

## The Society for Creative Anachronism

Picture a meadow ringed with bright pavilions, with pennons flying overhead. Noble lords and ladies watch the center of the meadow, where knights in armor strive with sword and shield. Minstrels play lutes and harps, singing songs of love or battle. In the shadows of a pavilion, a King and Queen confer soberly with richly-dressed advisors.

A historical romance? No, this is the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). The SCA is an international non-profit educational organization, dedicated to the preservation, research, and recreation of life in the years 600 to 1600 A.D.

Unlike a Renaissance Faire, the SCA is participatory—no one is simply a spectator. All the attendees play a part in creating the atmosphere by reenacting whatever aspects of the Middle Ages and Renaissance interest them the most.

## The Arts & Sciences

Members of the SCA learn about the past by researching period arts, crafts, and traditions and then experience history by recreating it. There are many such crafts and arts you can learn and practice in the Society, including:

- ❖ Armoring
  - ❖ Calligraphy
  - ❖ Illumination
  - ❖ Ceramics
  - ❖ Cooking
  - ❖ Costuming
  - ❖ Dancing
  - ❖ Fiber arts
  - ❖ Herbalism
  - ❖ Heraldry
  - ❖ Leatherworking
  - ❖ Medieval games
  - ❖ Metalworking
  - ❖ Music
  - ❖ Needlework
  - ❖ Writing
  - ❖ Woodworking
- ... and many more!*

You can see artisans practicing their skills at workshops and events. They may also display their work at events in exhibitions and competitions.

## 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 tournaments and competitions. In addition, there are strict safety standards and rules. All activities are supervised by “marshals,” who enforce the rules and maintain the safety standards. Participants are trained to ensure everyone’s safety. Our weapons have the balance and handling properties of the originals without the lethal effects.

Minors may take part in Youth Combat, Target Archery, and Equestrian activities.



## Events

SCA events are held somewhere almost every weekend of the year. Participants travel from near and far to take part in the day's (or weekend's) activities, which can include tournaments, dancing, performances, Royal Court, arts exhibits, workshops, and a grand feast.

Attendees wear clothing appropriate to the Middle Ages or Renaissance (pre-1600s). If you do not have something to wear to your first event, our Newcomers' Liaison (see back of pamphlet) has loaner costumes that you can borrow.

We welcome you to attend our local meetings and events. Details can be found at our web site (see back).



## Contact Us

The Barony of Cynnabar is the local SCA chapter—we are based in Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti, extending through Washtenaw and Monroe counties and beyond.

We host several events a year in addition to weekly meetings, practices, and workshops. We have groups of musicians, singers, and dancers who regularly gather to practice and perform. You can learn about martial arts, fencing, calligraphy, illumination, costuming, heraldry, and much more!

Instruction is free and **all are welcome!**

Please visit our website for a listing of our events and activities at

[cynnabar.org](http://cynnabar.org)

and on Facebook at

[facebook.com/groups/cynnabar](https://www.facebook.com/groups/cynnabar)



You can also contact our Newcomers' Liaison with any questions:

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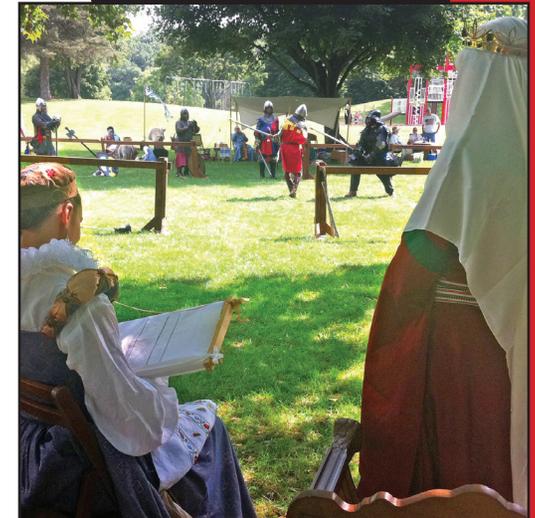
More details on all aspects of the Society are available online at [sca.org](http://sca.org) and [sca-demo.com](http://sca-demo.com)

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## The Past . . .



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