



The Barony of Settmour Swamp

The MudPuppy

Summer/Fall 2023 edition

7 Medieval Blogs You Should Check Out

If you are looking for some online content to spark your curiosity or inspire your next A&S project, check out these great sites!

Note: These blogs are independent publications and do not represent the views of the SCA, Inc., Settmour Swamp, or the author of this article.

1. Medievalists.net
<https://www.medievalists.net/>
Where do the Middle Ages begin? Online with medievalists.net, of course. This website features news, articles, videos, and more from historians, archaeologists, and other medieval enthusiasts.
2. The Medieval Magazine
<https://www.themedievalmagazine.com/>
This online magazine features curated content about the Middle Ages, including information for bards, aspiring pilgrims, and artisans.
3. Medieval Manuscripts blog
<https://blogs.bl.uk/digitisedmanuscripts/>
Scribes and wordsmiths, head over to your new site for inspiration. The British Library has digitized some of Britain's oldest and most well-known manuscripts as well as eclectic finds such as Aristotle's tax records and a child's letter home from CE 200.
4. British Museum.org
<https://www.britishmuseum.org/blog>

While this blog does not deal exclusively with medieval history and artifacts, the blog features a number of medieval artifacts or scholarly research from across Europe and around the world. The blog also included information on reproducing certain ancient art techniques.

5. Medieval Art Research

<https://medievalartresearch.com/posts/>

This scholarly website publishes papers, news and reviews from around the medieval art world. The site also notes conferences and lectures, some of which are available online or in-person just a short drive away from the Settmour Swamp area.

6. Medieval Mead and Beer

<https://medievalmeadandbeer.wordpress.com/>

Party like it's 1099 with information about medieval mead, ale, and beer brewing. This site offers articles about brewer's home experiments and links to blogs and websites.

7. MaryRose.org

<https://maryrose.org/>

The Mary Rose Trust is responsible for conserving and displaying artefacts and educational resources from the Mary Rose, a Tudor warship that sank in 1545 off the coast of England. The blog features information about the shipwreck, historic Tudor artefacts, and what life was like for everyday people in the Tudor era.

Calendar of Events

Golden Sewist Challenge

Barony of Beyond the Mountain- Canterbury, CT

November 10-11

Back by popular demand!

The Barony Beyond the Mountain invites you to come show us your costuming skills.

The seamstresses and seamsters of the east will take up the challenge to create a complete set of garments, from the skin out, in 18 hours. Teams of 1-6 active members are to start at 8pm on Friday, and continue to 4pm Saturday. Team members are expected to remain on site during the competition. At the close of the sewing portion of the competition, each team will present their final outfit to the judges and populace. They will be expected to show and explain all layers in as succinct and expeditious a manner as possible. Additional presentations are welcome, but will be done while the judges are sequestered after the show. Once the judges have reached a decision, Their Excellencies of BBM will hold court, and the winners will be announced.

For full details on the competition and information on registering a team, please visit:

<https://bbm.eastkingdom.org/events/golden-sewist/>

Harts & Horns- East Kingdom Rapier Champions

Shire of Hartshorn-dale- Douglassville, PA

November 11

The Populace of Hartshorn-Dale Invites you to their second annual Harts and Horns event!

Hartshorn-Dale is delighted to be hosting the Kingdom Rapier Championships for Their Highnesses Mattias Grunwald and Aesa Feillin Jossursdottir. Come and enjoy the skill of our Kingdom's Rapier enthusiasts! Details on Tourney Style To follow.

Note: Non-marking shoes are required, especially for fencers.

100 Minutes War_ XXXIII

Shire of Rusted Woodlands- Sparta Township, NJ

November 18

The 100 Minutes War

As winter's woeful song begins to sweep across our beautiful shire once again, our thoughts turn to friends, a warm fire and War!!! The Shire of Rusted Woodlands is delighted to invite the valiant warriors, learned artisans, and good Gentles of The East Kingdom as well as her beloved cousins from far off to test their mettle once again at the glorious thing we call The 100 Minutes War.

