



# The Østgarðr E-Horse

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## 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), 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!
















K1497 Stylised horse, Staffordshire Hoard, 7th-8th c. Each gold filigree double-spiral is smaller than a grain of rice. ([Source](#))

# Upcoming Events

In the Æltherium\*

\*All major in-person events cancelled through January 2021. Plans for next year will be evaluated as conditions develop.

• *FelS* • • *Martial Arts* • • *Bardic & Music* •

September 1	<u>Creating Your East Kingdom Wiki Page</u>	Ætherial Østgarðr		
September 4-7	<u>Harper's Retreat—Plague Edition</u>	Ætherial Stonemarche		
September 10	<u>Creating your SCA Persona, an Introduction</u>	Ætherial Østgarðr		
September 11-13	<u>Falling Leaves (Online)</u>	Ætherial Carolingia		
September 13	<u>First Ethereal Court of the Eastern Consules, Tindal &amp; Alberic</u>	Ætherial East Kingdom		
September 27	<u>East Kingdom Ethereal Curia</u>	Ætherial East Kingdom		
October 11	<u>Second Ethereal Court of the Eastern Consules, Tindal &amp; Alberic</u>	Ætherial East Kingdom		
October 17	<u>The Once and Future Shire Wars Event—Shire Wars IX.i</u>	Ætherial Blak Rose		
November 8	<u>Third Ethereal Court of the Eastern Consules, Tindal &amp; Alberic</u>	Ætherial East Kingdom		
November 14-15	<u>Beowulf the Ethereal Event</u>	Ætherial East Kingdom		
December 13	<u>Fourth Ethereal Court of the Eastern Consules, Tindal &amp; Alberic</u>	Ætherial East Kingdom		
March 13, 2021	<u>Thélème at Penn Returns</u>	Philadelphia, PA		
March 20	<u>Mudthaw Returns</u>	Roseland, NJ		
May 28-31	<u>Pantheria XXV</u>	Thetford Center, VT		
June 11-13	<u>War of the Pearls I</u>	Charlestown, RI		 
September 24-26	<u>River War—XI</u>	Mullica Hill, NJ		 

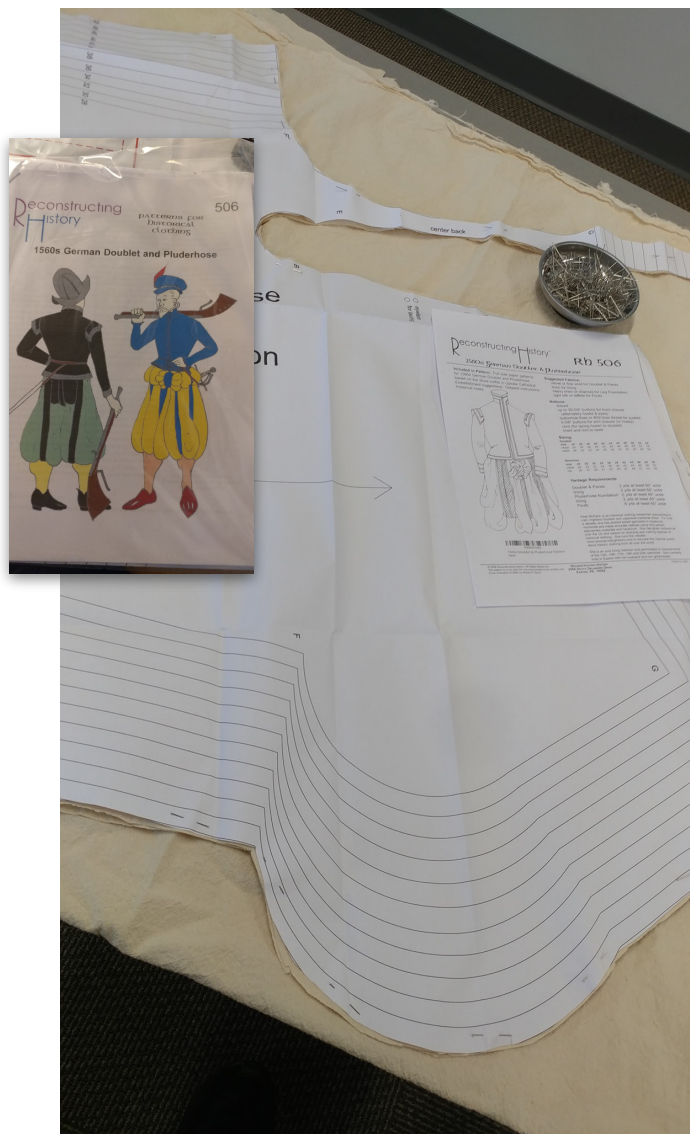


# Ars & Schola

Contact your Minister of Arts and Sciences for information on upcoming \*DIGITAL\* workshops and events.

