



# Kenning Points

Barony of Smoking Rocks | East Kingdom of the Society for Creative Anachronism

## GREETINGS TO NEW FRIENDS

Are you new to the SCA??  
Smoking Rocks welcomes you!

The Barony encompasses  
Southern Massachusetts including  
the Cape and islands. If you just  
moved to the area, Welcome to  
the Barony!

Please reach out to our Chatelaine  
(welcoming officer) if you would  
like to join us at one of our  
gathering, events, or if you have  
questions.

## STAY IN TOUCH

Please visit our website for more  
information and upcoming events.

SmokingRocks.Eastkingdom.Org

Join our Facebook Group:

Barony Of Smoking Rocks

There is also a Discord Group.

Reach out and an invite can be  
sent to you

## JOIN US

- Ice Weasel- February 24, 2024  
Fall River
- Watch the Facebook Group  
for Craft Days at the Baronial  
Manor

COME AND JOIN US FOR ICE  
WEASEL 18... 18 WITH AN ICICLE!



Are you saddened from being away from long-lost friends? Tired of the toilsome task of dispatching Uncle Baldrick to the dead cart early? Winter food stores down to parsnips and salted fish? Brave the cold and meander down the snowy roads to keep company with the Barony of Smoking Rocks. Join us for Ice Weasel 18... 18 with an Icicle and enjoy a warm drink by the fire and fighting pits, eat and laugh in the feast hall, and sing and tell tales.

For those brave at heart and steel can compete for Lord Protector of Smoking Rocks and represent the barony as our Heavy Champion. All are welcome to compete in the bear pit in the snow and ice. There will be a fine prize for the Champion of the day and a prize for the best Novice that fought in armor for under two years.

Hear ye, all bards and lovers of the bardic arts! The Baronial of Court of Smoking Rocks is pleased to announce there is to be Bardic Competition to be held in the grand hall of the lodge. All aspiring bards are invited to showcase their talents and compete for the grand prize of being our Baronial Champion with all bragging rights and honors. For those competing for the first time will receive a token for their bravery. Their Excellencies are requesting performances in various categories, including poetry, song, storytelling, and musical instrumentals. Judges will be looking for creativity, originality, and technical skill, so prepare your best pieces! Audience participation is also encouraged, so come and cheer on your favorite performers. Registration is open now and will close on February 17th, 2024. To register, simply email [baron@smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org](mailto:baron@smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org).

For the fair gentles that need to thaw, there will be a fire outside gather around and watch the tournament. In the halls classes and companions can be found. Our Chancellor Minor, Lady Toi, has planed to bring children activities to keep our little ones busy. These will include Heraldry Twister and Make your Own Venetian Mask!

TF Woodcrafts and Yosef Alaric The Pre-Dawn Leftist, with his scrimshaw medallions and ukuleles will be there selling their crafts. Class list can be found at <https://smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org/ice-weasel/classes/>. Classes will include a variety of fiber arts, viking wire knit, and forester related topics.



# BIENVENIDO

## A EL PEZUÑA Y BOCA TAVERNA!

Welcome to the Hoof and Mouth Tavern! Here we are making our small attempt of giving you a taste of simple tavern fare along the Camino de Compostela pilgrimage in February. Many of the dishes are the basics of long-lasting staples and simple dishes that a traveler on the pilgrimage might partake after a day of wandering the long road in the cold. First

Course will be served around 1pm and second course serving time will be determined on Baronial Court.

DISFRUTAS!! PLEASE ENJOY!

