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Recent Events

<p>At the last meeting VP Sharan demoed loom-knitting hats. To the right are a couple of examples. In the purple is Sharan herself. Far right is Historian Jean.</p>		
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Now, who could possibly be scared of a dog with fairy wings? Ruby is a therapy pit-bull who enjoyed meeting new friends at Estrella War. She had a different outfit for each day she was there. See her tag? "My name is Ruby, please pet me." Her master will hold out her collars and wings, and she noses the ones she wants to wear that day. She's quite the opinionated lady.





Briefs

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This is our Paula's grandmother. It was taken about 1912. Doesn't she look like Paula? That would be a great recreation outfit to make someday.

The horse is just filler because your editor is terrible at working with both pictures and text in WORD. I ran into it at an arts and crafts street fair in Ogden Utah on a business trip and though some of the rest of you might find it pleasant to look at as well.



Minutes

SWCG Meeting March 5, 2017 at Barnes & Noble, Metrocenter
Recorded by Webmaster Randall Whitlock

Present were Paula, Sharan, Mahala, Jean, Randall and a special guest appearance by Nola.

Convened 1:45PM.

Prelim Show & Tell: Mahala had ideas to adjust the quickie business called holder from the July 2016 Cactus Needles (<http://www.southwestcostumersguild.org/backish/cactusneedles1607.pdf>) to improve its stability.

President Mahala reports no specific business this month, but encourages members to give her a call whenever they have an idea to discuss.

VP Sharan (under her Activities Coordinator hat) led a discussion regarding possible new venues for SWCG meetings and activities. We are considering public places where we might meet in supplement to our usual meetings in members' homes. Sharan will make inquiries to the Phoenix Public Library system. Classroom venues at local craft and quilting shops were considered. Paula will look into venues in the Tempe/ASU area. Tempe Fashion Incubator? (See <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/economic-development/intempe/fabric> - seems to be more of a business development thing.) Randall will e-mail our contact at Tempe Public Library to ask for suggestions. The possibility of Saturday stitch & bitch sessions was considered.

Treasurer Tasha was not present due to illness, but conveyed via Sharan that several of our hats were sold at the recent Estrella War.

Webmaster Randall reported that we received an e-mail from the owner of Mardi Gras Costume Shop in Scottsdale. He is looking to hire someone knowledgeable about recent musical theater. As BOD representative, Randall reported that the ICG Board of Directors is discussing the possible formation of an ICG press.

Old Business: Paula has found a magazine article on making wedding rosettes with an eye toward making hall costume award ribbons. Potential workshop.

Paula also showed around the richly illustrated "Cosplay Culture" magazine. Their web site is at www.cosplayculture.com . It has lots of pictures with links to articles.

Following up on a question raised last meeting, Randall reviewed the Westercon 70 web site and found the Masquerade Director is friend and President of LACE, Elaine Mami.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40PM.

Post Meeting Show & Tell: Randall has completed his silver satin costume. It mutated into a frock coat with vest and tie. Came out somewhere between a circus ringmaster and an Elton John concert in the 1970s.

Main Event: Sharan gave a demonstration on loom knitting hats. Suitable rings and kits can be purchased at Michaels, JoAnn and similar stores for around fifteen bucks. (Watch for 50 percent weekend coupons.) There are numerous how-to videos and free patterns online. Run a Google search on loom knit hats, surf Youtube, or visit <http://www.loomahat.com>.

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.*

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

March 18-19, 2017 Picacho Peak State Park **CIVIL WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST**

Cannons! Horses! Historic military camps! Each year thousands of spectators come to Picacho Peak State Park to watch reenactments of an Arizona Civil War skirmish and the New Mexico battles of Glorieta and Val Verde. Take a look at our visitor's guide for "Civil War in the Southwest" to learn more about the event, and step back into history.

[Learn more about Civil War in the Southwest at Picacho Peak!](#)



MARCH 24-25 - Con-Nichiwa Anime Convnetion in Tucson AZ - <http://www.con-nichiwa.com/>

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 8-9: Fort Verde State Historic Park **HISTORY OF THE SOLDIER** [Learn more!](#)

Experience a military timeline of the country's history from the Revolutionary War to present day. Military drills, a show of uniforms, and a period church service on Sunday, all punctuated with cannon fire!

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

April 22, 2017 LibCon 2017, <http://www.chandlerlibrary.org/libcon.html> 11AM - 6 PM
Boys and Girls Club -- Compadre Branch 300 E. Chandler Blvd | [Map](#)

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

MAY 19-21 - Mad Monster Phoenix - Horror/SciFi/Fantasy - Scottsdale, AZ <http://madmonster.com/>

MAY 25-28 - Phoenix Comicon - Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix AZ <http://www.phoenixcomicon.com/>

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.

SEPTEMBER 1-4 2017 - *Saboten-Con* - Phoenix AZ <http://www.sabotencon.com/> Arizona's Premier Japanese Pop-Culture Convention
340 N 3rd St Phoenix AZ 85004 480-428-2776

NOVEMBER 10-12 2017 - Tucson - Tuscon, AZ - <http://www.tusconscificon.com/>

DECEMBER 9 2017 - LIBCON West - Saturday, December 9, 2017 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale, AZ 85302
LIBCON West is Glendale Public Library's pop culture convention! For more information about cosplay and costuming at LIBCON West, please contact Anna at acaggiano@glendaleaz.com. For more information about being a vendor or sponsor, please contact Ray at rceo@glendaleaz.com. For more information about programming, please contact Kearsten at klabrozzi@glendaleaz.com. For more information www.libconwest.weebly.com or www.glendaleaz.com/library

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

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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.

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