw—March 24, 2018 (continued)

As in years past, there will NOT be a dayboard at Mudthaw. We plan to offer a savory bake sale, going on as a fundraiser. Check the EK announcement for updates.

There are some restaurants about a mile and a half down the road from the site.

Please plan accordingly.

### Schedule

9:00 – Merchant setup  
9:30 - Site Opens  
9:30 - Merchants Open -- Merchant Row - Side hall  
10:30 - A&S Entries Open -- Main hall  
10:30 - Morning Royal Court - Main hall  
11:30 - Artisans' Village opens -- Main hall  
11:30 - Armored Combat Tournament begins – outside /back parking lot  
11:30 – Rapier Tournament begins – outside /back parking lot  
12noon - Youth Combat & Rapier starts – outside /back parking lot  
12:30 - A&S Competition Begins-- Main hall  
2:30 - Artisans' Village Closes  
2:30 - A&S Judging Closes (please pick up your entries)  
3:30 - All Marshal Activities End  
3:30 - Main Hall Reset for Court  
3:45 - Baronial Court -- Main hall  
4:15 - Evening Royal Court-- Main hall  
5:00 - Merchants Close  
6:30 - Main Hall Reset for Feast  
7:00 - Feast-- Main hall  
9:00 - Feast Ends  
9:30 - Site Closes (Anyone staying afterwards, we thank you for helping with cleaning up.)

Site Opens: 9:30 am

Site Closes: 9:30 pm

### **Event Stewards:**

Natal'ia Bolotnikova (Sarah Saladini)

Master Alexander Macgregor (Dave DeVito)

Both autocrats can be emailed at

[mudthawsteward@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org](mailto:mudthawsteward@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org)

Please see the full event announcement for more information.

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3250>







## Nowruz by Lady Stephanie MacGregor

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### Nowruz: its History and Traditions.

By Lady Stephanie MacGregor

Peoples of diverse countries around the world spend thirteen days in March ushering in the new year while banishing winter's somber darkness in a celebration known as Nowruz. Being significant as both the start of spring and the new calendar year has endowed Nowruz traditions with symbolism that has allowed it to prevail into the modern era. Regardless of political, religious, or geographical shifts, Nowruz has survived thousands of years, making it arguably the oldest holiday still observed today<sup>1</sup>. This Persian festival remains in the hearts of many who are unified, not by borders or religion, but by their love of this vibrant holiday.

Depending on the writer, Nowruz takes on a variety of spellings; Norouz, Norooz, and Nauruz are all legitimate and commonly used. While the spelling in this article is the internationally recognized one, and that which reflect its Indo-Iranian roots, the word is actually pronounced “no-rooz”<sup>7</sup>. *Now* is the Persian word for new, and *rōz/rūz* means day in middle and contemporary Persian, and *light* in a more archaic translation<sup>14</sup>. Reflecting the meaning of the word, Nowruz's significance is associated with its place in the calendar.

In the 11<sup>th</sup> century CE, Persian astronomer, Naṣīr al-Dīn al-Ṭūsī led a reform of the Iranian calendar placing the beginning of Nowruz and the new year at the very moment of the vernal equinox, when the sun rests equidistant between the poles and either hemisphere.

While the word does not appear in Iranian writing until the second century CE, the tradition of Nowruz is believed by historians to date back to the Achaemenid Empire (548-330 BCE) founded by Cyrus the Great<sup>14</sup>. In the early Persian Empire, Nowruz was the time of year when the kings of different nations in Persia brought gifts to the *Shahanshah*, or Emperor. In 592 BCE, when Cambyses II was to become king of Babylon, his reign was not considered legitimate until he participated in Nowruz festivities. Some historians are not surprised by this as they speculate that the Achaemenid Empire was first introduced to Nowruz through their Babylonian conquest.

Babylonian and Sumerian calendars have always centered around the start of the seasons as they were an agricultural society who depended on the changing seasons and coming rains for



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**Nowruz by Lady Stephanie MacGregor** (continued)

prosperity. Their Iranian contemporaries were nomadic tribes who depended more on raising cattle, making the changing of seasons relatively less significant. Furthermore, Babylonians had an established tradition in the early spring that required that the King journeyed to the temple of Marduk to receive signs from the gods, affirming his royal right while offering the gods royal protection <sup>2</sup>. When Iranian tribes settled in new lands, the resulting shift from cattle raising to agriculture brought increased significance to the coming of spring. For these reasons, it is believed the Persians adopted these traditions as their own. Today, Nowruz rituals are a meaningful representation of Persian culture that those of Persian decent safeguard as a connection to their ancestors.

