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Web Site

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<http://www.feoragdubh.eastkingdom.org/index.php>

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Populace Missives

From the Chronicler

Greetings from the Chronicler.

This is a quiet issue. Is it post-Pennsic? My thanks to Suba for the use of her song about our furry, odorous friends at War this year.

I'm seeking combat-related articles, stories, art and other materials for the October issue.

Sought-after topics include anything to do with:

archery

thrown weapons

youth fighting

rapier fighting

heavy fighting

early gunpowder weapons and use

marshaling

MOLing

waterbearing the field

combat-related Pennsic stories

etc etc- your imagination applies

Please send submissions for the September issue by September 10th, and submissions for the October issue by October 10th, to canton_chronicler@yahoo.com.

A special note: Canton members can join the Canton financial committee. It must have an odd number of members. If you're interested, contact the Seneschal, Lord Keegan MacNaughton, or his deputy, Lord William Graham.

Finally, there will be a joint fencing practice between the East Kingdom and Atlantia on Sunday, September 26th, near Newark, DE. For more information, contact Lady Katrine Lyndesay or check here:

[http://www.smidgeonink.com/tadcaster militia/atlantian practice.html](http://www.smidgeonink.com/tadcaster_militia/atlantian_practice.html)

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Canton Meetings, Practices, and Workshops

Canton Meetings

Canton Business Meetings are held the first Monday of each month. The Canton welcomes members, friends, and visitors of any age to all meetings.

The next Canton meeting will take place at 7:30 pm, Monday, October 4th, 2004, at the home of Lady Eleanora the Tilemaker:

**114 Ferguson Avenue
Broomall, PA 19008
(610) 356-9176**

Directions:

Take your best route to 476 (the blue route).

Exit at Route 3 and go West on Route 3.

Once you have cleared the 476/Route3 interchange, take the 3rd right turn (the 1st street after the 1st light) and turn right onto Ferguson Avenue. (If you pass a Pathmark, you went the wrong direction on Route 3.)

The house is after the first stop sign, 6th house on the left.

Please bring:

Snacks (veggies and dip, cheese and crackers, fruit, etc.)

Datebook and/or notepad

Garb not required

Canton Practices

Middle Eastern Dance Classes are held from 7:30 to 9:30 pm, the third Friday of each month, at the home of Baroness Scheherazade Al-Zahira:

**3900 Ford Road, 5G
Philadelphia, PA 19131
(215) 878-7721
allouyna20@aol.com**

Directions:

From Rt 95, take your best path to Rt 76W.
Go to City Line Ave, which is a left hand exit.
Go 4 lights and make a left on to Bellmonte, at the Mobile station.
Take the very next left, Ford Rd.
Go 3 blocks, 2 lights, and look for the high rise on the right.
You can park in the parking lot on the right, just before the high rise, going thru the toll gate. There is no toll going in - take a token from the bowl on the way out. Scheherazade is in apartment 5G.
You will need to tell the guard at the security desk you are there to see her.

Please bring:

Sash or coinbelt (loaners available)
Garb not required; loose clothes or dance/exercise clothes recommended

Fencing Practices will be held locally on Tuesday nights once we can establish an indoor site. For now, Canton fencers are encouraged to visit nearby practices. The Shire of Iron Bog holds practices on some Tuesday nights. For details, visit the Shire Web site at <http://www.ironbog.eastkingdom.org/> (look under Meetings). For practice on Thursday nights, 7:30-10:30 pm, visit the Bhakail Baronial practice in Northeast Philadelphia. Details on the Bhakail practice are available on the Tadcaster Militia Web site at [http://www.smidgeonink.com/tadcaster militia/](http://www.smidgeonink.com/tadcaster_militia/) (look under Directions).

For more information, contact the Canton Marshal of Fence:
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Please bring:

List-legal armor and weaponry (loaner gear may be available -- contact the Canton Marshal of Fence)
Plenty of water to drink
Garb not required

Thrown Weapons Practices will be held locally on Thursday nights from 6:00 pm until it is too dark to throw at the home of Lady Damiana Almodóvar, Lord Deiniol ap Gwrgwst & Wooly:

**18 W. Felton Ave.
Ridley Park, PA 19078-2024**

**For more information, contact the Baronial Thrown Weapons
Marshal:
Lord Cal Urso
smithrk@wharton.upenn.edu**

Canton and Other Workshops

**Embroidery Guild Workshops take place from 7:30 to 9:30 pm, the
fourth Wednesday of each month. Guild members come from all
over the region to meet, share ideas and research, and work on
group projects.**

**The location of this meeting varies by month, so contact Baroness
Scheherazade Al-Zahira of the Embroidery Guild for directions
and other information:**

**Baroness Scheherazade Al-Zahira
(215) 878-7721
allouyna20@aol.com**

Head of the Embroidery Guild: Lady Gisela Sabot

**Please bring:
Sewing/embroidery projects, or other paraphernalia
Garb not required**

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Event Announcements

Bhakail Yule Revel

Hosted by the Barony of Bhakail
December 11th, 2004
Mask and Wig Club
310 S. Quince St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Event Web site: <http://www.bhakail.eastkingdom.org/>
Site Opens: 11 am
Site Closes: 10 pm

The icy grip of winter may have a hold on the houses in old Bhakail, but in one inn the lights are burning and the sound of reveling spills out into the streets. You are heartily welcomed to join the Barony as we celebrate the season with yet another Bhakail Yule Revel!

