



# Athena's Thimble Embroidery Competition

## Where and When:

- Hrim Schola - March 17, 2011 in the Shire of Quintavia
- See the event listing at : <http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2225>
- Entries must be in by 11:30 am. Judging will start promptly at noon.

**Format:** We are changing things up this year. We will be offering two tracks – *Single Item* and *Triathlon*. There will also be two levels for each track – *Novice* and *Craftsman*. We will also be featuring a display with the populous picking their favorite display item.

## Tracks

- **Triathlon:** To enter the triathlon the artisan must enter a minimum of one item, with a maximum of three items, which represent 3 different types of embroidery based on the Thimble categories.
- **Single Item:** To enter this track an artisan will enter a single piece of embroidery. It can represent any category or technique based on the Thimble categories.

## Levels

The competition will be divided into two levels: Novice and Craftsman.

- **Novice:** This level is for artisans new or newer to embroidery. Youth are encouraged to enter in the novice level. Documentation will be recommended but will not be required. There is no restriction on items having been entered in prior competitions but we ask that it not have won a previous Thimble Competition or major kingdom level competition in the past (such as Northern Lights, or K&Q A&S).
- **Craftsman:** This level is for artisans who consider either the item or themselves to be above that of a novice level. All works must have accompanying documentation. Any person may enter this level. You do not have to have Craftsman ranking in the guild to enter. Items that have won a Thimble Competition or major kingdom level event are eligible to enter.

**Judging Criteria:** All pieces will be judged on the following criteria

- Execution
- Period Materials
- Period Design
- Period Usage
- Documentation:
  - For Craftsmen level, all items **will also be judged on documentation**. Score will be based on completeness, explanation of any interpretations and substitutions, thought process and bibliography.
  - To encourage documentation in the Novice competition, documentation will be a bonus category.
  - All documentation should be limited to 1-2 pages plus supporting images and bibliography

## **Display:**

We will also be featuring a display area to share works that are not being entered in the competition as well as works in progress. We will be asking the populous to come and view the works and vote for their favorite entry. Documentation is not required but is encouraged.

## **Competition Q & A**

*Q: Which one should I enter? Will someone tell me?*

**A:** The entrant makes the determination. Enter which one you feel most comfortable entering. If a piece/entrant is glaringly not in the correct competition the Senior Guildmembers attending will make the final determination.

*Q: For the triathlon, do I have to enter 3 items?*

**A:** No, items can be cross-entered in more than one category. You can enter as few as one item, as long as your items cover 3 different embroidery categories.

*Q: Can I enter more than 3 categories?*

**A:** No, we ask that you limit the number of entries to 3, with a maximum of 3 categories

*Q: Can I enter both the single item event and the triathlon?*

**A:** No, We ask that you enter only one event. Single item entrants should enter no more than two items, and no more than one item per embroidery category.

*Q: Where can I find the categories?*

**A:** More information about the embroidery categories as well as many examples can be found on the guild web site at [www.athenasthimble.com](http://www.athenasthimble.com)

*Q: I have never done documentation, where can I find help?*

**A:** The following is a article called Writing Simple and Effective Documentation <http://laurel.ansteorra.org/articles/FiveByEight.htm> this will get you started. Also ask for help. Those who have written documentation are always glad to assist.

*Q: Can I help judge?*

**A:** YES!!! We will be asking for judges to assist as we get closer to the event. You will not be able to judge in the level that you are entering, but we encourage people to participate in the judging in the other level. For example: you are entering in the novice level, so we would encourage you to come assist in judging the craftsman entries and the craftsman entrants judge the novice level.