Bhakail Yule

Barony of Bhakail- Philadelphia, PA
December 9

The Barony of Bhakail invites you to join us for the Yule Revel to be held on December 9, 2023 featuring a delicious rolling multicourse day board of food from the four corners of medieval China as we determine our Arts and Science and Brewing Champions.

Activities of the day include: guild meetings and panels, arts and science competition, brewing competition, dancing, socializing, music, and food.

Beast of the East Tourney
Barony of Iron Bog- Marlton, NJ
January 6

Do you embrace the spirit and heart of a true sword fighter? So, you think you are formidable and daunting on the field? Come and show your true nature at the one and only EASTERN TOURNEY OF THE BEAST! It has RETURNED for round two!!!!

Show off your heraldry and display those fearsome chivalrous qualities! This will be a day to show your love for sword play and strategy. Just let it ROAR!

Make sure you have your endurance at full charge. Both formats will not be for the faint of anyone with low energy. What can you expect? In short- a full day of sword play and great competition.

If you love a tourney of chivalry and honor, then we invite you to join us for the day.

RAPIER FIGHTERS / HEAVY ARMORED FIGHTERS

The format of the tournament will challenge you but reward you with a fighting chance to display your prowess and test your endurance.

WILL YOU SURVIVE THE BEAST OF A TOURNEY?

East Kingdom Twelfth Night
Barony of Buckland Cross- Jamison, PA
January 13

The Barony of Buckland Cross is eager to welcome you to the East Kingdom's Twelfth Night celebrations!

Twelfth Night
Shire of Owlsherst- York, PA
January 20

The day's event will include both adult and youth Armored Combat, as well as Rapier. There will be various entertainments throughout the day, including games, music, and dancing. The King Cake will be served early in the afternoon to extend the Reign of Misrule. There will be a light dayboard at midday, and a Byzantine-themed feast around 5:30 pm. After the feast, festivities will continue with music and dancing.

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Summary of Baronial Business Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023
Held virtually

Present: Markus Farmaður (chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Alger von Ze'ev, Charis Accipiter, Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh, Dalek Bolotnikov iz Kabanov, Denis a Bheithir, Douglas Henry, Elizabeth Talbot, Emeline la Chauciere, Emidio di Arquata, Eva Vach Wyltt, Galefridus Peregrinus, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Hekja Hornabrájotr, Hrefna Sigurðardóttir, Natal'ia Bolotnikova, Orlando di Sforza, Phelippe le Vigneron, Silvanus Woodwose, Vika Grigina z Prahy, Wulfgar Silfrhárr

The minutes and summary from September were approved.

Fall Schola - Nos Calan Gaeaf

Elizabeth said the core schedule had been posted online. So far we have 50 people pre-registered. Troll is set. Charis is making pies ahead and will only need to reheat the soup and pies.

Rapier Championship

We withdrew our bid because the price of the site went up.

Mudthaw

The date will be March 23rd. We need a site. Markus put out a call for an autocrat.

Black Gryphon Inn

Gryphonwald runs this event. BGI will be at the same site as last year, on February 25th. Lucas is autocrating again.

Demo

Eva said Hillsboro High School Theater Program would like a demo focusing on the Renaissance and Shakespeare on Sunday, November 4th. They want help being accurate. Is there any interest? We agreed that if the chatelaine is unable to attend, this demo would be difficult. Eva will find out more details.

Officer Terms

Seneschal – The officers voted in favor of having Markus continue in this position for another year.

Social Media Officer – This position needs to be posted online.

Other Business

Charis received a thank you note from the King and Queen of Trimaris who attended our party at Pennsic and thanked us for our hospitality. Charis felt it wasn't just the baron and baroness who should know of the letter, but all who came and made the party happen.

