



# The Mudpuppy

The official newsletter of the  
Barony of Settmour Swamp

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## Their Royal Majesties Brennan mac Fearghus and Caoilfhionn inghean Fhaolain

(see page 7)

## Baron and Baroness Letter

Unto all our fair Barony greetings from  
Baron Erec and Baroness Jehannine,

As the weather turns autumnal, the East celebrates the crowning of our **new Queen and King, Caoilfhionn II and Brennan II.** Long may they reign and long may the East rejoice. (see page 7)

Our next field trip has been arranged by Baroness Ursula and Baroness Merlinia to the **Melovino Meadery on Sunday, Oct. 18** (see page 2) To join us, you need to reserve a spot with the meadery on their website, for the 3pm tour. In looking forward, if you have any ideas for our future field trips, please let us know.

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## Baronial Field Trip—Melovino Meadery

Baroness Merlinia and Baroness Ursula have planned a field trip to the Melovino Meadery on **Sunday, October 18, 2015, at 3pm.** The field trip will include a mead tasting and optionally a dinner. We will select a restaurant nearby the Meadery for dinner.

Reservations are required for the Meadery tour and tasting!

<http://www.melovino.com/>

Merlinia, Lydia and Þórfinnr Hróðgeirsson (Thorfinnr Hrodgeirsson) toured the meadery on July 12 and loved it.

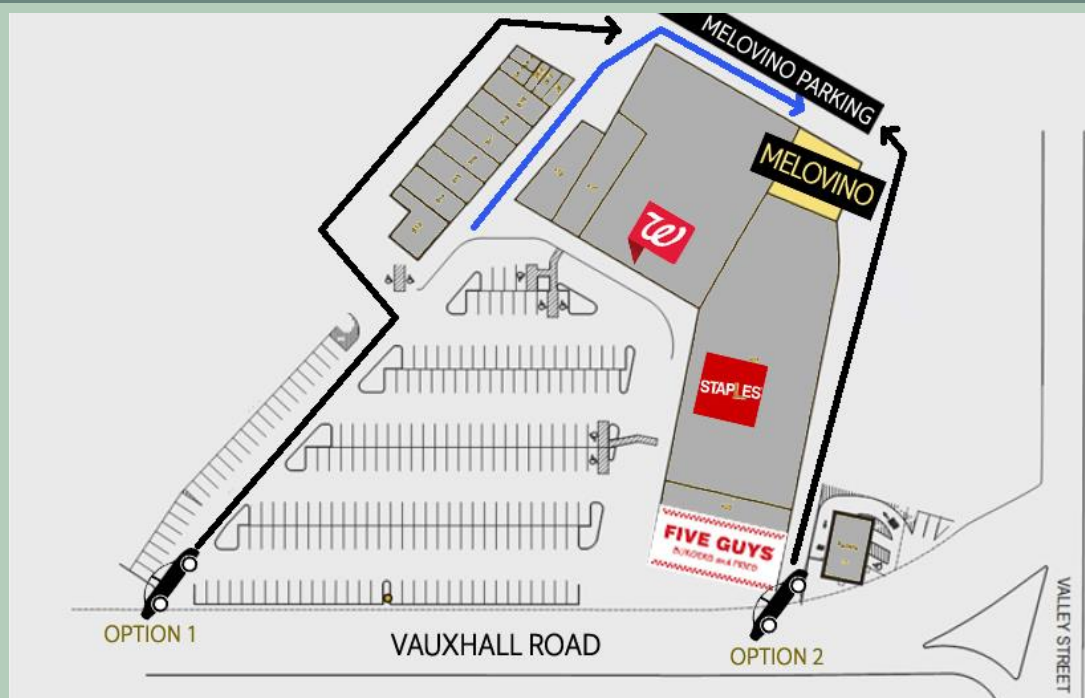
To make a reservation contact the Meadery:

- 1) Go to <http://melovino.checkfront.com/reserve/>
- 2) In the white box labelled "start date," scroll to October 18, 2015
- 3) Scroll down to the 3pm tour and click on the "BOOK NOW" button
- 4) Enter the number of guests
- 5) Enter your name, address, credit card info

**The Tour starts PROMPTLY at 3PM at the Melovino Meadery.**

Optionally we can meet at Baroness Merlinia's home **by 2:30** and caravan to the Meadery.  
**Merlinia's address: 147 Franklin Avenue Maplewood, NJ**

The **Melovino Meadery** is located in the **REAR** of the Millburn Village Mall at **2933 Vauxhall Road, in Vauxhall, NJ.**





## Baroness and Baron Letter (continued)

We are pleased to say that **Mudthaw** planning has begun, but the Barony needs your help. We are in **dire need of a site**, so please contact our Seneschal, Charis, or ourselves if you know of any potential sites. Only through all of us working together can we pull this event off.

