

# The Barge

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16. Rudolf of Sachsenhausen, Germany, 1370. This German knight is wearing a colorful embroidered jupon over his hauberk. His helm is mounted with an elaborate crest in the form of a swan.

# The Coronet of Three Rivers

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## Greetings to All and Sundry of the Barony of Three Rivers from Aunty Olga, Da Seneschal.

### A few items of Business:

The Barony is currently in need of a Chatelaine / Castellan. This office, a direct deputy of the Seneschalate, is responsible for coordinating our efforts to recruit, welcome, and make comfortable new members to our barony. Enthusiasm, experience in the SCA, and a strong commitment to the Barony are the prime requirements.

Think you might like to try your hand at running a small local "event"? How about a winter court / yule revel? As this fall and winter has an extremely crowded local events calendar, perhaps a dessert revel and baronial party would be fun and appropriate. Prepare your bid! ASAP, Please, etc.

So you've already done a small local event and want to try something more ... challenging? Baron Sir Cormac is looking for someone to Autocrat the Gathering of Chieftains / Mass Weapons Tourney Feb. 26, 1994. That's not nearly as far away as it seems...

Finally, their Majesties-to-be will be attending our events Oct. 2 and Nov. 13 (duh!), So if you feel some one deserves Crown recognition, tell them now! Anyone may write an award recommendation. Don't be shy!

Have Fun be busy,

Lady Olga

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## Creating an SCA Wardrobe: A Practical Guide to Making Medieval Clothing for Yourself and Others

by  
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I am writing this series of articles to provide basics for the beginning sewer, as well as give new ideas to the experienced ones. In this series, I will try to provide tips on research, buying fabric, sewing hints, and some of my personal philosophy on sewing medieval clothes. I hope you will enjoy them and maybe even use some of the ideas presented. I will also take requests for discussion topics in future articles for the Barge. These can be about specific clothing styles, how to use handsewing techniques, clothing embellishment, etc.

### Why Make Medieval Clothing?

When you come into the SCA, one look around the room will tell you that the people who are wearing the "funny clothes" are the ones who are actively involved with what's going on. You feel different and out of place in street clothing. What's your next step in becoming more a part of things? The answer: getting your own medieval clothing. But how? Why? What do I get? These are the questions that I'll begin to answer.

"Why?" is simple. We are a group that researches and recreates the medieval time period. When we present ourselves to others at demonstrations and events, our greatest need as a living history group is to keep up our appearance as medieval people. This is one reason why I try not to use the words costume and garb when teaching a class or in my writing. Call me what you will, but the whole premise of our group is that we become our medieval selves when we participate in SCA activities. As these people, we work, play, eat, and sleep at events in these garments. That qualifies them as clothes, not costumes.

"How do I get them?" requires a small amount of conversation and legwork. First, (if you're a new member) you find the group's chatelaine (the new member greeter) or the Minister of Arts. It is the responsibility of these officers to talk to members and introduce them to people who can help them get more involved in the group. Most importantly, they know who can help you make or buy clothing. They will either give you the telephone numbers of or even personally introduce you to people who can help you. What a great way to meet new people and make new friends. In some smaller SCA groups, it is traditional for someone to make a "first tunic" and present it to a new member. Think of all the good feelings these simple acts of kindness bring.

Once you have met some of the group's clothiers, you brain will probably be swamped with ideas, questions, and more information than you probably cared to know. We clothiers like to talk and share our research and ideas. Don't be overwhelmed because, along with all the information, usually comes an invitation to come for a sewing session at their home. You will probably be given some questions to look into, including "What type of clothing do you want?" and "What country and time period do you want to be from?". If these questions befuddle you, the solution lies in that mysterious building called The Library

If you're lucky, your group or your seamstress will have a collection of books for you to go through and collect your ideas. The best books to look through are art books and historical clothing books (usually found in the costume section) which have a lot of pictures of paintings, sculptures, and actual clothing examples in them. These will give you some idea of the basic styles worn throughout the SCA time period (650 A.D.-1600 A.D.). When you find something you like, make photocopies, take them to your clothier, and talk about your findings. What you have just done is considered to be basic clothing research!

"What do I do next?" is a question easily answered by your clothier. Pull out that photocopy of the manuscript figure from 1150 A.D., wearing a knee-length blue tunic with long sleeves that are narrowed at the wrists, and say "I want to make this to wear at the next Baronial court.". Your clothier will then help you choose the fabric, make the pattern, and create the clothing. You will then have new clothing to show off, as well as the ability to tell admirers a little bit about the outfit and how it was made.



# THREE RIVERS ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

The Barony of Three Rivers invites one and all to join us for a day of missile competitions on October 2, AS XXVIII.

Activites: The archery tournament includes seven diverse competitions:

Clout Shoot -- need we say more.

Hunter's Walk -- can you provide dinner?