While there are many myths that echo the spirit of Nowruz, its origins are most associated with Zoroastrian lore. The *Shahnameh* (Book of Kings), an epic poem penned by Iranian poet Hakim Abul-Qasim Mansur in 1010 CE, is a Zoroastrian religious text that tells of the mythical King Jamshid's triumph over darkness and evil <sup>3</sup>. A war between Jamshid and evil demons left the world perilous and devoid of life. After defeating and capturing the demons, Jamshid ordered they build him a throne from all their jewels. After its completion, the demons lifted King Jamshid and his throne into the sky where the sun's rays refracted off the jewels. Spreading light and color across the world, the Earth blossomed and life was restored. His people repaid King Jamshid with even more treasures. This became known to be the first day of the new year, and the first celebration of Nowruz.

These thousand years of rich history colors the modern rituals associated with Nowruz today. The Nowruz festivals are kicked off on the last Wednesday of the year known as Red Wednesday, or *Chahar Shanbeh Soori* <sup>4</sup>. Bonfires are lit as families and friends gather, enjoying each other's company. Those with an adventurous spirit leap over the fire as everyone exclaims "*sorkhi-e to az man, zardi-e man az to*" meaning "give me your beautiful red color and take back my sickly pallor"<sup>10</sup>. This final hurrah wishes the winter good bye as everyone prepares for the coming new year. Similar to Halloween, Red Wednesday is the day spirits of ancestors come to visit. Children shroud themselves in a reenactment of these meetings and knock on the doors of their neighbors asking for treats while banging pots and pans in order to banish the bad luck of the past year.

In addition to the Red Wednesday festivities, families who celebrate Nowruz prepare by cleaning, reorganizing their homes and buying new clothes to wear for Tahvil, the exact moment Nowruz starts. While modern technology allows anyone to Google the exact time of the vernal equinox, in the past eras it was up to the Haji Firooz to inform the town of when Tahvil should be celebrated. Donning red silk, the Haji Firooz dances around the town with a tambourine, encouraging joy, and alerting the public to the exact moment of tahvil.

While the image of Haji Firooz reminds many of Santa Claus, he also stirs up a more malicious image. The figure is often represented wearing black face paint, which some may argue is soot, but others link the character to Haji Firuz, an African slave <sup>11</sup>. African slaves have been



referenced intermittently in medieval accounts <sup>12</sup> though the Iranian slave trade was at its height in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. After the end of the slave trade in Iran, the figure and tradition became associated with a joyful mistral rather than a slave, owing mostly to modern Iran's resistance to discussions about slavery. It seems necessary to touch on this topic as it is the responsibility of those who study culture and history to confront the sometimes inhumane origins of beloved traditions. Haji Firooz will not be a part of Mudthaw's Nowruz observation. Instead, the Barony will turn to the positive traditions of dancing, music and togetherness that dominate Nowruz rituals. Of these traditions, one of the most prominent is the Haftseen Table.

Acting as the centerpiece of every home during Nowruz festivals, the Haftseen table displays items of symbolic significance. Seven, or *haft* in Persian is a lucky number and *sin* or *seen* is the letter s <sup>4</sup>. *Haftseen* translates to seven s's so each of the seven items on display start with the letter s and bare significance to the recurring themes of rebirth and revitalization. In the weeks preceding Nowruz, each family germinates wheat grass seeds, or *sabzeh*, to represent the renewal of nature. Wheat grass is a consistent feature of the haftseen table while other components may vary from household to household. Some of the more popular items include: crushed sumac berries representing the sunrise, and *senjed*, the fruit of the lotus tree representing love. *Serekh* (vinegar) is for age and patience, *seeb* (apples) bring health and beauty, *sir* (garlic) means good health and *samanu*, a wheat pudding represents the sweetness of life. Alongside the seven s's, a mirror is placed on the back of the table so the family may reflect on the past year. Hyacinths add a touch of spring, painted eggs are displayed as a reminder of Spring's fertility, coins encourage prosperity, and a water bowl housing either a goldfish or an orange act as a symbol for our earth and its varied life <sup>4</sup>.

On the day of *tahvil*, families and friends gather, donning their new attire, exchanging cash gifts and sharing a meal together as they count down to the exact moment of the vernal equinox. Those living in countries such as Iran, Afghanistan, Turkey, and Syria are given the whole holiday off to make their visits to family, friends and neighbors while enjoying folk music, dancing, and traditional cuisine. On the last day of Nowruz, *Sizdeh Bedar*, or "getting rid of the thirteenth," families gather outside to picnic and play games. The return to nature is a critical part of the thirteen-day festival. In that spirit, the *sabzeh* is taken out with the family and tossed into rivers and lakes <sup>13</sup>. Nature returns, the world is new again as adults and children return to their usual routines.