Youth Combat

Sir Douglas has equipment to give back to the barony. Markus suggested giving it to Jonathan Miles since he wants to work on youth fighting.

Sites

Gwenhoivar mentioned the 4 H Camp has limited capacity. They do not have a lot of cover if it rains.

Officer Reports

Heraldry: Alys sent a message: I am taking over as Eastern Crown Herald (chief of Their Majesties' heraldic staff) at Coronation. All required reports have been filed. We will be having a heraldic track class at the Schola that will include classes on names, armory, and vocal heraldry.

MoL: Ciaran sent a report by email also: Not much is happening. He is trying to find opportunities for Emidio to get training. Markus mentioned he'd also like to learn.

Marshal of Fence: Wulfgar raised the suggested donation for fencing practice from \$7 to \$10. We have raised enough in donations over the last three weeks. Drew has a dance studio that might work as an alternative place to practice. We need more information from them. Wulfgar mentioned he'd like to move the practices back to Tuesday nights. Alger is now the baronial champion for Carillion. New people have been coming to the practices, and there have been new authorizations.

Knight Marshal: Douglas reported that over 30 people came to the Nutley practice last week. No injuries.

Chronicler: When issues go up online, we need to tell Markus, Hrefna, and Dalek so it can be publicized. Hrefna will look into emailing either a pdf or just highlights.

Chatelaine: Gwenhoivar asked if we could get more baronial business cards made. Markus suggested adding QR codes.

A&S: Natal'ia said A&S has been happening at the fencing practice. Natal'ia is looking to set up a gathering at the Great Swamp Watershed Association. A metalworking class is planned for this weekend. Natal'ia is also trying to schedule online A&S gatherings on a regular basis. Regarding the baronial tshirts, she will start the process after the schola.

Exchequer: Vika said she had nothing to add this month. We have money in the bank. We need to pay for the schola up front but that will be repaid by gate receipts.

Webminister: Dalek needs to see where we are with updating the website.

Social Media: Hrefna said they had nothing of note to report. She will post about the upcoming schola. Feel free to pass it on.

Captain of the Archers: Silvanus said they've been hammered by the weather. The prediction for the upcoming weekend is more rain.

Chamberlain: Emeline asked what we need from storage for the schola. Charis will pick up stuff from storage locker with her trailer. It was decided that we only need a few items from Gold Key.

Next meeting: Will be virtual. Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14th, at 7:30 pm. The link will be posted. All are welcome to attend.

Minutes submitted by Judith.

Summary of Baronial Business Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023
Held virtually

Present: Markus Farmaður (chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Alger von Ze'ev, Alys Mackyntoich, Brógáin Ó Ríain, Charis Accipiter, Ciaran Ua Meic Thire, Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh, Denis a Bheithir, Douglas Henry, Brian Herdman, Elizabeth Talbot, Emeline la Chauciere, Emidio di Arquata, Eva Vach Wyltt, Galefridus Peregrinus, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Hrefna Sigurðardóttir, Iseaulte of the Clews, Jadwega Zacaczkowa, Natal'ia Bolotnikova, Orlando di Sforza, Phelippe le Vigneron, Silvanus Woodwose, Vika Grigina z Prahy

Note: Information provided in square brackets [] is background information provided by the notetaker.

The minutes from July were approved.

Fall Schola - Nos Calan Gaeaf

The site where we were planning to hold the event has raised its rent. We are trying to negotiate with them and in the meantime will look at other sites. Elizabeth asked people to sign up to teach classes. If you would like to learn something, please tell her and she will try to find a teacher.

Rapier Championship

The price here is also changing. Shire of Hartshorn-dale is also submitting a bid for this event. We may withdraw our bid because of the cost.

Black Gryphon Inn

Gryphonwald has been trying to figure out a date. The date that is available is Sunday, February 25th.

