

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
War of the Lilies XXIV

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Arts, Crafts and Entertainment

The first thing a person notices when coming upon an SCA event is the clash of swords on armor and shields. The costumes, banners and tents are likely to catch the eye next. Upon further inspection, countless medieval accoutrements, accessories, tools and gadgets are revealed. All this begs the question, where do they get this stuff? The simple answer is that it is mostly handmade by the participants themselves.

The SCA is more than a group of historians. Most members of the SCA are artisans and craftsmen of some sort or another. Pottery, metalwork, textiles, leatherwork and more are produced.

At this year's Lilies War many special tents will be set up to showcase SCA artistry. A fiber arts tent, a pottery tent and cooking tent are just three of the special interest areas one can explore.

Multiple large tents will be erected to house classrooms. Class subjects vary widely from making felt from sheep's wool to creating glass beads over a burning torch to casting bronze. History and culture classes are always popular as well, even if you don't get to take home a newly made piece of art.

A Tailor's Workshop will be running Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come and participate. Hand sewing and construction techniques will be demonstrated. This is a hands-on learning environment with the goal of producing complete hand-sewn outfits for the king and queen. In addition, demonstrations of pewter casting, shoemaking and other leatherworking will be held throughout the week.

Musical performances will take place in the merchant area, on the battlefield and at several "socials" being held during the war. Those who wish to dance may do so at several dances held as well.

For more information on this event, go to <http://www.calontir.sca.org/lilieswar/lilies24/index.php>
For further information, including where to find your local SCA chapter, how to join, and events happening in your area, please see www.sca.org.

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