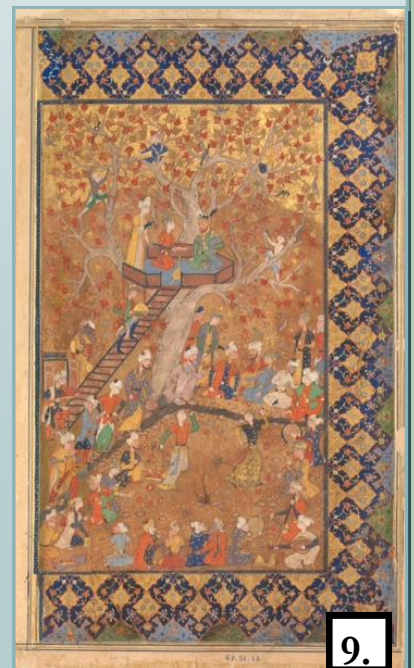
The Barony of Settmour Swamp will draw upon the vibrancy of Nowruz traditions for this year's Syrian theme. Nowruz was celebrated in Syrian lands when they were a part of the Persian empire, and today, celebrations are held in households across Syria. In 2018, *Tahvil* is at 12:15 pm on March 20<sup>st</sup>, making Mudthaw one of the thirteen days of Nowruz and a perfectly apropos opportunity to introduce everyone to this spectacular tradition. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, join the rest of the world in their exuberance over the return of the spring and the thawing of the mud.



## Nowruz by Lady Stephanie MacGregor (continued)

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## Black Gryphon Inn (BGI) - April 21

For updates see the EK calendar : <https://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3288>

Visit the Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/397388320687995/>

Damen und Herren, the Canton of Gryphonwald opens their tavern to you for a day of warmth, friendliness, and good cheer! Although there remains a winter chill in the air, let us warm your heart. There will be **dance**! There will be song! And perhaps best of all, Lord Jon Renwick and Raela a Bheithir will prepare a hearty **16th century German feast** just for you. Gemutlichkeit!

The game of **Kubb**, introduced to us by our Norse friends, has become a beloved pastime amongst Swampies. A tournament will be held for the enjoyment of all. Spectators, beginners, and seasoned players are welcome!

Test your skills in the arenas of art and science by entering a piece of work in the populace vote A&S competition. It is beneficial to provide, alongside your piece, a short description of the work and its origin or inspiration.

If you please, submit a sample of your favorite concoctions to our Brewer's competition! This competition shall be split into two categories consisting of beer and mead.

Lastly, we are honored to host our Barony's Bardic competition! Come before our Canton of Gryphonwald, the Barony of Settmour Swamp, and our esteemed Baron and Baroness to compete in our **Bardic competition**. All who wish to participate please come with a small index card with brief documentation to be presented before the competition begins.

No German feast is complete without Bier. This site has a strict policy regarding outside alcoholic beverages.... only alcoholic beverages purchased from them are permitted. The Elks bar will be open throughout the day for your enjoyment. They are rumoured to have a good selection at excellent prices.

Please join us!

Site Opens: 12:30 pm

Site Closes: 7:30 pm

### Event Location

Edison Elks Lodge  
375 Old Post Road  
Edison, NJ 08818

[Google Map](#)





## Black Gryphon Inn (BGI) - April 21 (continued)

### Directions:

Conveniently located in Edison, near Route 1 and the Turnpike.

Please use your GPS device for specific directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/zSMuxFDqZgk>

### Registration Fees

**Registration:** Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$11

Adult Event Registration: \$16

Children (age 3-17) Registration Fees: \$5

Youth (under age 3): free

**Feast:** \$8 per person

The menu is not yet available, but shall be posted shortly.

Pre-Registration ends April 6th.

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

### Contact Information

#### **Event Steward:**

Brynhildr Sleggja

mka Mo Newman

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732-535-4761

#### **Send Reservations to:**

Mo Newman

1108 Schmidt Lane

North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Please include, with your reservation fees, the full mundane name(s), SCA name(s), and reservation type(s).

