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# Baronial Missive

Greetings to the Populace,

When we wrote our missive last month, we fully expected to write a long missive in March detailing the exciting events that we had attended and encouraging you all to attend those that were upcoming.

However, as part of the Kingdom's combined efforts to slow down the advancing Plague, those events are now cancelled, as are all events through to the end of April.

We would like to acknowledge these event stewards, along with others who may have been planning workshops or demos, for the work that they did on events that should have taken place in Aneala and Dragon's Bay this month:

- Lord Pantera – Medieval Day
- Sir Peter – Pages & Pageantry
- Lady Ilaria – From the Skin Out
- Sam of Saint Basil – Newcomers' Feast

But in these troubling times of Plague, it is not all doom and gloom! People all around the Known World, across the Kingdom of Lochac and here in the Barony of Aneala are working out new, exciting ways to stay connected and (to borrow a phrase from social media) #SCAatHome.

Here are some ideas for you to #SCAatHome, while events are on hold:

- Join the online conversation on Facebook and Discord – we have had one scheduled A&S online sharing day already on Facebook, and by the time you read this we will have had an armoured combat video critique on Discord.
- Take this opportunity to learn something new, from one of the many online tutorials available on YouTube and elsewhere. If you need some structure, perhaps the Kingdom of Drachenwald Try-athlon Challenge will suit your needs  
[https://drachenwald.sca.org/posts/news/2020/03/15/tryathon/?fbclid=IwAR2JWV8Xpe-knv1fujUemYKkLPw\\_bAHcZT2t2hY5V-csAUIsZuEHENdBfCA](https://drachenwald.sca.org/posts/news/2020/03/15/tryathon/?fbclid=IwAR2JWV8Xpe-knv1fujUemYKkLPw_bAHcZT2t2hY5V-csAUIsZuEHENdBfCA)
- Start writing to a penpal – there is some possibility of a penpal program being set up here in Aneala – watch this space, and contact us if you are interested.
- Take advantage of this time to research and create at home – and share with your friends! Even if you're not on social media, please send us an email and update us with how you are doing #SCAatHome; we miss seeing you and talking about your current projects.
- Other ideas? Let us know! We would love to hear how you #SCAatHome and how you are keeping in touch with SCA friends and family.

Please write to us at [aneala@aneala.lochac.sca.org](mailto:aneala@aneala.lochac.sca.org) with your ideas or just to say hello.

And finally, we were terribly sad to learn that Rowany Festival has also been cancelled. We were looking forward to making the journey to Rowany and enjoying that event. In its stead, there is likely to be a virtual festival of some kind. The following link will take you to a survey where you can indicate your areas of interest and share your opinions on "Rowany Festival Digitales". [https://forms.gle/SntLmH3kq33WNExe7?fbclid=IwAR0e8RrT1aVyej-CxwULqGU81eEpDwRO6Q\\_-fDDeWS0iUs8Prx8Ka\\_dho8](https://forms.gle/SntLmH3kq33WNExe7?fbclid=IwAR0e8RrT1aVyej-CxwULqGU81eEpDwRO6Q_-fDDeWS0iUs8Prx8Ka_dho8)

We hope to hear from you soon, whether it is by email, old-fashioned mail or social media. Although you may be practising "social distancing" or "self-isolation", please ensure that being in isolation does not translate to being lonely. We are still here for you, even if we cannot all meet in person at this time.

Yours in Service,

Baron Agostino and Baroness Elizabeth

Aneala



# Spotlight On –

## Online Resources

Since we cannot engage in face to face activities here is a starters list of online resources you can use for research or to engage with other people in the SCA

Lochac History - <https://history.lochac.sca.org/> - This site details the rich and varied history of our Kingdom

Lochac Marshal - <https://marshal.lochac.sca.org/> - Has the Lochac Marshals manual and the Lochac Fighters manual

Lochac Rapier - <https://rapier.lochac.sca.org/> - Has the manuals for rapier combat in Lochac as well as articles and resource list

Lochac Archery - <https://archers.lochac.sca.org/> - has the rules of target and combat archery as well as rules for thrown weapons

Embroidery in Lochac - <https://wcob.lochac.sca.org/> - has articles, resources and competitions for those interested in embroidery

A&S in Lochac - <https://artsandsciences.lochac.sca.org/> - Resources, competitions and handbook for A&S in Lochac

Viking Answer Lady - <http://vikinganswerlady.com/> - Articles on the Vikings divided into multiple categories.

