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Meetings and Practices

Baronial Business Meetings

1st Thursday of each month Sachem Public Library (Holbrook) 7:30pm
 Contact Seneschal Baron Master Sean de Londres (John Cnapich) for information. barondelondres@yahoo.com
All are welcome. Officers are encouraged to attend.

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**Canton Business Meetings**  
**Hawkes Reache**

2nd Tuesday of each month Harborfields Library (Greenlawn) 7:30pm  
 Contact Seneschal Alexander MacLachlan (Brett Kessler) for information. [captgoldman2100@aol.com](mailto:captgoldman2100@aol.com)

**Directions to Sachem Library**

Take the L.I.E. to exit 61, Patchogue-Holbrook Rd. CR-19 towards Patchogue/Holbrook. Merge onto Expwy Drive South, turn left at Holbrook Rd. The library is at 150 Holbrook Rd.  
 631-588-5024

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| <p><b>Fighter Practice</b><br/>                 Wednesdays 7-10:30 PM<br/>                 (see pg. 6)<br/>                 The ball fields at Islip Grange Park, Broadway Ave., Sayville, two cross streets north of Montauk Hwy. Contact Lord Tristan at 516-652-8469</p> | <p><b>Fencing</b><br/>                 Fridays 7:30 - 10 P.M.<br/>                 Loaner gear available. Anyone 14 yrs. and older welcome. 640 Belle Terre Rd., Building F, Port Jefferson, NY<br/>                 Contact Moresca at 347-276-8813 or <a href="mailto:moresca@aol.com">moresca@aol.com</a></p> | <p><b>Archery &amp; Thrown Weapons</b><br/>                 Thrown weapons practice June 4<br/>                 Archery practice June 26<br/>                 Contact Lord Logan de Londres and Lady Damianna de Londres (Mark &amp; Dina Wolyniec) for information: 631-924-6968 (before 9 PM)</p> |
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# Event Calendar

Local Barony of An Dubhaigeainn  
events listed in red.

For full event listing and information see the East Kingdom website: <http://www.eastkingdom.org/event-list.html>

| June                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | July                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p><b>6/11</b> "Potted" Arms &amp; Fancy "Faire" V Canton of Hawke's Reache - Huntington, NY ( see pg. 5)</p> <p><b>6/12</b> <a href="#">The Battle of Kingsbridge Heights</a> Canton of Northpass - Bronx, NY</p> <p><b>6/12</b> <a href="#">Riverdale Riverfest Demo</a> Crown Province of Ostgardr - Bronx, NY</p> <p><b>6/24 -26</b> <a href="#">East Kingdom War Practice</a> Shire of Eisental - Lehigh, PA</p> | <p><b>7/1- 4</b> <a href="#">Northern Region War Camp 2011 - King's &amp; Queen's Equestrian Champions</a> - Shire of Glenn Linn - Warrensburg, NY</p> <p><b>7/9</b> <a href="#">Toys for Tots Summer Warlord Tourney</a> - Barony of Iron Bog - Pemberton, NJ</p> <p><b>7/29 - 8/14</b> <a href="#">Pennsic War 40</a> - Kingdom of Aethelmarc - Slippery Rock, PA</p> |

## Pennsic 101 - Sunday, June 12

For those new to Pennsic there will be a Pennsic 101 class on Sunday, June 12, at the home of Lady Sorcha of Stonegrave (Pamela J. Jacques) and THL Peter of Hawkwoods (Peter Farrell) at 16 Leonard Drive, East Northport, NY 11731 (tel: 631-754-8977 before 10 p.m.). The class will start at NOON and will cover such topics as how to pre-register for Pennsic (deadline coming up fast!), how and what to pack for Pennsic, eating at Pennsic, and much more. As THL Peter is our Baronial Campmaster, this is a great chance to ask any questions you might have about our Baronial encampment. This is a pot luck event, so please bring food and drink, as well as sun block and bug spray. Whether you are camping with the Barony or with another group, all are welcome!

We are planning to paint our new, Tudor-style Pennsic showers the same day. We really appreciate anyone who can come to help. Please wear appropriate clothing!



### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: ARCHERY PRACTICE Sunday, JUNE 26

There will be an additional archery practice held at the home of Scott and Pam Petritsch at 78 Forest Road, Centereach, NY 11720 on Sunday, June 26 beginning at 1 p.m.

There are a couple of streets called Forest Road in Centereach, so be sure you take the one off Mark Tree Rd. If you get lost or need further info, call Scott at (631) 648-8888 or email [spp516@hotmail.com](mailto:spp516@hotmail.com)

Food and drink will be provided.  
Garb is NOT required.

Since we will be outdoors, please dress accordingly and bring sunblock and bug spray.  
Extra chairs are welcome!

## Combat Arts: fighting, fencing, archery & thrown weapons

Outdoor practices are being held every Wednesday, 7-10:30 PM at Islip Grange Park, Broadway Ave., Sayville, two cross streets north of Montauk Hwy. Contact Lord Tristan at 516-652-8469. As practices are scheduled, any of the following may step in as Marshal in Charge so that scheduled baronial practice may continue with insurance intact: Kevin Dowd, James Peck, and Eric Rhude. The fencers operate on a similar premise. Moresca (Julie DeVuono) is the deputy KM in charge of Rapier. In her absence, any of the following may MiC a Rapier practice: Pete Boullianne, Erik Soto, and Brett Kessler.

**Heavy Weapons:** Up to date information on practices may be found at the Yahoo web site here: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scaducks/>.

We have also been invited to join the fighters of Ostgardr who continue to meet on Sundays in Brooklyn from noon until about 4 p.m. at Quality Conservation, 140 58th Street, Bldg. A, Unit 8M. The site is indoors - a large warehouse with plenty of room, so even polearms are fine. There is plenty of parking within a fenced and guarded lot. For those taking public transportation, the site is two to

three blocks from the R/N train stop at 59th Street. Non-fighters are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

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

We have also been invited to join a NON SCA practice held by MSR on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church, 1845 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793. Please contact Adam Redler for further info: [adamo\\_di\\_barbera@yahoo.com](mailto:adamo_di_barbera@yahoo.com)

## Archery & Thrown Weapons:

Our next thrown weapons practice will be held on Saturday, June 4 at the home of Linda McKnight, 824 Middle Road, Riverhead, NY beginning at 1 p.m. (631) 208-3057. The next archery practice will be held on Sunday, June 26 at the home of Scott and Pam Petritsch. (see pg. 3 for details) Some loaner gear is available. Please let us know if you'll need it.

Since we're outdoors, please dress accordingly. Bug spray is highly recommended to protect against ticks and other pests. We practice in mundane clothing. Extra chairs, drinks and munchies are always welcome! See you there!

### Important Announcement Regarding Youth Combat & Fencing

As of the last East Kingdom Curia, 16 & 17 year olds may fight heavy list so long as:

- (1) they submit a completed official parental permission form, and
- (2) they have been authorized by a marshal.

The minimum age for fencing has been dropped to 14 with the same requirements.

For those under 16, Youth Combat practices are held at the same time and place we hold Heavy Weapons practice. Please confirm your attendance in advance with Lord Marcus so there are Youth Marshals present. You can reach him through: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scaducks/>

## Fencing Practice

We continue to meet at 640 Belle Terre Rd., Building F, in Port Jefferson. Practice for fencers is Friday evenings, 7:30-10 p.m. Some loaner gear may be available if requested beforehand. Please call Moresca before coming to practice to confirm that we're meeting. (347) 276-8813 or [morescafl@aol.com](mailto:morescafl@aol.com)

We have also been invited to join practices with Lion's End at 3060 Hempstead Tpk., Levittown. The next practices are scheduled for June 3 & July 8. Contact Lord Alexander MacLachlan (Brett Kessler) for further info. (631)428-7492 before 10:30 p.m., e-mail: [captgoldman01@aol.com](mailto:captgoldman01@aol.com).



