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BARONY OF BHAKAIL

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Welcome! • Letter from the Editor

It has been some time since we have had the privilege of a well-formatted newsletter. Lord Martyn de Halliwell began that vision when he was Chronicler, and I had intended when I took up the mantle to continue that vision. And the day has finally arrived!

So what is the goal for this special edition of the Salamander? There are several goals really, and I will need your help in accomplishing them.

First, I would like this to be an outlet for our members to share their research, projects and experiences. If you have an idea for an article, please let me know! We will also accept period appropriate stories and poems, if your muse so inspires. I would love for the Salamander to showcase how awesome Bhakail and the surrounding shires are.

Second, I would like to have some recurring items in these pages, including the upcoming events for the season. This will give event stewards a chance to give out more information about their events in a different format

than the typical East Kingdom event website offers. It will also give us a chance to have something we can hand or email to newcomers or others interested in the SCA that has all the local and current information all in one place.

Third, this will be a great format to learn more about others in the Barony. to focus first on our Baronial Champions. They compete and win the favor of their Excellencies, and represent the barony to other groups, so I would like to highlight them here.

This is where you all come in. Please contribute! Send in articles, ideas, event information, anything you would like to brag on Bhakail about. Especially pictures! If you have any questions, feel free to ask. You can always reach me at chronicler@bhakail.eastkingdom.org.

Lady Lianor de Matos, Chronicler



Introducing Churchville Nature Center's Lenape Indian Village

Greetings Neighbors!

I'm Lady Sigridh the MoAS of Buckland Cross, and after sharing with your lovely Baroness some upcoming events at my mundane place of work that I thought folks might be interested in, I was invited to introduce you to one of my favorite places ... Churchville Nature Center and our Lenape Indian Village.

In my mundane life I'm Kirsten Becker and I've been the Assistant Director of Churchville Nature Center for 27 years. As crazy as that many years in one place seems, the center is wonderful in that it grows, ebbs and flows much like the natural world. No two years are the same...kind of like Pennsic. The same, but different and oh so much fun every year! The Center is the first of three run by the Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation and supported by a fostering non-profit The Friends of Churchville Nature Center. Established in 1964, it encompasses 53 acres of field and forest habitats with a combined 2 miles of trails adjacent to the privately owned Churchville Reservoir. Besides the prerequisite

nature programs, we've created some special places that make CNC unique. Besides our award winning natural gardens and our recently opened butterfly house, our most unique feature is our re-created pre-1500's era Lenape Village. (As a side education note: it is pronounced "Len-ah-pay" not "Len-a-pee"). For you history buffs, our little village mirrors the same time period as our own SCA.

In 1990 our Friends Board of Directors decided to create a Native American program in honor of two of our board members at the time. Bill Burford and Lenape Chief Bill "Whippoorwill" Thompson. Plans were created and in the spring of 1991 a Lenape Indian Village was built by staff and volunteers to teach about the life skills and family structure of the Lenape prior to European contact, emphasizing their connection with the natural world. In the development of the village, it was very important to us to connect with the local Native American and Lenape community to ensure that not only could Churchville take pride in this program, but so could the Native community. One of the topics we have



Upcoming Events

see <http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventListing.php> for more information.

June 3 - 5

Artisan's Village

The Shire of Hartshorn-dale would like to extend an invitation to you to our Artisans' Village. This is a place for all to gather and enjoy the arts and sciences practiced throughout the land.

August 20

Thélème at Penn

In Gargantua, Rabelais describes the Abbaye of Thélème as an utopical place of free learning. For one day, the Rare Books Library of the University of Pennsylvania will welcome the free learners of the SCA. In the same spirit as the voyages of discovery previous event please come and talk about your research, your failed attempts, your successes and get feedback on those and ideas for future projects.

August 21

The Extraordinary Bhakail Fencing and Fighting Championships and Commons

Another Pennsic has passed and summer is starting to wind down. Before the dog days of August are done and the chill of autumn is upon us, come and join us for a day of camaraderie and good food at the Extraordinary Bhakail Fencing and Fighting Championships and Commons.



pretty much stayed away from, especially with school groups, is the spiritual aspect of the Lenape. We feel that topic is not our place to speak on since our staff is not Lenape.

Twenty five years later our village introduces nearly 20,000 school children and weekend tour participants a year to the life of the Lenape people. The village is open from April through November and visitors to our village are guided by an educator in traditional buckskin outfits of the time period. Although our program is a living history program, our staff, unlike folks at other historic sites, do not present themselves in persona as Lenape of that time period. Again like the spirituality, it is done out of respect for today's Lenape and was something that was requested of us when developing the program. As our guides take their group "back in time" to the village, visitors get a chance to learn about family life, the longhouse, games, gardening, hunting, cooking, fire making,

pottery and making cordage. There are hands-on aspects built into each area of the village. I must say one of my favorite things to see is a group of school students watching in awe as an educator makes fire with a fire bow and then hands them some to work in teams to try it for themselves.

Winter months are when our staff offers programs that delve more into special topics. Winter was a time spent in the longhouse with entertainment and creative projects. Yup, Lenape A&S! Again, something I think we Scadians can relate to, as many of us spend this time of year sewing, weaving, brewing and creating in so many ways. During the winter months our Sunday public programs have focused on storytelling and games, flintknapping, basket making, clay beads, and we even have the folks from Rainbows of Healing coming in to teach two workshops, one creating medicine bags and a second to make your own drum.

Once spring arrives it will be time for the hubbub to begin anew at CNC with private school programs during the weekdays and public village tours on Sundays at 1pm.

If any of you are tempted to come play in the same time period and explore the local area, more information on Churchville Nature Center and our Lenape Village are available on our website at www.churchvillennaturecenter.org. Our current Activity guide can be found under the publication tab at the top of the page. We also regularly post upcoming events to the nature center's Facebook.

Event Information:

Public tours every Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 pm April through October. More information can be found at:
http://www.churchvillennaturecenter.org/user/4/downloads/u160315_0958_CNC%20Spring%2016%20Programs.pdf



Meet the Champions: Captain Berrick Grayveson

How did you get into the SCA?

I joined in College. We had a group on campus, that was sponsored by the local shire.

What do you enjoy about the SCA?

All sorts of things. I fence (obviously) and enjoy heraldry. I also enjoy several arts i learned in the SCA. But mostly I enjoy the camaraderie and the fellowship with most people i've met through the SCA

How do you view your role as Rapier Champion in the Barony?

To me being Champion means serving, seeing if their Excellencies need my services at the event and, if it

is within my ability, to try to meet their needs. and above all I view my role as Champion as representing not just their excellencies, but the Barony as a whole..

If someone wanted to follow in your footsteps, what would you suggest?

Remember that when you wear the regalia, you represent more than just yourself. You represent Their Excellencies, but you represent the People of Bhakail. Act honorably and represent them well. That said, have fun, play the game, and come up with a cool tournament as an awesome way to end your tenure.



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