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Recent Events

IN MEMORIUM

Our long-time friend and member, Jean Palmer, recently passed 1937-2021. Her daughter, Nola Yergen, will be hosting a celebration of her life

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021 AT 5 PM – 11 PM

Celebration of Life for Jean Palmer

3049 W Northview Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85051-7544, United States

Duration: 6 hr

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Join us to celebrate the life of our friend and family member Jean Palmer. This will be a low-key event held at Chronos Lodge (my house). It will be a potluck style event. I will p...

An appreciation from the editor

Jean always had the most wonderful costumes. She passed that talent and appreciation on to Nola. On the next page are just a few of the outfits we remember. Jean will be missed. She was always an inspiration to me that you can create and wear fabulous costumes at any age.



Remembering Jean





Briefs

SEND ME MORE!

Probably worth including this in the newsletter. I used to enjoy the ICG-D list very much. The new google version has hardly any traffic so far.

Randall

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeanine Swick <icg-treasurer@costume.org>

To: ICG BoD <meeting@board.costume.org>

Sent: Tue, Oct 5, 2021 6:43 am

Subject: [icg-bod] D-list replacement

I just answered a question from a member about the former D-list on Yahoo. There is replacement Google group created earlier this year. Please let your chapter members know there is a new place to hang out and share information. Go to:

< <https://groups.google.com/a/costume.org/g/cos-chat> >

At this point there has been only 13 posts since it was created. So I wonder how many actually know about it.

Jeanine Swick, Treasurer
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Mahala's germ costume picture finally came through.

Her pose is just perfect!

Minutes

We held a meeting/workshop Sept 25th/26th at 35th Avenue Sew and Vac. They are great people. They have a couple of rentable classrooms, with nice LOOOOONG tables. We've done workshops there before. We worked on our pop-up panels and decided to follow up at Tasha's Saturday, October 23rd, 10 til when ever again. On Saturday we went across the street the % and Dinner for an early dinner.

Tasha was working on crafty things. Counterclockwise –

Soap turtle (like grama used to make), keeps the pieces together if a bar drops and breaks and acts like a built-in wash cloth.

Granny square (like grama used to make) – these are a great way to use up yarn from other projects. Make enough, and you can put them together as a shawl or an afgan.

Free form ribbon embroidery.



We need to get to get the employee Cheryl into the guild. She made this Tardis dress that was on display in the store, and some other costumes We didn't get pictures of.



Ye editor likes a minute of humor, so it will continue .(courtesy of laughoutloud@thinkandlaughdaily.net)

Why did the cowboy adopt a dachshund? So he could get a long little doggie.
(That one's for Mahala, and her doggies. The res of these are Halloweeny)
What's a ghost favorite food? Ghoulash.
Why have you never heard of a haunted gym? The ghosts are exorcising themselves.
Which ghost is the best dancer? The Boogie Man!
What's a monster's favorite food? Monsterella sticks & scream cheese.
How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch.

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.*

Estrella War is cancelled indefinitely

AZ Halloween Marketplace – is cancelled this year

Furcon – October 15-17 **Arizona Fur Con** | <https://www.arizonafurcon.com/>

Delta Hotels Phoenix Mesa 200 North Centennial Way Mesa Az 85201 480-898-8300
Mesa Convention Center

Commentary from John A –

Always has a FURSUIT PARADE Sunday this time at 1:30pm. (No formal Masquerade)

Usually their idea of FURSUIITS seems to be only DEER, FOXES, and WOLVES as if everyone used the same base head from EBAY or MORRIS COSTUMING. Only a rare BEAR or BIRD. As a protest of their lack of IMAGINATION, I wore my BEN ALI GATOR alligator costume, in the 11/2017 fursuit parade to show there are other animals in the world. He is the alligator from FANTASIA that dances with the pink HIPPO and has a red cape. In photo of the 214 parade costumes in a group afterward I am in the photo top left corner to the left of a red, light blue, yellow bird. It is hard to spot me and I have a LONG SNOUT so my head was raised to not hit the costume in front of me so you see more cream mouth than green fur and eyes. Attendance was 1101 people and there were 214 FURRIES in that photo. They usually don't clump in parade so you can find a good spot and take photos as they walk by. Fun for kids and very PG unless they have a late nite ADULT programming panel.

