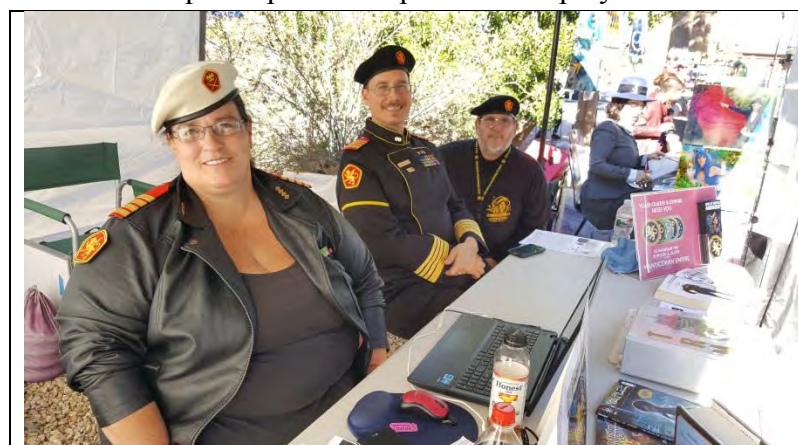
	<p>Happy</p> <p>Holidays</p>	<p>Cactus Needles</p> <p>17.12 - December 2017</p> <p>The Southwest Costumers Guild PO box 39504, Phoenix AZ 85069 http://www.southwestcostumersguild.org</p>
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Recent Events

SWCG participated in LIBCON WEST at the Glendale Public Library. Randall did his cape making demo. Tasha and Jean helped hold down the table. Nola presented her YouTube channel and participated in a panel on cosplay



We enjoyed sharing space with other people who love to dress up in funny costumes. Clockwise, starting above –
 The Royal Manticoran Navy – www.trmn.org. The Claymore is based in Phoenix, the Broadword in Tucson.
 Phoenixghostbusters.com, getting into the holiday season
 Nola and Brian
 TheDREADFleet.com for all you pirates out there
 Jean, Tasha and Randall at our table
 Randall and two librarians, Anna and Andrew in MST3K outfits
 Kiba had several costume changes throughout the day
<https://www.facebook.com/CosplayCorgi/>
 The 105th seem to go for variety, like we do.
<https://www.facebook.com/105thcosplay>







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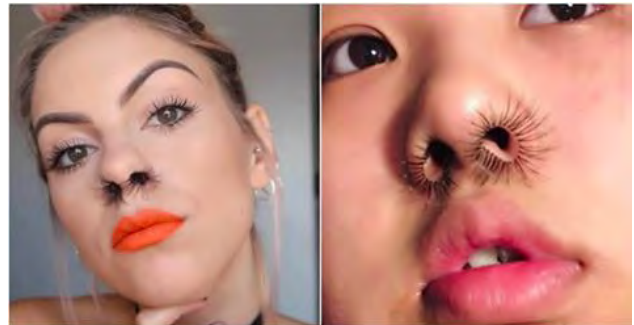
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MISSING

A wooden staff, about 5' tall, pale wood, top is a head that might be a cat, one ear slightly broken. Tasha thinks she loaned it to someone and it never found its way home.

We need Gaff tape for the repair kit

Mark Sweebe shared a picture of the latest fashion trend (as found on lime). His comment is "YUK".



Minutes

SWCG Meeting December 3, 2017 at Jean & Nola's Recorded by Webmonster Randall

Present were Jean, Mahala, Paula, Melissa and Randall, with special home court appearance by Nola.

No official business meeting was called to order, but many items of general interest were discussed. We hung out and conversed about everything from cats to the Marx Brothers, watching YouTube videos about origami ninja stars that might make good hands-on projects for LibCon West and other public events.

Nola, busy with production for the CostumeTrek YouTube channel, showed us her work-in-progress costume for Costume-Con.

Webmonster Randall reported that our web hosting and domain registration bills are due. Will settle with Treasurer Tasha.

Mahala and Paula showed some art supplies purchased recently for potential mask-making and other hands-on projects at public events.

Randall brought in the fabric and yarn shared by Peggy Bacon. We pondered projects for it. Given that many of these are upholstery sample and quilt square sized pieces, Randall suggests shopping bags.

