



Cactus Needles

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Recent Events





Our last meeting was a stich-and-bitch at Tasha's. Sharan really had something to bitch about. She'd loaned someone here ring-knitting gear, and it came back a shambles. Someone suggested she sell it on etsy as 3-D art.

Jenny Padegimas (in red) was one of the Masquerade winners at Westercon. Paula is posing with her above as she hold her certificate and shows off her ribbon.



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!!!

At Comic Con, your editor picked up a flier for a "Mermaids and Mai-tai's evening at the Fairmont Princess in Scottsdale. Having been fascinated by mermaids since childhood, she bit. In addition to two Mai-tai (served by a handsome pirate) she got a tail and two hours instruction in how to swim in it. The hostess was Moon Mermaid (professional entertainer, 480-580-9810, TheMoonMermaid.com). There is also a pod of mermaids (and mermen) in the Phoenix area. Info to be posted when I find it. (We met another mermaid at a chocolate tasting.) Your editor is the one with the green tail in the group photo. Photos by her spouse.



We have heard for our own Nola. She included a gorgeous (as usual) photo of her working on a costume, but I couldn't get the format converted to include.

I know it's been a while so I wanted to fill you in on what I have been doing lately. My family and I have been working on a YouTube Channel for Costuming called CostumeTrek. On it we have interviews with Costumers, Reviews of costumes, quick tutorials, longer in depth looks at creating costumes and trips to various costume venues. We recently finished up a trip to The Utah Shakespeare Festival where we got a behind the scenes tour of the costume shop and the festival. It is a short video, just under 10 minutes, and I am pretty proud of it. We have a few sound glitches (a problem that will be corrected in future videos). Take a look at it and let me know what kinds of tutorials might be fun to watch and anything suggestions you may have. (be kind- remember I am a costume designer, not a film major!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKY-Yv7-Q1A>

(and of course feel free to pass this along to anyone you think might be interested ;-)

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Minutes

Not much to say – it was a stitch and bitch

Next meeting should be at an instructors place for a demo. Members will be called with details.

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.*

September 30 and October 1. Thrill Halloween - Phoenix Convention Center, CANCELLED!

BUT ...

Hey there haunters!

Thrill Halloween may be dead, but that doesn't mean we can't do some Halloween stuff that day.

Many people want to do a haunted swap meet. We did one last November and it worked pretty well. This time, we'll do it on Saturday, September 30. We'll start at 9:00 AM and go to 1:00 PM. Bring your stuff, and bring a dish to share and we'll make it a potluck lunch too! (potluck totally optional)

Rumor has it there may be a prize in it for whoever brings the best Halloween themed dish to share for lunch. Come on out, bring that stuff you no longer need, and find some cool stuff you do!

ALL THE DETAILS are here:

<https://azhaunters.com/showthread.php?83-Haunted-Swap-Meet-2017&p=216#post216>

NOVEMBER 10-12 2017 - Tucson - Tucson, 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, from 11 AM - 5 PM

Glendale Public Library (Main) 5959 W. Brown St., Glendale, AZ 85302 libconwest.weebly.com

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Points to remember:

Any prop weapons will be peace-bonded during registration. No real weapons will be allowed.

We will again be featuring a cosplayer lounge. We have two very small changing rooms in the auditorium which will be available before 11 AM, plus two staff restrooms which can be used as changing rooms throughout the day.

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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