

Scribal Glossary

Binders: Liquids used to mix powders into pigment, binds paint to a surface. Egg whites, yolk, gelatin, glue, honey, milk, resin, oil, and more have been used.

Diapering: A repetitive geometric pattern, often used in the background of manuscripts and as filler for empty spaces.

Gall Ink: Ink made from crushing the bulbous growths that form on the leaves and twigs of oak trees in response to attack by parasites. This is combined with iron sulfate in water or wine to produce a greyish black ink that darkens as it oxidizes. Other inks used in period such as those made with soot (the carbon black inks), which were actually used more than gall inks.

Glair: Egg white (albumen) used as a pigment binder. Egg whites are whipped into stiff peaks and allowed to rest. The long and short protein chains separate leaving a clear white watery fluid.

Gold Leaf: Real gold pounded paper-thin.

Gouache: An opaque watercolor, used now as a substitute for period paints as it closely mimics medieval paints.

Illumination: An illuminated manuscript only refers to manuscripts decorated with gold or silver. The term is now used to refer to any decorated or illustrated manuscript from the Western traditions.

Pigments: The coloring agent in paint. The paints used in illumination consist of vegetable, mineral, and animal extracts, ground or soaked out and mixed with a binding medium.

Scriptorium: literally "a place for writing", is commonly used to refer to a room in medieval European monasteries devoted to the copying of manuscripts by monastic scribes.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can be a scribe? No matter your artistic skills, Scribal Arts has something for all. Scribes have one thing in common: the love of creating hand-made scrolls for our kingdom and baronies. Each scroll takes many hours to produce, and most scribes supply their own materials. It is our way of honoring and supporting the SCA.

What if I don't know how to draw? No problem! Many medieval artists traced art and decorated capital letters from pattern books.

How do I get started as a scribe? Contact your local Scribal Guild for help in selecting pens, ink, brushes, gouache or watercolor paints, and good paper.

When and where are Scribal Events? Meetings occur every month. You are welcome to any meeting whether it is in your area or not. Scriptoriums occur at SCA events. Check your Kingdom or Baronial website, or any of the scribal groups listed in this brochure for details.

How do I request a scroll? Once you have been awarded a Kingdom level honor, you have to ask the College of Scribes to be added to the scroll list.

So what is an Award Certificate? A pre-printed certificate that is usually hand-colored. Originally called a promissory note. It is given in lieu of a hand-made scroll usually due to a lack of time to provide a scroll.

When will I receive my scroll? A scroll can take weeks to months to complete depending on the scribe and complexity of the piece. So many scrolls await, so few scribes, plus every scribe has a real life, too. That's why we need you!

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Scribes of all skill levels are welcome to join us in working on period arts. From basic drawing and painting to making an original scroll, your Kingdom and Barony need you!

**Mistress Tetchubah
of Greenlake
Kingdom Scribe Armarius**

**Mistress Aliskye Rosel
Deputy Kingdom Scribe Armarius**

**Caidan College of Scribes
<http://scribes.sca-caid.org/>**

Kingdom Scriptorium

2nd and 4th Tuesday – 7:00 to 10:00 PM
Costa Mesa (Near the 405, 55, & 73 intersections)
Contact: Mistress Tetchubah of Greenlake
Email: scribearmarius@sca-caid.org
Phone: 562-889-9870
Yahoo Group: Caid Scribes

Barony of Altavia

No set scriptorium yet but does occasionally offer workshops on scribal/illumination.
Contact: Lady Æthelwynne of Ashgrove
Email: Acaidswan@gmail.com

Barony of the Angels Seraph Scribes Guild

Guild Meeting – Monrovia 91016
Meets 4th Thursday of the month, 7 to 10 PM
Contact: Maestra Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani
Email: bjotrimble@gmail.com
Yahoo: Seraph Scribes

Barony of Gyldenholt Scriptorium

Guild Meeting – Westminster 92683
3rd Friday of every month – 6:30 PM
Contact: Emma Rose D'Harfleur
Scribal Guild Master for Gyldenholt
Email: Fuzzybootz@gmail.com
Phone: 714-718-2809

Barony of Calafia Calafian Scribes Guilds

Scriptorium – Escondido 92025
1st Thursday -- 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Contact: Mistress Typhainne d'Alixandre
Email: artaszen_weaver@yahoo.com

Scriptorium – San Marcos 92078
3rd Thursday -- 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Contact: Juliana de la Delphi
Email: bella_vista@cox.net
Phone: 760-390-7425

Baronial Scriptorium and Heraldic Consulting – San Diego
Allied Gardens Recreational Center
4th Tuesday of each month -- 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Contact: Ronan mac Magnus, Antiquarius of the Guild
Email: scriptorium@calafia.org
Yahoo: Calafian Scribes

Barony of Dreburchen

Location and time to be confirmed

Darach Scribal Guild

Scriptorium – Ventura 93001
5th Tuesday of the month (every 3rd month)
Locations: Darach (Ventura), Isles (Santa Barbara), Carreg Wen (Lompoc, Solvang)
Contess Albra Katerine Marie Isabel Bautiste
Email: Albrakat7@yahoo.com
Phone: 805-652-0372 (calls are screened -- just talk) Best to RSVP to make sure where the meeting will be held.

Barony of Lyndemere

Lyndemere Scribal Guild
Meets on random Sundays in Culver City, CA
(Check for exact schedule)
Contact: Baroness Aliskye Rosel
Email: scribesegundo@sca-caid.org

Barony of Naevehjem Calligraphy & Illustration

Wednesdays -- 7 pm to 9 pm
Baldwins Keep -- Ridgecrest 93555
Contact Person: Mistress Katherine of Anglesey
Email: misskofa@dishmail.net

Barony of Nordwache Scribal Guild

Scribal Guild - Nordwache Fresno
Last Sunday – 10 AM (may vary so please confirm)
Contact: Comtesse Caroline Marie de Fontenailes
Email: ComtesseCaroline@gmail.com
Phone: 599-447-8340

Barony of Starkhafn

Location and time to be confirmed

Barony of Western Seas

Dates & times to be determined
Location Oahu - 90230
Contact: The Honorable Lady Dubheasa
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