Our site is the Mask and Wig Club in Center City, where from eleven in the morning until ten o'clock in the evening we will make merry with good friends, dancing, music and more. To sate your hunger, a sumptuous Elizabethan feast will be prepared by Master Huen Damebrigge of Wychwood, proprietor of godecookery.com. The Barony will also hold its annual competition to select the next Baronial champion of Arts and Sciences. Those interested in becoming Baronial Champion must enter at least three items in three different categories to be considered for Champion. 'Best overall piece', 'best novice piece', 'best children's piece', and 'populace favorite' will also be awarded.

The site is wet, but no alcohol may be brought onto the premises; a cash bar will be provided. A dayboard is included in the site fee; limited parking may be available on-street, and directions and price information for nearby paid lots is available on the event website.

Note for those attending PhilCon - the Yule site is approximately 5 easily-walkable blocks from the convention site. Join us for the

afternoon or for dinner!

Site Fees:

Adults \$10

13-17 \$9

3-12 \$5

0-2 free

Feast:

Adults \$8

12 and under \$6

Reservations deadline: 12/4/04

Send Reservations to:

Lady Damiana Almodóvar at the below address:

Joy Gomez-Farrow
18 W. Felton Ave.
Ridley Park, Pa. 19078-2024

Autocrat:

Lord Calogero Urso & Lord Christopher Jameson (mka Ron Smith
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215-386-5604

yule@bhakail.eastkingdom.org

Other Contact Information:

Cook:

Master Huen Damebrigge of Wychwood
(mka James Matterer)

masterhuen@godecookery.com

If interested in merchanting, please contact Lord Olrik van
Lubbeke (mka Eric Schaffer) at HerrOlrik@att.net. Merchant fee is
\$15.

Make Checks Payable to: SCA Inc., Barony of Bhakail

Directions:

Quince Street is a small street found between 11th and 12th streets
in Center City Philadelphia; the site is on Quince Street between
Spruce and Pine Streets. Quince St. is not suitable for traffic;
parking may be available on the surrounding major streets.

From I-95: Exit onto I-676 (Vine St. Expressway) West. Follow from

* below.

**From I-76: Exit onto I-676 (Vine St. Expressway) East. Follow from
* below.**

***Exit the expressway at the “PA-611/Broad St./Central Philadelphia” exit, and follow the signs to PA-611 (Broad St.) going south. Continue south on Broad St. and turn left (east) on Pine St. Quince St. is 2 ½ blocks east of Broad.**

Public Transit:

The SEPTA Broad Street (Orange) line stops at Lombard and Broad; exit onto Lombard and walk 2 ½ blocks west to Quince, then approximately 2 blocks north to the site.

The SEPTA Market-Frankford (Blue, E1) line stops at 11th and Market; exit onto 11th and walk 4 blocks south to Spruce, ½ block west to Quince, and ½ block to site.

The PATCO Speedline from New Jersey stops at 12th and Locust; exit at the 12th-13th Street stop onto 12th and walk one block south to Spruce, ½ block west to Quince, and ½ block to site.

Numerous bus and trolley lines stop near the site as well; for more information visit the SEPTA website at www.septa.com .

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There Be Skunks at War This Year

by Sayidata Suba al-Hadid Jamilia al-Bhakailia

After Landgrab at Pennsic this year, Scheherazade had told us an amusing story about Fred, Frog, and Fast Eddie killing or capturing 15 skunks the week prior to war - one of which was hit with a vehicle. She intoned "There be skunks at War this year" which I thought sounded like it ought to be the capping line in a song. So on Saturday night I had started writing a skunk song, and I finished it on Sunday at Troll. For your enjoyment, here are the words. The tune sounds sort of like Ayazein in the beginning. It is doggerel, but we were terribly amused:

See that cute
Little cat
The little black one with the white stripe on its back
Oh come here
Little cat
Let me cuddle you and offer you a pat
M'sieur LePew
Would marry you
Why are you hissing have I mentioned something wrong?
Oh we'll all scream and shout
At the smell that's all about
Oh there be skunks at War this year.

What's that thing
In the road
In the headlights with its little eyes aglow
In the path
Of the truck
It's not a possum because they play dead you know
Take a swerve
It's absurd
It won't move I think it's gonna stand its ground
With a snarl and a hiss
And a thump and a squish
Oh there be skunks at War this year.

(The truck in question spent several days airing out by the barn according to Scheherazade)

**Get a trap
And a net
We'll protect the public from this menace yet
They come out
Late at night
And dig through trash for any scraps that they can get
We will wait
Patiently
For the skunk to step into the moonlight clear
With a click and a bang
The report from shotgun rang
There'll be no more skunks at War this year.**

I am told that the skunks continued to invade Midrealm Royal at least through the first week of war, but I didn't hear of anyone being sprayed. I don't know that many people in the Midrealm, so perhaps it isn't surprising that I heard nothing. Here's to your skunk-free Pennsic!