### PECADO GULA!! (SINS OF GLUTTONY!!)

#### 1st Course

Pan (bread)

Huevo Cosidos (Hard boiled eggs)

Pasteles de carne (hand pies with roast pork)

#### 2nd Course

Carnes Cosido (boiled meat and sausage)

Pollo con Mostaza y Miel (honey mustard chicken)

Torte de Cebolla e Queso (Onion and cheese tart)

Sopa de Guisantes (Pea soup with eggs)

### Penitente (Vegetarian Options)

#### 1st Course

Zanahoria dela Romana (carrots in spices and honey)

### Peregrinación completa (Vegan Options)

#### 1st Course

Sopa De Vegetales (vegetable soup)

Garbanza e Espinacas (Spinach with Chickpeas)

Pasteles de fruta ( hand pies with mixed fruit)

#### 2nd Course

Arroz Blanca (white rice)

Habas Verdes Guisadas (stewed, green fava beans)

col roja y cebolla en escabeche (Pickled Red cabbage and onion)

# CLASSES OFFERED AT ICE WEASEL THIS YEAR

10:00

**Buttonholes and lacing holes:** How to punch and bind holes that allow you to lace or close up a Garment. Awls, needles, fabric and thread provided so you can learn the Buttonhole stitch. Taught by Elaine Howys of Morningthorpe

**Outdoors: Cooking over an open fire:** We will be keeping the fires lit outside in the firepits. Let's get something cooking. Discussed by Nest verch Tangwistel

11:00

**Kogin Embroidery:** is a Japanese counted thread embroidery technique, similar to Pattern Darning. The technique uses separate motifs, straight lines of pattern and combinations of both to create simple and complex embroideries. My class will cover a bit of history and some of the patterns I have been able to glean from my meager research of the topic. Fabric, floss and needles will be provided. Some scissors will be available for use. Clothilde

**Not so Tricky Trichinopoly:** Learn the basics for Viking Wire Knit so you can make necklaces and bracelets. Supplies will be provided at class. Materials for 12 will be available. Taught by Volva-Kadlin Knutr

1:00

**Demystifying Nalbinding Nalbinding:** an ancient method for creating a stretchy fabric from yarn, can look like knitting or crochet, but is actually neither and can be cut without unraveling. Let's demystify one of the many nalbinding stitches together. Yarn and needles will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. - Diane dooley

**Wordsmithing for SCA scrolls:** We will talk about the required components, and styles. Taught by Nest verch Tangwistel

**Starting a fire with a flint and steel:** Held outside. Fire is fundamental to survival in the wild. Being able to start a fire with a durable and common piece of flint and steel is one of the most basic skills in your forester's repertoire. I will explain the basics of fire starting. - David de la Rochelle

2:00

**Knots:** Cord, rope, and knots have always been important, let's practice some useful period knots for outdoor activities, and one newer knot that is too simple and useful to ignore! Taught by Kenrick del Grenewode

**Refine your hand-sewing technique:** You've learned the basics of hand-sewing and practiced on some projects. Now what? Join us to learn some tips and tricks to refine and improve your hand-sewing technique. Even little things, like an easier way to thread a needle and tie a knot, can make your projects move more smoothly. But we'll go deeper, learning which stitch types are best in different cases, how to bury a knot so it doesn't show, and more. Bring your questions and your sewing kit (thread, needles, small scissors or snips, and a bit of linen to practice on) for this hands-on workshop. Taught by Ella de Caley

3:00

**Foresters Meeting:** Gather to hear about the local forester's guild. What does it mean and how can you get involved.

4:00

**Developing a Persona: Beyond Name, Place, and Time Period:** So you would like to develop more of a persona. What kinds of information do you need? Where do you find it? What do you do with it after you find it? Juliana Osborne (stephanie Beynon)

**Geometric Construction for Tunics:** Learn how to make a historically accurate tunic that fits. Use measurements and rectangular construction to develop your own patterns. Taught by Linnet del Greenwood

# The Enchanted Tale of the Dancing Forest

By Lady Toi Poisson de Mortagne

The Dancing Forest is Located in Russia's remote region of Kaliningrad Oblast, it is shrouded in mystery and intrigue, as the trees appear to move and dance in a way that defies explanation.

Dozens of trees in the Dancing Forest of Russia have trunks that are contorted into rings, spirals, and other loops and squiggles, and the reason for this mysterious malformation is not known. The locals say there is an old legend that explains what happened long ago create the magic of the dancing forest.



