

October 2023 Østgardr Officer Reports

Vicereagents • Sofya & Angelica

On Sunday, September 24th, our A&S Champion, Hanya, hosted an Arts and Crafts afternoon with a delicious lunch made by her significant other, Edwin the Younger. No amount of rain could keep our artists away. Thank you again, Hanya and Edwin, for a delightful afternoon.

Thank you Friedrich for hosting a “Goat’s Inn-Pre-Prep Cooking Workshop” this Saturday, October 14th. Those perogies looked delicious!

The 3rd Annual Ostgardr Apple Picking was accomplished this past Sunday, October 15th, at Harvest Moon Orchard in North Salem. Apples picked and eaten, cider and cider donuts enjoyed in good company and fair weather.

Locally Coming Up!

October 21st we have competing events of local interest:

[St Andrew Enters York With A Brave Heart](#)

Our cousins in the Barony of An Dubhaigeainn will release Sorcha and Titus from their roles as Baroness and Prefect. The incoming Baronesses are well known and loved in Ostgardr, the sisters Fiona the Volatile and Hugoline the Delicate who often attend and work at our events. We salute all. Vivant! Vivant! Vivant!

[Goat's Inn - Winter Is Coming... Again](#)

A gathering and schola preparing us for the long cold days of winter at the Blue Mountain Reservation Lodge in Peekskill, NY.

<https://www.eastkingdom.org/event-details/?eid=4145>

Lady Kunigunde offers children classes in

- Tin Can Lantern Making
- Candle Making

Adults may choose from

- Skjoldehamn Hood Making
- Beginning Flint & Steel Firecraft
- Messing Up with Courage – A Practical Introduction to Recipe Redaction
- Coppicing, Ancient & Sustainable Woodland Management
- Cloak Making Through the Ages
- Chivalry: More Than a Guy on a Horse?
- Introduction to Homebrewing/Mead Making
- Making Fire Biscuits

Dayboard is from 1 PM to 2:30 PM

FEAST is Fiveish.

EVENING

Astronomy walk – Richard the Poor (weather permitting)

Games and discussions

Toasting our toes at the fire.

This Sunday, October 22nd, Caitlyn hosts a ‘Historical Knitting Workshop’ from 2 to 4 p.m. at City League Coffee Roasters located at 6808 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Don’t forget to send in your reservation.

October 28th

Our Cousins in Settmour Swamp also have a winter schola ‘Nos Calan Gaeaf’, which is easily accessible by New Jersey Transit by train from Penn Station NYC. Site is about a five minute walk from the train station in Madison NJ. Please consider attending.

<https://www.eastkingdom.org/event-details/?eid=4195>

Sunday October 29th, Lada hosts a “Scribal Event” also at the City League Coffee Roaster from 2 to 4 p.m. Come by and work on your scribal project or try something new.

Saturday, November 11th, Sofya will guide all interested fabric shoppers to the fabric district in NYC to search out the best bargains and fabric for our projects or just for

adding to your stash. Check out the event page on FB or Ostgardr calendar for more information.

As always, there are many opportunities for SCA activities locally and throughout the kingdom. <https://www.eastkingdom.org/events/>

Current

As of this writing, we have been advised that our beloved Canton of Brokenbridge will be going dormant for an undetermined period. Dormancy occurs when a local group cannot, for any number of reasons, muster the required number of officers to manage administration of the group. At present, Ostgardr has been asked to be the official sponsor of the popular Deck the Halls of Valhalla event in January 2024. During dormancy, Brokenbridge's heraldry and funds are held by Ostgardr in trust with the faith and hope that the Canton may resume after a restful sleep and a corps of officer candidates steps forward with the offer to resume the responsibility of administration. Meanwhile, none need feel bereft as regardless of your location within Ostgardr, you are home and among friends.

On the lighter side, We have received casual queries from two shires adjacent to Ostgardr whose populaces have expressed interest in joining Ostgardr. We are highly complimented by this interest as it shows us how well Ostgardr and its people are regarded by our neighbors.

Seneschal • Nagashima Ichiro Ujimichi

We are heading into the end of officer terms and elections. I sent an email to the populace list outlining the process and identifying the offices for which we are seeking candidates.

My quarterly report has been sent to Kingdom.

Exchequer • Alienor Salton

Prepping for Goat's Inn gate. PayPal pre-registration closes tonight. Paid Goat's Inn food advance.

Paid 4 months Northpass storage (through January 22nd, 2024).

Paid final Barleycorn reimbursements. Submitted event report to Kingdom.

Paid Brooklyn Fiber Festival site fee. (Do we get that back, or is it rolled over to next year?)

Supplied 2022 event financial documentation in response to Kingdom and corporate inquiries.

Realized our provincial storage unit is still on a personal credit card & has not been reimbursed yet. Started conversation to fix both of those issues, pronto.

3Q report to kingdom is still in progress. I don't have corrections to my 2Q report, yet, from my regional kingdom deputy, so I already know it won't balance, and will simply submit it when I have crossed all my i's and dotted all my t's. (To be clear, the lack of balance is on the asset accounting side, *not* on the ledger side. All transactions are recorded correctly, and our bank statements balance.)

Herald • Drasma Dragomira

Not too much to report. I have been working through a number of name and armory consultations from various sources this past month, but of course, if you're not on that list and you want to be, let me know and we'll get the process started.

