



The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

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Leaving the Modern World Behind

Each weekend all over the country and the world, thousands of people don the trappings of damsels and armored knights, transform their everyday surroundings into splendid encampments full of grand pavilions with banners waving high on the breeze, and leave the modern day behind in favor of the pageantry and chivalry of the Middle Ages.

Welcome to the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), an international organization devoted to bringing the Middle Ages and Renaissance to life through research and re-enactment, and employing their knowledge of history to enrich their lives and the lives of others. With over 100,000 participants worldwide, the SCA is one of the largest living history societies in the world.

Drawn together by their common interest and enthusiasm for not just medieval history, but the most intricate workings of daily life in the millennium between the 6th and 16th centuries, members of the SCA find immense joy in reviving centuries-old arts and crafts.

Costumers use luminous silks and extravagant trim to create ladies' gowns, while armorers brave the heat of the forge to hammer plate steel into the fashions of war. Jewelers, potters, candle makers, and glassblowers see their wares in immediate use, while poulterers practice their craft on small farms, reviving rare and tasty breeds from long ago to be the centerpiece of a cook's elaborate feast for the king's table.

SCA members apply what they learn in their historical research to evoke all of the virtues of the past, as well as strive to practice the romantic ideals of the Renaissance- Chivalry, Honor, and Courtesy- a trio of graces that invariably influences their modern life. In addition to learning and practicing historic arts, members donate much of their time to visiting local libraries and schools to help bring history alive for students, and staging demonstrations at major public events and festivals.

In the accelerated rush of the modern world, the SCA's timeless appeal draws together a unique and diverse group of people. You will see college students, authors, actors, doctors, lawyers, engineers, firefighters- people of every age and from all walks of life- together in a celebration of more fabled days of yore.

For more information on this event, go to <http://www.lilieswarxxi.org/default.aspx> 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.