

VIRTUAL/ONLINE RESOURCES FOR THE SCA

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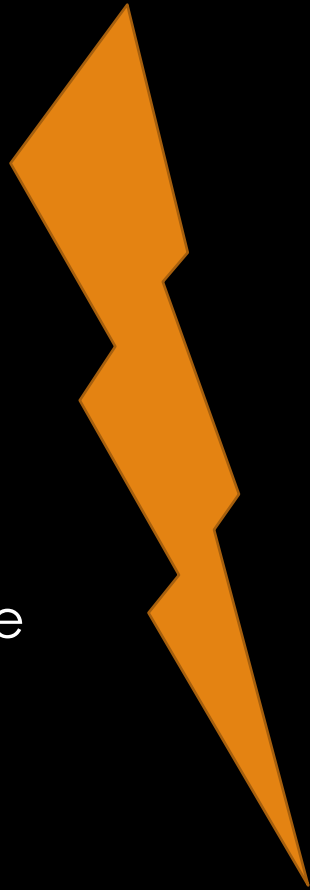
WHAT WE WILL COVER

- **Caveats**
- **Online tools**
 - Email
 - Facebook
 - Zoom
 - Google Resources
 - Wordpress
 - Discord
- **What SCAdians have done with these tools in the past year**
 - Bardic Circles
 - Universities
 - Royal and Baronial Courts
 - Performances
 - Events
- **Finding Resources to connect online**
 - ❖ UNIVERSITIES!!!!
 - ❖ Honorable Clover
 - ❖ Virtual Atlantia
 - ❖ Facebook Groups
 - ❖ Known World Entertainment Guide / SCA Inc updates
 - ❖ Kingdom Newsletters
 - ❖ Random groups interviewing people

OFFICIAL VS. UNOFFICIAL

- Official

- Sponsored by an SCA group
- Every group has different requirements
 - See your kingdom, barony, shire website for guidance
- SCA insurance
- SCA copyright on name and graphics (heraldry)
- Event must be official if awards are given



- Unofficial

- No SCA group sponsorship
- No use of "SCA" or other terms & graphics copyrighted by SCA groups
- No insurance
- No awards
- No external deadlines

CAVEATS

2-INTERNET SAFETY

•Keep passwords separate from the URL they lock access to. Just like a key and a locked box. The consequence is that some Bad Apple (B.A.) could access your URL and do something annoying. Protect your own boundaries by carefully managing your passwords.

•Examples:

- Zoom conference rooms produce a link that can be either embedded with a password or not.
 - Post the public link without an embedded password
 - Post the password in a completely separate place from the URL links
- Zoom conference rooms have a setting which can require users to have a Zoom account to access the room. That account has its own username and password.

•Other Safety Features:

- Waiting room: Review names and Host approves/denies
 - In Meet and Zoom, users can be pushed back into Waiting Room temporarily
 - HACK: do the same with a breakout room on Zoom
- Quick access to REMOVE button
- Granting access to microphone and camera individually to each user

CAVEATS

3-ACCESSIBILITY & 4-BALANCE

•3) Accessibility

- Using a platform that requires a user to create an account on that platform to access your content is an inhibitor for some folks. Some SCA groups may require that you do not use a platform that requires an account.

•4) The Balance Between Safety and Convenience

- Safety, control, and user access come at a cost – convenience. The easier it is for a user to access content online, the easier it is for Bad Apples to access the same content.

Decide where you want that balance.

THINK
OUTSIDE THE
BOX



ONLINE TOOLS

■ Online tools

- Email
 - Google's Gmail is recommended – user can pull in other email accounts, sort, tag, and organize. Also allows easy access to other Google resources
- Facebook
 - Where the SCA is.
 - Individual accounts
 - Groups – official and unofficial; for group interaction
 - Some file storage, not much.
 - Pages – not for interaction; announcements with comments
 - Search Facebook for your topic of choice. SCA tends to best focus on topics of interest, not geographic or rank groupings.
- Zoom
 - Easiest online video conferencing tool for commercial users to buy
 - Accounts: Free, monthly paid, or annually paid for “Meetings”
 - Webinars and “Zoom Rooms” are different.
- Google Resources
 - Google Meet
 - Google Drive
 - Google Forms
 - Google Docs/Sheets/Slides
 - Google Groups for email lists
- Discord
 - Multifeatured collaboration online
 - Server
 - Category
 - Channel
 - Thread
 - Video calls
 - File share
- Wordpress.com
 - Easy and free way to create a static website
 - Social media should send users to your static website where the Gold Standard of your information is