Once upon a time there was a Prussian prince, Prince Barty, who was wandering in a forest in Kaliningrad in pursuit of a deer. It was in this forest that he heard an irresistible melody. The heart-warming music was coming from a beautiful young girl, named Predislava, who was playing the lyre, seated in a forest clearing.

The prince fell in love with her at first sight. He immediately proposed to the mysterious girl but she told him she can only marry someone who shares her faith. The prince was willing to convert to her faith but asked the girl to first demonstrate the prowess of her God, which is what the girl went on to do.



As she resumed playing the lyre again, the birds and the entire forest fell silent and the trees around them began dancing. The prince was persuaded to convert, and they were married and lived happily ever after.

If you would like to make your own magical dancing trees, take a walk outside and find several long needed pine twigs. Cut the bottom so the needles are all even. Spread them on a table, needles down, standing upright. Sit around the table with friends and bang on the table with your hands. Watch the little "trees" dance around the table





## CHRONICLER'S CORNERS

**Volva-Kaðlín Knutr**

Greeting Gentles,

A new year brings new adventures. And new adventures comes with the warning that I am going to be a pest (insert maniacal laughter here). Keep an eye on our Facebook page. The next issue I am going to ask for pictures for Artisan's Point. This can be projects you finished or working on. Show off and brag!

Another goal for Kenning Points is to recruit a Deputy Chronicler. If you are curious about holding an office this would be a good way to find out. Duties would include writing, proofreading, and taking pictures. When you are comfortable you could even edit the whole paper and I'll take the back seat. If you would like to try for just an issue or two please feel free to reach out to me or our Seneschal.

Y.I.S

Kaðlín



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Seneschal- MaliChan9@Gmail.com

## BARONY EVENTS

### ICE WEASEL

February 24, 2024

King Philip Lodge

152 Columbus Drive, Fall River, MA

### BARONIAL BIRTHDAY

More Details Coming Soon

## FEBRUARY KINGDOM EVENTS

Go to [EastKingdom.Org](http://EastKingdom.Org) for more details

❖ Bellringers 40th: Beauty, Bells, and Brawn

Saturday 17th- Barony of Carillion - Manalapan , NJ

❖ The Tourney O'Love, 2024: Love in the Forest

Saturday 17th- Barony of Endewearde - Bangor, ME

❖ Mimir's Well

Sunday 18th- Shire of Mountain Freehold - Essex Junction, VT

❖ East Kingdom Crown Bardic Championship and Barony of l'île du Dragon Dormant BIA

Saturday 24th- Barony of L'île du Dragon Dormant - Laval, QC 🏰👑

❖ Black Gryphon Inn

Sunday 25th- Canton of Gryphonwald - Edison, NJ

## THE BARONY NEEDS THEE

If thou has questions or intreats in offering your service please contact Baroness Molly Blythe at [seneschal@SmokingRocks.EastKingdom.o](mailto:seneschal@SmokingRocks.EastKingdom.o)

### ❖ Chatelaine

In this office you would help guide newcomers from first garb to first event. You would also answer their questions or point them in the direction to a gentle that could.

### ❖ Deputy Seneschal

This position would assist Baroness Molly Blythe in Seneschal duties including baronial business

### ❖ Deputy Exchequer

This position is to assist Lady Elaine with duties that would include bookkeeping and other treasurer tasks

### ❖ Deputy Chronicler

This would be assisting the chronicler with editing the newsletter and writing articles as needed

### ❖ Steward

This position would plan or assist with events for the barony

## HEAVY FIGHTER PRACTICE

Fridays 730-1030pm

P.A.L Hall - 31 Franklin St, Fall River

\$5/Fighter. New fighter' first visit is free! Loaner gear can be provided with advanced notice.

