

# Moonstone



The Province of Malagentia is a local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism. The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is an inclusive community pursuing research and re-creation of pre-seventeenth century skills, arts, combat and culture. The lives of participants are enriched as we gain knowledge of history through activities, demonstrations, and events. Malagentia is a branch of the East Kingdom, located in Southern Maine. If you are new to the SCA or just want to learn more about this non-profit organization please contact the Chatelaine at [chatelaine@malagentia.eastkingdom.org](mailto:chatelaine@malagentia.eastkingdom.org) for more information or visit the newcomer's website at [eastkingdom.org](http://eastkingdom.org). Malagentia holds monthly business meetings on the first Thursday of the month virtually. Please visit the website for the meeting link. Please be sure to check the calendar at [malagentia.eastkingdom.org/main/calendar](http://malagentia.eastkingdom.org/main/calendar) for more activities taking place in the province.

# A letter of introduction to the people of Malagentia

By Mat Wyck

I'd like to start by saying that I would have preferred that my first major act as duly elected seneschal of Malagentia would have *not* been having to lead a discussion regarding the fate of GNE 2021 and then communicate our decision to the populace and East.

These are, however, trying and challenging times, and we rise to them and work together to make the best decisions possible, with the information at hand. I'm gratified for the support we've gotten following this announcement, and I think that support speaks highly to the care we all have for each other.

I wanted to put a few thoughts to word so you, the people of Malagentia, know a bit more about me, your new Seneschal.

I'm a Madawaska native. I went to UMaine where I fell in with a rough and tumble crowd – Endeweard. I was drawn to fencing and that has remained a primary love. I trained with my masters – primarily Gregory and Scamus. I miss the former greatly, and am so very pleased to continue training and learning with the latter, my good friend.

I fell away from the SCA after college and lived in Baltimore, Lowell (MA), Nashua, NH, before returning to Maine in 2001. I worked for 20 years as a newspaper reporter, going into corporate communications about 8 years ago. Today I'm in communications at Maine Medical Center. I've also been involved with Scouts for a number of years, though my role today is much diminished.

I got back into the SCA about four or five years ago, starting with fencing. A lot had changed (foils to heavy rapiers ....!). Within about a year, I had been elected Rapier marshal for the province. I also helped form the still-nascent Forester's Court of Malagentia, and serve still as its local keeper. In addition to helping run and organize weekly fencing practice, I worked on extra weekend practices and a fun regional at Fort Preble. Working with Col. Woolfe as a co-corroborator, we envisioned and ran the first Malagentian Outdoor Test Kitchen and Otzi's Paradise, a winter camping event.

I enjoy pulling things together for the benefit of my friends and all who might enjoy them. I like the organizational aspect, but mostly, I like providing the opportunities for people to do something fun and nutty and awesome. I believe events don't have to be all things to all people – they need to be safe, inclusive, and true to our core SCA beliefs – but we can do small things and have a blast.

This is how I view service: I stepped up as acting seneschal and now as elected seneschal because I saw a need, and wanted to serve as I could. Basically, there's work to be done.

I'm extremely grateful for the officers who have come before me, for those who serve with me now and for those in the future. People who are willing to dedicate their time, expertise and hearts to a volunteer organization – in order to benefit us all – are a special breed.

I value organization and follow-through. If you say you're going to do something, do it. If you need to correct course, do it – but be clear about it. Be kind, be compassionate and be understanding. Those are some of my guiding principles.

I can't tell you all how happy I am to be back in the SCA. I've made some amazing friends who have helped me through some personal trials. My life is better for being in the SCA. I'm grateful.

