



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 or any other page, please let your Chronicler know!

Upcoming Events

In and around the Province of Østgarðr

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

March 7-8	<u>Bear's Tavern</u>	Peekskill, NY							
March 14	<u>The Iron Bog Mitzvah</u>	Moorestown, NJ							
March 21	<u>Spring Schola: Persephone's Return: A Day of Arts and Armor</u>	Middle Island, NY							
March 27-29	<u>Academy of St. Clare V: Itchin' to Get Stitchin'</u>	Millmont, PA							
March 28	<u>Mudthaw</u>	Roseland, NJ							
April 4	<u>Coronation of Magnus Tindal and Alberic von Rostock</u>	Schenectady, NY							
April 18	<u>Balfar's Challenge</u>	Meriden, CT							
April 25	<u>Black Gryphon Inn XXI</u>	Edison, NJ							
May 2-3	<u>EKBG Brewers' Collegium (Brew-U)</u>	Peekskill, NY							
May 9	<u>May-Be (I'll Try Something New)</u>	Moorestown, NJ							
May 9	<u>Twinkle Twinkle Little Schola</u>	Locust Valley, NY							
May 16	<u>May Martial Madness</u>	New Britain, CT							
May 22-25	<u>Quest for Wit and Wisdom XXXVI</u>	Pittstown, NJ							
May 22-25	<u>War of the Roses</u>	Schaghticoke, NY							
May 23	<u>Hunter's Picnic</u>	Newark, DE							
May 29-31	<u>Southern Region War Camp</u>	Manalapan, NJ							
June 6	<u>Lions End Farmingdale Demo</u>	Farmingdale, NY							
July 24-	<u>Pennsic</u>	Slippery Rock, PA							
August 9									
September 4-6	<u>The Feast of John Barleycorn</u>	Carmel, NY							
September 5	<u>Brennan and Caoilfhionn's Ducal Challenges</u>	Pittstown, NJ							
September 18-20	<u>A Weekend at Ram's Keep</u>	South Kingstown, RI							
September 25-27	<u>River War · XI</u>	Mullica Hill, NJ							
October 9-12	<u>Ghosts, Ghouls, Goblins, and the Great Old Ones</u>	Manalapan, NJ							
October 17	<u>Veisla Schola</u>	Scotia, NY							

LAUDAMUS TE!

Congratulations to the following members of Østgarðr:

Elevations and Recognitions

Vika Grigina z Prahy was inducted into the Order of the Sea Dog.

Ragnarr Blaskegg was inducted into the Order of the Sea Dog.

Ervald La Coudre was inducted into the Order of the Silver Sea Lion.

Sofya Gianetta di Trieste was inducted into the Order of the Silver Lantern.

Alienor Salton was inducted into the Order of the Seahorse, and also awarded the Silver Brooch.

Rufina Cambrensis was awarded a certificate for her William Blackfox Award nomination.

Zahra al-Andalusiyya was awarded Arms.

Duggmore Dougles was awarded the Silver Wheel.

Nagashima Ichiro Ujimichi known as Uji was awarded the Silver Wheel, and also was awarded Arms.

Friderich Grimm was inducted into the order of the Maunche.

Marion of York was inducted into the order of the Silver Crescent.

Shoutouts

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

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

AN EVENING IN THE SOLAR: Future topics TBD, so stay tuned!

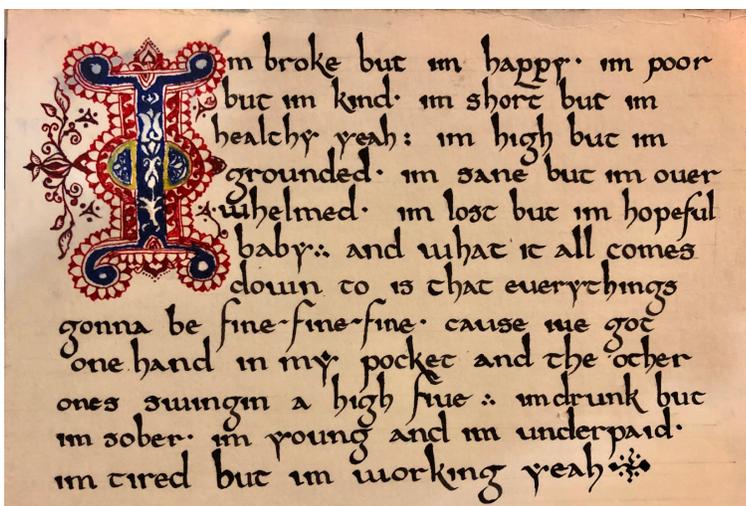
Shying Examples from Throughout the Provynce