Mudthaw

Markus asked whether we want to use Vasa Park again. Last year 510 people came. The site only has 200 parking spots, and 60 of them are used for the lists. Any place we rent we'll still have difficulties if the weather is nasty. Fighting would still have to take place outside.

We discussed possible dates. We would need to hold Mudthaw on March 23 if we wanted it to be a Royal Progress. We have been penciled in for that date at Vasa Park.

Baronial T-shirts

Natal'ia is interesting in putting on a T-shirt design contest for the barony. She is thinking of having two t-shirts—one general baronial and one crew shirt (Team Settmour, for example). The deadline winner will be given a t-shirt with their own design. She is thinking of making the shirts a fundraiser. It was agreed that we should advertise the contest soon so artists can start working on their designs. Natal'ia will do research on sites that do on-demand printing.

Officer Terms

The terms for the Social Media Officer and Seneschal are ending soon. Markus needs a deputy who is interested in becoming the next seneschal.

Exchequer

After 18 months of analysis, here is the Barony's financial status:

- The Barony's expected annual net income from events is about \$3200 (Quest & Mudthaw primarily; and a bit from smaller events such as scholas, champions days, etc). Note that, starting next year, all RPs (including Mudthaw) will fall under Kingdom profit sharing, and this has been taken into account.

- The Barony's future annual expense for the storage unit is about \$2700. (It was over 6K per year before we consolidated to a single unit this past April.)

- We have spent down most of our cash reserves - we need to retain about \$10K in the bank for fluidity, especially for pre-event expenses for Mudthaw. Therefore, for a few years we need to clamp down on expenditures that won't pay for themselves.

- The average monthly cost of the fencing practice is \$400, and the average monthly income from fencing practice donations is \$170. This isn't sustainable. We either need to guarantee attendance, find another way to cover the funding gap, or not use this site.

Much discussion on how to approach these issues, including: finding ways to expand the fencing practice/make it attractive to more attendees, e.g. the Rusted Woodlands fencers who just lost their site; looking for other sites; approaching event budgeting with an eye towards making a profit (including not keeping the entry fee artificially low - but finding ways to make events accessible to people who are struggling financially); holding fundraisers; running more large events.

[All are encouraged to read the full minutes on this topic, as it impacts all members of the Barony.]

Officer Reports

A&S: Natal'ia said she has a new deputy, Iseaulte of the Clews. They are encouraging people interested in doing scribal to come to the weekly fencing practice where there will be A&S at the same time. Karin Jacobsdottir wants to teach a metal jewelry class for six participants on October 14th. Natal'ia is working on planning the next quarterly A&S hangout. She has been hosting A&S open forums online and wants to do them 1-2 times a month on Sunday nights. She also mentioned the need for largesse items.

Chatelaine: Gwenhoivar said she heard today from a former Scadian who wants to play again. While at Pennsic, she also heard from someone interested in medieval music. Jadwega asked if we would be interested in doing a demo at the Plainfield Public Library.

Exchequer: Vika asked when offices change hands, that the new officer give her the date of their membership renewal and their blue card number to include in reports she submits.

Heraldry: Alys said they have gotten a lot of submissions. She will start video classes in October. The upcoming schola will have a heraldic track. Markus asked if there is a baronial populace badge.

MoL: Emidio is looking for upcoming events he can shadow the MoL at.

Social Media: Hrefna said they had nothing much to report.

Captain of the Archers: Silvanus cancelled recent practices because of the weather. A practice is planned for this week.

Marshal of Fence: Alger said Sparta is holding a Ren Faire and would like more demo folks for the next two weeks. The Lakewood Ren Faire is coming up soon.

Chronicler: The Q2 issue of Mudpuppy is up on the website.

Knight Marshal: Practice started back up on August 30th.

Chamberlain: Emeline said she had checked on the stuff in the storage unit recently.

Webminister: Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh is Dalek's deputy. Simon Talbot will continue his work on account management.

Next meeting: Will be virtual. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10th, at 7:30 pm. The link will be posted. All are welcome to attend.
Minutes submitted by Judith.