In planning for Mudthaw we would like to issue an **artisans challenge** to make a ceremonial **Spade and Bucket for the Barony**. We are looking for something that the Mud may be determined to be Thawed in a manner proper and fitting for our noble Swamp. Please submit your ideas for the challenge to the Baron and Baroness.

**Gryphonwald** is hard at working preparing for the **Black Gryphon Inn** in February (see page 6), and We are also looking at **hosting 12th night**. The Barony needs people willing to autocrat some smaller events throughout the year. This is a great way to give back and promote events you love and enjoy. This is a great opportunity if you've been itching to try something new. Please talk to the Seneschal or us if you have an interest or questions.

Baronial marshaled activities are going strong, and we invite you to come out to a **fencing practice**, **archery** or **heavy weapons**, or to one of our many **A&S nights**. Details for these activities are in the Mudpuppy, on our Baronial website, and on Facebook.

**Awards** are an important part of our Society, and we ask all of you, to pay attention and when you see something worthy of our attention, that you let us know about it, be it a feat of prowess, courtesy, service or art. Be our eyes and ears, and help recognize all that is good in our beloved Barony. **Anyone can make a recommendation** to us.

## Baroness Jehannine

and

## Baron Erec



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Seneschale Notes

## Greetings, Settmour Swamp!

All hail and welcome our new King and Queen, Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II, may their reign be long and prosperous.

Closer to home, please all welcome Jonathan Miles, our newest officer. He has taken up the mantle of Chamberlain of the Barony. If you are in need of any of the Baronial gear, please reach out to him and make arrangements in advance so that he can help you out.

As winter approaches and we look to our hearths for warmth, consider attending one of our many practices or outings to keep your spirits warm and enjoy the company of friends. Archery will continue as long as the weather holds, with thrown weapons when a marshal is available. Fighting practice continues to thrive on Wednesdays in Nutley, and Fencing and fighting also happen every Tuesday at our Glen Gardner site. Tuesday evenings at Glen Gardner also are open to A&S activities and dance practice; watch for updates. A&S gatherings are happening on third Friday nights each month; look for posts from Caterina (Kasia), She is also organizing Calligraphy and Illumination workshops on some first Sundays at 7 pm. (see page 6)



Though the spring seems far off we are already planning for Mudthaw. We are accepting bids for both Autocrat and head cook. Please contact me or come out to our October meeting to put in your bid. Mudthaw is our premier event, and many hands are needed to make it a success. What is your strong suit...are you good at organizing, helping to welcome people through the door, cleaning up/ setting up, crafting tokens? Whatever you excel at, we welcome your help with open arms!!!

Our September business meeting was held at the Office of Master Phillip on September 9<sup>th</sup>. I thank all who attended! Our officers work hard to keep our Barony running smoothly.

Following a discussion with our Baron and Baroness the officers, in light of the conflict with the holiday, have opted to shift our date for Mudthaw to the first weekend in April (pending site availability). We are still actively searching for a new site. if you have a lead or would like to help in this matter please contact myself, or the Baron or Baroness, we welcome all leads.





We will be organizing another **Swamp Stomp in early December** with a Yule theme. Please keep an eye open for updates.

If you have an **idea for an event or field trip**, please contact us, come out to a meeting and let us know what you are interested in seeing from your Barony.

Gryphonwald is gearing up for another fine **Black Gryphon Inn**. (see page 6) We look forward to celebrating with them this winter. If you are willing to lend a hand with this wonderful event, please contact the autocrat, Failenn Finn (Gryphonwald Seneschal).

On October 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a **Baronial field trip the Melovino Meadery**. See page 2 for details and contact information.

At our meeting Baroness Ursula presented the Baron and Baroness with beautiful "**Let Them Eat Mud**" coffee mugs.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of our Knight Marshal, Wulfgar. Please come out and join the fun, hang out with friends and see what your Barony is up to.

Yours in Service,

**Charis**

**Seneschale, Barony of Settmour Swamp**

## Chronicler Notes

The October issue of the Mudpuppy is devoted to the Coronation of Their Royal Majesties, Brennan mac Fearghus and Caoilfhionn inghean Fhaolain. There are links to the full coronation ceremony and even a haunting. Don't miss the cookbook for the Coronation dayboard on page 11.