#### **Other Contact Information:**

Co-Head Cook: Lord Jon Renwick

mka Renny Stern

[govorpal@gmail.com](mailto:govorpal@gmail.com)

Co-Head Cook: Raela a Bheithir

mka Marissa Rathee

[marissarathee@gmail.com](mailto:marissarathee@gmail.com)



## QUEST is Memorial Day

**QUEST is coming!**

Please contact our Seneschale, Lady Judith, if you are interested in serving as:

- Event Steward
- QUEST-o-CRAT
- Feast Cook



## Chronicler Notes

### Want to be a Chronicler?

This is my last issue of the Mudpuppy. I resigned as Chronicler, following the February officers meeting. Later, my request to retract my resignation was denied by the Kingdom Chronicler. I understand her reasons. My second term as Chronicler would normally end in April, so the timing is only a little early.

At the request of our Seneschale and with the permission of the Kingdom Chronicler, I completed the March issue of the Mudpuppy.

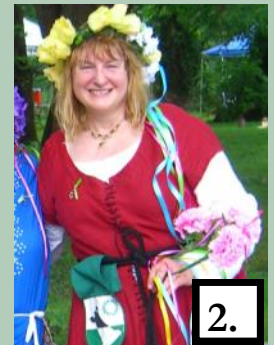
I LOVED creating the Mudpuppy.

Being Chronicler is a great way to help your Barony.

**Baroness Ursula of North Woods,**

I see the newsletter as capturing the history of the Barony of Settmour Swamp. By comparison, FaceBook is like a cocktail party where chaotic information floats rapidly by and can't be found a week later. We are after all a history group.

**The newsletter captures the HISTORY of our HISTORY group.**



Note: all artwork, photos and creative articles are used with permission. Each item is marked with a number. The numbers refer to the list of contributors which is shown on the last page of this issue.





## May Pole—Free to Good Home

I have a 'portable' May Pole. Free to whoever would give it a 'good home'.

The base is 4 ft. by 3 ft. and the pole is a solid wood closet rod that is 12 ft. long. Hardware to connect the 2 parts is included (bolts and wing nuts). No tools would be needed to assemble on site.

Sorry no streamers are included ... the original artistic installation used paper crepe as streamers ... which have not survived.

Delivery as mutually agreed ... pickup in Rockaway preferred.

Please contact **Vincenzo:**

eMail to [vincenzo.martino.mazza@gmail.com](mailto:vincenzo.martino.mazza@gmail.com)

PM to Martin G Diehl <https://www.facebook.com/martin.g.diehl>





## Did You Know:

By Ursula of North Woods

The **East Kingdom Calendar**

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventListing.html>

### East Kingdom Law—Recent Changes

[forwarding for the Seneschal] (reprinting)

The final version of the changes to East Kingdom Law resulting from the Curia held on December 9, 2017 at Yule Revel in Renaissance Germany, in the Barony of Bhakail, can be found on the Seneschal's website under the Curia tab. The final version can be found by clicking on the Changes made to Law at December 2017 Curia, or here: <http://seneschal.eastkingdom.org/docs/EKLawchanges2017December.pdf>

The original version is still located by clicking the Agenda link, or here: <http://seneschal.eastkingdom.org/docs/EKCuria20171209Agenda.pdf>

The agenda for the Birka curia will be posted in the next few weeks.

I encourage everyone to check the website and read what is proposed for any curia.

Katherine Barr, East Kingdom Seneschal

Society for Creative Anachronism **Newcomer's Portal:**

<http://welcome.sca.org/>

A **Newcomer's Guide** to the SCA:

<http://www.sca.org/officers/chatelain/pdf/NewcomersGuidePages-low.pdf>



## Ursula, Pete & Orlando Designed Settmour Swamp Tee-shirt

Interested in ordering a "BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP" tee-shirt? Then just call the toll free number below to speak to a **CustomInk** Sales Associate to place your order: **800-293-4232**

Call CustomInk and reference the previous order number **7397591**. The sales associate will then place your order using your email account and preferred shipping address. CustomInk will require your credit card information as well as your billing address information to complete payment.

<http://www.customink.com>

Note: Two Designs are available: request either the "TREE" or the "TOWER" design. High resolution images of these designs are available in the April, 2016 Mudpuppy.

[http://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/mudpuppy/media/The\\_Mudpuppy\\_-\\_2016-04.pdf](http://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/mudpuppy/media/The_Mudpuppy_-_2016-04.pdf)



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## Karin Jacobsdotter Designed a Settmour Swamp Mug

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Karin Jacobsdotter designed a mug and a beer stein with Settmour Swamp logos. You may purchase one for yourself from **Zazzle**. Karin suggests you use a coupon code to reduce the price. Shipping costs can be reduced by ordering several at one time. All royalties will be donated to the Barony of Settmour Swamp.