St Thomas Guild - <https://thomasguild.blogspot.com/> - Medieval woodworking articles

A Pinterest site- <https://www.pinterest.com.au/ladyrockbottom/medieval-sca-clothing-patterns-tutorials/> - A large number of images and links to some basic SCA garb

# A Guide to Fabrics

By Mistress Branwen of Werchesvorde

This guide will help you identify a fabric; keep it at its best and how to iron it.

Threads	Fabric	Fabric Guide Attributes	Thread	Burn Test	Maintenance	Ironing Temp
Natural	Cotton	Soft, warm, absorbent, dyes well. Shrinks with high heat, no give. Breathes. Reasonable cost.	Cotton All Purpose	Cellulose, burns and flares. No melted bead, glows and gives a burnt paper smell. Ash is fine, soft and easily crumbled.	Hot water wash, Air dry, no chlorine, use Oxygen	204C - High, damp. Use steam.
	Wool	Soft, warm, strong, wicks away moisture, fire retardant. Dyes well, good stretch, durable. Shrinks in hot water. Expensive.	Wool, Cotton, All Purpose	curls away from the flame. The bead is brittle, dark and is easily crushed. Self-extinguishing and leaves a harsh ash from the bead. It gives a strong odor of burning hair or feathers and a dark smoke.	Hand wash - Air Dry use a wool detergent. Don't use bleach	Medium - Pressing cloth on wrong side of fabric
	Linen	Soft, cool, wicks moisture, dyes well but fades in sun, strong. Gives under body heat. Expensive.	Linen, Cotton, All Purpose	Cellulose, takes longer to catch. Blows out easily. Burns quickly with a bright flame, no melted bead. Ash is gray.	Cool water wash - Air Dry Oxygen bleach	230C - High, damp, wrong side, steam
	Silk	Strong, fine, flexible, elasticity good, dyes well, colour fast, great for handsewing. Expensive.	Silk, Cotton, All Purpose	Protein fiber, burns slowly and curls away from the flame. It leaves a dark bead which is easily crushed, and is self-extinguishing and leaves a dark gritty, fine powder. It smells like burned hair or charred meat. Gives little or no smoke.	Hand wash or cool/warm wash, Tumble dry cool or air Dry use a wool detergent, check the enzymes. No bleach	Medium heat - wrong side, dry on top of a pressing cloth right side down.
	Rayon	High shine, dyes well, high absorbent. Weak for seams. Great for decorative stitching and embroidery. Variable costs but less than most silks.	Rayon, Cotton, All Purpose	Man-made cellulose, burns without flame or melting, no melted bead, it may glow longer than cotton. Smells like burning paper and has a soft grey ash.	No Bleach	
	Nylon	Long lasting, plastic 'feel', less absorbent, doesn't shrink, colour fast. Very flammable. Inexpensive.	Polyester All Purpose	Plastic, burns quickly and shrinks from the flame, it could also flare up. It leaves a dark, hard round bead. After the flame, it burns slowly and may need to be put out. It has a sweet chemical odor, no ash and black smoke.	Cool water wash - Tumble Dry warm or Air Dry No bleach	Low to Medium heat - damp steam
Man Made	Polyester	High elastic, won't shrink, strong. Not color-fast, will melt, hot.	Polyester All Purpose	Plastic, burns quickly and shrinks from the flame. Beads are hard, greyish and noncrushable. After the flame they burn slowly and melt, self-extinguishing and drips dangerously. Odor is like celery and leaves no ash.	Cool water wash - Tumble Dry warm or Air Dry No bleach	Low heat - dry.
	Acrylics	see Polyesters/Nylon	Polyester All Purpose	Man made, flares up quickly, burns rapidly, with hot sputtering and dripping. Beads are hard and dark, with irregular shapes. Strong acrid fishy odor, no ash.	Cool water wash - Tumble Dry warm or Air Dry No bleach	Low heat - dry on wrong side of fabric
	Acetates	see Polyesters/Nylon	Polyester All Purpose	Protein fibre, burns quickly and may flare up. Bead is hard, brittle and doesn't crush. It melts into a very hot bead and drips. No ash is left and smells like hot vinegar or burning pepper and gives a black smoke.	Hand wash - Air Dry - No Bleach	Low heat - Dry on wrong side of fabric 200C