Are you working on something amazing? Let your Chronicler know! Even if it isn't quite finished or perfect yet—you never know who you'll inspire.

Right: **Zahra al-Andalucía** explores her Persian side with this piece of scribal art, inspired by the work of **Symonne de la Croix**, a scribe from Lochac, and the class she taught at the Knowne World Heraldic Scribal Symposium in July. Text reads "*sadiqati*" which is Arabic for "my friend". ►



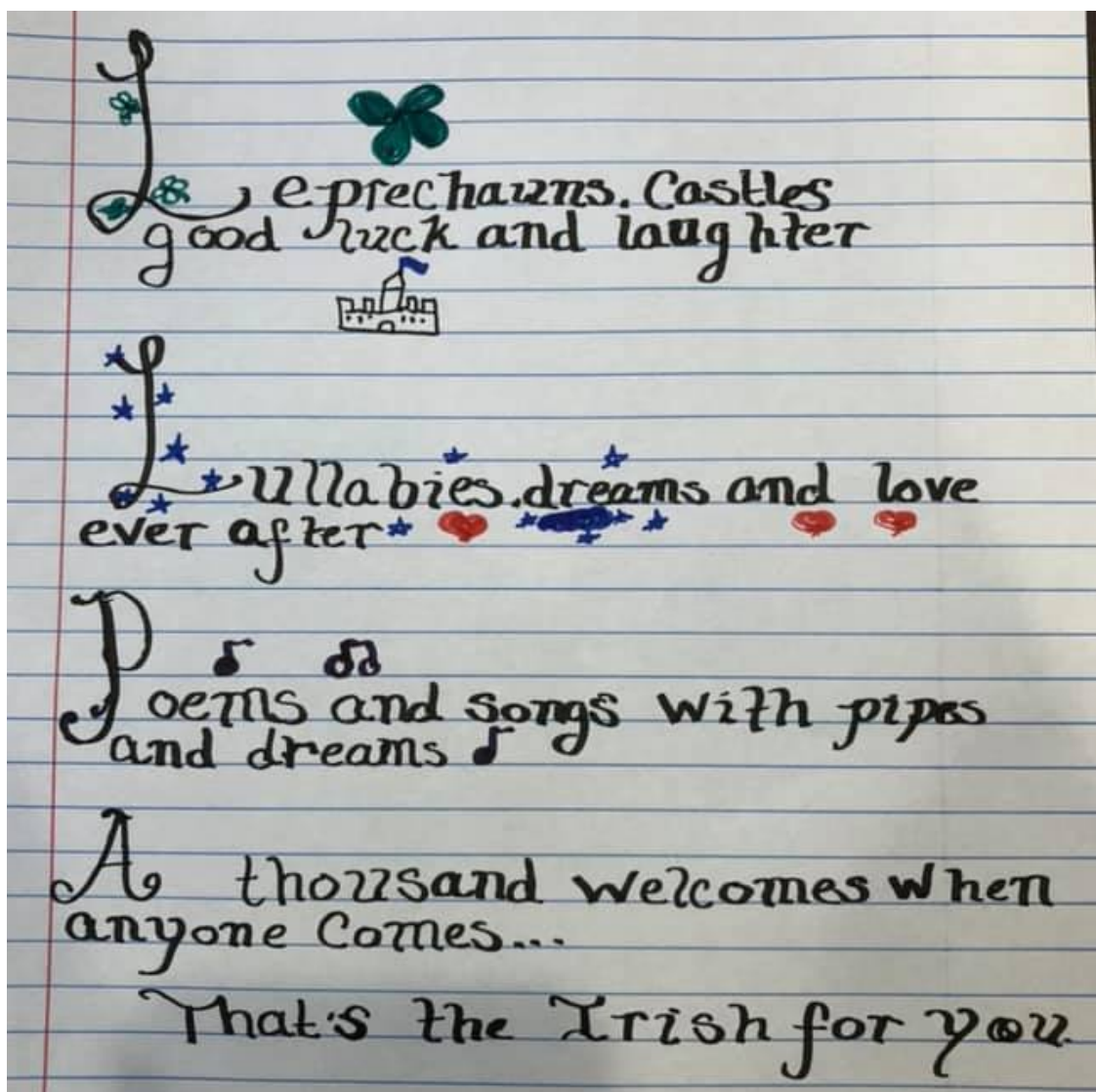
◄ Left: **Gibbs Moryss's** pluderhosen project from before lockdown. Inset: what the finished product will look like. They sure look comfy!

