

## Meet the 49th Princess of the Summits, Principessa Tessina Felice Gianfigliuzzi



Tessina started the SCA in the Shire of Wuduholt be Secq, in the Kingdom of the West. She met someone from the shire at a game store, and they introduced her to the local SCA group. They got her in ill fitting armor, and would just hit her in the head. She wanted to get the full experience, so she demanded they treat her like they were the boys, and so she received her first wrap to the behind, both cheeks.

She stuck with this for a few years in the small shire, even squiring to a local knight. From this small shire, she started going to events in the southern Summits, where she learned that there were clothes in the SCA that were not Viking.

Tessina later moved up to Adiantum, where she continued her journey through the SCA. She took up fencing for a while, becoming a cadet to Monseigneur Chrestien de Valois.

Tessina has been the event steward for September Coronet 2014 and Egils 42. She is the current event steward for Egils, and when the pandemic ends, she'll have run this event for close to three years. She's a deputy event steward for An Tir/West War, and is hoping to be the event steward for An Tir/West War in a few years.

Tessina is a protege to Vis. Nadezhda Volynskaiia. She decided that she wanted to be Nadezhda's protege, so she purchased one of Master Grendels hammers, not one for sale, one of his working hammers, and presented it to Nadezhda when she asked her at September Crown. She became one of her proteges at the next Twelfth Night.

She has worked in many offices in the Barony and Principality. She has been the chatelain, youth minister, social media deputy, and Summits education deputy. She's really passionate about empowering officers and champions to be the best they can be. So often our enthusiastic, wonderful volunteers step up to take on a new role but don't get the background information they should, and she wants all of us to be better informed so we can work smarter, not harder!

Tessina has worked as clothing wrangler and seamstress for several reigns, making sure that the Baron and Baroness of Adiantum, and the Princes and Princesses of the Summits are garbed according to their stature. She has also created outfits for Chivalry, Master of Defense, and Pelican elevation ceremonies. She's been working on Luciano's softkit for years, trying to make it look great and not tear while fighting.

She's been on many retinues and done many different jobs to support other people's reigns, from lady in waiting to on-site clothing repair.

Tessina is always a chatelain, whether or not she's holding official office. She has talked about the SCA and encouraged people to join in some odd places, including going into surgery.

Tessina works hard to support other people in the Society. Whether she is helping fighters with water bearing, helping everyone by making sure they are fed, or helping her fellow consorts support each other, she is always trying to make the people around her and the SCA better. She wants to make sure that everyone at all tiers of the SCA get the recognition and support they need.

“In the SCA we meet our heroes, and we don't always realize who we're a hero to.”

Tessina's goals for this reign, besides becoming an Alicorn, are to advocate for her people, to spread the word fame of the Summits, and bring joy to the game after such a long and painful time apart.