Left: Calligraphy Practice by Zahra al-Andalusiyya

from the [Østgarðr Instagram](#) page: "Practice makes perfect! Practicing calligraphy and illumination with your favorite song lyrics is always a great choice."

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'

JANUARY 2020 MINUTES • ØSTGARÐR COMMONS

Opening

- Thanks to Ervald for use of space.
- Several new officers—Herald, MoAS, and MoL
- Others returning for another term—
Webminister, Fencing Captain, Historian.
- The viceregents presented badge-of-office medallions to the MoAS, MoL, and Webminister.
- Miriam of Thesscore will be co-stewarding Queer History Schola.
- Congratulations to the populace for recent awards and appointments
- Thanks to volunteers for Twelfth Night: over 200 people attended, generated profit to be split between province and kingdom.

Officer Report Items For Discussion

- Østgarðr.east, new TikTok account for younger members. TikTok problematic policies, which they are apparently attempting to correct; to be used critically, monitored.
- Former deputy for social media stepped back; seeking volunteers for social media.
- Exchequer & Herald reports to kingdom due end of January.
- Kingdom A&S Championship and Display coming up.
- Chronicler has requested submissions for E-horse by Feb. 15th.
- Please also consider filling out photographer & model photo releases so that we may use your photos in the newsletter & website.
- Manhattanville Community Center.
 - Add fencing practice on Wednesdays, Dancing on Tuesdays, Bardic on Wednesdays.
 - Damion DiGrazia from Santa's Knights and NY ACW (formerly NY ACL); Manhattanville Community Center has been used for SCA armored classes in recent months, and rapier classes are

going to start next. It might be possible to host other activities there as well; have Ervald contact me to make arrangements with the site. New York Adventure Club is going to run a medieval program in the city, will have steel fighters on site, would like to have other medievalists on site to contribute to the atmosphere, and might be willing to pay people. We have access to a laser cutter used for prototyping, via a NYU program for veterans, which can cut steel and leather and plastic; perhaps we could use it for making armor. Lastly, as part of our Christmas program, we provided gifts for 200 kids, but we received another donation late in the cycle and I have some extra items with me which you folks can help deliver to children you know.

Committees and Projects

- Finance Committee approved Barleycorn, wrote checks.
- Regalia Committee: review membership and keep coronet project moving forward.
- Old Stonebridges is official, starting on the paperwork to move out of incipency.



- The Provincial kitchen gear will be moved into viceregents' storage
- Gold key delivered to Twelfth Night, Valhalla.
- Two proposed amendments to the bylaws: "We Don't Set Canton Seneschal Terms" and "Voting Age of Fourteen." To be put to vote next month.

Other Business

- Provincial loaner armor in storage
- Arts and crafts supply shop across the street would be glad to host A&S classes.

Upcoming Local Events

Upcoming Commons Meetings

Closing

FEBRUARY 2020 MINUTES • ØSTGARÐR COMMONS

Ed. note: At press time, the February Minutes were not yet available. Published below is the agenda for the February Commons meeting.

Open meeting

- Thank you Al and Oliver for space, food.
- Sir Tanaka's presentation on maximizing recruitment, retention.
- Officers and officer's deputy searches.
- Northpass inventory volunteers, storage solutions
- Bear's Tavern status.
- Upcoming events:
 - Bear's Tavern
 - Brewer's Collegium
 - Lions End: Spring Schola
 - Viking Day Demo? 5/16 (assumed date)
 - Lions End Farmingdale Demo
 - Feast of John Barleycorn
 - Queens County Farm Festival Demo 9/19 to 9/20? (assumed date)
 - Ft. Tryon Festival 9/27? (assumed date)
 - Goat's Tavern
- Officer Reports
- Any new business?

