

The Society for Creative Anachronism

Who are we? The Society for Creative Anachronism, commonly called the SCA, is a non-profit, educational, medieval re-creation group. The term 'anachronism' refers to something that is out of its own time and place, and if you are watching people in armor fighting with swords and shields in the 21st century, you are seeing something anachronistic. We try to recreate the medieval and renaissance eras, bringing all of the arts and sciences of those days into the present: the fighting in armor, archery, fencing, brewing, calligraphy and illumination, sewing, embroidery, spinning and weaving, dancing, singing. We study and then do all these and more – and then many of us teach these arts and sciences to others.

What time periods do we study? 'at the fall of the Roman Empire' and continuing to the death of Queen Elizabeth the First of England (about 600 AD to 1600 AD). All cultures that had contact with Western Europe are studied within the SCA.



Arts and Sciences

Members of the SCA learn about the past by researching the arts, crafts and traditions of the periods that we study. These arts and sciences can include:

- Calligraphy and Illumination
- Cooking
- Costuming
- Dancing
- Fiber arts (weaving, spinning, etc.)
- Heraldry
- Leatherworking
- Games
- Metalworking
- Music (vocal and instrumental)
- Embroidery
- Poetry, storytelling and singing
- Theatre arts
- Woodworking

...and many many more!

Members will demonstrate their arts in public venues such as the SCA demo that you are probably seeing today. We will also hold workshops on these arts, and exhibitions of finished projects at our own events.



Martial Activities



Martial activities in the SCA include:

- Armored combat
- Fencing
- Target archery
- Combat archery
- Thrown weapons
- Siege weapons
- Youth combat
- Equestrian activities

Each activity has various types of competitions, and all have strict safety rules and regulations attached. All activities are supervised by 'marshals', people who help maintain safety standards. As in any sport, all participants must be trained to ensure everyone's safety.

SCA Events

The SCA holds its own events every weekend, somewhere. Events are special gatherings of SCA participants in that all who attend are required to dress in 'pre-17th century clothing'. Events can be held that have a specific theme, such as an armored tournament, or a dance, or performances of medieval and renaissance plays or stories. Others are more general, and can include displays of arts projects, armored combat or fencing, a feast for attendees and a court where awards are given out.

Some events charge a fee to enter, and a separate one to sit at a feast. These fees are usually reasonable, anywhere from \$9 to \$25 per person for a day. Longer events, such as a weekend that includes camping, may be slightly more.

We welcome you to attend events locally or regionally, wherever you are able to participate.



Come Join Us!

The local group here in New York City is called **The Crown Province of Ostgardr** and encompasses all five city boroughs, Nassau



County, Long Island and Westchester and Putnam counties just north of the boroughs. There are many local gatherings that you can attend, including a dance practice on Tuesday evenings, and monthly arts and sciences gatherings in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx.

For more information, contact:

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You can also get information on the internet:

www.sca.org – general site
www.ostgardr.eastkingdom.org – local website
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/86917178171/>

SCA NYC Facebook page

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