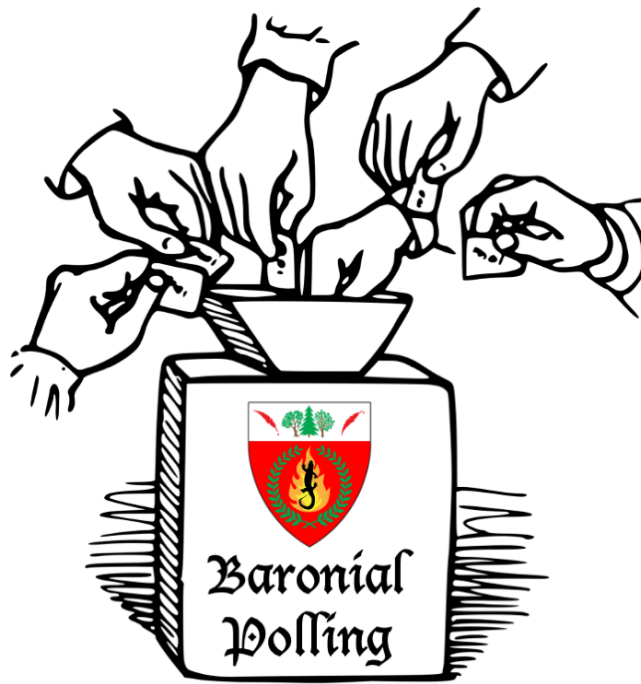


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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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/>

Sept 21, 2024	Barony of Buckland Cross Rattan and Rapier Champions	Barony of Buckland Cross Langhorne, PA
Sept 28, 2024	Brennan & Caoilfhionn's Ducal Challenges	Barony of Settmour Swamp Budd Lake, NJ
Sept 29, 2024	Bhakail Champions and Commons 2024	Barony of Bhakail Newtown Square, PA
Oct 4-6, 2024	Lakewood Renaissance Faire XLIII	Barony of Carillion Lakewood, NJ
Oct 11-13, 2024	Ghosts, Ghouls, and Goblins: Grimms Stories & Folk Tales	Barony of Carillion Manalapan, NJ
Oct 12, 2024	Food Fiber Forestry and Fun	Shire of Owlsherst Narvon, PA
Oct 19-20, 2024	Goat's Inn: Any Port In A Storm	Canton of Northpass Peekskill, NY
Nov 8, 2024	Harts and Horns	Shire of Hartshorn-dale Douglassville, 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
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 Iveyerust 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 Echuaidh
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

Baronial Polling: Responses due by September 27

Polling of the populace to help name the next Baron, or Baron and Baroness, of Bhakail is officially underway! The term of the current Coronet of Bhakail, Baron Muin maqq Minain, ends in December 2024. The polling to help find his successor(s) is being conducted electronically. The emails with the instructions on how to cast a ballot were initially sent on Sunday, September 8. Be sure to check your email if you haven't done so. The email was sent from "EK Online Polling Deputy", and has the subject "Invitation to participate in a survey".

The deadline for polling ballot responses is September 27, 2024.

Any gentles who has a current SCA membership, resides within the formally approved boundaries of Bhakail, and is 14 years or older are eligible to respond to the polling. At least 50% of the populace on the polling list must respond for this to be considered a valid polling. Seneschal Margarete will continue reminding people up to the deadline that responses are needed. If you have any questions or issues, please contact the East Kingdom Polling Deputy at web_pollingadmin@eastkingdom.org. If you did not respond to the multiple requests to provide an email address for inclusion in the polling, you have not received a ballot. If you have not responded to this point and want to participate in the polling, please contact Margarete at seneschal@bhakail.eastkingdom.org.

The polling is the opportunity for the populace of Bhakail to indicate their opinions and preferences among the candidates who have expressed interest in serving as Bhakail Coronet. The final selection of the Coronet rests with the East Kingdom Royals, currently Sovereign Magnus Tindal and Consort G. Emerson True. Their Royal Majesties will take the results of the polling into consideration when making their selection decision.

The candidates for Bhakail Coronet are:

- Lord Ian Douglas and Lady Triona MacCasky (together as potential Baron and Baroness)
- Honorable Lord Mikael melrakki (potential Baron)



Meet the Seneschal - Lady Margarett la Gantière

I was asked to introduce myself, as your new Seneschal, and as a relative newcomer to the SCA.

For those who don't know me, I joined the SCA on June 7th 2022, so becoming Seneschal came close to my second anniversary. But it also seems that I have been preparing to be a Scadian for a long time.

Both of my parents were crafts people, and founding members of the New Jersey Designer Craftsmen, a juried crafts guild. As such they had friends who were vendors at events like Pennsic. So I have been aware of the SCA since roughly the mid 70s.

Life happened, I went to Art School in Philadelphia, and after graduating spent my time split between teaching in our local Quaker schools, and designing graphics for museum exhibits, where I secretly indulged my love for history.

