

# SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM



Have you ever wanted to be a knight in shining armour, fighting for the honour of your consort? Or a herald, proudly announcing your Lord's approach? Or to sit around a campfire, listening to a minstrel tell ancient stories of war and intrigue, of romance and chivalry?

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is a worldwide non-profit organisation for those interested in pre-17th Century history—from Romans to Vikings, to Knights and Ladies of the high Middle Ages, to the poofy pants and elegant gowns of the Renaissance.

The SCA seeks to recreate history in a way that makes it fun. We ignore the poverty, plagues, and famines, and instead concentrate on other aspects, such as fighting, feasting, dancing, sewing, researching, and making medieval tools and equipment.

Join us as we recreate the games, feasts, tournaments, courtesy, and chivalry of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Wear the clothes of the nobility and enjoy a day in the courts of Kings and Queens. Recreate the activities, artefacts, and arts of the pre-1600s. Events are held quite regularly, and we'd love to have you along!

## GETTING INVOLVED

Initially all you will need to get involved is an open mind and a willingness to have a go. If you want to get more involved, there are plenty of people willing to help. Our only requirements for attending your first event are courtesy and an attempt at medieval or renaissance clothing. We even have some garb available for newcomers to hire!

If you are keen to get a better idea of what it's all about, browse our website at <http://darton.sca.org.nz>, or contact the Chatelaine, at [chatelaine@darton.sca.org.nz](mailto:chatelaine@darton.sca.org.nz).

For more about the SCA in general, and the Kingdom of Lochac (encompassing New Zealand and Australia), go to <http://www.sca.org.au>.



## SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM MEETINGS IN WELLINGTON

### THE SHIRE OF DARTON: (Wellington and the region)

Arts and Sciences: Wednesday, from 7:30pm

Fighter's Practice: Sunday, 10am-12pm

<http://darton.sca.org.nz>

### THE COLLEGE OF ST AEMIGDIUS: (Victoria University of Wellington)

Arts and Sciences: Monday, 7-10pm

Fighter's Practice: Thursday, 7-10pm

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## WHO SAYS CHIVALRY IS DEAD?

## TAKE ON A MEDIEVAL PERSONA

Our members often choose to adopt a medieval name, character, and background story—maybe you are Guillaume, the bastard son of a local French knight who is on Crusade in the Holy land, or Isabetta, the daughter of a wealthy Italian merchant during the Hundred Years War. You could be a legionnaire in Caesar's army, or a member of a troupe of players in Elizabethan England. In the SCA, the choice is up to you.



## LEARN TO FIGHT

The SCA offers you the experience of the chivalric tournament, the cold press of war, and the thrill of battle. Three different forms of un-choreographed combat provide you with the opportunity to play at a level that suits you. Heavy combat (full speed, full contact), light combat (archery/siege engines), and Rapier (fencing).



## TASTE HISTORY

Whether you are partaking of a sumptuous feast suitable for a King and Queen, singing at a raucous tavern, dining at an intimate candle-lit banquet, or playing games at a picnic, the SCA will provide you with some of the best food and drink and most memorable experiences you will ever have.



## CREATE ARTIFACTS

One of the things that makes the SCA so special is the beautiful clothing, tents, tools, armour and accessories that our members make and use. This area of the society, known as the Arts and Sciences, covers diverse hobbies and skills from sewing to blacksmithing, brewing, calligraphy, cooking, embroidery, carpentry, leatherworking and heraldry. The opportunities are as limitless as your imagination.



## PERFORMING ARTS

Singing, dancing, telling stories, performing in a play, and playing a musical instrument are all that little bit more special if they are done in true medieval fashion. The SCA gives you a way to combine a love of history and a love of performance for the enjoyment of all.



## FUN FOR THE FAMILY

With the wide range of activities offered in the SCA, there is something for all ages. Our members include parents, children, teenagers, and grandparents—and where better to bring your children than into an exciting world where chivalry and courtesy are paramount?