# Dotted Arms & Fancy Faire

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Hosted by the Canton of Hawkes Reache

## At-a-Glance Event Information

### Site:

Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship at Huntington  
109 Browns Rd  
Huntington, NY 11743  
(pet free and discretely damp)

**Site Opens:** 10:00 am

**Site Closes:** 6:00 pm

### Event Fees:

Site : Adults: \$15.00  
Minors (10-17): \$6.00  
Children (2-9): \$3.00  
Babes in arms are free

### Send Reservations to:

Lady Sorcha of Stonegrave  
(Pamela J. Jacques) 16 Leonard Drive, East Northport, NY 11731 (631)754-8977, e-mail: [pjjny@yahoo.com](mailto:pjjny@yahoo.com)

### Co-Autocrat:

Lord Miquel d'Avinhon (Mike Davies) [mdavies1a@gmail.com](mailto:mdavies1a@gmail.com)

### Other info:

For dietary concerns contact Baroness Mistress Suzanne Neuber de Londres (Susan M-Frank) e-mail: [dlondres@optonline.net](mailto:dlondres@optonline.net).

For fencing matters contact Lord Alexander MacLachlan (Brett Kessler), (631)428-7492 before 10:30PM, e-mail: [captgoldman01@aol.com](mailto:captgoldman01@aol.com).

Merchant fees: \$5 per table, please contact the Autocrat if more than two tables are needed. Please bring a shade structure for your comfort.

**Make Checks Payable to:** SCA Inc. Barony of An Dubhaigeainn

Spring has flowered into summer once again and Baron Ateño of An-nun Ridge and Baroness Lassar Ingen Aeda travel the lands of An Dubhaigeainn to collect their tithes on the way to the Pennsic War. The Canton of Hawkes Reache welcomes them with a Summer Faire complete with TWO fencing Tournaments including a Pas D'Arms Tournament to select the new Baronial fencing champion. There will also be a tournament to name the new Baronial Thrown Weapons Champion! There will be games and activities for all. (Additional martial activities to be announced.) Merchants are most welcome to help us get in fine shopping form for Pennsic! So bring your chairs and blankets to take respite upon the lawns, watch the fencing activities, and visit with old and new friends.

There will be a hearty day-board served throughout the day. While no feast will be served, fear not! None shall leave hungry, as the table has groaned under the bounty of our day-board these past four years! The fencing list shall open to competitors at 11 a.m.. There shall be two fencing Tournaments: the Hat Tournament and the Pas D'Arms Tournament.

Prior to the Hat Tournament, we will hold the ever-popular Hat Auction, benefiting the Baronial Rapier Community where the populace can bid for a fencer represented by their hat. If that rapier fighter wins the Tournament, the bidder wins a prize. The format of the Hat Tournament will be the decided by the day of the event.

The second Tournament is a Pas D'Arms contest which is based on a demonstration of period skill. Everyone is welcome to participate and there is a strong emphasis on pageantry. Each fencer in the Pas D'Arms Tournament must be introduced by a herald. It is expected that each herald will be vividly "over the top" (as in *A Knight's Tale*). A prize and recognition will be awarded for the best heraldry.

The demonstrations of both skill and pageantry will help Their Excellencies to choose the next Baronial Champion from the An Dubhaigeainn participants, and the overall Tournament Champion from all participants.

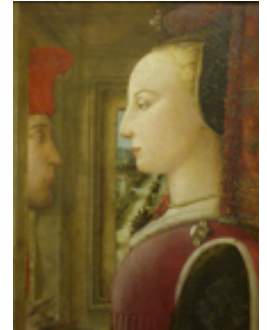
There will be two additional fund raising auctions: one to raise money for the Barony and a second to support the charities of the late Eric Johnson. (Wulstan of Ravenswood)

**Directions:** Take your best route to Route 110 North into Huntington Village (Approx. 4 miles from Route 25, Jericho Tpk.) Make left onto Main Street (Route 25A) then make first right onto Wall Street. Continue on Wall Street for 3/4 mile, to Southdown Road. Make a left onto Southdown Road and follow the signs to Browns Road. There will be a stop sign at the corner of Browns Road and Southdown Road. Turn right onto Browns Road. The site is on your left shortly after the elementary school.