Closing



This and previous page: Calendar pages for the month of January with a man sitting before a fire with a fork, drinking from a bowl; for February with a man cutting branches; and for March with a man hoeing a field (details). Origin: France, N. (Liège) ([Source](#))

Vyllage Square

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!](#)

Writing Award Recommendations

by Liada Monguligin

Edited for length and clarity

(Disclaimer: All names in the recommendations, except mine, have been changed to protect the innocent.)

In the SCA we have a formal way to recognize people for their good works in the areas of arts, martial prowess, service and more. The awards are given out by the Crown, the Crown Heirs, as well as local nobility: landed Barons and Baronesses

when charged by the Crown. Because the

Crown cannot be everywhere, they rely on the populace to be their eyes and ears and report people's good works to them.

• Anyone can recommend anyone for any award. You do not have to have the award in order to recommend someone for it. You can

check the [EK Wiki](#) and the [EK Order of Precedence](#) to see if the person already has the award.

- When you write a recommendation make sure to include as much relevant information as possible.
- Look at the requirements for the award you want to write someone in for. Write your recommendation keeping those requirements in mind. Be specific. Give examples.
 - For Arts talk about the person's art, research skill, and specific pieces they've done.
 - For Service talk about what they've done, officer positions they've held, events they worked at.
 - For Martial Activities talk about their skill in a specific martial activity.

- Share a link to their EK wiki, blogs and any public profile that is available.
- Think of this the same way you would write someone a recommendation letter for a job.
- Sign your award recommendations with your full SCA name and title.

Polling Orders: If you are going to recommend someone for a polling order award that you are not part of it may be a good idea to talk to a friend who is a member of that order to get some perspective and advice.

Sample 1 (Silver Crescent/Grant level service award recommendation)

Johan Smithsson (James Brown) of the Barony of Settemour Swamp for the Order of the Silver Crescent.

AoA · 25 September, 1998

Order of the Ivory Tower · 30 March, 1999

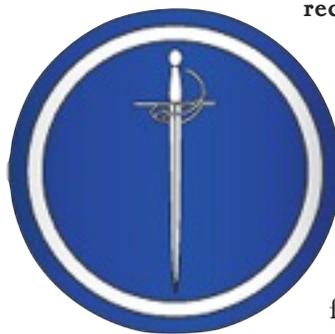
Lord Johan has been an active and productive member of our Barony for five years. He shows up early to most of our events and tirelessly helps the autocrat set up. He also often stays late to help clean the site. He autocratted Mudthaw in 1997 and ran the event smoothly and for a small profit. He has supported our Herald for one year as her deputy and has helped her process paperwork and consult with members about names and arms. He is conscientious about



handling money. He has helped build and maintain archery targets and equipment. He has supplied prizes for archery competitions. He has also made prizes for Arts and Sciences competitions. He has helped with baronial projects such as making the baronial thrones, chair covers for the chairs from the rental company, and marshals tabards. He is thoroughly reliable and many turn to him for help with projects, moving equipment, event support and odd jobs. He usually attends all Settmour Swamp events¹.

Sample 2 (Maunche/Grant level arts award recommendation)

Marilyn does wonderful work. Compared to her entry in the A&S display at Agincourt two years ago, the effects of both her research and practice show massive improvement. At A&S Faire last month, I examined her work and found the quality to be consistent throughout the piece, documented period materials used, and the addition of some flourishes from a related craft in the same location and time period. Her documentation even included examples of how the piece would have been used in her chosen country and time, and included three primary source documents. Although I have not attended any of her classes, I have spoken with some of her former students who have stated that her instruction is clear and concise, and that she has supported each portion of her conjecture with facts from reputable sources. She even took time near the end of the class to do some practical demonstrations of the techniques she had discussed. It seems that she is popular among adherents of her craft because of the number of repeat students she has from one event to the next. This speaks to improvements in both her technique and her



research, as each iteration of the class has the students learning something that was not available in previous iterations.²

Sample 3 (Award of Arms [AoA] recommendation)

Greetings Your Majesties,

I would like to recommend Gessica Coniglio for an Award of Arms. She has been a resident of the Canton of Black Towers and Crown Province of Østgarðr for quite a number of years. She has most recently stepped up as an A&S Minister for the canton and she been doing a great job, scheduling lots of activities, classes and recruiting teachers. She has excellent follow-through and teacher-wrangling skills. I say this as one of the teachers she has recruited. :) The arts are flourishing in the canton thanks to her efforts. She is also volunteering as deputy event steward and is learning to run events for the canton.