WHAT SCADIANS HAVE DONE WITH THESE TOOLS IN THE PAST YEAR

- Bardic Circles
- Universities
- Royal and Baronial Courts
- Performances
- Events

RECENT EXAMPLES OF OFFICIAL EVENTS

- Gleann Abhann 12 Days of Cooking
- Gleann Abhann Candlemas Collegium
- An Tir 12th Night
- Windmasters Hill Family Reunion
- Atlantia KASF
- Drachenwald University
- Avacal & Northshield Virtu-L 12th Night

GLEANN ABHANN 12 DAYS OF COOKING DECEMBER 2020

- <https://www.facebook.com/watch/263889950420015/880055496101690>
- 12 Videos of expert cooks cooking at home during Christmas time.
- Very simple, easy way to get started with producing online events.

Episodes



EPISODE 1
What is a Gleann Abhann Grand Chef?
9 weeks ago · 924 Views
John Fulton and 11 others



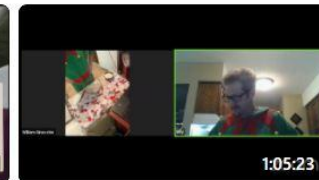
EPISODE 2
On the first day of Christmas...
7 weeks ago · 1.8K Views
C Brian Towey and 18 others



EPISODE 3
On The 2nd Day of Christmas...
6 weeks ago · 524 Views
17



EPISODE 4
On the 3rd Day of Christmas
6 weeks ago · 404 Views
John Fulton and 21 others



EPISODE 5
On the 4th Day of Christmas
6 weeks ago · 1.1K Views
14



EPISODE 6
On the 5th Day of Christmas...
6 weeks ago · 393 Views
John Fulton and 13 others



EPISODE 7
On the 6th Day of Christmas...
6 weeks ago · 357 Views



EPISODE 8
On the 7th Day of Christmas
6 weeks ago · 307 Views



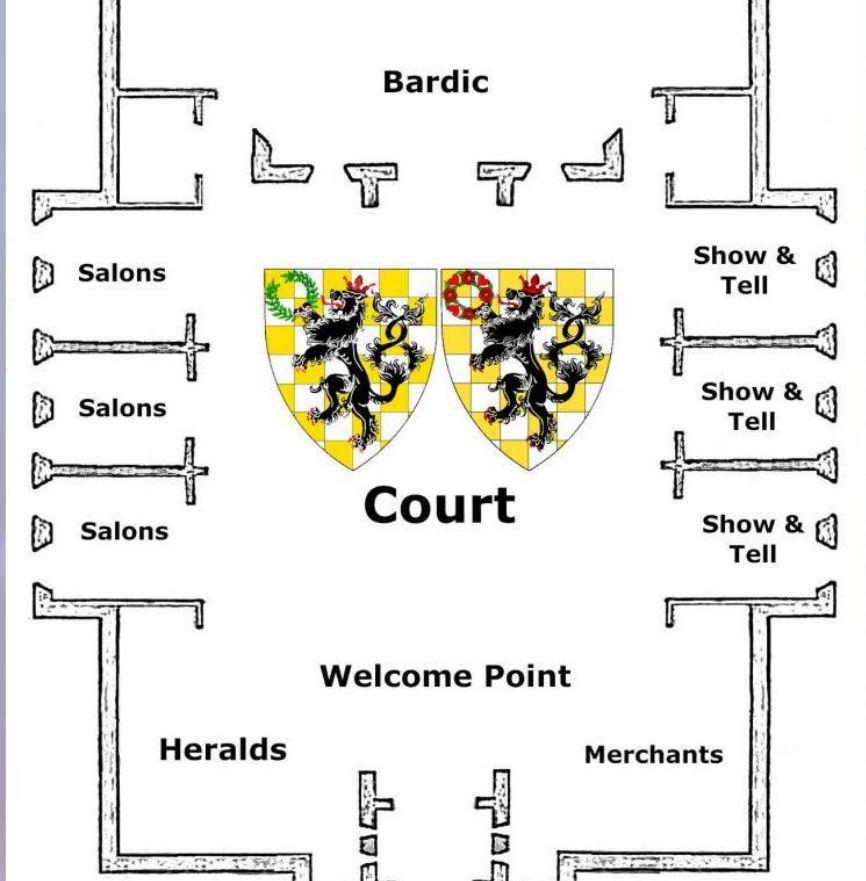
EPISODE 9
New Year's Eve Bonus Feature
6 weeks ago · 739 Views

