

Call for Papers: Mereth Aderthad 2025



The Silmarillion Writers' Guild is an online archive and community that exists to encourage the creation of fan-produced creative and research works about J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Silmarillion*. Established in 2005, the SWG is hosting Mereth Aderthad as a hybrid event to celebrate its twentieth birthday.

Date: July 19, 2025

Location: South Burlington Library Community Room, Burlington, Vermont, United States, and online

A component of Mereth Aderthad will be the sharing of meta, research, and scholarly works about Tolkien's legendarium.

- Presentations will be delivered live, either in-person or virtually.
- Presentations should be 15 minutes in length.
- While any topic related to Tolkien's works is acceptable, priority will be given to presentations with a significant *Silmarillion* component.
- Proposals are due by January 15, 2025.

We explicitly welcome fans, not just academics and scholars, to submit a proposal to present meta, research, or scholarship about the legendarium. We believe that fans offer meaningful contributions to the scholarly and academic conversations around Tolkien's work and furthermore offer perspectives that career academics often miss. In order to encourage fan participation in this component of the event, we will offer support and resources to fans who are interested in presenting but aren't sure where to begin.

Presentations of meta, research, and scholarship will be accompanied by fanworks that are crafted around the same topic. In submitting a proposal to present at Mereth Aderthad 2025, you acknowledge and accept that fanworks will be made to accompany your presentation. While presenters and fanworks creators can collaborate if both parties wish to do so, presenters and fanworks creators should understand that they will not be given the opportunity to approve or require changes to the pieces that accompany their presentation.

Proposals should be about 300 words in length and are due no later than January 15, 2025. **Click here to submit a proposal.** Questions are welcome at moderator@silmarillionwritersguild.org.

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