<http://www.zazzle.com/mug-168521169520261667>





## Tuesday Night Fighting & Rapier Practice & A&S

The **heavy weapon practice** and **rapier practice** meets most Tuesday nights.

We will also be hosting an **Arts & Science (A&S) gathering** to work on various projects for the Swamp. Or just come and watch, or bring a project of your own. All are welcome. There will be fencing and room for heavy weapons practice if a marshal is available.

Contact [Orlando](#) with questions.

### Location:

The Glen Gardner Youth Center  
16 Hampton Rd  
Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826

### Time:

Tuesdays 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

**Recommended Donation is \$5** to help offset the cost of the practice site.



## Caterina's Arts & Sciences (A&S) and Calligraphy

Mistress Caterina Giaocchini (Kasia) is hosting

**Arts and Sciences (A&S) get together** on THIRD Fridays, at 7:00 pm

**Calligraphy and Illumination (C&I) workshop** FIRST Sundays, at 7:00 pm

55 Hillcrest Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960

917-968-9321

Bring whatever you are working on and come **chat and hang out** with others doing their thing.



## Nutley Heavey Weapons Fight Practice (photo by Ioannes )

The **heavy weapon practice**, Nutley, NJ.  
Contact **Ögurr Aðalbrandarson**  
marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

**Location:**

Franklin Reformed Church,  
45 Hillside Crescent  
Nutley, NJ 07110

**Day/Time:**

Wednesdays 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

**Donation are welcome**

to help offset the cost of the practice



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## Archery Practice

Archery Practice is lead by Baron Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg each Sunday  
Contact Thorlaeifr with questions.

**Location:**

**Archery is suspended.  
Seeking a new location**



The Officers Of Settmour Swamp		
Baron	Baron Jonathan Miles baron@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 908 644 4599 - (no calls after 9pm)	Invested March 2017 Expires March 2021
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Knight Marshal	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected March 2016 Expires March 2018
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Webminister	Lord Dalek Bolotnikov webminister@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected April 2017 Expires April 2019
Deputy Webminister	Baroness Ursula of North Woods webminister@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Warranted March 2017 Expires March, 2019





## The Officers Of Settmour Swamp (continued)

Minister of A&S	Mistress Caterina Giaocchini moas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org.	Renewed December 2016 Expires December 2018
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Deputy Minister of A&S	Lady Sofia Zhirinskaia Susanrae@gmail.com 239-4059283	Volunteered April 2017 Expires April 2019
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Youth Combat	Vacant	Vacant
Chancellor Minor	Vacant	Vacant
Thrown Weapons Marshal	Vacant	Vacant
Canton of Gryphonwald (Middlesex Cty, NJ): Seneschale	Failenn Finn gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed March 9, 2016 Expires March 9, 2020



Combat	Date/Time	Location	Contact	Notes
Fighter Practice	Wednesdays 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Nutley, NJ. Franklin Reformed Church, 45 Hillside Crescent Nutley, NJ 07110	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Other fight practices: Fighter Practice group at Yahoo!Groups; Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Fighter Practice	Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Glen Gardner Youth Center 16 Hampton Rd Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Also fencing and Arts& Science; suggested Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Fencing Practice	Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Glen Gardner Youth Center 16 Hampton Rd Glen Gardner, NJ 08826	Orlando Sforza rapierdon@comcast.net  (908) 850-8690 (No calls after 9pm )	Also heavy fighting and Arts & Sciences; Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Archery Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Seeking a new location	Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg archery@settmourswamp.e astkingdom.org  (908) 406-0143 (No calls after 9pm)	
Thrown Weapons Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Seeking a new location		

Food & Cooking Gathering	Alternating Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons  Saturday 17, March, 10am-4pm Friday 13, April ,7pm-10pm Saturday 19, May, 10am-4pm Friday 15, June, 7pm-10pm	Montville Township First Aid Squad  137 Changebridge Road Montville, NJ 07045  (occasionally at different locations)	Magister Galefridus Peregrinus
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Art	Date/ Time	Location	Contact	Notes
Caterina (Kasia) A&S Thingy	THIRD Friday 7pm	55 Hillcrest Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960	Mistress Caterina (Kasia) mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 917-968-9321	Caterina announces meetings on the Swamp email list and on the Swamp Facebook page.
Caterina (Kasia) Calligraphy & Illumination	FIRST Sunday 7pm	55 Hillcrest Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960	Mistress Caterina (Kasia) mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 917-968-9321	Caterina announces meetings on the Swamp email list and on the Swamp Facebook page.
Archery	By Appointment	Pittstown, NJ	Elizabeth Hawkwood hawkwoode@gmail.com	Email Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood for directions

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