

InterCollege War XV: Arts and Sciences Competitions

Each item you make can only be entered in one competition; however there are a few prizes in overarching meta-categories that will consider all entries within their purview.

For example, if you make a dice cup out of leather when you've never done leatherwork before, you've got an entry in the *Gambling Paraphernalia* competition that will also be considered in the *Leather* and *My First Attempt* categories.

Competition categories:

Garb

Make an outfit, a garment, or an accessory (eg hat, hose) in a period style

Black garb

Since the theme is Intrigue and Deception, garb that accentuates the atmosphere of tension and fear will be considered in a separate category that attracts bonus points!

Forgery

Create an official SCA document that has not actually come from the officials of the SCA. It may be the source of an 'ancient grudge' between your college and another, it may show that your enemies are contravening the 'non-aggression pact' that has long existed between your colleges, it may confer a 'Patent of Arms' on your Seneschal. Whatever the contents, the more official-looking it is, the better.

Surreptitious weapon

A belt-knife that actually seems to be part of the belt, a poison ring, a quick-release garter that suddenly transforms into a garrotte – if it's a sneaky and devious way of disposing of your enemies, this is the competition for it!

Gambling paraphernalia

Dice, dice cups, a deck of cards, a hnefetafl set- if it's got something to do with games or gambling, put it here!

Research articles

No need to make something – this is all about the documentation!

Investigate the research topic and produce an essay-style article of no more than 3 pages, plus references.

Topics: Poisons

Medieval Information Management (codes, signals and ciphers)

Medieval Information Extraction Techniques (we don't want to say 'torture'...)

Dancing competition

As last year, there are two parts to this competition – a college must participate in both to be eligible to win.

Set dance (dance reconstruction) – To Be Determined (Very Soon, Honest!)

Free choice

Choose your college's favourite dance and perform it in front of everyone.

Rapier combat-legal dagger

Create a dagger that meets the standards set in the Lochac Rapier Handbook for legal use in a rapier tournament. Consider supplementing the entry with a cloak (which may be entered in one of the garb competitions, colour-dependent)

Cooking

The castle is under siege, and a limited number of ingredients are available.

Nevertheless, you must create a dish to be served at dinner.

Everyone is accessing the same besieged larder – you pick your ingredients in turn until they're all gone.

Meta-categories:

Medium of entry:

Leather

Stone

Wood

Metal

Fabric

Paper

If there are sufficient entries in the same medium, it shall be added as a category.

If there's only a random grab-bag, they'll be categorised under "Other".

My first attempt...

A single previous 'trial' piece is acceptable, and should be submitted along with your entry

Best in theme

For the most sneaky, devious, deceptive and intriguing entry in the A&S competitions.

Other competitions:

Bardic/Entertainment competition

Period piece

A song, story, play or other performance piece that is documentably period

Period piece

A performance piece that is not period, but has a period flavour.

(eg "Follow Me Up To Carlow")

Historical

A performance piece that revolves around the history of your college, your collegians, the kingdom or the SCA. Filk if you must, but originality is rewarded.

Spy network evaluation

There will be a trivia competition to assess the quality of your college's intelligence-gathering networks. You have been warned.

Assassin's Feast

Just your normal, regular, everyday, run-of-the-mill feast. Except for the people trying to murder you. (It's only fair – you *are* trying to murder them, after all)

Gambling tournament

Everyone who wishes to participate will be given a stash of coins, and a variety of period gambling games will be available to be played. However has amassed the largest store of gold at the end wins!