

# 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.

# AN INTRODUCTION

**By: Aloysius Sartore**

Mat Wyck asked me to write something for the *Moonstone*, an introductory piece of sorts as I'm the newly elected Seneschal for the riding. Since I'm doing it, I think he needs to write something for Ravensbridge's newsletter, *The Corvus*. Now that's out of the way, here's a little history.

I met Kendra on-line in 2008 after my divorce - that's relevant, because although I'd heard of the SCA ages ago courtesy of online jokes on something called Usenet, I figured there's no way it would be in Maine and didn't think about it too much. Turns out I was really wrong, could have been around for Malagentia's early years if I'd figured it out. Anyway, we'd been dating and we figured out we both had plans for the second weekend in July. Kendra put the decision on what to do in my hands, and because I had reservations already, we went to my college class reunion in Potsdam, NY. Overall, it was good, at least the part that involved hanging out with my friends and enjoying adult beverages. We tended to ignore much of the organized fun set up by the university staff.

Now the following year that same weekend, no reunion, so we went to her thing, which was, as you may have guessed, GNEW. I didn't do a whole lot that was different from the prior year, but it was pretty good, so much so that after I told her we should have gone to GNEW the year before. We spent the next few years going to GNEW, and one or two other day events like Harvest Moon. Gradually we added a few other events and demos, and I started helping out on an ad-hoc basis. As does Speedbump, I frequently get involved to keep busy. I've also noticed that in the SCA, if I want to find out how something works, or what's happening, the most practical way is to get involved, help with the thing, and push myself into it. Somewhere along here Ravensbridge was starting to become a concept. Kendra actually started paying attention to the process of creating a new Riding for quite a while before I did. I wasn't sure it could work, so it took a while to get myself interested in it. After a while though, I went to some business meetings, and spent some time getting to know Syr Kyppyn Kirkcaldy, who was spearheading the effort. It didn't take him long to get me more involved. I'm pretty well known for our monthly business meeting webminister report "We have a website!", getting there took longer than I thought it would - modern life does seem to intrude sometimes, it clearly doesn't know that hobbies are important! Eventually I ran a demo or two, worked on our summer event Huginn & Munnin, started volunteering for GNEW setup, and after Kyp had to move due to modern employment and family concerns, started helping Don Magnus Morte who took up the reins and lead us the rest of the way out of incipiency.

As a part of that, at least one of us would usually head down to the monthly Malagentia business meeting. We both think it is important to keep in touch with our parent, and it's a good way to keep in the loop. At one of these meetings it was mentioned that someone needs to schedule classes for GNEW, the people that had been doing it really wanted a break - they'd been at it for a good number of years. I figured I could manage it, even though I've not been too big on Arts and Sciences, but it's scheduling, not Art - I can do that, right?

Though there were glitches, it seemed to work out fairly well - I stayed on staff for another couple of years in A&S scheduling, and in the process I've added a clone of the software they use to schedule Pennsic classes. It is less work that way, and I'm all for making it easier where we can. The last one we actually had in the before times, I was a deputy autocrat, and was back at it for 2020 for too short a time before we had to cancel. Looking forward to starting the process again in the fall, for 2022 - which is coming right up. I can't believe how fast the summer has gone. In the midst of this, at the last Harvest Moon, I became a student of Master Speedbump, and we will take the next step in that at some point when there's an appropriate event.

As Morty's term of office came to a close, I felt I had something to offer in terms of continuity, and diplomacy - 20+ years of working at the Maine Legislature must have rubbed something off about what not to do, I hoped. So I ran for Seneschal, and here I am. Covid has made it an interesting ride for sure - and not quite what I expected. But it's been good, and I'm looking forward to keeping up with everyone to add to our riding and the Province.

Throughout my SCA adventure, I've met so many great people, who I miss terribly not being able to be around a campfire and kitchen. Camping with Little Malagentia at EK 50 was a hoot, when we weren't half passed out from the heat. Endewearde has great people, and events and I'm happy living up here because it makes them a little more accessible - the Hunt is one of my favorite events. But Malagentia is home, and GNEW is home, and I'm looking forward to GNEW again as soon as we can have it.

# Harvest Moon Shoot

**October 02, 2021**

**Hebron Pines Campground**

For 40 years, Malagentia has been a shining jewel of the East and a bastion of the great independents. Now, the Harvest Moon rises once more and we invite all good gentles to celebrate with us at our traditional Harvest Moon Shoot with Provincial Championships.

Harvest Moon will have many archery events culminating in naming the Bearer of the Horn of Malagentia, our own archery champion.

In addition, weapons will be thrown, and we will find the rightful Bearer of the Heart of Malagentia. .

There will be an opportunity to stab your friends and the First Blade and Defender of the Children of Malagentia will be selected through a fencing tournament.

An Arts & Sciences exhibition will be featured at this event, please show off something to get our creative energy flowing.

We will have space for merchants. Please inform the Event Steward if you would like to merchant.