Merlinia and I have had fun organizing the tour and tasting at

the Melovino Meadery (see page 2). I hope you can join us. Please contact me if you have ideas for an article. If you have a new or old story of the Swamp to tell, please send it to me.

Extra THANKS to **Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel** for encouragement, and excellent proofreading. I needed hugs!

**Baroness Ursula of North Woods,**

**Chronicler**



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## Black Gryphon Inn (BGI)

The Canton of Gryphonwald is kicking off our planning for Black Gryphon Inn (BGI). Lady Failenn Finn will be the autocrat with Lady Maerhild as co-autocrat. We are pleased to announce that Yagyu no Kagetoki will be this year's feastocrat, preparing for us a fully documented 14th century French feast.

We would greatly appreciate any volunteers who are willing to help with anything from set-up to troll to kitchen help to clean-up. If you are so inclined, please email Failenn at [FailennFinn@gmail.com](mailto:FailennFinn@gmail.com).

We look forward to providing you with more event details soon, and seeing you at our Black Gryphon Inn in February!

YIS,  
Failenn Finn (mka Megan Geyer)  
Canton of Gryphonwald Seneschal

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

Mistress Caterina Giaocchini (Kasia) is hosting

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

**Calligraphy and Illumination (C&I) workshop** FIRST Sunday's, 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.

The first monthly **Calligraphy and Illumination workshop** (C&I) went well, three people showed up and everyone tried something new. The last monthly A&S was less than the previous one, only two people showed, but work got done. An A&S meetup/round table is being planned for 100 Minutes War.

**Caterina**



## Coronation of Brennan mac Fearghus and Caoilfhionn inghean Fhaolain



More Photos from Coronation by **Cateline La Broderesse**

<https://plus.google.com/photos/117437877236090833644/album/6201765905521485617?>

Video of the Coronation ceremony was captured by **Mistress Constance de saint Denis**. Her Majesty Caoilfhionn has posted the video on YouTube.

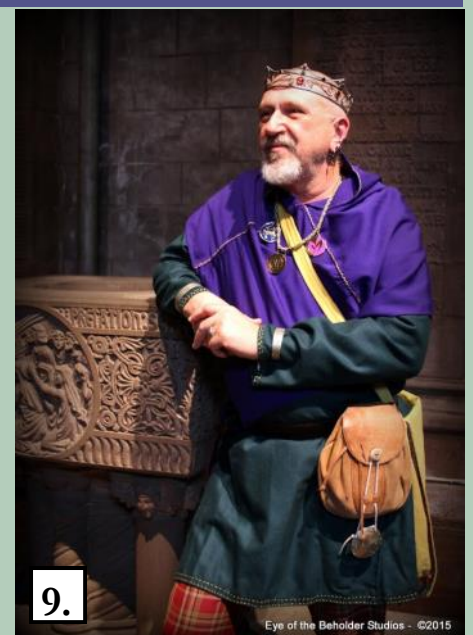
<https://youtu.be/AX0AF8ENn4E>

The Coronation was visited by the **Ghost of St Kenric**. A video of the haunting is on YouTube.

<http://youtu.be/n4zuyyRUKOY>

Crown Regency of **Mercedes de Calafia** - East Kingdom Wiki

[http://wiki.eastkingdom.org/index.php?title=The\\_Crown\\_Regency\\_of\\_Mercedes\\_de\\_Calafia](http://wiki.eastkingdom.org/index.php?title=The_Crown_Regency_of_Mercedes_de_Calafia)





## Coronation of Brennan mac Fearghus and Caoilfhionn inghean Fhaolain (continued)

The Landed Barons swore fealty, including our own **Baron Erec** of Settmour Swamp







## Ilea's Artwork

These two drawings are a part of a series created for a final portfolio which was meant to study and highlight the process of armoring up for reenactment combat.

### Ilea

Note: More of Ilea's artwork appeared in the September Mudpuppy.



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13. Artwork and photo by Ilea



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## Pennsic Opening Ceremonies



12. photos by Jean De La Rue



## Did You Know:

By Ursula of North Woods

### The **East Kingdom Calendar**

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

lists all official **events** and up to date information and registration details.

### The Coronation of Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II: The Food

Organizer: Finnguala ingen Neill Meic Chuircc

A cookbook posted to the SCA Google board by Finnguala's husband:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qqLgq-Lz2huNB8d26ORDoaeHgfK7svo4aBd-Gm1oBVs/edit?pli=1>



11. photos by Nyfain

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>



## 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. **Dance practice** will occur on alternate Tuesdays. 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

### Suggested Donation:

\$7 per person



### **Rapier Practice**

Please be aware that we have **lost the site for the Thursday night rapier practice**. At this time, the only rapier practice available within Settmour Swamp is the Tuesday night practice in Glen Gardner. We are actively searching for a new location for an additional practice. If you know of a possible site, contact **Owynn Greenwood**. [owynn.greenwood@gmail.com](mailto:owynn.greenwood@gmail.com)



**Nutley Heavey Weapons Fight Practice** (photos by Liz Basedow)

The **heavy weapon practice**, Nutley, NJ.  
Contact [Wulfgar](#) Silfrahaar with questions.

