

The Salamander

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

The following are events scheduled in the Southern Region of the East Kingdom and other selected events. For a complete list of upcoming East Kingdom events and further information, visit <https://www.eastkingdom.org/events/>

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| June 22, 2024 | East Kingdom Novice Day | Shire of Rusted Woodlands Newton, NJ |
| June 22, 2024 | Medieval Board Games Demo at The Brooklyn Strategist | Crown Province of Østgarðr Brooklyn, NY |
| June 28-30, 2024 | Northern Region Warcamp AND East Kingdom Royal Equestrian Championships | Shire of Glenn Linn Greenwich, NY |
| June 29-30, 2024 | Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium | Bailiwick of Iveyinrust Philadelphia, PA |
| July 6, 2024 | Blak Rose Schola and Tournament | Shire of Blak Rose Carlisle, PA |
| July 6, 2024 | Iron Bog Heavy Weapons and Rapier Champion Tournament | Barony of Iron Bog Pennsauken, NJ |
| July 13, 2024 | SCA: C is for Creative | Shire of Eisental Nazareth, PA |
| July 26-Aug 11, 2024 | The Pennsic War 51 | Kingdom of Æthelmarc Slippery Rock, PA |

Current Schedule of Bhakail Practices, Socials, and Meetings

For further details, visit: <https://bhakail.eastkingdom.org/wordpress/index.php/calendar/>

| Event | Time and Day | Location | Contact |
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| Thrown Weapons Practice | Sundays, 11am-1pm | 320 North Ave, Secane, PA 19018 | Mikael melrakki |
| Target Archery Practice | Sundays, 1:30-3:30pm | 320 North Ave, Secane, PA 19018 | Ellyn Grene |
| Scribal Study Group | Varies; see the Bhakail calendar for upcoming meetings | Virtual or in person, contact Margarette la Gantiere for details | |
| Bailiwick of Iveyinrust Business Meeting | 2nd Mondays of the month, 7:15pm | Virtual, contact Emery de Champagne for details (dates subject to change based on Penn academic schedule) | |
| Baronial Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm | https://meet.google.com/gpf-gerd-ikj | Margarette la Gantiere |
| Baronial Social | Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm | Morton, PA. For address, email 166054@members.eastkingdom.org | Mael Eoin mac Echuidh |
| Fencing Practice | Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm | Reformation Lutheran Church 102 W Rose Tree Rd, Media PA 19063 | Melchior Kriebel |
| Armored Combat Practice | Tuesdays, 7:00-9:30pm | 48 Dickinson St. Philadelphia, PA 19147 | Ezra De Bazzi |

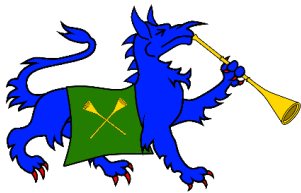
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The Bailiwick of Iveyenrust is hosting the Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium: Pre-registration required by June 20!

This year Iveyenrust, a Bailiwick of the Barony of Bhakail, is happy to welcome the Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium from June 29th to 30th at the Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. Each year this event is held in a different location and sees heralds and scribes coming from various kingdoms. The event is centered around classes ranging from beginner level to discussions with specialists. It is also a social event, where people can meet those they have been interacting with online.

The event starts unofficially on Friday June 28th with pre-event activities. Saturday 29th is mainly devoted to classes. Sunday morning, you can attend the laurel roadshow, which is a demonstration of how decisions are made by the Laurel office to register arms and names. At the same time, more scribal classes will be held.

For updated information, see the event website <https://www.kwhss2024.org/>



KNOWN WORLD HERALDS AND SCRIBES SYMPOSIUM



IMPORTANT EVENT INFORMATION & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ Due to the current University of Pennsylvania security requirements, admittance will only be granted to people who are pre-registered and on the required RSVP list for the door guards. **Pre-registration is due by June 20, 2024!**
 - Pre-register at <https://surveys.eastkingdom.org/index.php/368148>
- ❖ Volunteers are still needed for the event. If you are interested in helping out, contact the Event Steward Brunissende Dragonette by email (147109@members.eastkingdom.org) or via the event discord.