Right: Provincial Herald **Drasma Dragomira** just finished this beautiful tunic, and we can't wait to see her wear it in real life at our next event! ►



▲ Above: Jenna “that was **ONE TIME**” Childslayer has only this to say about her current A&S pursuit: “So...Much...Kumihimo...” Don’t string us along, Jenna! Keep us posted on how they turn out. :)

Right: Alessandra Serena Renda of Gibellina works on her scribal skills: “Practicing my calligraphy, but playing with other pretty letters too.” 🍀 ►





# Seconds

Being the Abridged Minutes from Commons Meetings Past

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

## AUGUST 2020 NOTES • ØSTGARÐR COMMONS

### PROPOSED EVENTS

- 3 Princes Day: Virtual dinner party: Cooking classes online beforehand; Zoom breakout rooms for "tables"
- Laila, bardic. Stream music over YouTube
- Anne to research paid Zoom account for province
- To be held in Nov. (near Princes Day (Ozurr, Anton, Cullen—cross-kingdom, East meets West)).
- Purim mid-Feb/early March, Online. Laila, Berakha & Zahra? Fancy costumes, hamentaschen, drinking...(Safer at home, lol.)

### ACTIVITIES

- Viceregal mask competition: deadline extended
- EK Halloween dance-off to "Thriller"

### COMMONS BUSINESS SCHEDULE CHANGE

- **Official business meetings to happen every other commons, social meeting continues monthly.**

TRANSLATORS: EK wiki page for translators

### CLASSES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

- Friderich—EK wiki page construction, persona development
- Laila—adv. persona development
- Jenna—Pennsic 101, sewing machine

- Catelin—tailor terms, Islamic Renaissance
- Encouraged to go through EK A&S online classes
- Soliciting classes on topics from Africa & the Americas

### E-HORSE

- Next pub. date is Sept. 1st

### LINKS CONTRIBUTED IN CHAT

- [Tyger Consuls' website](#)
- [the Favor](#)
- [semi-accurate explanation of most Jewish holidays](#)
- [Black Tudors: The Untold Story](#)
- [Medieval Islamic embroidery research paper](#)
- [A Persian miniature](#)
- ["Pumpkin pants"](#)
- [Fancy pants](#)
- [Pluderhosen pattern](#)
- ["art thou nasty?" pants](#)
- [Pumpkins in pants](#)
- [Nose flute](#)
- [Nose flutes \(bulk\)](#)
- [This week in virology](#)
  - [Fashion hazmat suits](#)
  - [Erykah Badu's hazmat suit](#)
  - [Air travel PPE](#)
  - [Shirt/face mask sets](#)
  - [Regency face masks](#)
  - [Early vaccine test results](#)
  - [Mira Grant's Newflesh](#)
  - [Black Tide Rising](#)
  - [UV suppositories](#)
  - [Absentee voting in NYS](#)
  - [\(Pennsic\) Memorial Ship Burning](#)
  - [Sarcasm](#)



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# In Memoriam

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*Bright the tear upon the cheek, bright the star in darkest sky, and bright the hearth at journey's end.*

## Lord Ye-Liu Targai

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Lady Aquilina of the Sea Cliffs

When my beloved Lord Targai and I met at Fordham in 1980 he was running the University's fencing program, and also held a peerage in the MSR as Etienne de Montfort. Those of us who have met our loved ones at events, faires, demos... you know the drill. The sunlight coming down through the green leaves, a campfire crackling nearby, the scents and sounds of spring or high summer or early fall, the rakish grin, the flashing eyes... it was at the 1981 Sands Point Renaissance Faire that I knew that he was the one. Circumstances came between us, but it was 22 years later that I still became his wife.

