

Scrolls for beginners. (Draft course outline... likely to amended, certain to be detailed!)

- **What is a scroll?**
- **How do I get assigned a scroll?**
 - Signet Clerk
 - Kingdom, Principality/Barony
 - Backlog list
 - Scroll blanks
 - Personal requests
 - Royal peerages
 - Peerages
 - Backlogs
 - Preferences logged with Signet Clerks
- **Scroll texts**
 - What is the absolute minimum content for a scroll?
 - Recipient's name
 - Award name
 - Awarding royalty's names (and space for signatures)
 - Date of presentation (using Anno Societatis Year). If exact date not known, do your best!
 - Personal Heraldry (essential for AoA awards: if arms are unknown, include a blank shield. Desirable in other awards)
 - Award heraldry (symbol appropriate to award). Desirable.
 - Flannel! Say something nice about the recipient. Examples are available online if you don't feel confident.
 - Language
 - English ("official" language of the SCA). If your scroll is in a language other than English, it is helpful to also provide a typed English translation, and one intelligible to the recipient if they speak neither English nor the language of the scroll.
 - Latin (language of many period documents)
 - Old French, Old English, Middle English, etc (Period languages)
 - Native language of recipient.
 - Hand
 - "Hand" is the equivalent of "font" (which is a term proper to printing)
 - Use a hand appropriate to the style of decoration.
 - There is no reason the calligraphy and decoration have to be done by the same person, if you can find somebody to collaborate with.
 - Layout: how to arrange your text on a page, allowing for decoration.
- **Decoration** (*This section largely looking at historical examples*)
 - Initials
 - Decorated
 - Historiated
 - Puzzle letters
 - Borders
 - Pictures

- **Materials**
 - Papers
 - Parchment, vellum, Papyrus etc
 - Pergamenata
 - Problems with using modern papers
 - Inks
 - Modern calligraphers' inks
 - Oak gall and other historic inks
 - Paints
 - Gouache
 - Pigments mixed with historic mediums (eg, egg)
 - Gold
 - Gold leaf
 - Gold size
 - Shell Gold
 - Gold paint
- **Sources and inspirations**
 - Books
 - Online
 - Digitised museum collections
 - Dangers of Pinterest, etc
- **What do I do with my finished scroll?**
 - Produce a "Herald's Copy"
 - Arrange with Signet Clerk how scroll will be delivered
 - Allow enough time for royals to sign it