Court Report from Waking of the Salamander III

It was the 20th of April, 2024 (in the common year), or AS 58 as all the Knowne World calls it. The Great Plaid Baron, Muin maqq Minain hosted a glorious event to celebrate the Mighty Salamander awakening from its winter slumber. The weather was warm, the skies were clear and sunny, and the Salamander approved.

Friends, family, and Muinn's Champions all gathered for the weekend to celebrate. We had many classes where fellow Bhakailians (and friends) shared their knowledge in pottery, archery, winter clothing, foraging, and dancing! The community came together and held a great potluck feast, exhibiting the generosity of Bhakail's populace.

Once we finished teaching, feasting, and catching up with friends old and new, His Excellency's court was to begin. Baron Muinn first welcomed all and thanked them for joining in the celebration. He then called for the Stewards from Bhakail's Tavern event which was held in January, since court was waylaid by the plague at that event. He bestowed upon both Eyfura inn trausti and Bjorn Ordlokarr the Flame of Bhakail, gifted for their service to the Barony. Other victims of the Tavern plague were both the Baronial Bardic and Gaming Championships. Both events were held at Waking of the Salamander instead, and with that Baron Muin called before him Sir Bari of Angelsey, his reigning Baronial Bardic Champion. After a slight incident with Sir Bari's knees making rather disturbing noises, His Excellency thanked Sir Bari for his service as our Bardic Champion and gifted Sir Bari with his personal token and accepted the return of the Baronial Regalia. Sir Bari then took his place amongst the populace. The winner of this year's Bardic Championship was called forth into court, Zacharie de Syren, a newcomer to Bhakail! Baron Muin praised Zacharie's performance, as well as their bravery for entering into the competition as a newcomer. Zacharie took their place as the new

Baronial Bardic Champion. Along with the Baronial regalia, Zacharie was given a scroll with illumination and calligraphy by Lady Margarete la Gantiere and words by Bjorn Ordlokarr. Next, His Excellency called before him his reigning Baronial Gaming Champion, Clara Kravakan, or Clara Blood-drinker as she was called by Baron Muin. Clara was thanked for her time as her service as gaming Champion, as well as for hosting such a rousing Championship 9-Man Morris tourney today. Clara was presented with Baron Muin's personal token and returned to her place amongst the populace. After an epic battle of strategy and wits, the Barony's newest Gaming Champion, Magister Rowen Cloteworthy, claimed victory. A such, he was called into court before his Excellency and once he confirmed he would serve as the newest champion, it was documented by a scroll illuminated by Dillena o'r Gwyrdd, with calligraphy by Lady Margarete la Gantiere and words by TH Solveig Bjarnardottir.

At this point, Baron Muin then called forth all those newcomers who were visiting His Barony for the first time. They were all offered tokens of appreciation, and welcomed to enjoy His lands and His hospitality at any time.

With the newcomers welcomed and our new champions having taken their place alongside His Excellency, he called forth Eirik ó Dubgaill, the primary Steward of Waking of the Salamander. He thanked Eirik for organizing such an excellent event, one definitely worthy of the Mighty Salamander. Eirik was also bestowed the Flame of Bhakail for his service to the Barony in organizing the event.

Finnolfr Hrafnsson and Lady Margarete la Gantiere were called next for their efforts as co-stewards for Waking of the Salamander. They each were given the Flame of Bhakail as well. His excellency then had all of the teachers from the event called before him; Shifu Lu An-hua, Dutchess Diana Alene Trigirste,

Lord Aiden Underhill, Lady Alexondra Ivasheva, and Lady Ellyn Grene. They were each thanked for sharing their knowledge with the populace, and gifted The Flame of Bhakail.

Lady Ellyn remained before His Excellency to call forth some of the Barony's finest archers, each of whom were given an Archery token befitting their rank; Sabine de Kerbriant as a Marksman, Mir of Bhakail as an Archer, and Lady Ellyn herself as a Bowman. Before she could depart, His Excellency's herald called into court members of The Order of the Horse. Lady Ellyn exclaimed with surprise, and was thanked for all of her outstanding service to the Barony, particularly her efforts in teaching and expanding the Barony's archery ranks. As such, she was inducted into the Order, with it being documented in a scroll created by Lady Margarete la Gantiere.