Targai's study of Lama-Pai Kung Fu under Grandmaster Sifu Chan Tai San led him to an interest in Wuxia (Medieval China). Yeh-Liu Targai is loosely based on a Kara-Khitan noble who became a sort of Viceroy / Grand Vizier to Ghengis Khan during the Liao Dynasty. His prowess with the axe was a nod to Iron Ox, his favorite character from his favorite book, *All Men Are Brothers* by Pearl S. Buck.

Targai was well known for his fencing skills. He began study at the age of 11 under Frederick Rohdes, the same formidable classical fencing instructor who brought us local luminaries HRH Kriegstauffen von Nort (MSR), HRH Andreas de Vulpes (MSR), and Maestro Ramon Martinez. Targai's other interests were commedia dell'arte (he was inordinately fond of playing the "Captain" character), dancing, games of every possible type, and oh yes he did love my mead.

My beloved Lord was brilliant, witty, fun-loving, kind, modest, and fiercely honorable. We deeply loved and understood each other, and only the knowledge that he fights and feasts in Valhalla now mitigates the pain of having lost his physical presence in Midgard. I am extremely proud and honored to have been his Lady for 18 years in Midgard, and his Valkyrie forever. He had so many friends, and was as merry over cups as he could be ferocious in the lists. Those who would remember him, know that this is the finest comfort you can give to his family and friends. He watches now from the place of joy. Hail to you my beloved Hero, Yeh-Liu Targai. Your name will never die.





## Viscount Sir Edward Zifran of Gendy

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*Viscount Edward Zifran of Gendy, 103rd Knight of the Society and 7th Tyger of the East, passed away on July 15th, following a stroke.*

*Edward's impact on the Society as a whole cannot be overstated, and yet that impact was achieved largely by building individual relationships. A quiet and thoughtful man, self-conscious and humble, he could say a great deal with just a simple nod.*

— East Kingdom Gazette, "In Memoriam: Viscount Edward Zifran of Gendy." 28 July 2020.

## The il-Khanate of Østgardr Remembers Sir Edward

by Suuder Saran il-Khan and Lada Monguligin il-Khatun

One man known to many—thousands of stories. A paragon of our time, yet a humble country Knight with a smile of absolute joy that could turn mischievous in a second, or into a scolding that could make even the toughest of men shrink.

As he told it, years ago in a time when fighters measured an opponent by size, Sir Edward was on the small side, and was seen as less of a threat. But as he trained, Sir Edward focused on speed. Then, when the others started to have a hard time taking him down, and he started felling his opponents faster than anyone else, they gave him the nickname of "Fast Eddie". It stuck, and songs were sung saying not to blink, for that is all the time he needs to strike.

Sir Edward has been in my SCA sphere since I first found the Union Square practice. He was running drills, teaching footwork and how to throw a shot. I remember him hanging back, observing the fighting, and then calling over a new fighter to correct her, teaching her how to block a shot with sword in one hand and a coffee in the other.

At the time I had no idea who Sir Edward was or his legendary status in the SCA. He was just a really nice guy teaching us to fight.

Later, when I learned about his many awards and achievements, he still remained the same down-to-earth guy who was always there to lend advice, and give perspective and insight. Because of this I never experienced "Peer fear" with him. Sir Edward was one of the hardest-working SCAdians I've ever known. Pennsic was his best time: months he spent, each year, helping to put it together; then days and nights on The Watch. He had a sit-down dinner with friends and family each night. I don't know when he slept, during Pennsic.

He treated everyone equally, no matter their standing or title. He respected what people had done—the Royals, Local Nobility—but would still treat all of them the same. Sir Edward always reminded us of humility: no matter what we accomplished in the SCA, what recognition we received, "that and \$2.75 will get you on the subway."

He always stuck to his principles and did what he thought was right. He encouraged female fighters during times when it was frowned upon to have them on the field, and he took up needlework when it was seen as less manly. He challenged people to think for themselves and work towards something better, but he still stayed true to period teachings. To him, a true knight knew more than just combat and prowess, they needed challenges of the mind as well. Take his test, and you might get a glimpse of what was expected of a knight of the realm during period times. Then reward yourself with a Coffee Crisp (his favorite reward for those that took his test). You'll see why in Østgarðr we have them in court as "a nice light snack".

