

Ninth Annual Quest for the Golden Seamstress

**March 5 - 6, 2010
U.W.U.A. Local 223, AFL-CIO Hall
15160 Commerce Dr. N.
Dearborn, MI 48120-1225**

Sponsored by the Canton of Brackendelve and the Barony of Roaring Wastes

The Baronesses Una, Catherine-Aimée, Iasmine and Gwynnyd of Roaring Wastes invite you to show us your costuming skills

For the ninth year, the seamstresses of the Middle Kingdom will take up the challenge to create a complete set of garments, from the skin out, in eighteen hours.

Twenty teams of from 1 to 6 active members are to start at 10 PM Friday and continue to 6 pm Saturday.

Team members are expected to remain on-site during the competition.

A tavern will be available on Saturday for lunch and dinner, sponsored by the Canton of Brackendelve.

This event is autocrated by

[Lady Aurora Balint](#)

To Register a Team go to <http://www.expo-conv-svcs.com/QS/regform.php>

Link to the Golden Seamstress site is also available through the MidRealm Calendar at
www.midrealm.org

Questions?

Check the [FAQ](http://www.expo-conv-svcs.com/QS/faq.html) at <http://www.expo-conv-svcs.com/QS/faq.html> or

You are welcome to email or phone

[Lady Aurora Balint](#) at aurboreali@aol.com

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(no calls after 10 PM)

Laurels:

Laurels may work on teams. We encourage Laurels not on teams to attend and serve as consultants-at-large to the various teams or as judges.

Merchants:

Space constraints at this site make merchanting impossible. Sorry.

Children:

We're sorry, this is not a kid friendly event or site. Children are welcome if they are a model or part of team, but be aware that unless you keep them busy there is nothing for them to do. Please make sure your children are supervised at all times by someone who is not working on a team.

Auction:

There will be an auction of donated fabric and goods to benefit the Barony, or, if necessary, to offset the costs of the event. Donations of fabric, minimum of one yard, or trim, minimum of one yard, are encouraged. A great excuse to clean out that wonderful stuff you just can't find a use for.

Rules in brief:

It is **strongly** recommended that you familiarize with the complete Rules.

For The Complete Rules go to <http://www.expo-conv-svcs.com/QS/theruleslinkspag.html>

You will choose one level and category to compete in:

Novice Seamstress:

1. Pre-drafted or commercial patterns allowed.
2. Must have never won a Golden Seamstress Competition before.
3. Laurels in costuming or other textile arts not permitted on teams
4. All other rules apply.

Advanced Seamstress:

1. Non-fabric accessories may be made in advance.
2. Patterns may be drafted in advance
3. Each Laurel in costuming or other textile arts counts as two people on the team
4. All other rules apply

Master Seamstress:

1. Patterns may be drafted in advance
2. All embellishments and accessories must be made on-site.
3. All-Laurel teams must have no visible machine stitching on the project.
4. Written materials showing inspiration for the project and vindication of team's choices in fabric, design and construction methods must be provided.

5. All other rules apply.

Decision of the judges is final.

Categories:

1. Early period - 600 to 1100 (i.e.: Byzantine, Saxon, Viking)
2. Middle period - 1100 to 1450 (i.e.: Burgundian, Houppelandes, Cotehardies)
3. Late period - 1450 to 1600 (i.e.: Renaissance, Tudor, Elizabethan)

If more than 3 entries are received in other categories, such as Middle Eastern or Oriental, additional categories will be added.