

The King's Garb



The Hat Issue

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“And what is good, Phaedrus? And what is not good? Need we ask anyone to tell us these things?”

-Plato

One day I was trying to figure out what to theme this issue of the King's Garb around. Somehow, I thought of hats. Hats are one article of clothing that can really take a person's garb from 'nice' to 'wow'. It seems that usually when I notice a very well dressed gentle, they often tend to be wearing a (period!) hat. I found myself wondering why hats are so rare in the SCA. I think the basic answer is just that they are accessories and can often be overlooked, whether due to time, money, or some other reason. I wondered if some people may not be familiar with different styles of medieval hats.

So, what follows is a brief, mostly pictorial, look at different hats. It is by no means a comprehensive list, but hopefully it might get you thinking of creating some wonderful headgear.

Your chronicler,
ARMATUS
Armatus

From the Baron and Baroness of Myrgan Wood

Welcome back to the full swing of things!

First, congratulations unto Their new Excellencies of Montengarde, Thorwulf and Sine! Also to our own Lady Asney Grimofrsdottir on her appointment to the Princess' Guard!

The next few months will be very exciting for the members of Myrgan Wood. We can vie for the Championships of Arts & Sciences and Rapier for Avacal in February, An Tir A & S in March and our own Championships will be held in April. As the quality of our fencers and our artisans are well known, we are very excited to see these competitions!

In March we will also see the first war of the year! War?! In winter?! Yes, Winter War (hosted by Borealis) is still alive and indoors - yeah! Join us in aiding our allies in Bitter End against the northern hordes of Borealis.

If you have any award recommendations to make to us, Their Highnesses, or Their Majesties, please feel free. We are all accessible via email, phone, snail mail and personally.

See you at tavern!
Raoul & Roxanne
Baron & Baroness of Myrgan Wood



Note the witches and the burners all have hats...

The cover is a plate from the Manesse Codex from the early fourteenth century.

Avacal Investiture
Canton of Stonewolf
February 23-24, 2002

The Coronets of Avacal wish to invite the populace of Avacal and beyond to the Investiture of their heirs, the Tanist and Tanista. Come join us to celebrate! Compete for the Principality Championships of Arts and Sciences and Rapier (membership requirements).

Day activities, including championships and opening court, will be held at the Cold Lake Agriplex, located at Exhibition Park (there is no street address), found on the east side of Highway 28 immediately as you enter Cold Lake from the south. It will be well signed. Merchant tables will be available at this location. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. For further schedule information, see the Avantgarde, or check out the event copy on the Avacal web page at www.avacal.org

Feast, Evening Court, celebrations to take place at Cherry Grove Hall, 10 minutes from Cold Lake (there is no street address). Hall is located east on Highway 55 (south of Cold Lake), 7 minutes from Cold Lake. Maps will be available at the agriplex, but the location will also be well signed.

Feast fees (includes site):

Adult:	\$16.00
13-16:	\$8.00
12 and under	free
site fees only:	\$6.00
merchant tables	no charge

20% discount with proof of membership in SCA inc (bring your cards!) All cheques should be made payable to: ASCA Canton of the Lakelands. Please reserve early. Seating is limited to 200.

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*Les très riches heures du Duc de Berry: June, by the
Limbourg brothers, 1412-16*

Myrgan Wood's Baronial Awards, Part 3 by Baroness Roxanne

Greetings Myrgan Wood!

Ask yourselves what the following people from our fair Barony have in common (in no particular order):

Her Excellency, Baroness Chikakukawa no "Shunzei", deputy Baronial Seneschal;

His Excellency, Baron Gareth Bydaweyr, Principality Seneschal;

His Lordship Grimolfr Grjodgardsson, Baronial Seneschal;

Lord Karl von Ross;

His Lordship Phalen Gann, Champion of Ealdormere;

Her Ladyship A'isha Rayhana al-Karim;

Sir Taras of Kiev

All of these folk are well known to many of us. We have seen them in many different roles. They all have done a great deal for this Barony, which is the point. These people have all received an Elm Leaf in Autumn. The ELA is described as the Baronial service award granted to those who have endeavoured to enhance the lives of others through service to the Barony and the Society over a long period of time.

On behalf of the Barony I thank you - again and still for the work that you do.