GLEANN ABHANN CANDLEMAS COLLEGIUM

FEB. 6, 2021

- <https://sites.google.com/view/candlemascollegium/>
- Zoom links and passwords posted Friday afternoon (reduces risk of bombing)
- Welcome Point with Housekeeping & Zoom Tips (SCA Code of Conduct, request for wearing garb, notice of a Zoom Usher, etc.)
- Classes & Salons - Five tracks of classes running all day
- A&S - Social for 2 hours; Show & Tell/Display for 2 hours with sign ups for 10 minute slots.
- Bardic Circle
- Online Games (PUZZLES!)
- Kingdom and Baronial Court
- Kid's Corner: coloring book and puzzle

AN TIR 12TH NIGHT



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oint & ers	General Social Rooms/Salons	Ca' d'Oro Italian Salon	Embellishers Guild	Scribal Salon	Culinary Salon	Seneschal's Chat	Herald Consult	
					Research Salon			Exchequer's Chat
					Largesse Salon			
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oint & ers	General Social Rooms/Salons	Costuming Salon	Embellishers Guild (cont.)	Bardic Salon	BCE Bash Salon	Marshal's Chat	Herald Consult	

- <https://events.antir.org/kingdom-events/12th-night/12th-night-2021>
- Map of castle portraying Zoom rooms visually
- Schedule in spreadsheet format
- 6 rooms for social & salons
- 1 room for newcomers
- 1 room for heralds
- 1 room for bardic
- Merchants listed on a page with links to their shops online

BARONY OF WINDMASTERS' HILL FAMILY REUNION JANUARY 1, 2021

- <http://www.windmastershill.org/wordpress/events/windmasters-hill-family-reunion/>
- Meet & Greet Baronial populace from all over the world
 - Informal groups of friends exchanged pictures (Buckston Brats FTW!)
- Former Barons & Baronesses gathered to tell stories of their time in leadership
 - Starting with the current B&B, they introduced the B&B that sat before them
 - This section was recorded
- Each of the 5 Cantons in the Barony shared a poem, song, or story.
 - Took "Family Portraits" using screencaptures
- Bardic Circle



ATLANTIA ARTS & SCIENCES FESTIVAL

MARCH 6, 2021

- <https://kasf.atlantia.sca.org/>
- 9 competitions – upload pictures and documentation via Google Forms
- Open Display – upload pictures and documentation via Google Forms then displayed on event's website. Emails of artists offered with permission to encourage discussion.
- 1 Zoom session open all day for social gathering
- 1 watch party for pre-recorded production of Greek play “Antigone”
- 1 You Tube livestream hour of Shakespeare speeches
- 1 Zoom session for Duke Gyrth Oldcastle Memorial Poetry Smackdown
- Royal & Baronial court / Baronial Investiture
- Bardic Circle & Competitions
- Virtual Ball
 - Instructional videos posted early
 - Recorded music used with permissions from recording artists

DRACHENWALD UNIVERSITY

NOVEMBER 27-29, 2020

- <https://ku.drachenwald.sca.org/>
- 3 days of programming; ~70 teachers ~500 attendees
- Zoom and Discord both used for classes, tech support, social rooms
 - Tech support on Discord provided online classroom links and passwords
- Pre-recorded classes, Royalty Messages, and interviews
- Evening Ball with live music from Gaita (three musicians in same household)
- Time Zones clearly marked – “Event Time” = Central European Time
- Feast = Recipes provided for making at home; 1 hour session for sharing online
- Kingdom YouTube Channel: Credits, some class recordings, silly skits, etc.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh9sNalGMvako2XS7bb5rfA>

