

Scairi talks

SCA: items, research, ideas.

Short talks, talk for about 15 min, answer any questions for 4, 1 minute to get the next speaker up to talk.

Fifteen minutes. Not that long, give the most important and interesting bits.

There will be a projector available, and a Mac computer connected to it that runs Powerpoint, Keynote, Acrobat, and other programs you might need. You can also use your own computer. If you have AV needs please let the organizer know.

I also plan on having recording capabilities. You can decide if you want your talk video recorded. And once it is recorded I want to put some of them online. You can decide if yours goes online.

You can talk about many things. Three main threads:

**Items:** This is a good space to share something you made. To practice what you want to say when you present the item at an A&S faire. Or to present an item you made that you want to share but don't want to compete in a faire with. Give some the who/what/when/where/why/how information, both for how you did it and how it was done in history. Share the fun and interesting parts. Share what you learned.

**Research:** Similar to items, but no thing needed. Maybe you have found some interesting tidbit when doing research, but you don't think it would work for a full class. Or you have noticed a pattern, synthesized research from different regions or over time. You can use this talk to share your insights.

**Ideas:** The most freeform. Ideas need to be SCA or history related, but that relation can be cousins. What have you done, what have you learned, what insights to you have because of this? What ideas to you have to bring the SCA into the future? What has surprised you the most in your SCA life?

The three threads are braided together, you don't need a talk that fits neatly into a single one. Or a talk that fits into any. Fifteen minutes of sharing your passion and thoughts. Getting the audience to think. Showing something that you found that is really cool and novel. Come up with ideas I didn't even know were a thing!

Some resources to help you with preparing your talk:

Video about how to give a TED talk, highly recommended:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/chris\\_anderson\\_teds\\_secret\\_to\\_great\\_public\\_speaking](https://www.ted.com/talks/chris_anderson_teds_secret_to_great_public_speaking)

A bunch of talks, including the one above, with more ideas on setting up a presentation and giving it:

[https://www.ted.com/playlists/574/how\\_to\\_make\\_a\\_great\\_presentation](https://www.ted.com/playlists/574/how_to_make_a_great_presentation)

An 8-step plan to make you talk amazing:

<https://speakupforsuccess.com/create-a-ted-talk/>

Some ideas on how to give a research presentation, not all are perfect for an SCA audience, but name of these ideas are valuable: <http://marcfbellemare.com/wordpress/10053>

How to design slides for a research

presentation: <https://www.aje.com/en/arc/writing-slides-for-your-research-presentation/>

Research talks of different types and ideas on how to do them:

<https://github.com/jtleek/talkguide>

(this is on GitHub, so scroll down to see the document)

General presentation ideas:

<https://www.skillsyouneed.com/present/presentation-tips.html>

Ideas for improving presentations, aimed at business talks, but there is a lot of overlap with business talks and general audience talks.

<https://www.customshow.com/4-keys-great-presentation/>

And, finally, a slide show with many of the points made above, but in a way that also showcases a good set of slides:

<https://www.princeton.edu/~archss/webpdfs08/BaharMartonosi.pdf>