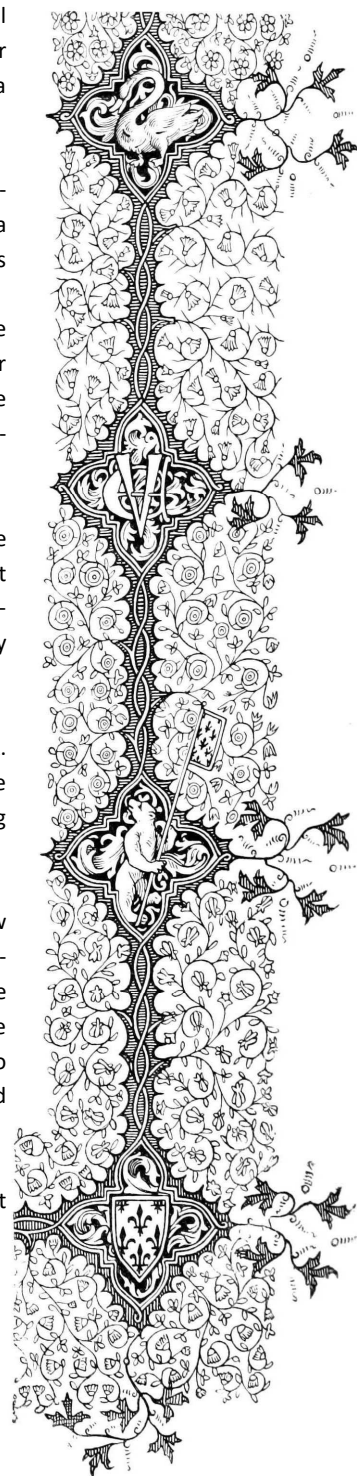
I've got this office for a year (unless I MASSIVELY screw up), and I'm not going to speculate beyond that. If anyone is interested in working with me as a deputy, I'd like to have that conversation. I think it's critical that we work to develop leaders, and that we work together to attract and build the next generations of the Society. I'd love to hear your ideas on that last bit.

I'm always happy to answer any questions or concerns at [seneschal@malagentia.eastkingdom.org](mailto:seneschal@malagentia.eastkingdom.org).

Yours in Service (and gratitude) – Wyck

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Figure 28 page 146 Border Illumination from a *Book of Hours* by Jacquemart de Odin for the Duc de Berri. The border is of the characteristic French and Franco-Flemish style;





Robert Vonsoos hits the mark at thrown weapons practice

Photo by Adrienne Brown

As the winter months come to an end and the days grow longer, local practices for fencing, heavy list, thrown weapons and archery will begin again. Any and all sanctioned martial activities will be begin only when it's deemed safe and allowed by the appropriate authorities within our kingdom and society. Please watch the website, calendar and Facebook groups for official announcements and procedures.

Many thanks to the current and past contributors to our quarterly newsletter. Without you all, simply put, we wouldn't have a newsletter. If you have something you wish to contribute, please feel free to reach out to our Chronicler, Shyvan Floyd, at [chronicler@malagentia.eastkingdom.org](mailto:chronicler@malagentia.eastkingdom.org). If you are interested in picking up the chronicler helm, please reach out to the same address with any questions or concerns or just to chat about the position and the expectations.



## Tyger Camp Challenge 2021

By Tiffan Fairamay and Solivere

Thanks to a post on the Malagentia Discussion Group Facebook page, we recently learned about a website that the Office of the Chancellor Minor of the East Kingdom has offered the populace called Tyger Camp. The site creates a virtual Family Point, and, as at live events, this is a place where youth can connect with the many facets of our society. Scrolling down the menu past categories like: Bardic, Fiber Arts, Games, and Medieval Cooking one arrives at a perennial favorite... the **Toy Box**. My 13 year old doesn't join in SCA activities often, so when she lit up after learning that she could request a toy, I suggested that participating might make it feel more fair to send in her name and address.

Rather than "swoop and scoot," we agreed that she would complete 6 activities of her choice from at least 4 different categories. Bonus points for picking an activity from each category, doing some activities virtually with her best friend, and/or helping co-write this article. We started looking more closely at the activities and soon she had a list of things she wanted to try. Realizing that it might be a small window until she lost interest, I even promised to help her make a run to a favorite store if she managed to complete one project before I got home from work that night.

When we checked in, I was thrilled to learn that she had logged 4 activities already and had surprised herself by how much fun she'd had doing them. In one afternoon she had made a tassel, learned how to build a campfire by making a snack, dried apple slices, and started brewing soda with maple syrup and baking yeast. It was all so much fun. Some links went to video classes, others went to activity sheets. Some went to written instructions, others to Kingdom websites with even more information and links. There were so many things to try out and learn about!

Seeing her do the activities reminds me of what I love most about the SCA. This is an incredibly interesting, knowledgeable and generous community. Time together, in person or virtually, always inspires me to dig deeper, try things out, and share my passions in return. We so appreciate the efforts of the Office of the Chancellor Minor of the East Kingdom and all those who contributed classes, materials, and toys, and feel like one of the ways we can say thank you is to make sure that you know how great Tyger Camp is so more people can try out these activities and stay inspired until we can be together in person again. To attend Tyger Camp yourself use this address: <https://chancellorminor.eastkingdom.org/tygercamp/> We hope that you have fun!!



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