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Recent Events

Southwest Costumers Guild Meeting

May 7, 2017 at 35th Avenue Sew & Vac

Recorded by Randall Whitlock

(Just another mug in a yellow jumpsuit)

Present were Mahala, Sharan, Paula, Jean, Randall and special guest teacher Captain Moreg Zahn.

First off, this was our first time in one of the classrooms at 35th Avenue Sew & Vac at 35th Avenue and Northern in Phoenix. The space is perfect for our needs, coming pre-loaded with work tables, cutting tables, ironing boards and lots of power strips. The store staff were friendly and helpful and the space rental rate is reasonable. The glass wall makes us visible to passersby and at least one new face stopped by briefly to check us out. I would like to come back often. Mahala suggests building a special banner to make us even more noticeable.



Captain Moreg demonstrated some simple, fast and elegant makeup techniques using the color hair spray available in any costume shop, temporary Halloween display, or even your corner drug store. The stuff works as well on skin as it does on hair. It dries fast and stable and cleans up with ordinary soap and water.

Moreg sprayed some of the color ordinary onion bag as a stencil. pattern of lizard-like scales. Later the shelf stencil to create a tree though she were turning into pattern even further, using those with inexpensive Halloween custom stencils might be built using a Cricut machine.



onto his forearm, using an The result was a fascinating in the demo, Moreg used an off-bark-like pattern for Sharan, as Groot. Moreg dressed up the grease paint pencils that come makeup kits. Mahala suggested



Moreg cautions that the spray is alcohol-based, so it should be used in a well-ventilated room. Fans can help.

Moreg also had some helpful hints for storing and preserving many kinds of makeup for future use. Turn the spray can upside down and blast for a moment to keep the spray from drying up and clogging the nozzle. Keep the spray cans away from heat and they can be stored indefinitely.

Makeup that comes in the form of cakes or paste breaks down not from itself, but from the bacteria introduced from human skin. You can spray the makeup cake with alcohol after use (Everclear brand grain alcohol works fine) to kill the bacteria and extend the shelf life. Never re-use an applicator sponge - they really absorb skin oil and bacteria.

After the presentation, we talked some business, but did not formally convene.



Southwest Costumers Guild Meeting June 4, 2017 at Jean' s place

Reported by Webmonster Randall Whitlock

Present were Jean, Mahala, Paula, Sharan, Randall and special guest Debbie Burns.



Debbie showed us some tips and tricks for applying lights to costumes, using her ongoing dance project as an example. For this project, she pinned a string of LED "fairy lights" to a pair of pants to be worn under an iridescent skirt. The lights stood out on their wires at different levels, creating a three-dimensional effect. Debbie suggests wish.com as a good source of suitable lights. The lights themselves are inexpensive, but watch out for shipping costs.

A business meeting was not formally convened, but we hashed out some details for our masquerade presentation and other social activities at Westercon - the first weekend in July at the Tempe Mission Palms hotel.



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!!!

A new community issue of Virtual Costumer is on line!

"Props and Costume FX" focuses on the art and practice of making props and creating special effects to add an extra spark or a look of authenticity to costumes and their presentation.

To read the issue go to: <http://www.SiWCostumers.org> and select Virtual Costumer, then Current Issue. Look for the Community issue on the lower half of the page.

"Summer Magic" explores new and interesting materials and techniques that will be useful when planning and creating costumes for the seasons ahead.

To read your issue go to: <http://www.SiWCostumers.org> and select Virtual Costumer, then Current Issue. Select the current issue and enter the following:
user name: SiW
password: 4Magic%Summer

Capitalization (or lack thereof) is important.
Enjoy!

Phil Gust
editor

Minutes

May 7th

President Mahala announced that she has been in contact with Elaine Mami, Masquerade Director For WesterCon 70. She gave permission for SWCG to make and present some hall costume awards. No details yet on staging and tech for the masquerade. Mahala passed around some Arizona flag stickers as part of a brainstorm for designing the awards.

Mahala brought up the possibility of placing an ad in the WesterCon 70 program book, but will hold the formal motion for next meeting when the Treasurer can be present.

Randall reported that Tempe Public Library e-mailed to invite us to participate again in Tempe Library Con. There was general support around the room, so Randall will submit the paperwork.

Randall reported that he received an e-mail from John Autore. John related his experiences at a recent fur con and provided the date for the next con to include in our newsletter and web calendars. John hopes to run into us at WesterCon this summer.

In Show & Tell, Mahala brought in a helmet and some brightly colored wigs and falls acquired as part of Phase 2's closeout sale. She has some ideas involving LEDs. Captain Moreg dropped some cool science about synthetic wigs and static electricity.

Randall showed his work-in-progress - a Mystery Science Theater 3000-based hall costume for WesterCon. It is to dye for. (Involving Rit's new line of dyes for synthetic fabrics.)

After the meeting, some of us retired to JB's across the street for an early supper.

June 4th

The Westercon masquerade will be held on Sunday evening with a mandatory contestants meeting that afternoon and (hopefully) a chance to rehearse on the stage. Mahala will try to get a room for Saturday and Sunday which would provide us with some changing space and a place to stash our gear.

We will get together on Sunday at 10:45 AM at the in-hotel restaurant for a brunch and final strategy session.

We will need a blurb for the MC to read for each of us, introducing each costumer and her/his costume. The working title for the presentation is "Minions of Satin." No fictional story, just an introduction that this is a guild challenge to create a costume from silver satin. Randall played a sample from Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto Number 3," which should make for workable generic background music.

President Mahala will arrange for SWCG to have a half-page ad in the Westercon program book. Randall will do basic layout once he has the technical specifications.

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.*

Sunday, June 18, 2017 6:00 PM Mesa Cosplay -Meet and Greet – check out their meet-up calendar
Downtown Mesa 101 W Main St, Mesa, AZ 85210

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/>

November 17-19, 2017 at that McCormick Resort hotel 7700 East McCormick Parkway.

Arizona Furcon www.Arizonafurcon.com They have a fursuit parade on the Saturday afternoon

The panels are interesting and helpful ... all the way from G to XX late nite panels. Also the dealers room has lot of items for sale ... as well as artwork, coloring books, and comic books that venture into worlds of art not seen at the usual cons with their cats, fairies, and butterflies artworks.

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 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.

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