

Welcome to the Barony of Madrone!



What is the Barony of Madrone, and the SCA?

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) and the Barony of Madrone welcome you to the Current Middle Ages. We look forward to sharing the SCA with you - please feel free to get in contact with us to get more information! The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is an international non-profit volunteer educational organization. The SCA is devoted to the research and re-creation of pre-seventeenth century skills, arts, combat, culture, and employing knowledge of history to enrich the lives of participants through events, demonstrations, and other educational presentations and activities. Participants immerse* themselves in the culture, arts, crafts, sciences, traditions, literature, and lifestyles of the period. The SCA defines its scope as pre-17th century, meaning that individuals recreate all historical periods up to the year 1600 CE/AD. In the SCA, most of the world can be a source for personal inspiration, research, and reenactment. It's common for people in the SCA to focus on Western Europe, but increasingly more members are focusing on other parts of the world and sharing this widened understanding of human history.

Our Barony of Madrone (most of King County) (pronounced "Ma-DRO-nah") is part of a kingdom, called An Tir (it means "The Land" in Welsh) composed of Washington, Oregon, part of Idaho, and southern British Columbia. At a really big event, there may be people attending from all over the Northwest, or even farther.

Please see www.sca.org for information on the SCA in general, across the whole world. For more local information, see www.baronyofmadrone.net and www.antir.org.

How to Start Participating

You can come to a Baronial event, monthly social, or weekly martial practice to meet us, learn what participation involves, and consider what you might like to do. Martial practice and Baronial socials happen Mondays 7-9 pm in the gym and a space for projects upstairs twice a month, at KapKa Cooperative School 510 N 49th St Seattle WA 98103. None of our weeknight activities require a costume, just your interest in the opportunity to meet people. Local interest groups include martial activities (heavy weapons, fencing & archery), a Culinary Guild, Scribal Arts, Medieval Dance, Equestrians, and more!

You do not have to become a member before participating, and you don't have to have a costume – we call it garb -- before you come to your first few events. We can loan you clothing to wear from our fine collection called Gold Key. To access it, just contact our Newcomer Coordinator, called a Chatelaine, at Madrone.Chatelaine@antir.org. The Chatelaine is available to answer any questions you may have, and point you toward further information.

What's Going On?

An event is where lots of people go to a specific location to make the ambiance of our Earlier Ages by bringing pavilions, furniture, and lots of relevant gear to spend a day in a park or a weekend at an indoor or outdoor location. An event usually does not have a specific historic period focus, so you will see people who are dressed in pre-seventeenth garb from across the world, such as a Roman of the 100s, a Mongolian of the 1300s, or a Persian of the 1500s. Camping events are particularly popular in our Kingdom of An Tir, and the local Chatelaine will happily advise you on how to prepare for such an event.

A meeting is where groups of people get together to work on projects, learn from each other, and socialize. Check out the calendar of activities on the Baronial website to see locations and descriptions of meetings. www.baronyofmadrone.net/activities_practices/

The monthly Baronial Social is a great place to come meet people of Madrone. Socials generally involve talking about shared interests or working on projects, and sometimes are about learning or actively practicing a certain medieval skill, such as scroll painting or dancing. It is OK to attend to watch and ask questions. At most meetings or Socials we don't wear our garb. At martial practice, authorized participants wear their protective armor, but onlookers are usually in street clothes. Feel free to email the Chatelaine or the Baronial Seneschal to find out where meetings are and what to wear and bring.

*Immersion is subjective and relative. We never want to discourage the use of mobility aids, glasses, medicine, etc, and we understand that this is a hobby.