In service,

Lada Monguligin

Vicereine of the Crown Province of Østgarðr

Sample 4 (Silver Wheel/AoA-level service recommendation)

Greetings Your Majesties,

Please consider inducting Johnny Johnson into the Order of the Silver Wheel. Johnny has been an active member of the Crown Province of Østgarðr and the Canton of Red Sea for a while now. His service in that time has been exemplary. He has served as autocrat and co-autocrat of multiple events:

- Medieval Schola 2015
- Renaissance Schola 2018
- Springing back into the Middle Ages 2019

While each of these is a smaller local event, there are many moving parts: competitions,

¹ [Here](#) is a sample recommendation (this bears no relation to any actual Mudthaw autocrat or heraldic deputy.)

² [\(Link\)](#)

classes, and a silent auction. Johnny has made sure all these events have gone off without a hitch. He has recruited reliable staff to support him in his endeavors. He also works at events that he is not running. He can be found setting up, cleaning, doing dishes in the kitchen, floating around and finding things that need doing.

He has spent many hours before events helping set up event sites, clean kitchens and prepare the halls for the event. He does this at local events as well as at events in the neighboring groups.

He is reliable and dedicated in service and I never hesitate going to him for help knowing he will readily step up to the task.

In service,
Lada Monguligin
Vicereine of the Crown Province of Østgarðr

Useful links:

There is a nice award recommendation letter template created by Sabine du Bourbonnais [here](#)

[East Kingdom Wiki](#)

[East Kingdom Order of Precedence](#)

[East Kingdom Awards and descriptions](#) · or ([Link](#))

[Peerages](#)

[Crown Province of Ostgardr awards](#)

A Day in the Life of the EK Blue Tyger Submissions' Office

from the point of view of Lillie Dubh inghean ui Mordha, Pantheon Herald



Coffee in hand, I sit down at my desk and turn on my laptop. Sounds like a normal morning in the modern world? Partially, it is. Email first. The Crown Province of Østgarðr is one of many baronies, shires, cantons, and other groups that play within the lands of the East Kingdom, and all submit heraldic items to EK Blue Tyger for review and registration. Generally, the East Kingdom has the most heraldic items in all the SCA in any given month or year, with Pennsic alone providing about half of all the yearly submissions.

The East Kingdom Heraldic Submissions Office uses quite a bit of modern technology. Once email is taken care of, I open OSCAR—the Online System for Commentary and Response—the program the SCA uses to vet each and every submission. There are always items in OSCAR that still need work.

What kind of work? Well, I can bring something from OSCAR into one of our Slack channels for further discussion—on, say, a conflict with an already existing name or device. Or something requires a look at the rules with a magnifying glass. Or maybe it just needs further research. And so on. The SCA has used the SENA (Standards for Evaluation of Names and Armory) rules since 2012, but there are also 'precedents' set by the SCA's sovereigns of arms—Laurel, Wreath, and Pelican—as they review submissions. These precedents, handed down over the years, are applied to other submissions down the line.

At any given time, the East Kingdom has at least 4 Letters of Intent open for commentary—one at the kingdom level, and three at the Laurel level. A Kingdom Letter of Intent (KLol) is all of the submissions for that month, plus all of the commentary and information the Blue Tyger has collected on each one. It'll be kingdom-level for a month, and then it becomes Laurel-level, and stays so for about 3 months.

Yesterday was the 15th of the month, so we published the East Kingdom's monthly KLol. As Pantheon, I'm one of 4-6 who work on getting each KLol ready for the Known World of heralds and commenters. It takes

lots of work! All month, we've been collecting submissions, scanning them into our digital systems, entering them into OSCAR, discussing them, and making sure all the information is complete.