A townsman - 1489

Web Links

The SCA Corporate Homepage <http://www.sca.org/>

The Kingdom of An Tir's Homepage <http://www.antir.sca.org/>

The Principality of Avacal's Homepage <http://www.avacal.org/>

Myrgan Wood's Homepage <http://www.theringlord.com/mw/>

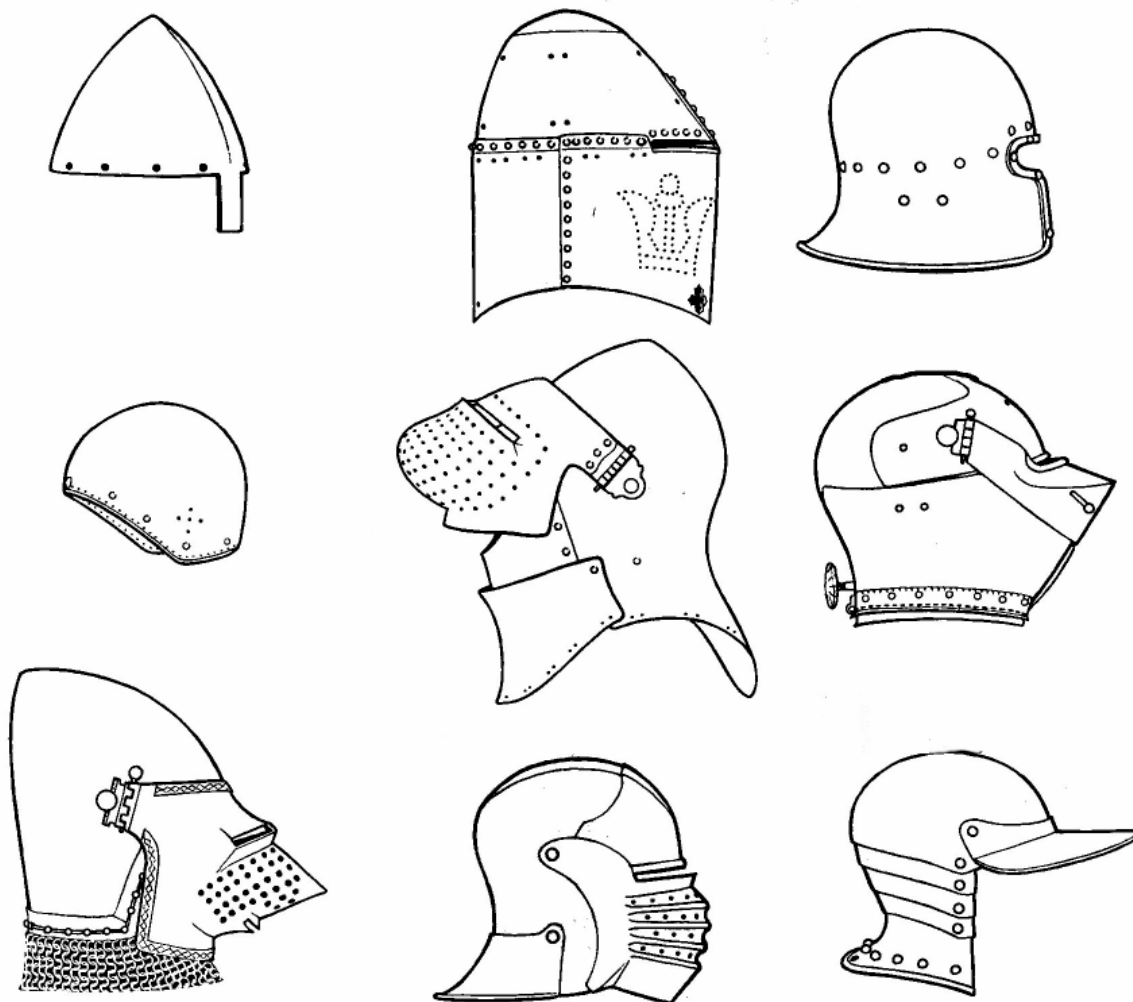
A site full of period straw hat pictures

http://www.geocities.com/karen_larsdatter/strawhats.htm

A website on hoods

<http://www.virtue.to/articles/hoodlum.html>

Helms - The Hats of War



Above are shown nine distinct styles of helmets. They are (listed left to right):

1. Norman Conical 10th to 13th centuries
2. Great Helm c 1370
3. Barbut c1450-60
4. Cervelliere (an early form of basinet) c1330
5. Great Basinet c1425
6. Armet c1450
7. Basinet with hounskull visor c1390
8. Sallet with 'bellows' visor c1490
9. Burgonet c1510

Winter War - March 16

With the promise of spring our thoughts turn once again to War! The time draws near for the traditional struggle between Borealis and Bitter End where we test our skills and showcase our most gifted gentles. Join us for this annual battle over borders and for a year's worth of bragging rights. Finish the day with a formidable feast and raise a glass in celebration.

The five victories will be awarded based on:

- * Arts & Science Competition - submission: any period weapon
- * Bardic Competition
- * Light & Heavy Champions' Battle
- * Rapier War - best of three scenarios
- * Heavy War - best of three scenarios

Due to Viking raiding, we have had to move to a new location: Canadian Forces Base Namao located north on HWY 28 less than a half-hour outside of Edmonton. Maps and driving directions will be posted to the Avacal & Borealis websites.

