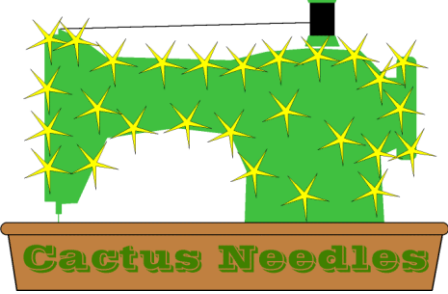


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Recent Events

The guild had table at the Tempe Library Comic Convention on Saturday, 27 January. Later on there is a montage of costume shots. It was a lot of fun to see so many people “weird” outfits!

Below - Randall, Tasha and Paula at our table.
Right - Stamping a Treasure Hunt sheet for a young costumer



We got a nice thank you letter from the coordinator.

Sent: Tue, Jan 30, 2018 12:45 pm
Subject: Tempe Public Library Comicon Thank You!
Hello Tempe Public Library Comicon 2018 participants!

I want to thank you for making the event a huge success. Without your enthusiasm and participation we wouldn't be able to offer such a great event to the community. Presenters and panelists, hats off to you for your entertaining and educational talks. It looks like we hosted approximately 4000 attendees this year!

Check out our Comicon event page for photos from the event:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/128057014457269/>
Coming Soon – Photos on the Tempe Public Library Flickr page.

I'm interested in all feedback that you would like to share. We want to make this the best library comic event in the area!

Information on next year's event will be sent out in the summer 2018.

I look forward to working with you again!

Regards,
Jill

Below - Randall is reading an article about Libcon in the Arizona republic. It was a short, positive, review. .
Right – Tasha finished hemming her new Burgundian. The SWIC (small white canine) is named Ein, since she's part corgi and Tasha's son Sam loves the Cowboy Beebob anime series. There was jambalaya in the bowls.



The February meeting was themed enjoy Mardi Gras and Get Ready for Estrella War. We welcomed a new member, Wendy.

Briefs



SEND ME MORE!!!



Mark Sweebe sent in the photo left. The pockets really detract says Mahala.

John Autore sent this review.
Reynolds Advanced materials at 1727 East Weber Drive in Tempe.
They are just south of Big Surf Park on the south side of Weber, just west of Hayden / McClintock drive in Tempe. On February 22, 2018 they are having an open house so people can see what they do and have available. When I was at store they had all kinds of chemical materials to make any molds you wanted such as soft, flexible, hard as well as the compounds to make duplicates of whatever you desired be it hard, soft, clear, or expansion foam with a thin protective skinlike some orange squeezable pumpkins I bought years ago.

I found the website and the schedule. I can't wait to hear about his class on Feb 9th

From Chuck Cady

Seamstress is caused by wearing too tight clothes, or sew it seams.

Interesting site

<http://www.upworthy.com/17-stunning-photos-of-black-victorians-show-how-history-really-looked>

A nice look at real day-to-day outfits – men too!

Quilt Show Review – by Tasha Cady

I went to the quilt show at the state fair grounds on Friday, 26 January with our previous president Francis. It was mostly quilting, but there variety of other vendors, and some interesting panels (free with admission). I got ideas for how to make bags and hair broaches. Did a fabric painting and rhinestone iron-on tee-shirt. It was a fun day. Not too expensive – \$9 for the weekend with coupon.

Here is a group some people might want to look into. They were at the Quilt show.
Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners Guild (www.adwsg.org) The guild welcomes guests.

Meeting First Saturday of the month October- May at
Northtown Community Center
2202 E Waltann Lane
Phoenix, As 85022

Contacts – membership Chair-people –
Anita Bellinger (602-679-9526_ and Elaine Rowles (623.628.6851)

Minutes

SWCG Meeting February 4, 2018 at Tasha's Place
Witnessed by Webmaster Randall

Present were Tasha, Mahala, Jean, Paula, Wendy and Randall with Sharan tele-present via speakerphone.