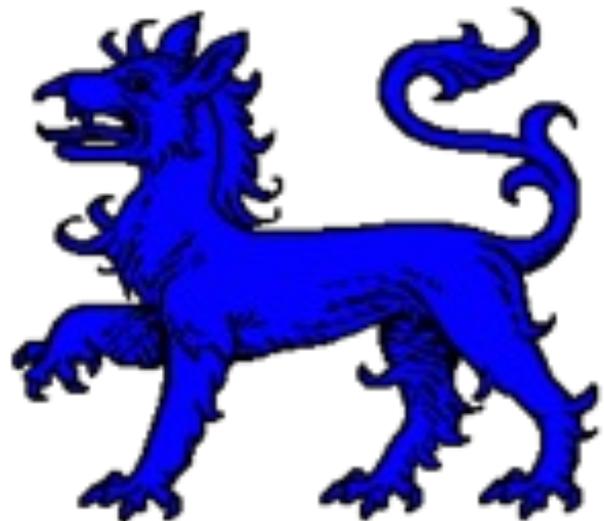
Once we've published the KLoI, the next step is to create an Kingdom Letter of Decision (KLoD). This is where each item from the KLoI is laid out with all the information, PLUS the Blue Tyger team's decision on whether to send the item onward for Laurel-level review, or return it to the submitter for further work.

As Pantheon, it's my job to create the outline for this letter. I take each OSCAR item and put them in a Google doc, along with an area for the final decision from Blue Tyger. Then I share it with the rest of the team, who add comments based on OSCAR commentary and our own knowledge and research. 99.9 percent of these items go on. But very rarely, the team has to return something, usually because of administrative foo—a form that has missing info that can't be filled in, or one that was printed wrong so the info can't be entered into OSCAR correctly. It's then the Mosaic Herald's job to contact the submitters and let them know what's happening with their item, whether it's going onward or being returned and why.

Once a month, the Laurel sovereigns—Pelican, Wreath, and Laurel—hold their own meetings to review all the KLoDs. We are in February, so they are reviewing kingdom letters from three months ago—November 2019. The Pelican Sovereign of Arms reviews Name submissions, Wreath does the same for Armory, and then Laurel ties everything together with even more review. These meetings can be up to 11 hours long—and that's after they've already had three months to comment. Yikes!

I'll get to sit in on the Pelican meeting, because my area of expertise is Names. Sometimes a Pelican cannot justify registering a name as submitted, but will come up with alternate versions of it (like adding an accent or marker, or removing a letter, for example). It's then my job to contact the submitter with Pelican's recommendations and ask what they want. I don't want to be making those decisions for anyone! I'll also report back to those who didn't attend the meeting, or who sat in on the Wreath and Laurel meetings, and let them know what we decided with East's Names this month. I look forward to hearing the person who sat in on the Wreath meeting report on East's Armory submissions.

There really is a lot of work that is involved in the way we do heraldry and naming in the SCA. But underneath all the administrative stuff is the excitement of letting someone know they have a name and armory registered in the SCA Ordinary and Armorial. After their submission has finally been approved, I get to tell them that they can officially fly their banner, hold up their shield, say their name to others and have their name called in court. It adds something wonderful to this game we play. My work behind the scenes helps create smiles, and I'm proud of that. ✨



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, ka Piglet	Youth Marshal	Bóaire Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin
Exchequer	Lord Francisco de Braga	Minister of Lists	Marion of York
Herald	Drasma Dragomira	Webminister	Noble Anne of Østgarðr
Chatelaine	Sayyida Laila al-Sanna' al-Andalusiyya	Chronicler	Lady Zahra al-Andalucía
Minister of Arts & Sciences	Lord Þorfinnr Hróðgeirsson	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

Herein Listed are the Provincial Champions of Østgarðr:

Armored Combat	Muiredach Ua Dálaigh	Arts and Sciences	Lord Ragnarr Bláskegg
Fencing	Engle der Pfau	Bardic	Lady Catelin Straquhin
Archery	Mongu Chinua	Youth Combat	Lord Alaxandair Morda mac Matha
Thrown Weapons	Cullen Powers	Heavy Weapons	Lord Gowain MackAoidh

