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Digital Heraldry – Paint.net

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Who is Sciath?

- Joined the SCA in An Tir in 1996, adopted by a household of cooks and heralds

- Baronial Herald in Ealdormere 2012-2017

- Trillium Principal Herald (Ealdormere) 2017-2019

- Inducted into the Order of the Laurel (Applied Research) 2018

- Clarian Education Herald (College of Arms) 2019-present

Purpose for Digital Heraldry

- International Heraldry Day – celebrate by making your profile picture your heraldry

- Include your heraldry in the Avacal Kingdom Roll of Arms - http://heraldry.avacal.org/rollofarms/

- Vital in submitting digital heraldry submissions forms

- Useful as a digital signature of your personal arms in correspondence

Limitations of Digital Heraldry

- For Paint.net – non-vector images aren't as easily scalable for multiple purposes

- Relies on good quality printers for hard copy versions

- Dependent on good quality digital images for charges and field divisions

  - It is possible to insert hand drawn, scanned images

  - It is possible to use images taken with smart phones

Introducing Paint.net

- Paint.NET is image and photo editing software for PCs that run in Windows. It features an intuitive and innovative user interface with support for layers, unlimited undo, special effects, and a wide variety of useful and powerful tools. An active and growing [online community](#) provides friendly help, [tutorials](#), and plugins.

- It started development as an undergraduate college senior design project mentored by Microsoft, and is now maintained and developed by Rick Brewster. Originally intended as a free replacement for the Microsoft Paint software that comes with Windows, it has grown into a powerful yet simple image and photo editor tool. It has been compared to other digital photo editing software packages such as Adobe® Photoshop®, Corel® Paint Shop Pro®, Microsoft Photo Editor, and The GIMP.

https://www.getpaint.net/download.html

Use PowerPoint as a White Board

- PowerPoint as a digital blank canvas

- Able to draft multiple versions of designs, using similar elements

- Useful as a presentation platform for client consultation, mid-process.

Importing Images into Forms

- Save images in .TIF and .JPG formats

  - .TIFs are easy to import into forms!

  - .JPGs are useful to the client/submitter

Next Steps

- Vector Image Creation Class with Daniel

- Practice creating digital images

- Moving to digital submissions!

Online Image Sources

- Mistholme: http://mistholme.com/

- Pennsic Traceable Art: http://heraldicart.org/pta/

- OSCAR: https://oscar.sca.org//

- Last resort – Google Image Search

Summary

- Paint.net is free, and easy to learn to use.

- The process is quick and easily used as digital images for the submission process, and for the client/submitter's needs.

For questions and comments, contact Sciath at
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