This was a casual get together with conversation and Mardi Gras-themed food. Tasha made jambalaya while Mahala made some sausage rolls for "Ground Hog" day and brought corn dogs and rice as well.

Welcome to new member Wonder Wendy!

Tasha hemmed up a skirt to prep for the Estrella War later this month with Wendy's pinning assistance.

A business meeting was convened at 2:25 PM.

President Mahala showed some newspaper clippings regarding last weekend's Tempe Library Con, Chinese Festival at Margaret T Hance Park (Feb 16-18, 2018), and some upcoming events at Glendale city parks.

Treasurer Tasha reported we have many hats available to vend at Estrella War with the help of Alteryars.

Webmaster Randall reported that there was a bug in our online membership application form that has apparently been present for at least two years. With Margie's guidance, Randall has fixed the bug and the online form now sends him an e-mail ping whenever the form is filled out online. Tasha is investigating related problems with the page's link to PayPal. For the time being, the PayPal link has been removed from the page.

Paula has been looking into venues for a picnic and photo shoot event later this year. Good possibilities include the Japanese Friendship Garden near Margaret T. Hance Park in Phoenix and the McCormick Railroad Park in Scottsdale.

Wendy pointed out that the American Costume Institute will open a new exhibit of the work of Iris Van Herpen at the Phoenix Art Museum. See calendar.

Sharan reported on some proposed meeting activities for the upcoming few months. These include stitch & stitch sessions at 35th Avenue Sew & Vac on April 8 with measurements to be taken and recorded for a Viking gown based on Dalla's pattern. A swim social is proposed for August 5 at Jean & Nola's place. We may do Randall's metal etch demo as opportunity arises. Sharan will follow up on availability of venues and get back to Tasha and Randall in writing so these can be announced in the newsletter and web page.

Randall will direct the masquerade at LepreCon 44, to be held the weekend of March 17, 2018 at the Phoenix Center for the Arts, 1202 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix. The good news is that we have the use of the Third Street Theater. The less-good news is that since plans at another venue fell through, this con is being put together rather rapidly and with little budget. An up-to-\$75 grant to help Randall with random expenses was voted unanimously.

Mahala is putting together a master "Doomsday Book" with updated contact information for all active members. Please let her know your current mailing address, e-mail, phone numbers, etc. and how you would prefer to be contacted. (For example, Randall likes e-mail, but cannot receive text messages.)

Sharan inquired about the status of the budget for programming, previously approved. Tasha and Mahala indicated that this has been paid out meeting by meeting in the form of speaker honoraria and space rental. Exact figures were not at hand, but appear to be well within the budgeted amount.

Sharan brought up the possibility of attending some Glendale street fairs in costume, such as an upcoming Bluegrass festival and the annual Glendale Glitters light festival. Wendy wondered if there is a costuming element to Scottsdale's Parada del Sol festivities. Tasha suggested a repeat of the "Hunt Breakfast" shooting and Victorian event held a few years ago.

Elections were held by our usual informal negotiation process. (We make "Mayberry" look like "A Game of Thrones.") No offices were contested, so secret ballots were not needed.

President – Paula Lary
Vice President – Randall Whitlock
Treasurer – Tasha Cady
Secretary – Melissa Weathersby

Volunteer presidential appointments will continue with Sharan as Events Coordinator, Tasha as Newsletter Editor and Randall as Webmaster. Until Paula's internet access is fixed, Randall will continue to monitor the ICG Board of Directors listserv on her behalf.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM, followed by more conversation and bad jokes.

For next meeting we will get together at Tashas' once again to inspect and upgrade the Masquerade Repair Kit so it is ready for LepreCon. Do you have some ideas for what should be in the kit?

***** NOTE: Randall has since learned that the March 17, 2018 date is not available. The convention chairman is looking at alternatives for a LepreCon event in 2018.**

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

February 16-18 Chinese New Year Festival <http://www.phoenixchineseweek.org/festival/festival-details/>



The poster for the 28th Annual Chinese Culture & Cuisine Festival features a collage of images: a large yellow dragon, people in traditional Chinese attire, children in traditional clothing, and a woman in a black and gold martial arts uniform. The text on the poster includes the event title, dates, location, and a list of activities.