They do play games, dance, play, and shop in costume as well as usually very good on some how to events and dealer room shopping. Also usually they have had in the past, a charity auction, and if you want a foam head, or something to start a costume or get a custom made head and tail, you can bid on it.

Also in dealers room you can buy artwork, books, vinyl rubber paw falts for your costume FURRIES or eyeballs that light up. If you need claws, tongues, fangs, ear forms, or jaws better to check JONAS TAXIDERMY Company in Colorado for their thick catalog and website.

So it is a fun, three day, escape-ist, relaxed event at a reasonable price, and not at super high prices now of the Phoenix Comic Con. Pass this along to anyone who wants a fun weekend escape and bring your camera to take pictures, and get ideas. Maybe a cat belly dancer. Some furries have names and personnas, and other newbies have just tails and ear headbands or hats with ears. So wear them and come. I have had cheap escapes from reality, and fun for many years.



Haunted Graveyard in Scottsdale – sneak preview Monday, October 25, 2021 7pm
8414 E VALLEY VISTA DR, SCOTTSDALE, AZ RSVP HERE

NOTE: This is for Arizona Haunters member only, but it is really easy to join

See the haunt before anyone else! No crazy lines!

The Haunted Graveyard is a 13 minute haunted house with live actors, fog, loud noises, and illusions Nestled in the heart of old town Scottsdale, this is a free to the public display that usually has a line around the block to get in. YOU get to see it first - TWO DAYS before it actually opens!

Please park on Granite Reef for the sanity of our neighbors and take your trash with you.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ken via the AZHaunters forum here:

<https://azhaunters.com/showthread.php?260-dry-run-walk-through-at-Haunted-Graveyard>

Tuscon 48 Nov 12-14 2021 <https://tusconscificon.com/>

Tuscon appears to be planning an on-site con – registration is open

<https://tusconscificon.com/tuscon-registration/>

UPDATE: Due to ongoing pandemic restrictions, face masks that cover mouth and nose will be mandatory for **all** TusCon 48 attendees. Proof of vaccination OR negative COVID test is also required.

Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites
5151 East Grant Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712

Registration is now OPEN!

[Register Here](#)

Loscon Nov26-28 2021 <http://loscon.org/47/>

At this point, Loscon appears to be coming back to on-site - Marriott Los Angeles Airport Hotel

Update from their website

In our efforts to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our 2021 event attendees, **we will be following public health recommendations and policies on private indoor events with more than 100 people.**

Loscon requires attendees to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination and attendees who can not be vaccinated to have a documented negative Covid test within 3 days (72 hours) of their check-in at the convention.

Public health guidelines and Marriott policies will require masks to be worn in all public spaces during the convention.

Failure to abide by public health guidelines and Marriott policies will be grounds for removal from the event.

FanCon – Saturday January 29 10am – 4pm

The Tempe Public Library is hosting the 2022 Tempe FanCon

Note: Due to Covid-19 the event may look a little different than previous years. Our plans will be fluid and may need adjusting depending on CDC and City of Tempe health guidelines at that time.

Comic and cosplay fans grab your capes and superpowers and come to the Tempe Public Library for a celebration of comics and pop culture. Join us for free family fun including costume contests, authors and artists, entertainment, activities for the kids, photo ops with characters, fandom related items for sale, and food trucks. There is no table fee and the event is free and open to the public.

The event will be held outdoors in the Library plaza.

Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention 10: March 3-6, 2022

We have secured the Westward Look as the venue for Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention 10 and we are very excited for all of the opportunities this provides us. With a remarkable old west feel, this property dates back to 1912 and boasts over 20,000 square feet of event space. We have a dedicated (and air-conditioned!) vendor hall and many more plans in the works.

For the first time, you will be able to enjoy everything Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention has to offer, without a long drive!

Please contact GuestServices@SteampunkAZ.com if you have any questions.

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