Next meeting will be a post-holiday social at Paula's place in Tempe on January 7, 2018. We will do calendar planning and officer draft.

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.*

When: Thursday, January 04, 2018 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Where: Maricopa County Library Northwest Regional at City of Surprise Room

Pins and Needles

Are you looking for a place to volunteer your time or your projects? Stop by and knit, crochet or loom with us. Do you know someone who no longer does yarn crafts or is looking to downsize their stash of yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks? Our group will repurpose all your left overs for one or more of our charities. No registration needed.

Some of the charities that we donate to are Cancer Chemo Centers, Teen Pregnancy Crisis Center, Teen Outreach & Pregnancy Services, Hospice of the Valley, A place for Eve and other shelters for Women in Arizona, Helmet Liners for the Military, Operation Gratitude, City of Surprise Special Needs Programs

When: Thursday, January 04, 2018 - 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Where: Maricopa County Library Goodyear Branch at Programming Room

In Stitches in Goodyear

Meet fellow crochet, knitting and sewing enthusiasts in your area! Bring your own project and share ideas, tips, and patterns. Novice to advanced needlecrafters are all welcome. Some basic instruction in various needlecrafts will be available. Tea/coffee will be provided.

January 7, 2018 - Post Holiday Social* SWCG meeting at Paula's place in Tempe. Officer elections, calendar planning. What would you like to do with the guild in 2018?

January 13-15 2018 - Ace Comic Con, a three-day event aimed at the geek community, will reportedly take over Gila River Arena in Glendale and offer an "immersive" experience for attendees (New Times)

January 25-27, 2018 - Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival at the Arizona State Fairgrounds (NEC 19th Avenue & McDowell Road, Phoenix) <https://quiltcraftsew.com/>

January 27, 2018 - Tempe Library Con at Tempe Public Library (SWC Rural Road and Southern Avenue). The Library Comicon is an annual event featuring costume contests, artists & authors, shopping, and activities for children and adults alike. Fans of Marvel, DC, Star Wars, Dr. Who, Star Trek and more are invited to gather at the Tempe Public Library in costume for a celebration of pop culture. <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/tempe-public-library/special-events/library-comicon>

February 10 - April 1, 2018 (Weekends plus Presidents' Day) **Arizona Renaissance Festival** in Gold Canyon, Arizona. <http://arizona.renfestinfo.com/>

February 19-25, 2018 - Winter Range at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility, I-17 and Carefree Highway. The Single-Action Shooting Society's annual cowboy action shootin' match features an excellent Sutlers' Row for stocking up on your wild west/victorian/steampunk costume supplies.

February 20-26, 2018 - Estrella War at [Schnepf Farms](#), Queen Creek, Arizona. The Society for Creative Anachronism's annual get together of medieval arts and armored combat. <http://estrellawar.org/>

February 24-25, 2018, 10AM to 5PM - **Matsuri Festival of Japan** at Heritage & Science Park, 115 North 6th Street, Phoenix. <https://www.azmatsuri.org/>

March 2-4, 2018, 9AM to 7PM - Caledonian Society of Arizona **Scottish Games** at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix. <https://www.arizonascots.com/05games.shtml>

March 23-24, 2018 - **Gila Valley Comic Con** in Safford, Arizona. "Celebrate the love of comics and anime at the inaugural Gila Valley Comic-Con, presented by Eastern Arizona Courier! Gila Valley Comic-Con will take place in the activities center of Eastern Arizona College. The convention will feature comic book, art and collectible vendors; cosplay contest; trivia contest; art contest; electronic and table-top gaming; discussions and seminars; and more! Admission is just \$5!" <https://www.facebook.com/GilaValleyComicCon/>

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

April 6-8 2018 Gaslight Gathering #8 Steampunk Lux & Noir Carnival – San Diego <http://gaslightgathering.org/> at the Hadley Hotel <http://sd.handlery.com/>

May 24-27 2018 – ComicCon, Phoenix.

In order to ensure the safety and security of all of our exhibitors, guests, attendees, and staff, our parent company, Square Egg Entertainment, has revised its Safety and Security Policies & Procedures, including cosplay and prop weapon policies, for all our events. Updated information is available now on our website. <https://phoenixcomicon.com/info/costume-weapons-policy/>

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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