

The Compass Rose

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Spring '17

Upcoming Shire Events

Local ongoing meet-ups and practices (check the Kings Crossing FB page for cancellations):

Fighter Practice hosted by Shire of Kings Crossing: Every Fri. 6:30-dark

Arts & Sciences in the Library: First Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Frank Sarris Public Library, Canonsburg, PA

Upcoming Local Kingdom Events

Access the full event calendar at aethelmearc.org

May 7 **Regional Muster** hosted by Shire of Kings Crossing, South Strabane Community Park, Washington, PA; Noon-4 p.m.

May 6 **Aethelmearc A&S Faire & Queen's Tourney (Shire of Nithgaard/State College, PA)** 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

May 12-14 **Spring Crown Tournament (Shire of Sylvan Glen/Hedgesville, WV)**

May 18-21 **War Practice XXVIII (Canton of Steltonwald/Slippery Rock, PA)**

May 27 **St. Swithin's Siege Muster (Barony of St. Swithen's Bog/Somerset, PA)** 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

May 28 **Vandalia-Con Demo (Barony of Blackstone Mountain/Parkersburg, WV)** 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

June 2-4 **Melee Madness (Barony of Endless Hills/Meshoppen, PA)**

June 9-11 **The Scarlet Guard Inn Archery Festival (Shire of Hornwood/Brockway, PA)**

June 24 **Aethelwald Proving Grounds III /Shire of Sunderoak/Portersville, PA)** 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

July 14-16 **BOG Investiture (Barony of St. Swithin's Bog/Summerhill, PA)**

July 28-Aug 13 **Pennsic War XLVII Slippery Rock, PA**

Learn more about The Society for Creative Anachronism, including the history and how to join at sca.org

Welcome to Our New Members

Alita of Hartstone & Marius Sittius

The Shire of Kings Crossings welcomes you both with open arms to our feisty, but humble community. We look forward to feasting and sharing a pint with you!

Slàinte Mhaith!

Shire of Kings Crossing Officers

Seneschal: Lord Donnchadh Dubh Ghlas

Herald: Dominique Von Weissenthurn

Knight Marshal: Lord Thrain of Riki

Chronicler: Katie Whyte

Exchequer: Bryanna Eileen Taith-lach

Chatelaine: Joost Van de Kloof

Webminister: Lord Sven Tyrvisson

Arts & Sciences: Katerina das Vogelein

Please see our Kings Crossing Facebook group for contact details and information.

Heed the Call to the Regional Muster

Oh yes, good gentles, there will be a Regional Muster hosted by the Shire of Kings Crossing on May 7 at the South Strabane Community Park. What is a Muster you may ask? Imagine a place where fighters from throughout our kingdom come to strut their stuff and practice fighting as units to prepare for the meeting of the Known World's great armies at the Pennsic War. During the day there will also be Arts & Sciences displays and activities to greet both members and the public. We invite you to join us at this exciting event!

We are the Shire of Kings Crossing in the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) recreating the best of chivalry and arts of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. We aren't performers—we participate in learning the combat styles, cooking the food, sewing the clothes, and singing the songs. Join us at our next local event! Contact: joost.vandekloof@gmail.com

Shire of Kings Crossing
Persona Spotlight
Katerina das Vogelein

Place/Country/Time/Period: Landsknecht, Germany, 1520s, Trossfrau,

Farthest Place Traveled: Italy on the march to Pavia, but she is no stranger to travel in her lifetime.

Typical Attire: Katerina's attire along with other attire for women of the camp train is usually a gown (possibly with slash and puff sleeves), shirt or partlet, Wulsthaube, and hat with feather, pouch, and apron. Commonly used fabrics include wool, linen, and silk.

Life in the Day to Day: In a plunder driven economy the women were responsible for organization and distribution of plundered goods. They also took on domestic tasks such as sewing, laundering, and cooking.

Katerina das Vogelein, aka Sarah Orris, serves as the SoKC officer for Arts & Sciences, and is a reknowned Tribal dance teacher and performer in addition to being a skilled seamstress and needleworker.

Library Crawl: Shire Arts & Sciences

This past April, a few of us participated in a library crawl at the Frank Sarris Library in Canonsburg. The purpose of this crawl was to see what types of resources for researching our time period (pre-1600) are available to not only us, but to the public as well. It also provided an opportunity for us to reach out to the community and introduce ourselves, in a manner of speaking. Our chatelaine posted flyers with contact information. Even though this library is a small one, it did deliver on many types of sources. Its sources included books on period weaponry/armory, various arts and crafts, and costume books with period clothing designs. The children's section had ample books, both non-fiction and new fiction set in the Middle Ages. There were also quite a few sources that brought you even closer to the history of each culture, books that open a window to the religions and mythology that span many countries and time periods. (There were also many pieces of period literature that would

make the bard in our hearts sing out with elation.) Some of us were excited that there is now a coffee and tea bar, too!

Frank Sarris Public Library has great potential for not only hosting our own A&S gatherings, but it has potential to be a place to introduce the community to SCA Arts & Science demos and displays to share our love of the Middle Ages and Renaissance with the community. It could be a great way to get word out about the Shire of Kings Crossing for those who are interested in participating in further demos and events.

The Tavern is Calling,
And the Mead is Sweet,
The Ale Barrels Never Empty,
So Come & Drink Deep!

The Shire of Kings Crossing sends word to all;
Whoever is interested listen to our call!
For our birthday's moving
closer with much haste.
We invite all to come to the tavern
for a dram and a wee taste.
A brewing competition is ever in sight.
This very boisterous event is
a period day board we share, so those with such
talent should ever prepare.
Brews, stews, meats, and crusty bread is a must
to bring in our birthday, by the end we shall bust!
Games and Dancing. Battles and Brawls. Come
join us our friends...come one and come all!

KINGS CROSSING BIRTHDAY "B(R)ALL"

Hold the Date: Saturday, October 28

**Chartiers/Houston Community Center, 2013
Community Center Drive, Houston, PA 15342**

Tavern Events, Heavy Fighting, Fencing

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