The Order of the Horse remained, as The Honorable Lord Mikkeal melrakki was called before His Excellency. He too was to be inducted into the Order, for his long service to the barony, including opening his doors and lands to host thrown weapons and archery practices, and sharing his wealth of knowledge with all who will listen. His entrance was documented in a scroll with illumination and calligraphy by Lady Margarete la Gantiere, and words by TH Solveig Bjarnardottir.

But they were not finished yet, as Lady Margarete la Gantiere was surprised with an invitation into the Order of the Horse herself. Lady Margarete's service to the Barony is well known to all; sharing her knowledge of scroll creation (thus expanding the Barony's available scribalheralds), glove making, research, and so much more. Her knowledge and patience is so greatly appreciated by all, and her induction into this Order was documented with a scroll with illumination and calligraphy by Lady Mairi Crawford, and words by Lord Malcom Bowman.



Once the members of the Order of the Horse congratulated and welcomed their newest members, His Excellency welcomed into his court his Cousins, Muireadhach and Yasamin, Baron and Baroness of Buckland Cross. Their Excellencies of Buckland Cross joined Baron Muin's Court, thanking him for his gracious invitation and hospitality throughout the day. They came to return the Regalia of Bhakails Baronial Champion at Arms, which was left behind in the lands of Buckland Cross. The two Baronies proclaimed their loyalty to each other, and professed their desire for the two to remain as allies for many years to come.

Once Their Excellencies of Buckland Cross had departed, Baron Muin called before him Lady Chana Freidl the Maker. Lady Chana was thanked for her efforts in representing the Barony and the SCA as a whole at PAX. She was given a Flame of Bhakail for her excellent service. Baron Muin was not quite finished with Lady Chana, as he bade her to remain before him and his Herald called into Court members of the Order of the Salamander. Lady Chana was quite surprised, and elated. His Excellency thanked Lady Chana for her consistent drive in furthering the Barony's efforts, her unwavering dedication, and her overall being a "Doer of Things". Thus she was inducted into the Order of the Salamander, documented in a scroll with illumination by Finnolfr Hrafnsson, calligraphy by Lady Margarete la Gantiere, and words by Lady Sabine de Kerbriant.

With his business concluded, Baron Muin closed his court with thanks to all who attended, and those who worked so hard to make the Awakening of the Mighty Salamander such an outstanding event, with food and friendship. Baron Muin bade them all to stay and enjoy the fire and continued merriment in the evening.

These are the events of court as I recall them, recorded and presented for your enjoyment.
In Service,
Finnólfr Hrafnsson

Arts & Sciences Updates and Opportunities - Scolastica Capellaria

Bhakailis are hard at work cooking, practicing music, shearing sheep, felting, weaving, sewing and making hats!

There are A&S opportunities at the following local events:

- ❖ June 22, Novice Day (Rusted Woodlands (NJ)), day of competitions geared toward novices and newcomers.
- ❖ June 29-30, Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium (Philadelphia PA).
- ❖ July 6, Black Rose Schola and Tournament (Carlisle, PA). Classes and a heavy weapons tournament.
- ❖ July 13, SCA: C is for Creative, Eisental (Nazareth, PA). A day of classes and workshops!
- ❖ July 26 to August 11, Pennsic, Aethelmarc (Slippery Rock PA). Pennsic university hosts a wealth of classes!

Several Known World events are occurring within a relatively close distance this year!

- ❖ Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium, June 29-30 in Philadelphia. Currently calling for classes:
<https://www.kwhss2024.org/2024/02/19/a-call-for-classes/>
- ❖ Known World Cooks and Bards, August 29-2 in Deposit, New York (currently looking for event staff!)
<https://kwcooksbarbs24.aethelmarc.org/>
- ❖ Known World dance and Music Symposium, July 4-7th in Danville Indiana (a 11 ish hour drive away).
<https://www.kwds.org/>