Timed Targets -- targets at a variety of ranges and elevations in a limited period.

Castle Defense -- Fire from an archer's slot at attacking foes.

Castle Attack -- Remove an archer from a castle's defense.

Knife Throwing -- Simple??? accuracy test.

Axe Throwing -- Even more simple??? accuracy test.

The seven competitions count equally toward your final score. The top ten competitors will then face off in a silhouette shootout to determine the winner. The winner will be presented at Baronial Court immediately following the silhouette shootout.

PRIZE: A quiver by His Lordship Morgan the Tanner to be comissioned. A lunch will be made available on site as grocery and fast foods are several miles away. If possible separate competitions will be held for the children, and the Minister of Children will have something else for part of the day.

SITE: The site for this event is Brookwood Farm (Same site as Drunken Mammoth.)

Times of Note:

9:00	Site Opens and Registration Begins.
9:30	Limited Authorizations Begins.
10:00	Warm Up Time Begins.
10:30	Competitions Begin - Registration and Warm Up Range Closes.
1:00	Lunch
2:00	Competitions Resume
4:30	Competitions End -- Finals immediately following determination of finalists.

EXPLANATION:

BARON'S COMMENTS: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other

Award bestowed: / / at the Baronial Court before



# Caiontir Award Recommendation

Award: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Modern Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Please recommend only one person and one award on each recommendation form.

Recommended By	Group	Phone #	Applicable Office/Awards
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Crown Response

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Recipient's Awards Checked? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Given: \_\_\_\_\_ Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Royalty Presenting Award: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Official Reason For Award: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 King: \_\_\_\_\_ Queen: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Scroll: ☐ Presented to recipient ☐ Presented in absentia  
☐ Re-present at a later date  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# Barony of Three Rivers Award Recommendation

AWARD:

DATE RECEIVED: / /

SCA NAME:

MUNDANE NAME:

HOME GROUP:

ADDRESS:

Street, Apt. #

City

State

ZIP

RECOMMENDED BY:

AND ☐ See over for list

DATE WRITTEN: / /

PHONE # of submittor: ☐ Home ☐ Work

SUGGESTED WORDING FOR SCROLL TEXT  
(Not necessary, but you may if you wish)

Specifically by reason of ☐ his ☐ her

Baronial Court 30 minutes or less after the end of the finals  
7:00 Site Closes

Site Fee: \$5.00 for adults

\$2.50 for children under 12  
under 6 no charge

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc, Barony of Three Rivers

Autocrat: Stanislaus Blachuta

aka Richard Bartel

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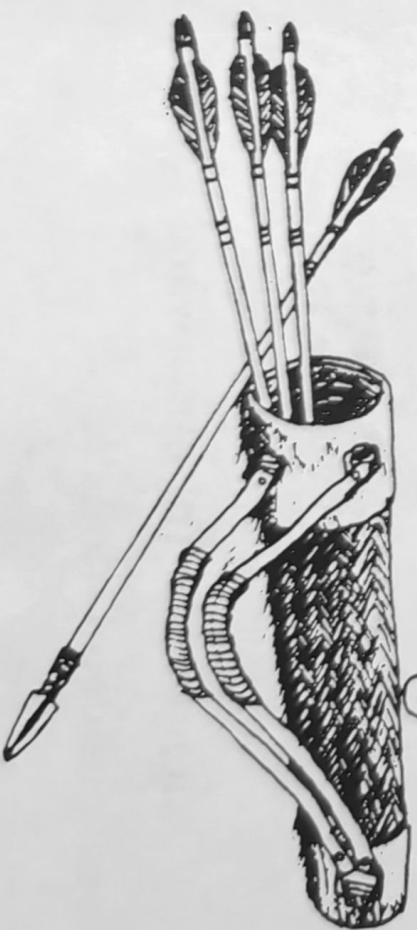
St Louis, MO 63139

(314) 644-5543 before 10pm please

Directions: Take best route to I55 south of St Louis. At Exit 186 (Imperial/Kimswick) turn west to West Outer Road. Turn right (north) on to the West Outer Road and travel approximately .6 miles to Seckman Road. Turn left and travel approximately 1.5 miles to the farm (on left side of street). Alternate Route (if rivers are still up): At Exit 190 (Richardson Road) turn west and travel approximately .6 miles to Lemay Ferry Road and turn left (south). Travel approximately 3 miles and turn left onto Seckman Road. Travel approximately 2 miles to the farm (on right).



Out of  
the bag







BARONIAL ARTS & SCIENCES DAY  
SATURDAY, 18 SEP 93  
TOWER GROVE PARK - STONE SHELTER



JOH! AAH! COMPETITION: Bring your best static art or science piece. entries will be judged solely on popular appeal. (No Cooking, Brewing or Performance art, please.)