AVACAL & NORTHSHIELD VIRTU-L 12TH NIGHT

Schedule : Schedule					
Time	Classroom 1	Classroom 2	Classroom 3	Meeting Room	Social Room
<i>Friday January 15</i>					
5:30pm MST	6:30pm CST				
6:00pm MST	7:00pm CST	A New Way to Knit a Toledo Sock	Intro to Food and Cooking	Tea Ceremony Workshop	Social Room (open until late)
6:30pm MST	7:30pm CST				
7:00pm MST	8:00pm CST			Weakest Link	
7:30pm MST	8:30pm CST				
8:00pm MST	9:00pm CST				
8:30pm MST	9:30pm CST				
9:00pm MST	10:00pm CST				
<i>Saturday January 16</i>					
9:00am MST	10:00am CST				Social Room
9:30am MST	10:30am CST				Address
10:00am MST	11:00am CST	Sausage Making	Intro to Theatre	Sprang - Getting Started	Social Room Queen's Tea (9-11am MST) Newcomers Point (in breakouts 11-4pm MST) Heraldic Consulting (in breakouts 12-2pm MST)
10:30am MST	11:30am CST			Live Speed Q&A	
11:00am MST	12:00pm CST	Oh Those Beans	Puppetry in Bardic	Knit an Egyptian Sock	
11:30am MST	12:30pm CST				
12:00pm MST	1:00pm CST	CANCELLED	Intro to Commedia	Alchemy 101: Mordants	
12:30pm MST	1:30pm CST			Youth Bardic	
1:00pm MST	2:00pm CST		Fight Your Opponent	Constructing a Thatched Hut	
1:30pm MST	2:30pm CST				
2:00pm MST	3:00pm CST	Period Distilling	Stage Fright	Roses Then and Now	
2:30pm MST	3:30pm CST			Meet the MODS	
3:00pm MST	4:00pm CST	Redacting a Recipe	Care of Rapier Gear	SCA Photography	
3:30pm MST	4:30pm CST				
4:00pm MST	5:00pm CST	Higher Alcohol Mead	Youth Combat Intro	Fundamentals of Rapier	
4:30pm MST	5:30pm CST			A&S Faire	
5:00pm MST	6:00pm CST	A Knight in the Kitchen	Website Redesign		
5:30pm MST	6:30pm CST				
6:00pm MST	7:00pm CST				Virtu-L Feast
6:30pm MST	7:30pm CST				
7:00pm MST	8:00pm CST			Virtu-L Dance Party	Social Room (open until late)
7:30pm MST	8:30pm CST				
8:00pm MST	9:00pm CST			Bardic (open until late)	
8:30pm MST	9:30pm CST				
9:00pm MST	10:00pm CST				
<i>Sunday January 17</i>					
9:30am MST	10:30am CST				
10:00am MST	11:00am CST	Documenting A&S	Non-Alcoholic Mead	Period Dyes and Colours	Social Room Queen's Tea (9:30-11am MST)
10:30am MST	11:30am CST				
11:00am MST	12:00pm CST		Brandied Lemonade	The Culture of Courtesy	
11:30am MST	12:30pm CST				
12:00pm MST	1:00pm CST	Warp Weighted Loom	CANCELLED	CANCELLED	
12:30pm MST	1:30pm CST				
1:00pm MST	2:00pm CST	SCA Workout			
1:30pm MST	2:30pm CST				
2:00pm MST	3:00pm CST				

- <https://sites.google.com/view/virtu-l12thnight/home>
- Baron's Wager (between the 2 baronies hosting the event)
 - "Rival" baronies attendees self-reported on Google forms; The Barony with the most attendees wins
 - The losing Baron must concede that their barony is either "Avacal East" or "Northshield West" for the remainder of the event.
- Classes
 - 37 classes in 3 Zoom classrooms running all day
- Meeting Room and Social Room
 - A&S Display with Show & Tell on Zoom
 - Welcome Address
 - Queen's Tea
 - Medieval Board Games
 - Trivia Challenge about local SCA groups
 - Newcomers' Point
 - Youth Bardic
 - Evening Bardic
 - Dance Party
- Feast
 - 5 recipes provided for making at home
 - Alternative menu of similar foods easy to get in modern supermarkets for non-cooks (like me!)

COMMON ELEMENTS IN ONLINE EVENTS

- Static website AND Facebook event
- Zoom/Google Meet/Discord sessions for all participants to gather: Social rooms, tech support rooms, Lobby rooms.
 - Zoom/Meet/Discord accounts provided by the SCA group OR Zoom/Meet/Discord accounts provided by individuals
- Structured activities in open Zoom sessions AND Non structured activities in open Zoom sessions
- Royal and Baronial Courts
- Display and Show & Tell of A&S products AND A&S Competitions
- Bardic Circle/Concert
- Ball / Dance Party with music
- Classes
- Meetings / Panels / Solars
- Make at home “feasts”
- Pre-recorded messages

FINDING RESOURCES TO CONNECT ONLINE

❖ UNIVERSITIES!!!!

- ❖ <https://university.atlantia.sca.org/>
- ❖ Honorable Clover

❖ Virtual Atlantia

- ❖ Separate website from the official kingdom website: <https://virtual.atlantia.sca.org/>

❖ Facebook Groups

- ❖ Search by topic

❖ Known World Entertainment Guide

<https://www.facebook.com/KWEGuide>

❖ SCA Inc updates <https://www.sca.org/news-events/>

❖ Kingdom Newsletters

- ❖ Aethlemearc Gazette <https://aethelmearcgazette.com/>

❖ Random groups interviewing people

- ❖ Podcasts – Simply Scadian
<https://www.facebook.com/Simply-SCAdian-No-Title-Required-100694535364349>



EMBRACE THE VIRTUAL!