# Event List

**Events, Workshops and Training are cancelled until further notice**



# Local Lochac Guild Contacts

## **Royal Fibre Guild of Lochac**

For those interested in the arts, crafts and history of all textile matters. We encourage the doing, researching and teaching of fibre related skills as seen in pre 1600 cultures. We include weavers, spinners, dyers, cord makers, felters, knitters, njalbinders and lace makers.

**Contact** Lady Elizabeth: [aneala@aneala.lochac.sca.org](mailto:aneala@aneala.lochac.sca.org)

## **Royal Guild of Defence**

Researching and teaching of the period martial arts of Europe, as detailed in the various extant fencing and wrestling manuals.

**Contact** Baron Dameon: [dameongreybeard@gmail.com](mailto:dameongreybeard@gmail.com)

## **Worshipful Company of Broiderers**

The aim of the Company is to advance the study and practice of pre-1600 AD European needlework in Lochac and in the Known World.

**Contact** Baroness Leonie: [degrey@tpg.com.au](mailto:degrey@tpg.com.au)

## **Performers and Entertainers Guild of Lochac.**

This guild is dedicated to the promotion, encouragement, learning and performance of bardic, theatrical, instrumental and all other entertainment arts within an SCA context.

**Contact** Isabel: [genierachel@inet.net.au](mailto:genierachel@inet.net.au)

## **Lochac Brewers Vintners and Imbibers Guild**

We share a common interest in brewing and wine making as practiced in the Middle Ages, and the responsible consumption of said beverages.

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# SCA Group Websites

Barony of Aneala (Perth, WA)	<a href="http://aneala.lochac.sca.org">aneala.lochac.sca.org</a>
Canton of Dragons Bay	<a href="http://dragonsbay.lochac.sca.org">dragonsbay.lochac.sca.org</a>
College of St Basil the Great (UWA)	<a href="http://stbasil.lochac.sca.org">stbasil.lochac.sca.org</a>
Kingdom of Lochac (Australia & New Zealand)	<a href="http://lochac.sca.org">lochac.sca.org</a>
SCA Corporate (Australia)	<a href="http://sca.org.au">sca.org.au</a>
SCA Corporate (World-wide)	<a href="http://sca.org">sca.org</a>

## Regular Activities

### **Baronial Council Meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, 7:00pm arrival for a 7:30pm start

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### **Scribes Calligraphy & Illumination**

This is held every Monday evening 7pm – 9pm at different locations so check populace emails and Facebook for details.

**Contact** Leonie:

### **Music and Singing**

This is not an official SCA event. Practices held twice a month. Times and venues vary  
Contact Isabel

### **Baronial Armoured, Rapier & Archery Training**

Sundays, 10am - 12pm, Lake Monger Primary School, Dodd St, Wembley

**Contact** Agostino: [marshal@aneala.lochac.sca.org](mailto:marshal@aneala.lochac.sca.org)

### **Dragon's Bay Training**

This is held on Sundays from 9-9:30am, Wandi Community Hall, De Haer Rd, Wandi.  
Nearest major road is Rowley Rd which connects with the Kwinana Freeway

### **College of St. Basil Armoured & Rapier Training**

Wednesday (Armoured) & Thursday (Rapier) 5pm to 7pm, Oak Lawn, UWA





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Border - Scythian tattoos .Drawn from tattoos found on the mummified body of a man in the Pazyryk burial complex, Siberia, by archaeologist S. Rudenko, 1946.