

Costume Contest Categories

Our contests currently have four categories: NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED and EXPERT. There is a winner for each category. The following information should help each contestant determine which category is most appropriate for them to enter. Please be fair in determining which category to enter. If you need input to help you determine which category is most appropriate for you, we will gladly assist you.

NOVICE

A contestant should enter the NOVICE category if s/he meets **both** the following two criteria:

- a) Is a *beginning* sewer, **and**
- b) This is the first , second or third costume or SCA garment the contestant has made (i.e. – If you made a T-Tunic, that counts as one costume. If you made a complete outfit, that counts as one costume as well.).

INTERMEDIATE

A contestant should enter the INTERMEDIATE category if s/he meets **one or more** of the following criteria:

- a) Has more than one year sewing experience (in or out of the SCA), **or**
- b) Has made four or more costumes, **or**
- c) Has won the Novice category of a Kingdom Costumers' Guild contest.

ADVANCED

A contestant should enter the ADVANCED category if s/he meets **one or more** of the following criteria:

- a) Has won first or second place in the Intermediate category of a Kingdom Costumers' Guild contest, **or**
- b) Is an *experienced* or *advanced* sewer or costumer, **or**
- c) Has received a Jambe de Lion specifically for costuming.

EXPERT

A contestant should enter the EXPERT category if s/he meets **one or more** of the following criteria:

- a) Has previously won the Advanced category of a Kingdom Costumers' Guild contest, **or**
- b) Is a costuming Laurel, **or**
- c) Is a professional seamstress or tailor, **or**
- d) Has attained journeyman level or higher in the (non-SCA related) Costume Guild Society of America.