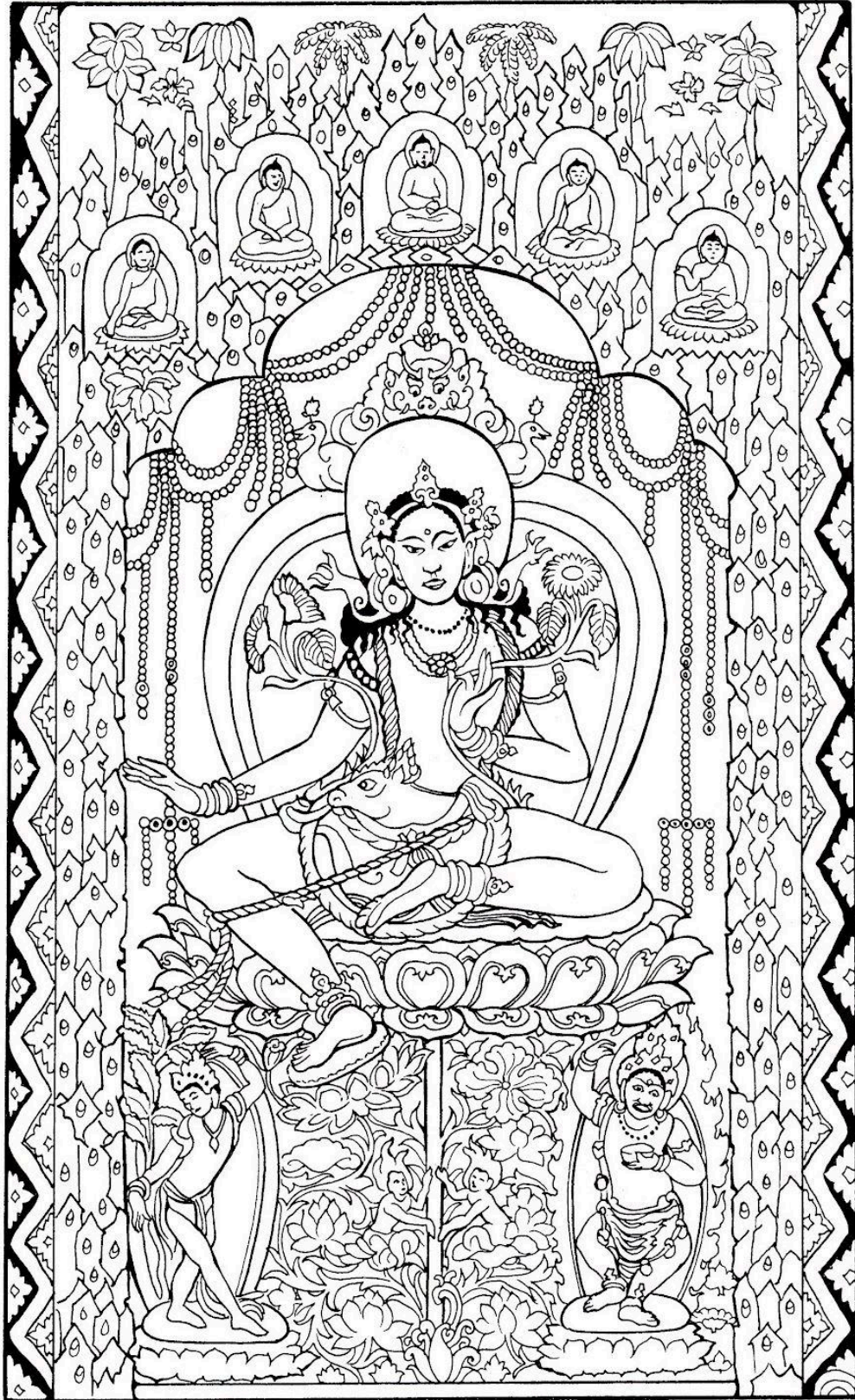
If you are interested in teaching or hosting arts and science classes locally, please let me know! I would like to schedule additional classes for the barony and friends.

The Kingdom MOAs office now has a calendar for arts and science events across the kingdom!

<https://moas.eastkingdom.org/event-calendar/>

If you have any A&S interests that you would like to explore, need help researching something, or are looking for resources feel free to email me at MOAS@bhakail.eastkingdom.org. I also would love to see what you are working on! Please send me pictures of your projects!





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