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Title: SCA 101 – The Beginnings of the Society and of Ansteorra

1. The First Tournament – 1966, The Last Tournament was held in the backyard of UC Berkeley student, now science fiction author, Diana Paxson in Berkeley, CA on May 1<sup>st</sup>, May Day, 1966. It was simply a one-time event, just for fun. The founders of the SCA did not intend for anything further than the party to occur.

**\*\*<http://history.westkingdom.org/Year0/>** A personal account by the Founders of the SCA

2. The Second Tournament – When a second tournament was organized shortly thereafter, rather than use Paxson’s backyard again, the Founders decided to reserve a park for the event. To do so, the group needed a formal name. ‘The Society of Creative Anachronism’ was coined by author Marion Zimmer Bradley, one of the Founders. The Kingdom of the West, the First Kingdom, is created.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Society\\_for\\_Creative\\_Anachronism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Society_for_Creative_Anachronism) Details of SCA structure

<http://socsen.sca.org/what-is-the-sca/> The Society Chatelaine’s Office detailing SCA origins

3. Bradley eventually moved to Staten Island, NY and founded the Kingdom of the East, the Second Kingdom. From here, the other Kingdoms followed. In date order:

West – 1966

East – 1968

Middle – 1969

Atenveldt – 1971, from all 3 original Kingdoms

Meridies – 1978, from Atenveldt

Caid – 1978, from the West

\*Ansteorra – 1979, from Atenveldt

Atlantia – 1981, from the East

An Tir – 1982, from the West

Calontir – 1984, from the Middle

Trimaris – 1985, from Meridies

Outlands – 1986, from Atenveldt

Drachenwald – 1993, from the East (largest Kingdom, via land mass)

Artemisia – 1997, from Atenveldt

Aethelmearc – 1997, from the East

Ealdormere – 1998, from the Middle

Lochac – 2002, from the West and Caid

Northshield – 2004, from the Middle

Gleann Abhann – 2005, from Meridies

Avacal – 2015, from An Tir

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Society\\_for\\_Creative\\_Anachronism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Society_for_Creative_Anachronism) Kingdoms, order of founding