Baronial Business Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2023
Held virtually

Present: Markus Farmaður (chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Teresa Ana Perez (taking notes), Alger von Ze'ev, Ashling Mac Kynnand, Charis Accipiter, Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh, Dalek Bolotnikov iz Kabanov, Emeline la Chauciere, Eva Vach Wyltt, Galefridus Peregrinus, Hekja Hornabrótr, Jessa d'Avondale, Lillian Hutchinson, Natal'ia Bolotnikova, Orlando di Sforza, Thora Kötttr, Vika Grigina z Prahy, Wulfgar Silfrahárr

Minutes will go out in a couple of days by email for a vote.

Pennsic

Hekja reported that they are working on tetrising the tents and the chore chart. They have ordered what they could ahead of time. 95 real people have registered to camp with the Swamp. We will have the same amount of space as last year.

Bids for Crown

We have submitted our bid, with Ashling and Martina autocrating. Galefridus will mentor. The royals will consider our bid if the Central region of the kingdom is unable to run the event because this is an event that moves around the kingdom on a set schedule.

Canal Day

They contacted Jonathan today. Markus reached out to our chatelaine, but she is unable to participate on that date. This event takes place a week after Pennsic when we are all exhausted. We need someone to run the demo, almost like an autocrat.

Officer Reports

Heraldry: Alys reported that she will not be going to Pennsic, but someone is lined up to run baronial court at Pennsic. All reports are in except for Mudthaw because she did not know what awards were given out there.

A&S: Natal'ia wants to have crafting days/hours using the Swamp Mead Hall at Pennsic. On July 22nd there will be a class on Tudor knitting. It has been posted on FaceBook. Other A&S gatherings will be scheduled after Pennsic.

MoL: Ciaran said he had nothing new to report. Emidio is now his deputy.

Chamberlain: Laundered Gold Key has been returned to storage unit. Almost everything is back from the last event.

Chatelaine: They had one request for a demo that was for that week so it didn't work.

Webminister: Dalek said the most recent updates went well.

Exchequer: Vika said our finances are stable. Kingdom had some issues with some of our old reports from 2021-2022; their editing will have no material impact. Markus recommended that we project our costs for the year. Vika suggested it be done in September. We need to take into account our general operating expenses when we pick a price for events. As of January, 2024, Kingdom will take 50% of net at Royal Progresses. That affects Mudthaw, Ducal, and any kingdom events we do.

Knight Marshal: Markus said fighting is happening; no injuries.

Marshal of Fence: Wulfgar reported that the fencers have been fencing outdoors at the site because of the heat. Attendance has been low—some folks have moved and so are no longer coming. There have been some new authorizations. He and Alger marshalled at Novice Day.

Social Media: Thora said they've been getting occasional questions; things have been very quiet.

They'll be putting up tips for Pennsic and want a stockpile of photos.

Chronicler: Markus recommends that we do 4 issues/year with a list of officers, upcoming events, and minutes of business meetings. In between we can do issues with more interesting articles. Haldora has made a template for the layout.

Next meeting: Will be virtual. There will be no August meeting. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12th, at 7:30 pm. The link will be posted. All are welcome to attend.

Minutes submitted by Judith.

Summary of Baronial Business Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2023
Held virtually

Present: Markus Farmađr (chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Teresa Ana Perez (taking notes), Alger von Ze'ev, Alys Mackyntoich, Ciaran Ua Meic Thire, Dalek Bolotnikov iz Kabanov, Douglas Henry, Eva Vach Wyltt, Galefridus Peregrinus, Gráinne MacCleud, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Iseaulte of the Clews, Lillian Hutchinson, Lucas Abernathy, Natal'ia Bolotnikova, Orlando di Sforza, Silvanus Woodwose

We approved February, March, April, and May meetings.