## Seen on the Web

One of the most important resources we have available to us on the web is the recently redesigned **East Kingdom website**: <http://www.eastkingdom.org/>. We also have a wonderful 'wiki' East Kingdom website stocked with goodies: [http://www.eastkingdom.org/mediawiki/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://www.eastkingdom.org/mediawiki/index.php/Main_Page)

**Google** has a neat function that not only allows you to tour some of the world's greatest museums, but also includes super detailed HD photos of some of their major artworks - great for A&S research. You can check it out here: <http://www.googleartproject.com>



For those who are interested in **military history**, there's an interesting new site in its beta testing stage: **Conflict History** - it's an interactive map of historical conflicts across the globe. It has some neat features, including a timeline broken into five year intervals, a selection of maps that allows you to toggle between flat and terrain views, and a quick link to a short information page on each battle. You can explore the site here: <http://www.conflicthistory.com>. Try typing any battle or war in the search box and the timeline and map will shift to give you a quick insight into that particular conflict.

For the **gamers** out there, there's a new board game called *The Road to Canterbury*. Based on characters from Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, the game casts each player as The Pardoner in a group of touring pilgrims. If you're familiar with *The Canterbury Tales*, then you know that Chaucer's Pardoner is an unscrupulous clergyman greedy to profit from the sale of indulgences and fake religious relics. The goal of the game? Yup, you guessed it! Each player strives to tempt the pilgrims to sin, so that he may then profit by selling them salvation. A game of strategy, each player gambles that he will be able to profit from the pilgrims' sins before Death overtakes them, or another player manages to reap the profit from corrupting and redeeming the pilgrims. The game features beautiful period artwork from the Ellesmere Manuscript, an illuminated collection of Chaucer's stories from the 15th century, and the works of Hieronymus Bosch, the 15th century Netherlandish painter. You can read more about the game and its developer here: <http://chronicle.com/article/The-Game-Designers-Tale/127537/>.

For years people have been fascinated by the enigmatic smile of **Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa**. Back in 2007, scholar Giuseppe Pallanti identified Lisa Gherardini, wife of the wealthy Florentine silk merchant, Francesco del Giocondo, as the most likely model for da Vinci's masterwork. While there is still some controversy over who actually posed for the portrait, a team of researchers believes they may have located the tomb of Gherardini in the now-abandoned former convent of Sant'Orsola in Florence. According to documents conserved in the Laurenziano Archive in Florence, Lisa Gherardini died and was buried in Sant'Orsola in 1542. Should her actual remains be located, her descendant, Natalia Strozzi, seems inclined to allow an exhumation and facial reconstruction of the skull, which may finally put the mystery of the Mona Lisa to rest. For more information, read the article in *The Florentine*, here: <http://www.theflorentine.net/articles/article-view.asp?issuetocId=6875&browse-by=Florence-News>.

### Video of the Month

Ever wonder how those Viking longships were built? This video from the **Viking Ship Museum** in Roskilde, Denmark takes us from how they hand-split the fresh oak into planks and then assembled them into the longboats. According to the museum website, each single plank takes 4.5 days to cleave, and this single longship reconstruction used about 90 planks made from the wood of 14 huge oak trees. You can watch the boat construction in progress here: [http://vikingskibsmuseet.dk/index.php?id=1364&L=1&no\\_cache=1&sword\\_list%5b0%5d=oak](http://vikingskibsmuseet.dk/index.php?id=1364&L=1&no_cache=1&sword_list%5b0%5d=oak). The entire website is chock full of information, photos and videos about Viking shipbuilding and excavations, so take a look!

## Local Museum Exhibits & Other Items of Interest

We're lucky enough to live close to a number of world class museums and galleries. Remember that many museums have hours for reduced admission - check before you go. You might also be able to obtain discounted admission tickets from your local librarian, or do a quick search on the Suffolk Web: <http://suffolk.lib.ny.us/> Enter 'museum passes' in the search field to find out if your library offers passes. Here's a partial list of some current exhibits and activities of interest:

**The Morgan Library and Museum** on Madison Avenue and 36th St. is currently hosting *Illuminating Fashion: Dress in the Art of Medieval France and the Netherlands* through September 4, 2011. Remember, admission to the Morgan is FREE on Friday evenings from 7- 9 p.m. <http://www.themorgan.org/exhibitions/exhibition.asp?id=45> Even if you can't visit the museum, you can view highlights from the exhibition here:

<http://www.themorgan.org/collections/works/IlluminatingFashion/default.asp> In conjunction with the exhibit, there will be a screening of the film, **Becket** on Friday, **June 10** at 7 p.m. and a **Gallery Talk** on Friday, **June 24** at 7 p.m. Guided tours of the exhibit are offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 2 p.m. beginning June 15. For more information, please call (212) 685-0008, ext. 561.