WORK IN PROGRESS DISPLAY: Show people what you're doing currently -- display only -- ENTRIES WILL NOT BE JUDGED OR CRITIQUED!

JUDGES' CRITIQUE: Bring stuff by and we'll judge it with you step-by-step. Kingdom Criterion will be on hand & we'll try to answer all your A&S questions.

CLASSES: OPENINGS NOW AVAILABLE FOR TEACHERS & STUDENTS!!  
Note: classes NOT for RUSH credit -- for fun & information only.

Uncle Dahrien Presents: BARONIAL STORY HOUR -- Baronial history from those who lived it. And MORE!

BARONIAL BARDIC -- Open to all! Songs & Stuff until they kick us out!

SCHEDULE:

10:00 am	SITE OPENS
11:00 am	1st Period Classes Begin, Competition, display & critique tables open
12:00 am	LUNCH BREAK
1:00 pm	2nd Period Classes Begin
2:00 pm	3rd Period Classes Begin
3:00 pm	Competition, display & Critique tables close
3:30 pm	BARONIAL COURT
5:00 pm	DINNER BREAK (see note below)
7:00 pm	STORY HOUR
8:00 pm	Bardic
9:30 pm	Site Closes

NOTE: Charcoal & Grills will be provided by the Barony for cooking dinner BYOMeat & Stuff!

Contact Dafydd Tod, your friendly neighborhood MoS, for more info.



Remember to fill out award  
recommendations!!!



Pre-Cook for Crown!!!  
Olga's mom's house  
September 12 at 1:00

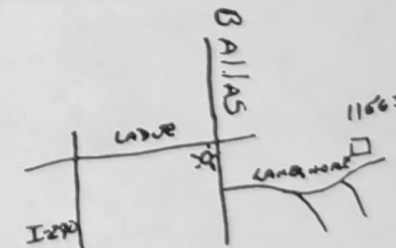
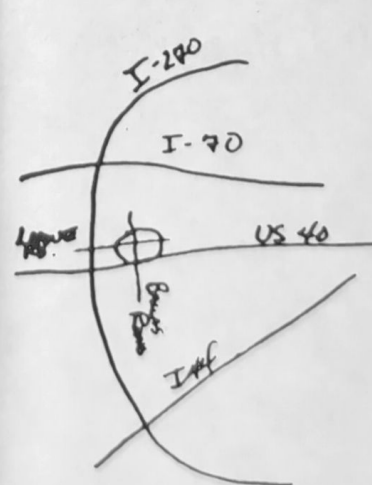
Come have a great time using sharp  
knives!!!!

Take your frustrations out on  
vegetables.

Bring apple / potato peelers, cutting  
boards and your favorite sharp  
knives. If you don't have any, don't  
worry we'll have extras!!

Remember if you are not there we  
will talk about you!

For more information call Callista at  
771-8968



Directions:

270 to Ladue. Go East on Ladue rd 1/4 mile to Ballas.

Right on Ballas (south) Take the first left which  
is Lakeshore Dr. (West Chester Estates).

Take 2 left forks. House is on the left. phone:432-4871

## Announcements

Cori is having a fabric shopping expedition to help people purchase fabric. Meet at on the front steps of Brookings Hall at 10:30 am on Saturday September 11.

Saturday October 2 is a Arts and Science Demo in Eureka for more information contact Castrin.

Septe 28 is the Rock wood school demo at 7:00pm it is a lot of fun and everyone show up wearing their best garb.

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## Calendar of Events September

2	Baronial Meeting	McMillian Cafeteria 8:00 pm
5	Archery Practice	Forest Park
4	Valor Tourney	V'Tavia (Wichatia, KS)
7	TRAMPS	David Nightblade's
9	Baronial Meeting	McMillian Cafeteria 8:00 pm
11	Armourgeddon	Terra Fina (Middle)
12	Archery Practice	Forest Park
12	Pre Cook for Crown	Olga's mom's house
13	Canton of Riverhold	High Ridge Library 6:15 pm or at Zarifa's call
14	TRAMPS	David Nightblade's
16	Baronial Meeting	McMillian Cafeteria 8:00 pm
18	Event	Axed Root
18	Arts and Science	Tower Grove Park
11	House Gryphengard	Svein's 1:00 pm
	Household meeting	
19	Archery Practice	Forest Park
20	Officers' Meeting	Svein's (if river permits)
21	TRAMPS	David Nightblade's
23	Baronial Meeting	McMillian Cafeteria 8:00 pm
25	Coronation	Coeur D'Ennui (Des Moines)
26	Archery Practice	Forest Park
28	TRAMPS	David Nightblade's
29	Golden Fleece	Petra's 7:30 pm
30	Baronial Meeting	McMillian Cafeteria 8:00 pm
31	Chivalry Event	Standing Stones (Columbia, MO)

Fighter Practice every Thursday 8:00 pm until meeting.

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