Join the Facebook Group for updates! PAL SCA Practice

## MELEE PRACTICE

P.A.L Hall (any changes in location will be announced on the Facebook Group)

w2/10, 3/9, 4/13, and possibly 5/11

Doors open at 9am to armor up and practice starts at 10am

## ARCHERY PRACTICE

Occasional practices will be held at a barony member's home. Updates will be posted to the barony's Facebook group when the arrows can fly

## DANCE PRACTICE

When there is interest the dancing shoes can be brought out

## MUSIC PRACTICE

Songs will be heard upon more interest

## FENCING PRACTICE

Foils will be drawn upon more interest





# NOTE ON BUSINESS

This is a redacted copy of the January and February 2023 meeting minutes. For the full version of the minutes, please email

seneschal@smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org.

## BARON & BARONESS TIME

You all are amazing, and we hope that everyone gets well soon. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Birka and Ice Weasel.

## JANUARY OFFICER REPORTS

- ❖ Treasurer Report - Q4 report submitted. Check for Onset demo returned (donation to Barony)
- ❖ Chronicler - Working on the Birka/Ice Weasel issue.
- ❖ Webminister - Ice Weasel on webpage. Barony wiki updated. Available at Ice Weasel to help people start wikis.
- ❖ Chancellor Minor - There will be youth activities at Ice Weasel!
- ❖ Knight Marshall - practices Fridays & Sundays; melee practice this Saturday.
- ❖ Seneschal - Query from someone on Cape interested in SCA
- ❖ A&S Officer - Ice Weasel class schedule on website.

## JANUARY OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ 2024 Barony Events on the calendar
  - ❖ Ice Weasel - 2/24/24 - Set up starts 9 am.
  - ❖ October camping event - looking into Camp Norse as well as Camp Hiaistan.
  - ❖ Smoking Rocks - Carolingia joint beach party in Hull - no update

## JANUARY NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ No volunteers for Barony Birthday yet.
- ❖ June - Archery / TW
- ❖ Foresters Meeting at Nest's house on 3/24; more info coming
- ❖ Barony is interested in bringing back Shire 12th Night if UU church is available.

## FEBRUARY OFFICER REPORTS

- ❖ Treasurer Report - Eliane hits 4-year mark in Feb. Beth Sanford (Gwen) interested in becoming deputy exchequer.
- ❖ Chronicler - Planning a Birka/Pre-Ice Weasel issue.
- ❖ Webminister - Finally got access to website and can make changes now. Will work on wiki.
- ❖ A&S Officer - Setting up classes for Ice Weasel.
- ❖ Chancellor Minor - No updates
- ❖ Seneschal - had a PAL melee day yesterday. Practices Friday night, Sunday at 2 p.m. for Ice Weasel.

## FEBRUARY OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ 2024 Barony Events on the calendar
  - ❖ Ice Weasel - 2/24/24 - Heavy list champs @ Ice Weasel; Wren (kingdom bard)
  - ❖ Helping Fergus organize SR Bardic;
  - ❖ Approved \$50 for wood for Ice Weasel.
  - ❖ October camping event weekend after Columbus Day - no update
  - ❖ Kira and Astrid's Newcomer Event - no update
  - ❖ Smoking Rocks - Carolingia joint beach party in Hull - Sabina & Molly planning
  - ❖ Birka - Wulfhere is entering tourney; SR Artisans Collective will be vending

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# REGNUM

## Baron and Baroness

Fergus Redmead and Sabina Luttrell (Mike Meyer and Linda Meyer)  
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## Chancellor of the Exchequer

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## Chancellor Minor

Lady Toi Poisson de Mortagne (Toi Fiore)  
Email pending

## Chatelaine

*Position available*

## Chronicler

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## Knight Marshal

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## Marshal of Thrown Weapons

Baron Fergus Redmead  
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## Captain of Archers

*Position available*

**Leviathan Pursuivant (Herald)** Lady Amy verch Rychard (Amy Jump)  
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## Minister of Arts & Sciences

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## Mistress of the Lists

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## Seneschal

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## Steward

*Position available*

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