**The Metropolitan Museum of Art** is always a delightful place to view historic art and sculpture. Located on 5th Avenue at 82nd Street, the museum has several current exhibits that might be of interest to the membership. Recently opened, **Historic Images of the Greek Bronze Age** focuses on the artwork discovered at the excavations of Troy and Knossos in the 19th century, while **Thinking Outside the Box** features European cabinets, caskets, and cases from the 1500-1900. Information about all the current special exhibits at the museum can be found here:

<http://www.metmuseum.org/special/>

If you're feeling flush this month, **The Metropolitan Museum Members Dining Room** will be serving a **four course medieval tasting menu** every Friday and Saturday evening through **June 25** for \$59. Drawn from 14th- and 15th-century European culinary manuscripts, each course has been adapted to the contemporary kitchen while utilizing the most authentic ingredients available. Featured dishes include duck *épice* with ginger-date purée and apple-saffron confiture. You can make reservations for the dinner by calling 212-570-3975. Many of the ingredients used in the menu—including fennel, mint, thyme, and rosemary—can be found growing in the medieval herb garden at **The Cloisters**, the Metropolitan Museum's branch dedicated to the art and architecture of the Middle Ages, located in Fort Tryon Park in upper Manhattan. (The tasting menu will be served at the main branch of the museum on 5th Avenue.)

Speaking of **The Cloisters**, **June 4 and 5** are a celebration of Spring at The Cloisters Medieval herb garden. Learn about **Women and the Medieval Garden**—this year's theme—through tours, family workshops, special gallery talks, and an embroidery demonstration. For more information, you can check out the museum's web site here: <http://www.metmuseum.org/cloisters/> Finally, there's a treat in store when we get back from Pennsic. On **August 27** from 1-4 p.m. The Cloisters will host several weavers from the West Dean Tapestry Studio in Chichester, England who will be demonstrating a number of **tapestry weaving techniques from the early 16th century**.

While we're on the subject of herbs and medieval gardens, there will be a non-SCA **herbal walk in Smithtown** on **June 18** from 1-4. The garden tour will focus on identifying herbal plants in the late spring garden, and there will be a discussion of their uses. Since the tour will be outdoors, please dress accordingly and be prepared with sunblock and bug repellent. Some food will be provided, so while there is no charge for the walk, donations will be gratefully accepted. For more information and the location of the garden, please contact Pam Jacques (tel: 631-754-8977 before 10 p.m.).

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# From the Coronet



## Greetings from Ateño & Lassar!

Summer has arrived with its warm weather and longer days. Our annual fencing event is coming up this month, and we look forward to seeing everyone at Potted Arms and Fancy Faire on June 11 in Huntington. Thanks again to the Canton of Hawkes Reache for organizing and running this event, always a crowd pleaser. Combat practices are in full swing, and we've even been invited to practice with the fencers of Lion's End in addition to our own practices held in Belle Terre. To me, this invitation is just another example of the continuously strengthening relationship between An Dubhaigeainn and our friendly rivals at Ostgardr. Check the Combat Arts page to see the full practice schedule.



The most recent Curia at 'War of the Roses' issued some interesting organizational changes.. The first lowers the minimum age for armored combat to sixteen years of age. A parental permission form must be filled out and, of course, the fighter must be qualified by the marshals. The minimum age for fencing was dropped to fourteen with similar requirements of parental permission and qualification by a fencing marshal. The second item passed institutes term limits for the East Kingdom Coronets. The term is three years with a fourth available under certain circumstances with an extended election process. There has already been some discussion in the East Kingdom about this controversial decision. Currently, our practice in An Dubhaigeainn is to have five year terms for the Coronet, so we are very interested in hearing your thoughts about this change so that we may best represent your views to Their Majesties.

Our Baronial Heavy Weapons Champion has been confronted with some mundane obligations that currently limit his active participation, but we hope to see him back in form very soon. We wish him all the best.

As always we are available for your questions and comments.

*In Service,*  
*Ateño and Lassar*  
*Baron and Baroness An Dubhaigeainn*