



The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

War of the Lilies XXII

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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 can be found in the merchant area. The tent will be a place where folks can come together, socialize and work on projects together. Classes and demonstrations will be set up under this tent to expand members' knowledge of weaving, knitting, spinning, natural dying, embroidery, sewing and other aspects of fiber technology. The Fiber Tent is open every day from 9 am to 5 pm from Sunday, June 15 through Saturday, June 21.

Also located in the merchant area is the Lampworkers tent where artisans will take rods of colored glass, heated over torches and turn them into beautiful glass beads. swer questions and share advise and information.

Nearby can be found another tent full of clay, shelves of drying clay objects and a potter's wheel. All week long folks can drop by and get dirty while learning from master potters about the art of ceramics.

In the grand pavilion at the center of the merchant area several entertaining activities have been planned. The Three Rivers Players, a performance group, will be putting on a medieval variety show on Sunday at noon, Wednesday at 7 pm and the final Saturday at noon. The show is a popular attraction that is put together by Jeffrey Lewis, known in the SCA as His Lordship Ravasz Janos.

A Tailor's Workshop will be running Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. 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 a complete hand-sewn outfits for Their Majesties. 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 about these and other arts and crafts activities, including schedules, go to <http://calontir.sca.org/lilieswar>

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.