Quest – Eva reported

The event ran smoothly. F216 adults attended, and 28 children. Lots of young people came; also lots of new people. How do we keep them engaged?

Eva recommended we make some changes to the event spreadsheet. We should also take into account administrative costs of running the barony when we set the fees for events. Markus will work with Vika on this.

Pennsic

Swamp Camp is big this year—108 have preregistered. Eva made a hard push to get people to come and register. Camp forms are due in early July, and the layout will be done after July 5th. A team of people are working on figuring out the layout.

Bids for Coronation/Crown

A team of people interested in working on these events met yesterday. It was decided to submit bids for both coronation and Crown, and let the royals decide which one they'd like us to do. We'd only do one.

In calculating the price to attend, we should take into account that the Kingdom wants to make money off of the event. Because it is a Kingdom event, the profits get split 50/50 between the hosting group and the Kingdom. The dates the royals are interested in conflict with some other events going on in the Kingdom.

Coronation: Natal'ia and Emidio are working on this. The hardest part is finding a place to hold it. The sites that meet our requirements best are the most expensive. They are estimating that 350 people might attend. Several people volunteered to fill key positions: The bid is due June 15.

Crown: Lucas has found a site: 4H of East Brunswick. Ashling (who volunteered to co-autocrat) is looking at alternative sites that would be inside.

Ducal

This event will be held in Nazareth, Pennsylvania on September 23rd.

Officer Terms

Dalek has volunteered to continue as Webminister. No one else has expressed interest. Officers voted in favor of having Dalek continue. Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh will be his deputy. Ciaran will extend his term as MoL to allow his deputies to get more experience. Gráinne has been learning; Emidio expressed interest in also being a deputy. Markus' term as seneschal is ending this fall. He needs a deputy willing to step up into the position and has been working on putting out feelers.

Officer Reports

Heraldry: Alys said the Kingdom Order of Precedence has been updated with Settmour Swamp award history. The Baronial website now needs to be updated to match. Alys commented that Pennsic is a poor place to do heraldic consultations. It works better to contact her directly and get the checks in. The heralds are only able to process 50 submissions a month, so it takes a while for them to process all the Pennsic submissions.

Chamberlain: The stuff borrowed for Quest has been returned.

Chatelaine: Gwenhoivar said Gold Key was used at Quest; everything was returned. She has received some emails about a possible demo.

Knight Marshal: Douglas said people are hitting each other, but no one is getting hurt. They took a week off from practice because the smoke from the Canadian wildfires made the air quality too poor.

Marshal of Fence: Alger reported that the fencers had also cancelled their practice last week because of the smoke in the air. They will not be fencing this week either because the church needs the room for graduation. Sir Jan ran the baronial competition at Quest.

A&S: Natal'ia said the A&S competition and display at Quest were fantastic, with a great variety of submissions and different levels of skill. It was very welcoming and approachable. If there are photos, Lillian would like to include them in the Mudpuppy.

Chronicler: Lillian said the Q2 issue of the Mudpuppy is almost ready to go out. She asked for help making sure names were correct. Lillian would like more information about marshal activities, including the combat archery team, the Flying Tigers.

Social Media:- Hrefna said lots of new people signed up after Quest. She asked that people send her photos of Pennsic. Hrefna would also like information from Quest so she can add it.

Webminister: Dalek said all the Kingdom websites were down briefly. The Kingdom calendar and the baronial calendar are now linked.

Archery: Silvanus said the site is back up and we are ready to go. If people show up on Sundays, they can shoot and throw. 15 people shot at Quest.

MoL: Ciaran said ten fighters participated in the competition, with Lawrence Vaughan the champion. Eight people fenced, with Sir Douglas Henry winning the championship.

Thrown Weapons: The question was asked about the regalia for the baronial Thrown Weapons champion. Where is the ax?

Next meeting: Will be virtual. Tuesday, July 11th, at 7:30 pm. The link will be posted. All are welcome to attend.

Minutes submitted by Judith.