**28th Annual
CHINESE CULTURE
& CUISINE FESTIVAL**
FEB 16th-18th, 2018 | Phoenix, AZ
YEAR OF THE DOG 4716

Traditional Chinese Dance ♦ Martial Arts Demonstrations ♦ Children's Arts & Crafts Pavilion ♦ Culture & History Village ♦ Music Performances ♦ Dragon & Lion Dance ♦ Beer Garden ♦ Food Vendors ♦ Children's Rides ♦ Souvenir & Craft Vendors ♦ Chinese Costume Photo Booth ♦ Koi Exhibit ♦ Photo & Art Gallery ♦ Table Tennis Open ♦ Weiqi Tournament

FRIDAY 9 am - 3 pm
SAT & SUN 10 am - 5 pm
Beer Station Sat & Sun 11am - 4:30pm

Margaret T. Hance Park East
1202 N. 3rd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004

FREE ADMISSION
phoenixchineseweek.org

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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](http://schnepfarms.com), Queen Creek, Arizona. The Society for Creative Anachronism's annual get together of medieval arts and armored combat. <http://estrellawar.org/>

Reynolds Advanced Materials Schedule

| Event | Date | Time | Cost |
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| Annual RAM FAN Materials Event Open House | February 22, 2018 | 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm | Free |
| Let's Talk About Making Food Safe Molds | March 9, 2018 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Free |
| Let's Talk About Cosplay Props | April 13, 2018 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Free |
| Introduction to Life Casting & Skin F/X Seminar | April 27, 2018 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | \$75.00 Per Person |
| Basics of Mold Making & Casting | June 22, 2018 | 9:30 am - 3:30 pm | \$75.00 Per Person |
| Let's Talk About Epoxy Putties | August 17, 2018 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Free |
| Basics of Mold Making & Casting | September 14, 2018 | 9:30 am - 3:30 pm | \$75.00 Per Person |
| Let's Talk About Making On-Skin Wounds with Silicone Rubber | October 19, 2018 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Free |
| Basics of Mold Making & Casting | November 2, 2018 | 9:30 am - 3:30 pm | \$75.00 Per Person |

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 2-4, 2018! Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention <https://www.wildwestcon.com/>
At Old Tucson, Tucson. Theme is Robots versus Dinosaurs.

*March 4th, 2018 – Guild Meeting at Tasha's. Update the repair box.

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/>

*April 8th, 2018 – Guild Meeting at 35th Ave Sew and Vac. Hands-on workshop to be announced.

April 13th 2018 – Mesa 2nd Friday - Cosplay

May 11th 2018 – Mesa 2nd Friday – Sci Fri Friday

May 11-14 2018 – Costume Con. San Diego <http://cc36sandiego.org/>

The theme will be "Ports of Call" and you can interpret that as broadly as you like. Maybe you're captain of a dirigible tethered in town. Or perhaps you work on an intergalactic cruiser currently in orbit. Maybe the year is 1942 and you're shipping out to the South Pacific.

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/>

July 4-8 2018 Westercon 71 in Denver <http://www.westercon71.com/>

July 28th Prescott Valley Library Con - SWCG invited, still finding out details

Aug 16-20 Worldcon 76 in San Jose <http://www.worldcon76.org>

Aug 24-26 Bubonicon 50 Albuquerque NM www.bubonicon.com

Aug 31st – Sept 3rd 2018 - CoKoCon – Phoenix <http://www.cokocon.org/>

Check out WesternSFA and CASFS's new event **CoKoCon**, a traditional science fiction convention in Phoenix, AZ. We'll be hosting guests of honor, an art show, merchant room, gaming, filk, parties, you name it! Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix North, 10220 N Metro Parkway E, Phoenix AZ Memberships limited to 500.

September 14th 2018 – Mesa 2nd Friday - Pirates Block Party

October 12th 2018 – Mesa 2nd Friday – Nightmare on Main

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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