The day's events begin at 10:00am in the Lecture Training Facility. Merchants are welcome (contact the Autocrats). Feast, court and the evening's events begin at 6:00pm in the Jr. Ranks Officer's Mess Lamplighter Club. Please make feast reservations through the Autocrats. The site will be signed.

PLEASE NOTE:

There is no overnight at this event. Site closes at midnight. For information on crash space and affordable accommodation, contact the Autocrats. No outside alcohol. A reasonably priced cash bar is available at the Feast.

Site & Feast Fee: \$20 / \$16 SCA members

Site: \$10 / \$8 SCA Members

Bring proof of membership! Make cheques payable to: Alberta Society for Creative Anachronism

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Armatus' Interesting Hat o' the Month - The Phrygian Hat



A peasant dancing about in a stylish Phrygian hat.

The Phrygian hat gets its name from Phrygia, a city which would now lie in modern Turkey. Basically a hat somewhat too long for the head, it originated in ancient Greece. It was popular with ex-slaves in ancient Rome as a signifier of their freedom, and even gained significance in the French Revolution. So what does that mean to those of us attempting to emulate the middle ages? Well, people wore Phrygian hats at that time too.

Aside from being simple to make and comfortable, why else might you want one of these hats?



Chicks dig 'em!



You can look like a smurf!

Various Hats of the Middle Ages

The Straw Hat



A farmer with a straw hat in a 15th Century Illustration

A simple, cheap, and functional piece of headgear, the straw hat fits virtually all periods and regions, though were not really known for their place in high fashion. There is another picture of a straw hat on the cover of this issue of the King's Garb.

The Hood



Two men wearing hoods.

Hoods are, well, hoods! Consisting of a face opening, shoulder cape and often a tail, which was called a tippet or liripipe, hoods are a nice warm hat for cold days/events. A longer tippet can even be used as a scarf of sorts when it is cold out. Variations on the hood are basically tippet length, shoulder cape length, throat opening, and embellishment on the cape edge. Hoods were the most fashionable in the 14th Century.

The Coif



A fellow wearing a coif.

Basically a close fitting piece of cloth covering the head (including the ears usually) and fastened underneath the chin, a coif was worn on its own or underneath another hat. It was most commonly worn from the 12th to the 13th century.

The Chaperon.



A man with a Chaperon

A more descriptive name for this might be a dead chicken hat. A chaperon is basically a hood worn in an odd fashion. Imagine putting the face hole of a hood on your head, holding the shoulder cape up, and wrapping the tippet around your head like a band. Ta-da! You have a Chaperon. The later the period the more modified the 'hood'.

The Sugar Loaf Hat



A musician wearing a sugar loaf hat.

Sugar Loaf hats are tapered narrower at the top and elongated upwards like a sugar loaf, hence the name. They could be either stiff or soft and could be pleated. Quite similar to the Phrygian hat, only more upright.

The Hennin



A group of ladies wearing hennins.

Basically a rigid pair of 'horns' or a cone draped with a veil like fabric, hennins became an illustration of social standing. They were worn by women exclusively and were mainly a 15th century phenomena.

The Wimple



Here a group of ladies wear wimples.

Basically just a square of cotton or linen worn with or without a throat piece, or gorget, wimples were another hat for women. They were valued as a symbol for modesty and like the hennin, were women's hats.

December Business Meeting Minutes

Chronicler:

-new Garb is out

Chatelaine:

-two school demos approaching

Baron and Baroness

-three Tier 1 events: Anniversary, Spring Champions Tourney, and Befuddled Duck Tavern

-Celtic games, Turkish Picnic and Collegium among other possible events

Other Business:

-collegium for the public suggested by Asney

-Christ Church Anglican deposit is on the way back

Events

February

Investiture - February 23

March

Winter War in Borealis - March 16

Easter Ithra in Loch d'Or - March 30

April

Myrgan Wood's A&S & Rapier Championships -
April 6

Bitter End - April 20

Beltane in Montengarde - April 27

May

Pillage Practice & Tea in Siglelundas - May 4

Borealis Collegium - May 11

Crown - May 18

Cold Keep - May 25

Regular Events

Monthly Tavern & Business Meeting held first Wednesday of the month in the Unitarian Hall (912 Idylwyld Dr. North) at 7pm.

Fighting Practice is held:

-every Sunday at 2pm on the UofS campus

-every Wednesday at 7pm, at City Park Collegiate



A Countryman - 1489

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The Arnolfini Wedding by Jan van Eyck, 1434

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