At my vigil, for his piece of advice he told me: "Don't be a d!@k."

I could go on for days. So could the thousands of lives he touched across multiple kingdoms and all the SCA—one humble country knight who has made a huge difference to so many. His loss is going to be felt deep. I'm glad for the moments I had with him. I'll forever remember them and let them guide me. If Sir Edward had not found his family years before, I would have adopted him myself. For he is family. I'll remember his face and his voice until my dying day.

I won't stop learning either, Ed. One new thing a day, right? No matter how trivial. One step each day. I may not know where I'm going all the time but I'll get there.

With all the warmth I can muster in my heart. Until we meet again, my friend. Hopefully at a nice dinner table, with roaring hearth, good food, good friends, and some great drink. Goodbye, Viscount Edward Zifran of Gendy. Østgarðr will miss you. May the winds take you where you need to be.

## Master Richard's Question Quest – Edward Edition

by Richard the Poor of Ely

How much can you remember about Sir Eddie? Play this Question Quest and find out!

1: Which of these honors did Edward receive first?

- A. Chivalry
- B. Laurel
- C. Pelican
- D. Viscount

3: Edward is a Viscount from which Principality?

- A. Ansteorra
- B. An Tir
- C. Atenveldt
- D. Atlantia

2: Which of these honors did Edward receive most recently?

- A. Chivalry
- B. Laurel
- C. Pelican
- D. Viscount

4: Edward's device has a diagonal red bar on it. This is a symbol of:

- A. Royalty
- B. Bastardy
- C. Peerage
- D. Chivalry



5. Master Edward received his Laurel for:
- A. Calligraphy
  - B. Heraldry
  - C. Metalwork
  - D. Embroidery
6. Which of these Kingdoms has Edward not received an award from?
- A. Meridies
  - B. Atlantia
  - C. Middle
  - D. West
7. The term for the phrase "of Gendy" in a name is
- A. Dative
  - B. Genitive
  - C. Locative
  - D. Nominative
8. How many baronies does Edward have awards from?
- A. One
  - B. Two
  - C. Three
  - D. Four
9. Which of these heraldic furs is on Edward's device?
- A. Ermine
  - B. Ermineé
  - C. Erminois
  - D. Sable
10. Which of these has Edward received?
- A. Maunche
  - B. Silver Crescent
  - C. Tyger's Combattant
  - D. Sagittarius
11. How many times was Edward a Prince?
- A. Two
  - B. Three
  - C. Four
  - D. Five
12. In what year did Edward arrive in the East Kingdom?
- A. 1981
  - B. 1983
  - C. 1985
  - D. 1987
13. Edward was the founding seneschal of which canton of Østgarðr?
- A. Broken Bridge
  - B. Lions End
  - C. Northpass
  - D. Whyt Whey
14. In which of these magazines did Edward appear in the August 2003 issue?
- A. *FHM*
  - B. *GQ*
  - C. *New Yorker*
  - D. *Psychology Today*

Answers: 1. A. Chivalry 2. C. Pelican 3. B. An Tir 4. B. Bastardry 5. D. Embroidery 6. A. Meridies 7. C. Locative 8. D. Four (Østgarðr & Settmour Swamp in the East, Madrone in the West, and Lions Gate in An Tir) 9. A. Ermine 10. B. Silver Crescent 11. C. Four 12. B. 1983 13. D. Whyt Whey 14. A. *FHM*

## "Dear Fast Eddie "

by Lord Ervald LaCoudre Edwardson the Optimistic



In lieu of flowers, it was requested that donations be made in Sir Edward's name to the Portersville Food Pantry or your local food pantry, as food insecurity had been an important issue for him. Lord Ervald has joined his efforts to this cause, and would like it to be known that he will send a free songbook to folks who donate to this or their local food pantry. These songbooks were written several years ago and include original SCA songs and filks (including "Dear Fast

Eddie"), cartoons, and illustrations. Send him your proof of donation and your mailing address: this is a great way to both honor Sir Edward and share some SCA history.





## Herein Listed are the Officers of Østgarðr:

Viceroy	Il-Kha'an Suuder Saran	Archery	Lady Arnbiorg Helga Niálsdóttir
Vicereine	Il-Khatun Lada Monguligin	Jencing	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-Andalucfa
Minister of Arts & Sciences	Lord Porfinnr 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
Jencing	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