I had a family (two daughters) who shared my passion for comics and anime, and challenged my skills in costume design and construction with a running demand for cosplay. I however, especially loved historical costuming.

Fast forward to the mid 20s, both daughters had graduated and moved out on their own, and the Pandemic struck.

To offset my hours working remotely during lockdown, I indulged in expanding my knowledge and skills in historical costuming, via YouTube and streamed classes. Many of my favorite presenters, it turned out, were members of the SCA. As the plague loosened its grip, I like many came to the realization of just how isolated I'd become.

One night after viewing a favored "CosTuber" I decided I needed to look into the SCA, and

immediately (using librarian super powers) found the SCA homepage, identified my local group (Bhakail), and had emailed the Chatelaine (Chana). I was invited to Social the following Tuesday night, and by accepting, forced myself to at least give it a try.



Lady Margarett la Gantière

We all didn't know it yet, but that was the night Bhakail gained a future Seneschal. What I did know was that I had found my people. The next night I paid my membership.

I came for the costuming, stayed for the friends, rediscovered my love of drawing through Scribal, and am constantly challenged by all the options to learn and grow.

The best way I know to say thank you is to serve and to make space for others.

Bhakail Champions and Commons is September 29, 2024 at Ridley Creek State Park

*J*oin the Barony of Bhakail as we choose our next Baronial Fencing and Heavy Fighting Champions! A potluck lunch, rummage sale, space for arts & sciences, music, Baron Muin's court, and good friends are some of the many things you can look forward to! There is no site fee for this event. There will be a potluck lunch, so please bring a dish to share. There will be grills available for cooking and charcoal will be provided. As the site is a state park, alcohol is not permitted.

There are picnic tables under the pavilion but we recommend you bring a chair to watch the fighting. There will be plenty of room for pop-ups or pavilions. There are a few paved paths leading to the bathrooms but much of the site is grass and the ground is uneven. The park does permit dogs; please keep them leashed and clean up after them.

Each individual (or family) is asked to bring one contribution for a potluck lunch. Please label all contributions with ingredients so that those with food sensitivities can select appropriately. For information on how to select your dish to bring, and to sign up or view what is already on the contribution list:

<https://bit.ly/4d7CGsO>

SCHEDULE

10:00am: Site opens
11:00am: MOL opens for fights
11:00am: Rummage sale begins
12:00pm: Heavy and Rapier tournaments begin
4:00pm: Baronial Court
6:00pm: Site Closes
Potluck lunch will run throughout the day

Scan or click to visit the East Kingdom event page for further details and the latest information:



Bhakail Thrown Weapons and Archery Championships are September 15, 2024

The competitions to decide the next Bhakail baronial thrown weapons and archery champions will be held on Sunday, September 15 at the normal venue and times for thrown weapons (11:00am) and archery (1:30pm) practices. Contact Mikael melrakki at 92117@members.eastkingdom.org for directions if needed. Even if not a thrower or archer, the populace is invited to attend and cheer on the competitors! Parking is limited, but Mikael's house is conveniently located near the SEPTA Secane regional rail station, and 107 or 113 bus lines.

Arts & Sciences Updates and Opportunities - Scolastica Capellaria

If you are interested in teaching a class, holding an A&S night, or other A&S related activity, please contact me!

There are A&S opportunities at the following southern region events:

- September 28, 2024: Brennan & Caoilfhonn's Ducal Challenges. Barony of Settmour Swamp, (Budd Lake NJ). Arts and Science Challenges
- October 11, 2024: Ghosts Ghouls and Goblins. Barony of Carillion (Manalapan NJ): Arts and Science challenges and bardic circles
- November 9, 2024: Harts and Horns, Shire of Hartshorn-Dale (Douglassville, PA). Arts and science display, dancing, gaming and cheese making competition

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!



Opportunities to Get Involved

Have you been thinking about how you could get more involved in Bhakail? There are several opportunities available to volunteer your time and talents:

- The position of **Bhakail Webminster** is currently open. The baronial webminster is responsible for maintaining the Bhakail website and managing the official online groups. If you are interested in learning more about the position or volunteering, contact Margarete at seneschal@bhakail.eastkingdom.org.
- Lady Ragna Grímólfsdóttir is seeking a **Deputy Herald**. The duties of the herald include acting as the voice of the Coronet during baronial courts, and submitting reports on the business and awards presented at court. Contact Lady Ragda at herald@bhakail.eastkingdom.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.
- Lady Ragna has also taken on a project of **researching potential event sites** in Bhakail. Help is needed to fully identify the site requirements for different types of events. Experienced autocrats are particularly invited to help with this project. Contact Lady Ragda at herald@bhakail.eastkingdom.org to get involved.
- Lady Ellyn Grene is seeking a **Deputy Chronicler**. The duties of chronicler include taking notes at the monthly baronial business meetings, posting these notes to the website, and producing the newsletter that you are currently reading. Contact Lady Ellyn at chronicler@bhakail.eastkingdom.org if you want to learn more or volunteer.



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