

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is a non-profit educational organization devoted to the study of pre-seventeenth century culture. We concentrate on the European Middle Ages. It is possible to study other cultures from the Middle Ages such as the Middle East and Asia as they had interaction with Europe. We study and re-create the arts and skills of this time.

The SCA was incorporated in 1968, but began with a tournament held in Berkley, California, on May 1, 1966. We get our name from: Society, a group of people together doing something; Creative, what we have to be to learn and practice things that have been gone for as much as a 1,000 years; and Anachronism, something out of its proper time and place.

The SCA is an international organization with its headquarters in Milpitas, California. The majority of members are in the United States; though we have groups in Western Europe, Russia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and Canada.



There are 20 Kingdoms; each has its own King and Queen chosen by combat. We live in the Kingdom of Meridies; which includes Eastern Tennessee, Southeastern Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia and the Panhandle of Florida. We have a new King and Queen every six months. Once you win a Crown List Tournament, you are Prince and Princess for five months, and then you have a Coronation and become the Crown of Meridies. Long live the King and Queen!

Within each Kingdom there are Baronies, Shires and Cantons. These are groups of people who have locally joined together to participate in the SCA.

The Shire of Thorngill encompasses Autauga, Elmore and Montgomery counties. We welcome you to the current Middle Ages!

There are many skills and crafts that can be learned in the SCA. If you do not know what you might be interested in, take some time to observe or ask any of us questions. We would love the opportunity to tell you about ourselves and what each of us likes to study. Some of the things we study in the SCA are:

agriculture	heraldry	painting
archery	herbalism	paper making
armoring	horsemanship	philosophy
astronomy	horticulture	poetry
basketry	husbandry	pottery
book binding	illumination	rug making
bow making	jewelry	scribing
brewing	juggling	sculpture
calligraphy	lace making	spinning
candle making	lapidary	tanning leather
cartography	leatherwork	tool making
cooking	languages	toy making
costuming	masonry	vintning
dancing	medicine	vocal music
drama	metal work	weapon smithing
drawing	music	weaving
dyeing	music making	wood working
fighting	needlework	

These are just some of the interesting and fun things we learn about. The SCA encompasses both serious study and frivolity. There are those who join for the fun, companionship, food and play; as well as those who join for education and research.

FUN FACTS OF THE MIDDLE AGES

FOOD:

Pretzels were first written about in 650 A.D. in Italy. The hot dog was a favorite food in 14th century Germany. Cookies are from China around 2000 B.C. Pancakes were a Court favorite in the 1420's in Italy.

ACCESSORIES:

The Germans used windows in their homes in 600 A.D. Eyeglasses were worn in the 13th century in Italy. High heels were first worn by men in French Courts during the 16th century. The Italians had pockets in their pants in the 16th century. Judges in China wore sunglasses during trials.

SUPERSTITIONS:

In pre-600 B.C. culture, a rabbit's foot was thought to be a good luck symbol. The Etruscans (early Italians) made wishes by pulling wishbones. A four leaf clover was luck to many, or so Julius Caesar said. Romans thought of coin tosses to decide important matters. Knocking on wood has warded off problems since 2000 B.C.

MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the SCA is open to any person who shares the Society's interest in Medieval re-creation and study. Regardless of race, creed or nationality.

You do not have to be a member to come to meetings or attend events, but it is encouraged. Members receive a Kingdom newsletter each month. This publication provides information about Kingdom and Society events. When you join the SCA, you provide valued financial support and may receive a discount at Meridian events.

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We meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm at the Masonic Lodge, 100 Maple Street, Prattville, AL.

Fighter practice is on most Sunday afternoons in Village Green Park on the corner of Main Street and Grandview in Millbrook.

www.thorngill.org – local group
www.kingdom.meridies.org – regional
<http://chatelaine.meridies.org> - newcomers
<http://welcome.sca.org/> - newcomers

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