



# The Østgarðr E-Horse

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Miniature of various fish, including an eel, a sea-horse, and a creature with horns (detail). Origin: England, S. (Salisbury?) Source: [British Library Catalogue of Illuminated Manuscripts](#)

## Welcome!

The Crown Province of Østgarðr is the greater New York City chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, a not-for-profit educational and social organization dedicated to re-creating aspects of medieval and Renaissance culture. We read about the period, make and wear the clothes, make and eat the food, build swords and hit our friends (who are wearing armor), build and live in the tents, perform the music and drama, etc.

Østgarðr is part of the East Kingdom and has several cantons:

Brokenbridge (Brooklyn), Northpass (Westchester and Putnam Counties), Whyt Whey (Manhattan), and Lions End (Nassau County).

If you would like to submit art for our cover page, please let your [Chronicler](#) know!

# Upcoming Events

• *Fests* • *Martial Arts* • *Bardic & Music*

June 6	Evening in the Solar	New York, NY	
June 8	Lions End demo	Farmingdale, NY	
June 8	Pride demo	Brooklyn, NY	
June 7-9	Girl Scout Faire demo	Greenwich, NY	
June 7-9	Southern Region War Camp	Manalapan, NJ	
June 15	K&Q Archery Championships	New Britain, CT	
June 15	Potted Arms	Huntington, NY	
June 22/23	Eternal Con	Uniondale, NY	
June 29	Blood & Axes	Carmel Hamlet, NY	
July 5-8	Great Northern Thyng	Greenwich, NY	
July 11	Evening in the Solar	New York, NY	
July 20	EK Novice Day	Tappan, NY	
July 26-August 11	Pennsic	Coopers Lake, PA	
Sept 6-8	The Feast Of John Barleycorn	North Salem, NY	
Sept 21-22	Bellmore Street Festival	Bellmore, NY	
Sept 29?	Cloisters Demo	New York, NY	
Nov 23	100 Minutes War	Sparta, NJ	
April 3-5, 2020	Heliosphere	Tarrytown, NY	

## LAUDAMUS TE!

Congratulations to the following members of Østgardr:

### Elevations

#### CATELIN STRAQUHIN

A Lady who can shoot AND sing?? Guard your hearts, friends...Congratulations to Catelin Straquhin, our newest Provincial Bardic Champion. She is also the Provincial Archery Champion. Vivat!

#### NAGASHIMA ICHIRO UJIMICHI

Congratulations to our Lions End Seneschal, who was elevated to the Order of the Seahorse. Vivat!

### Other Congratulations

Congratulations to our newly crownèd Prince and Princess of the East, Luis de Castilla and Margarita De' Siena! Though far they may roam, they still remain in the hearts of the populace of Østgardr. Vivant!

## Shoutouts

Shoutout to all who made the Day of Decameron event possible, especially Mistress Sofya. It took a village, and was well worth it—a truly delightful and immersive experience. Thank you!

Shoutout to all of our Event Stewards—Mistress Sofya, Jibril, Uji, Mathghamhain—you put Østgarðr on the map this month as THE place to be. Vivant! You pulled it off! (Let's do it again! (Ok ok sleep first. THEN do it again!))

This section is for throwing love and honor to any resident of Østgarðr who has stepped up, turned out, or come through lately. If you would like to submit a shoutout, [let your Chronicler know!](#)

# Ars & Schola

## Upcoming Arts & Schola

Contact your Master of Arts and Sciences for information regarding upcoming Arts and Schola workshops and events.

## Workshops, etc.

### AN EVENING IN THE SOLAR

Topic for June is Scrimshaw. No prior experience or supplies are necessary, just bring your enthusiasm!

Topic for July and August TBD, but we do plan to have a drop spindle workshop at some point.

Do you have an idea for an upcoming Evening in the Solar workshop? Contact Lady Godiva d'Mer.

## Shyping Examples from Throughout the Provynce



Did you know? Some art is edible! Like these deliciously sweet treats from al-Andalus (southern Spain), which were the topic of our Evening in the Solar for May, and served at the Siege of Granada. Thanks to Ibrahim for teaching us how to make these delicious marzipan dumplings, called **ka'ak** (كعك)!



Have you been working on something amazing lately? Even if it's not quite finished, take a picture of it and [send it to your Chronicler!](#)

# Seconds

## Being the Abridged Minutes' from Commons' Meetings' Past

[Please click here](#) to view the Full Minutes

### MARCH 2019 MINUTES • ØSTGARDR COMMONS

#### Opening

- Thank you Mistress Sofya for negotiating the free use of this site tonight.
- Congratulations to Laila al-Sanna' al-Andalusiyya, newly selected as Queen's Bardic Champion; and to Geoffrey of Exeter, also of our populace, for his excellent service as prior Queen's Bardic Champion.
- Congratulations to Lada Monguligin, inducted into the Order of the Laurel.
- Thank you to Arnora Ketilsdottir for volunteering to become our provincial Chancellor Minor. Huzzah!
- Thank you to Apollodora of Delphi for running a very successful Queer History Schola.

#### Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

- Lada is investigating what the requirements are for the Viking Day demo on May 18
- Seeking artisans with hands-on demos, fighters and fencers for Farmingdale demo, June 8
- Seeking coordinator for Brooklyn Pride Demo, June 8
- Seeking volunteers for Runnymede dinner, Pennsic
- Seeking organizer for the annual Ostgardr / An Dubh challenge

#### Committees and Projects

The Bylaws Committee to circulate current draft to the populace and kingdom officers for feedback

#### Other Business

- Contest to make a paper seahorse for the logo / mascot of the provincial newsletter
- Shared Team Drive folder to store photo releases; looking to make it easier to collect releases

- Apollodora is taking kingdom position as Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity officer; stepping down from related provincial deputy role (will retain deputy Webminister role for social media)
- A bunch of people interested in brewing/mead-making workshop

Upcoming Commons Meetings: April 19: To be held in Lions End, at the Greenvale Townhouse diner.

#### Closing

### APRIL 2019 MINUTES • ØSTGARDR COMMONS

#### Opening

- Thank you, Uji, for making our reservation for tonight's commons.
- Great job, everyone who worked on Coronation!

#### Officer Report Items For Discussion

- Polling order recommendations are due tonight
- Provincial court schtick! Please think up shenanigans
- Spring is here; outdoor practices are back!
  - Fencing resumes in Central Park, Weds
  - Armored combat resumes McCarren Park, Tues
  - Archery likely to start in May, in Northpass, Lions End, and Staten Island

#### Ongoing Projects

- Chronicler looking for ideas how to print & distribute Paper Seahorse
- Chronicler would like to streamline process of gathering photo releases
- Draft bylaws will be voted on at May commons
- Looking for sites for bigger events, for Kingdom events and for large annual event of our own
- Seeking volunteers for loaner armor construction
- Seeking volunteers to make pillow covers as gifts for the Runnymede dinner

#### Other Business



- Iola has taken over as the Lions End canton herald, also interested in court heraldry
- Northpass will not hold Goat's Tavern this year, site unavailable; discussing having a Yule event

Upcoming Commons Meetings: May 17: To be held in Whyt Whey, at Alienor's father-in-law's Closing

## MAY 2019 MINUTES • ØSTGARÐR COMMONS

### Opening

- Vivant to our newest provincial champions, Bardic Champion Catelin Straquhin, and A&S Champion Ragnarr bláskegg! Vivat to our warranted Chancellor Minor, Arnora Ketilsdottir!
- Day of the Decameron, Siege of Granada & Return of Lions all went very well. Vivant to our respective event stewards Sofya, Jibril and Uji! Super impressed that we did 3 events on successive weekends.

### Officer Report Items For Discussion

- Viking Day demo
- Farmingdale demo looking for fighters, fencers, artisans, merchants
- Provincial archery championship at Feast of John Barleycorn
- Steampunk Con in Piscataway, June 22-23, medieval combat demo; see Ervald
- Bellmore Street Fair demo—paying us? Check in with Lions End
- Bid on 12th Night due June 15th

### Other Business

- Request to hold more events on Sundays instead of Saturdays
- Code of conduct for Østgarðr: extension to anti-harassment policy & add'l governing document to bylaws, to include:
  - language about non-sexual harassment
  - specific people to contact if issue arises
  - "best practices" guide since we expect people to be actively nice to each other instead of simply not harassing
- Newcomers' gifts ideas?
- EK Blacksmiths guild, on track to becoming a royal guild, with a charter, etc.
- Red ribbons="please do not photograph me"

## Bylaws' Committee

Vote delayed until we had a quorum of officers. Esnede asked if this vote was final. Ian pointed out that the original (1998) bylaws were ratified, even though the bylaws committee was unable to find documentation thereof. We therefore voted to confirm the bylaws at the provincial level and Alienor will take the bylaws to the cantons for ratification. Provincial vote was unanimous from all 12 assembled officers plus the 3 proxy votes (Alec, Anne and Vika) submitted prior to the meeting, giving us 15 out of 20 total officers for the 75 percent vote required by the 1998 bylaws, quoted below. The new bylaws require approval rather than a vote, so, for completeness, Alienor will poll the absent 5 officers (Donnchadh, Ervald, Arnbiorg, Sofya, Uji) for their approval or otherwise. Ed. — all absent officers approve. Bylaws are approved unanimously by the provincial officers council.

These rules become binding upon Østgarðr and its Cantons when:

- They have been adopted by a 75 percent vote of the Østgardian Officer Council.
- They have been adopted by a 51 percent vote of each of the Cantons' Officer Councils. (Defined as those officers who are rostered by their Kingdom Officers. These shall be full officers, not deputies.)

