**Purpose**
For the purpose of this Guild, the craft of embroidery is defined as the production of needlework, both surface embroidery and counted stitch, from before 1600 A.D. Our Guild exists to teach the craft of needlework, inspire others in our craft, and to aid in the judging and acknowledgment of those in our craft. All those that wish to learn, teach, and experience our craft, while remaining respectful of our charter, bylaws, and other individuals, are welcome to join and participate in the Guild.

**The goals of the Embroidery Guild are:**

1. To provide a supportive and enjoyable forum to discover and discuss all period forms of embroidery.
2. To strive for excellence and the advancement of our craft.
3. To serve the Kingdom and its members through competitions, education, displays and other avenues as they become available.
4. To share information on all forms of period needlework and to encourage its use.
5. The guild will be governed by a Guild Steward who will guide the development and maintenance of the by-laws and policies.
6. To act as a resource of information, providing access to documentation, classes, and other information on the historical aspects and significance of period needlework.

**Bylaws**

1. As we are all needle workers of some kind, we should strive to produce the best quality artwork in the most period styles that we can.
2. As we are historical minded individuals, we should strive to create appropriate embroideries using period techniques. As we are a Guild that operates within the confines of the SCA, we will keep our main focus on techniques and materials that were practiced before 1600 A.D. We will enhance our scholarship in the embroidery styles of the Medieval and Renaissance eras by utilizing both group and individual research.
3. As we are noble craftsmen/women, we will conduct ourselves honorably and bring no shame to ourselves or those of our craft.

***As we are volunteers, none of these three points should be allowed to dominate to the point of causing problems within our Guild.***