Expected merchants so far:

Black Foot Wood (wooden furniture) , Heart of Oak (glass beads), Lisa Sweitzer (handmade Jewelry), Vivien Mystical Emporium

There will be a garb swap for children's garb. Bring your outgrown garb and trade for something else.

As this is the site for Great Northeastern War, there is plenty of space for other activities if someone would like to organize them. Please contact the Event Steward.

**\*\*\*\*\*Covid-19 Pandemic Safety Caution:\*\*\*\*\***

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

The East Kingdom and the Harvest Moon Staff are committed to making sure that our friends & families stay safe. All attendees over the age of 2, including vaccinated individuals, at indoor activities will be required to be masked at all times. At outdoor activities masks will be required for all non-fighting activities. If an individual is not actively involved in combat at an outdoor venue, they are required to wear a mask. Masks may be lowered briefly when eating or drinking. The mask must be worn properly over the nose and mouth and be recognizable as an effective mask by the CDC. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

Camping is available through Hebron Pines Campground directly and is not part of the event, nor covered in the event fee.



Site opens 9:00AM

Site closes 6:00PM

[Please see the event listing on eastkingdom.org](https://www.eastkingdom.org) for full event details

# Upcoming Events

October 2021

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| Friday 1st -<br>Sunday 3rd    | <b><u>Closing of the Inne</u></b>  | Shire of Coldwood - Peru, NY                  |   |
| Saturday 2nd                  | <b><u>Barony of Buckland Cross Baronial Heavy Fighting and Fencing Champions Tourney</u></b> | Barony of Buckland Cross - Newtown, PA        |  |
| Saturday 2nd                  | <b><u>Distant Shore War Games</u></b>  | Canton of Distant Shore - Londonderry, NS     |  |
| Saturday 2nd                  | <b><u>Harvest Moon Shoot</u></b>   | Province of Malagentia - Hebron, ME           |  |
| Saturday 2nd                  | <b><u>Panthervale Homecoming</u></b>   | Shire of Panther Vale - Barre, VT             |  |
| Friday 8th -<br>Monday 11th   | <b><u>Ghost, Ghouls, Goblins, and the Great Old Ones</u></b>                                 | Barony of Carillion - Manalapan, NJ           |  |
| Saturday 9th -<br>Sunday 10th | <b><u>The Endewearde Hunt</u></b>  | Barony of Endewearde - Newburgh, ME           |  |
| Sunday 10th                   | <b><u>CANCELLED-Tournament of the Fallen Stag (10th Anniversary)</u></b>                     | Shire of Caer Adamant - Newark, DE            |  |
| Sunday 10th -<br>Sunday 17th  | <b><u>War of the Wings - CANCELED</u></b>  | Kingdom of Atlantia - Boonville, NC           |  |
| Friday 15th -<br>Sunday 17th  | <b><u>Shire Wars IX: The Battle of Kulikova -- now expanded to three day event</u></b>       | Shire of Blak Rose - Jonestown, PA            |  |
| Saturday 23rd                 | <b><u>Arrows, Axes, and Ales: There and Back Again *Rescheduled*</u></b>                     | Barony of An Dubhaigeainn - Middle Island, NY |  |
| Saturday 23rd                 | <b><u>Beyond the Mountain and Dragonship Haven's Champions Day</u></b>                       | Barony of Dragonship Haven - Meriden, CT      |  |
| Saturday 23rd                 | <b><u>EKCOP-Winter Nights- A Performing Arts And Bardic Online Event</u></b>                 | Barony of Stonemarche - Virtual, NH           |  |
| Saturday 23rd                 | <b><u>Shire of Midland Vale - Shire Championships: Heavy, Youth and Archery</u></b>          | Shire of Midland Vale - Port Jervis, NY       |  |

November 2021

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| Saturday 6th  | <b><u>Crown Tournament of Ioannes II &amp; Honig II</u></b>                | Barony of Bergental - Feeding Hills, MA       |  |
| Saturday 6th  | <b><u>Ruantallan Baronial Investiture Anniversary</u></b>                  | Barony of Ruantallan - Beaverbank, NS         |   |
| Saturday 13th | <b><u>St. Andrew visits the Notre Dame - 30th Baronial Anniversary</u></b> | Barony of An Dubhaigeainn - Middle Island, NY |  |
| Saturday 20th | <b><u>100 Minutes War</u></b>  | Shire of Rusted Woodlands - Sparta, NJ        |  |

*Full event listings and descriptions available on [eastkingdom.org](http://eastkingdom.org)*

# Officers

**Seneschal** - Lord Mat Wyck

**Chatelaine** - Lady Adrienne d'Evreus

**Archery Marshal** - Lord Aloysius Sartore

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**Web Minister** - Lady Tessa Maria da Siena

**Chancellor Minor** - Vacant

# Ridings

**Giggleswick** - Seneschal Master Steffen Of Silverforge

**Ravensbridge** - Seneschal Lord Aloysius Sartore

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