**Location:**

Franklin Reformed Church,  
45 Hillside Crescent  
Nutley, NJ 07110

**Day/Time:**

Wednesdays 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

**Suggested Donation:**



**Archery Practice** (photos by Vivian De Dunbar)

Archery Practice is lead by Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg each Sunday at the home of our Gracious Baroness Jehannine in Milford, NJ.  
Contact Thorlaeifr with questions.

**Location:**

Milford, NJ  
310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519),  
Milford, NJ 08848  
908-319-0765 (cell)



8. Photo by Vivian De Dunbar



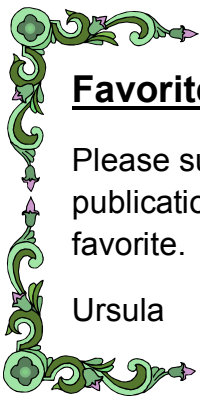
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Captain of Archers	Honorable Lord Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg <a href="mailto:archery@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org">archery@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org</a> (908) 406-0143 (No calls after 9pm)	Renewed November 2014 Expires November 2016
Chamberlain	Lord Jonathan Miles <a href="mailto:Chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org">Chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org</a> (908) 644 4599	Elected September 2015 Expires September 2017



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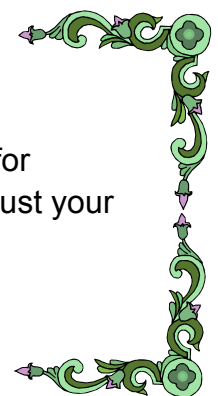
Youth Combat	Vacant	Vacant
Chancellors Minor	Vacant	Vacant (organize activities for children and teenagers)
Thrown Weapons	Vacant	Vacant
Canton of Gryphonwald (Middlesex Cty, NJ): Seneschale	Failenn Finn <a href="mailto:gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org">gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org</a>	The Canton of Gryphonwald holds <b>BGI</b> (Black Gryphon Inn)
Canton of Marwick (Union County, NJ): Seneschal	Baron Edmund Patterson	The Canton of Marwick is inactive



**Favorite Scrolls**

Please submit a high resolution photograph of your favorite scroll for publication in the Mudpuppy. It can be the prettiest, the silliest or just your favorite.

Ursula





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	Wulfar Silfrahaar marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Other fight practices: Fighter Practice group at Yahoo!Groups; suggested Donation \$5
Fighter Practice	Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Glen Gardner Youth Center 16 Hampton Rd Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826	Wulfar Silfrahaar marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Also fencing and Arts& Science; suggested Donation \$7
Fencing Practice	Thursdays, 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	<b>Seeking new Site for Fencing Contact Owynn with suggestions</b>	Owynn Greenwood owynn.greenwood@gmail.com  908-447-2979	suggested Donation \$5
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& Science; suggested Donation \$7
Archery Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Milford, NJ 310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519), Milford, NJ 08848 908-319-0765 (cell)	Jehannine de Flandres baroness@settmourswamp.ea stkingdom.org Phillip the Facetious	
Thrown Weapons Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Milford, NJ 310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519), Milford, NJ 08848 908-319-0765 (cell)	Jehannine de Flandres baroness@settmourswamp.ea stkingdom.org Phillip the Facetious	Please email for directions.
Thrown Weapons Practice	First and Third Tuesdays of every month	Maplewood, NJ	James of York (contact via Merlinia) merliniajws@gmail.com (973) 762-2554	Please email for directions.





Art	Date/ Time	Location	Contact	Notes
Caterina (Kasia) A&S Thingy	THIRD Friday 7pm	55 Hillcrest Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960	Mistress Caterina (Kasia) <a href="mailto:mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org">mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org</a> 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) <a href="mailto:mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org">mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org</a> 917-968-9321	Caterina announces meetings on the Swamp email list and on the Swamp Facebook page.
Archery	Monday and Wednesday 6 pm to dark	Pittstown, NJ	Elizabeth Hawkwood  <a href="mailto:hawkwoode@gmail.com">hawkwoode@gmail.com</a>	Email Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood for directions

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<http://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/events.html>

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