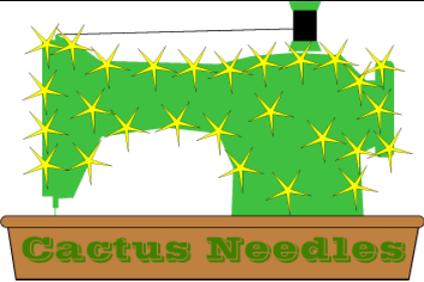


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Recent Events

We participated In the Glendale library Comic Con. This is the thank-you letter we got.

From: ACaggiano@GLENDALEAZ.com
Sent: 12/13/2016 11:44:30 A.M. US Mountain Standard Tim
Subj: Thank you to LIBCON West Cosplayers!

Hello,

I want to thank you guys so much for supporting our 2016 LIBCON West event. We know how in-demand you all are, so it meant a lot that you took the time to join us. You were all absolutely terrific, and we've had splendid feedback from our attendees about how brilliant the cosplayer groups were. We were delighted to see such a great turnout! On a personal level, I absolutely love cosplay, so I had a fabulous time seeing all the costumes. ☺

We fully intend to do this again next year, so I hope we can count on your attendance. I'll provide more details as soon as we've set a date.

Since this was our first LIBCON West, we'd really appreciate hearing from you about what we did right and what we could do better next time. Please don't hesitate to send me any comments and suggestions.

Thanks again!

Here are some photos from the event:



Guildsters Sharan and Randall were there with our meet & greet table. (Randall is behind the camera). We schmoozed with many and garnered a whole page of persons interested in hearing about future SWCG meetings. Sharan's loom knitting made an excellent icebreaker. Randall participated in cosplay panels and gave a presentation on how to cut a quick and dirty A-line robe suitable for wizards, monks, jedi etc. See the January, 2003 Cactus Needles for Randall's original write-up, given as a handout to participants. <http://southwestcostumersguild.org/backish/cactusneedles0301.pdf>



Our neighbors, the most excellent engineers of the 105th Squad. We gotta get together these people!



The Arizona Avengers always make a splash.

Briefs

We mourn the loss of one of our previous members, Dianne Harris. She passed away at Hospice of the valley at St. Joseph's on December 16th. Her son, Ben, is requesting photos to show at her memorial. Send them to benjamin.harris@phoenix.gov
Diane was known for her Victorian costumes and her attention to detail
She will be greatly missed

Calendar

Do you know an event of interest to Arizona costumers? Please contact your editor with the details. **Red text and an asterisk*** designate an SWCG-sponsored event. *Unless otherwise noted, our monthly meetings start at 1PM.*

January 6-8, 2017 -Second Annual London Bridge Renaissance Faire at Lake Havasu State Park, Lake Havasu City, AZ. <https://www.londonbridgerenaissance.com/>

January 6-8, 2017 - **Taiyou Con** anime' convention at Mesa Convention Center. <http://www.taiyoucon.com/>

January 8, 2017 - **Stitch & Whatever*** SWCG social at Tasha's place. Hang out and work on personal projects. Annual officer elections and other business.

January 28, 2017 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m

The Tempe Public Library is proud to announce our 3rd Annual Library Comicon

February 3-7, 2017 - **Two Rivers Renaissance Faire, Pirate & Faerie Festival** in Yuma, Arizona. <http://www.tworiversfaire.com/>

February 5, 2017 - **Gail Teaches*** A special presentation by professional costume artist Gail Wolfenden-Steib.

February 10-12, 2017 - **Phoenix Chinese Week**. <http://www.phoenixchineseweek.org/>

February 11-April 2, 2017 (Weekends plus Presidents' Day) - **Arizona Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace** in Gold Canyon, Arizona. <http://arizona.renfestinfo.com/>

February 17-19, 2017 - **Tucson Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show** at the Tucson Convention Center. <http://tucsonquiltersguild.com/quiltshow.htm>

February 20-26, 2017 - **Winter Range** at Ben Avery Shooting Facility (I-17 and Carefree Highway). The Single-Action Shooting Society's annual tournament features costume contests and a sutlers' row suitable for restocking your wild west/victorian/steampunk wardrobe. <http://www.winterrange.com/>

February 21 – 27, 2017 at beautiful [Schnepf Farms](http://www.schnepffarms.com/) in Queen Creek, AZ. Estrella War <http://estrellawar.org/>

March 4-5, 2017 - **53rd Phoenix Scottish Games** at Steele Indian School Park, Phoenix AZ. <https://www.arizonascots.com/05games.shtml>

January 8, 2017 - **Loom Weaving*** SWCG social at Jean's place. Sharan will demonstrate her loom knitting techniques.

April 2, 2017 - **Viking Garb*** SWCG social at Tasha's place. Baroness Dallah of the Misty Forest will show us some basics of Viking costume.

April 20-24, 2017 – **Costume-Con 35** at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale, 6750 Mississauga Road, Mississauga (near Toronto), Ontario, Canada <http://costumecon35.com/>

May 7, 2017 - **May Kup*** SWCG social at Nyki's place. Cap'n Moreg Zahm will demonstrate some basic makeup techniques for cosplay.

July 1-4, 2017 – **WesterCon 70** at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel. Guests include Julie Dillon, Larry Elmore, Gini Koch and Weston Ochse. www.westercon70.org

August 9-13 2017 – **Worldcon 75** in Helsinki Finland. <http://www.worldcon.fi/>

Editorial comment: I was in Helsinki in August in 2015 and the weather was lovely. It's a charming city.

March 30- April 2 2018 – **CostumeCon 36**, San Diego, Ca. <http://cc36sandiego.org/>

March 22-25, 2019 - **Costume-Con 37** Salem, MA

Attending Memberships are \$60 through at least 12/31/2016. \$45 for those that voted in the site-selection.

Supporting Memberships are \$25, \$15 for voters.

We hope to have online registration in place soon, even if it'll just be a paypal button, so please be patient. Or you can send a check (payable to Costume-Con 37) to

MCFI
PO Box 1010
Framingham, MA 01701

I'll be posting more information on a semi-regular basis.

If there is something you would like to do for CC37, please email Aurora and myself.

Sharon Sbarsky sbarsky@gmail.com or Aurora Celeste auroraceleste@gmail.com

Minutes

December was just a party- no minutes

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