### Committees and Projects

- Bylaws Committee—(see sidebar)

Upcoming Commons Meetings: June 21: To be held in Østgarðr Proper (Queens)

July 19: To be held in Brokenbridge

August 16: To be held in a park TBD

Closing

# Village Square



Central Park is the place to be on Wednesday night! Whether you are a fencer, bard, both, or just curious, there's plenty to keep a SCAdian entertained. Check the Facebook group for details, or contact your Seneschal (pictured, above).



## Fencers of Ostgarðr

Pennsic is coming!

Over the last few years most of us have trained together, and have started to build up a more unified fencing community within the Province. I'd like to show that at Pennsic this year.

Many of us like to fence with friends or with households. This year I would like all Provincial fencers to fence as a unit. If we could do it for all of the War Points, that would be great. At the very least I would like us to fence together for The Field Battle. That's the biggest battle, and usually has the most spectators.



Along with that, I'm going to ask you to wear something that has the Provincial green and white on it. I know a few of you wear something from your household, or your Canton. I'm not asking you to give that up —just try to incorporate something that is green and white (not just the Provincial Favor). The parti-colored sash some people wear at events goes with anything. The four-sided musketeer tabard is good, as well as a full-blown uniform that some people already have.

We've come a long way to get to where we are. Let's show everyone else.

—Alexander MacLachlan, Provincial Fencing Marshal

## Newcomers' Gifts

"Wow, the SCA is so cool and interesting! I want to participate. But how? And where do I start?"

The SCA universe is wide and wonderful, and can be a little daunting to a newcomer. Sayyida Laila Sana'a al-Andalusiyya, Provincial Chatelaine and Queen's Bardic Champion, would like to start welcoming newcomers to the SCA with a small kit or gift of a craft or other project, so they can start participating right away, even if they haven't quite gotten around to the hours of research yet.

What would you have liked to try out as a beginner? Submit your ideas to Sayyida Laila! Newcomers' Gifts should involve a small project that's easy for a beginner, reproducible, and relatively inexpensive to put together. Future SCAdians thank you!



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## The Paper Seahorse

Hear ye, hear ye: Be it known throughout the Crown Province of Østgarðr that Their Excellencies Suuder Il-Khan and Lada Il-Khatun have issued a **new challenge!**

They are seeking a papersmith from the Province to design and make a paper seahorse to serve as part-time mascot and logo of our soon-to-be recommissioned print newsletter, the **Paper Seahorse**. Submissions can be quilled, origami, papier-mâché, or anything else you can think of—so long as the shape of the seahorse is indicated primarily by the paper (i.e., not paint or ink on paper). Period crafts preferred.

Submissions are welcome by August 15, so we can decide the winner in time for the next issue of the E-Horse, and first issue of the **Paper Seahorse**, on September 1. To enter, please take a picture (or several) of your submission and email it to Their Excellencies and to your Chronicler with a short description of the medium, technique, and inspiration behind your design.

May the best papersmith win!

Welcome to the Vyllage Square: your space to chat about what's new (or old—we are the SCA), cool, exciting, funny, intriguing, thought-provoking, puzzling...anything you think other people in the Province would like to know. Have something to say? Share it with your Chronicler!



## Herein Listed are the Officers of Østgarðr:

Viceroy	Il-Kha'an Suuder Saran	Archery	Lady Arnbiorg Helga Niálsdóttir
Vicereine	Il-Khatun Lada Monguligin	Fencing	Lord Alexander MacLachlan
Seneschal	Hlæfdige Alienor Salton	Youth Marshal	Bóaire Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin
Exchequer	Lord Francisco de Braga	Minister of Lists	Count Rakkurai of Kamakura
Herald	Bóaire Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin	Webminister	Anne of Østgarðr
Châtelaine	Sayyida Laila al-Sanna' al-Andalusiyya	Chronicler	Zahra al-Andalusiyya
Minister of Arts & Sciences	Lord Donnchadh mac Eoin	Chamberlain	Baron Ian of Clan Mitchell
Knight Marshal	Lord Ervald LaCoudre Edwardson the Optimistic	Historian	Mistress Sofya Gianetta di Trieste

Seneschal of Brokenbridge	Lord Brandr nefsbriotr Aronsson
Seneschal of Whyt Why	Lady Vika Grigina z Prahy
Seneschal of Lions' End	Nagashima Ichiro Ujimichi
Seneschal of Northpass	Lady Esnede O Murrin

## Herein Listed are the Provincial Champions of Østgarðr:

Armored Combat	Gowain MacAoidh	Arts and Sciences	Ragnarr Bláskegg
Fencing	Alexander MacLachlan	Bardic	Catelin Straquhin
Archery	Catelin Straquhin	Youth Combat	Alaxandair Morda mac Matha
Thrown Weapons	Cullen Powers		



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