As you might have noticed from Uji's email, I am planning to step down as herald at the end of this year. This marks the end of my second term and it's been a good run but it's time for me to do other things. If anyone is interested in the position and wants some first hand knowledge, feel free to talk to me about it.

Chatelaine • Albrecht Anker

We have had quite a few new people coming to Tuesday practice via word of mouth or through social media. Discord has become an awesome haven and a great way for newcomers to interact with our populace and feel welcome.

Even if you are not a Fencing or Armored fighter I highly recommend coming to our Tuesday fight practice to meet the newcomers that have been proliferating on Tuesday nights. Also tacos after is a great time to socialize!

I am also looking to pass on the office of Chatelaine this cycle. It has been a great experience but I would like to focus on the role of Knight-Marshal and having two greater officer positions can become a little much. I still do not have a problem running the discord as it is an automatic thing for me and the discord tends to run itself.

Chancellor Minor • Kunigunde Wedemann

Goat's Inn Youth Activities have been planned and prepared. I was able to recruit helpers for each of my classes so I can properly maintain the required two deep leadership during the classes for kids that I am teaching.

Arts & Sciences • Brandr Aronsson

Not much to report. I will be taking over the planning for A&S days / nights, so anyone who has an idea of what they might like to teach or demonstrate, please reach out to me with what you would like to do and when you would like to do it.

I am thinking about teaching a "How to plan an SCA feast / Dayboard" class for the weekend of Nov 18/19. Is this something people would be interested in? We will go through all the steps and then cook something.

Let's try to get more in person A&S going forward.

Acting Armored Combat • Albrecht Anker

Our fight practices have been post Pennsic, a good time for new, newer, and more experienced fighters to get down to basics and mechanics. We typically have a pell set up and even armor crafting happening.

With that said we are getting close to shutting down outdoor practice at McCarren Park as the temperatures get below safe and comfortable conditions for fighting. I am actively looking for a reasonable indoor space. While we did/do have the Manhattanville location it is not reasonable for most of our fighters to get too.

In the meantime I will be keeping an eye on temperatures through the cold months looking for warmer weekend days where we can have some impromptu practice and at least use global warming to our advantage.

I am open to any suggestions on indoor spaces so long as there is somewhat reasonable parking and is generally not too big of a slog for our fighters who use public transportation.

Reminder!!! Ragnarr is having Armor repair day on Sunday Oct 29th. Now is your chance to get your kit repaired and get some new kit built before 100 Minutes War and the depths of winter settle upon us.

Fencing • Alec MacLachlan

Practice is on-going at McCarren Park. We get 4-6 people.

When the heavies move indoors, we will hopefully migrate with them for the winter.

On another note, I intend to run for another term as Provincial Fencing Marshal. This report will double as my letter of intent.

Minister of Lists • Vitasha Ivanova doch'

No report.

Webminister • Friderich Grimme

Short report this month. I have been continuing regular weekly updates about activities in the Crown Province (including cantons). My quarterly report to the EK web minister was sent on 10/15/2023 and a copy was forwarded to the Ostgardr Seneschal.

As noted before, I will be stepping down at the end of my term on 12/31/2023. The Ostgardr seneschal has included the web minister position in his call for LOI's. If you know anyone interested, who might have questions, please let me know and give them my email address, so they can ask questions.

I would like to add to my monthly report that our registration of the domain Ostgardr.org will expire on December 3, 2023, unless renewed through our registrar, Pair Domains. The fee for a 1 year registration renewal is \$23.65

While we do not currently use the Ostgardr.org domain name, it would be nice to keep it registered for possible future use.

I am requesting approval to renew the Ostgardr.org domain for 1 year. I can renew the domain using a private credit card and submit for reimbursement.

Chronicler • Zahra de Andaluzia

No report.

Historian • Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin

No report.

Social Media • Lada Monguligin

Directed a new SCAdian from IG to our Discord server and connected them with our Castelan. YAY! new person.

Thank you Uji and Friderich for sending me TikTok! It'll be going up shortly.

Kings County Fiber Fest IG page has been awesome about sharing a bunch of our content to their stories, which gives us a signal boost,

Reached out to Meadhbh, Uji and Friderich regarding connecting the Northpass FB group to the Provincial FB page as one of the groups, so those who visit our page looking for Westchester and Putnam SCA community can find it. This requires having someone who is an admin on both page and group to do the connection.

Appleholm (nee Whyt Whey) • Alienor Salton

Our next canton commons is this coming Monday, Oct. 23rd, 7pm at our usual Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/azp-fqtb-dbn>

We are floating plans for a largesse-making party.

Lions End • Iola Wulfsdotter

It had come to my attention that I hadn't put in the invoice for payment for the Farmingdale Demo. Email was sent with an attached invoice. Reply was received & confirmation that check will be sent out in Tuesday, October 17th mail.

Brokenbridge • Arnora Ketilsdottir

Brokenbridge had our commons meeting on Monday, Oct 16th and decided that we will be going inactive. We are going to move the items we have in our storage to Østgarðr's storage unit, and we are going to set up the officer emails to forward to the corresponding Østgarðr offices.

Northpass • Meadhbh MacPhárlain

Not much to report. NP is looking to hold socials/multi-activity gatherings quarterly in different parts of the county. Paperwork to get the bank account open is in and under consideration. We are slowly getting the social media outlets unified. Deputies are needed!