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Recent Events

Last month's retrospective on St. Nick prompted John A to share some less jolly pictures





Being a costumer, who has flings of fun and fancy, you should give equal time to old St. Nick's doppelganger. I just refound a recent issue of "THE GLOW". It is the bimonthly magazine of the antique Christmas collectors club GOLDEN GLOW of CHRISTMAS PAST see www.GoldenGlow.org I am referring to KRAMPUS.

Apparently in European countries and their Christmas Festivals there is a Ying and a Yang to Christmas traditions. St. Nick is the good half, giving out presents and Krampus is the dark half, handing out the chunks of coal (or black licorice rock candy). A whole GLOW issue was recently dedicated to him with pictures of various European parade costumes and antique collectible images of him.

I am still fairly fuzzy on the details of what I read, as I am still sorting and settling my parents' estates, and it has been a couple months, since I came across that issue on my overcrowded sorting tables. But Krampus, or whatever its other names are, is an interesting creature, with great images and has costuming potential, especially if you were shopping, a long time ago, at Tandy Leather and could not resist their curved long horns. The magazine articles in GLOW, said that originally that Krampus was a part of the Winter Solstice Pagan Festivals, and is the son of Hel, a Norse god of the underworld. He is a half goat, half demon that punishes misbehaving children at Christmastide with pieces of coal, or whips them with sticks, while St. Nick is into giving gifts to good children.

Back home in Minnesota, they have a similar Ying and Yang during the St. Paul Winter Carnival, that is January 28th to February 5th this year. See www.wintercarnival.com. Boreas - King of the Winds, his Queen of Snows, and their court hold reign in an Ice Palace, and then Vulcanus Rex - God of Fire and his Krewes of followers storms the ice castle of Boreas to overthrow him and bring back summer warmth. So St. Paul does the Winter Carnival with torchlight parades, ice carving contests, and a golf tournament on ice, while its Twin City of Minneapolis does the Aquatennial in the summer with its nautical themes, parades, boat races, and fishing tournaments.

Let's hear it for Krampus! Don't we all know a child we would love to have him vis

Temple Library Con

Randall and Paula went (ye poor editor had covid – mild, but quarantining for safety).



The Spirited Away character with the china mask won best youth. The man in the medieval-style Mandalorian armor won best adult. The two Mandalorians and the Rodian mother won best group.

Three pages of pictures are included in this month's a packet. But ye editor admits at being horrible trying to integrate formats.



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!

From: Kevin Roche <icg-president@costume.org>

To: ICG President Mailbox <icg-president@costume.org>

Sent: Mon, Jan 17, 2022 11:20 pm

Subject: [icg-bod] ICG Lifetime Achievement Awards nominations due January 31

It is that time of year again, so I want to send out a reminder that any ICG member, chapter, or SIG in good standing may submit nominations for the ICG Lifetime Achievement Award.

Nominations may be submitted at any time (see below) to laa-nomination@costume.org

Nomination criteria are posted on our website at
<http://costume.org/wp/icg-lifetime-achievement-award/>

While nominations may be submitted at any time, the deadline to be considered for a given year is no later than 60 days before our annual members meeting. That should be Friday, April 1, 2022 (at Costume-Con 40) which makes the 2022 nomination deadline Monday, January 31 at 11:59PM Pacific Time.

I look forward to reviewing your nominations!

Kevin Roche
ICG President

GBACG sign up is open for their virtual Costume Academy. See details below for the date it will be held – March 20th.

Minutes

January “meeting” was at the Tempe Library con.

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

Do you know why you should respect people who wear glasses? They paid money to see you.
Why didn't the hamburger buns get along? They always had beef between them.
What is the scariest tree? BamBOO!

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 February 27nd, 2022 Russian Fairytale Kokoshnik
Virtual Workshop Teacher: Kelley Levinson

Sunday March 20th, 2022 Virtual Costume Academy
More details at Open House!

Sunday March 27th, 2022
Workshop, TBA

Saturday April 9th, 2022 Baba Yaga's Forest Tea Party East Bay
Baba Yaga invites all folklore and fairytale creatures from around the globe to join her for tea in her enchanted woods. Wear any of your favorite fantasy or folk wear and share a dish from around the world.

Saturday April 30th, 2022 1920's Cloche Hat In-Person Workshop
Teacher: Lynn McMasters

Arizona Ren Faire - February 5 – April 3 10am- 6pm - <https://arizona.renfestinfo.com/>

Our Ren Faire is BACK!



SWCG Meeting Feb 19th - 1pm

The Diner on 35 Ave & Northern across from the Sew & Vac
Just a relaxed get together / planning session

End of Trail Feb 28th – March 6th 2022

Winer Range is no more. End of Trail will be held in its place. It is still the same type of cowboy recreation event (NOT steampunk! This is a historically accurate event with shooting as the main focus.) Still at Ben Avery shooting range north of Phoenix. And still with vendors to browse. More info as it comes out.

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.

Paris in the Spring - Sat, Mar 12, 10 AM – 4 PM

Historic Downtown Glendale brings French style and Cuisine to the community on March 12 from 10am until 4pm. About this event You won't need to set foot on an airplane to experience Parisian...[Read more on Eventbrite](#)

GBACG Virtual Costume Academy. 20 March



Registration is almost here for our first
Virtual [Costume Academy!](#)

GBACG MEMBER Registration
opens open **Wednesday, February 2nd** for Costume
Academy 2021 at **7:00pm!!**

<https://gbacg.org/costume-academy/>

There are twelve classes offered, four classes in each
time slot, three time slots. Each student chooses one

class from the topics in each time slot. Class spots are still very limited so please sign up when registration opens

The cost for members of GBACG is **\$35.00**

For non-members the cost is **\$45.00** (Registration opens Feb 9th)

Some classes may fill up before others, so purchase soon to get the classes you want. [Go look over our classes and figure out what your first and second choice will be for each session!!](#)

Here's how to register and choose your class:

1. [Pay through Eventbrite](#)
2. Receive confirmation email from Eventbrite with a **link to register for classes**, link is also on the confirmation page after registering!
3. Complete the class choice form and submit, remember to say your first and second choices, make sure to use the same name and email you used for your registration!
4. Receive confirmation email with a list of your classes. This may take a day or two, while we receive the class choices!
5. After class assignments if there is a kit fee you will be billed by your INSTRUCTOR. You must pay within 3 days of receipt.

**Costume Academy
March 2022**

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REGISTER

Sign up ASAP,
classes are first
come, first serve!

GBACG MEMBER
Registration starts
Wednesday,
Feb 2nd at 7pm!

Questions? Email us
at costumeacademy@gbacg.org

1st session,
10:00-11:30am

- A. 1850's Flower Headdress (2 sessions) - Lynn McMasters
- B. Fantasy Kokoshnik - Kelley Levinson
- C. Frilly 1890's Accessories - Chang Meng
- D. Joy of Pad Stitching - Frances "Frankie" Lopez

2nd session,
12:00-1:30pm

- A. 1850's Flower Headdress (2 sessions) - Lynn McMasters
- B. New Fabrication Methods for Cosplay and Props - Sahrye Cohen and Hal Rodriguez
- C. All About Assuit - Dawn Devine
- D. Expanding a Gridded Pattern - Catherine Scholar

3rd session,
2:00-3:30pm

- A. Introduction to EVA Foam - Sahrye Cohen and Hal Rodriguez
- B. Intro to Smocking: History and Techniques - Natalie Wiener
- C. Sewing with Wool: A Beginner's Course - Melissa Kelly
- D. Intro to Dorset Buttons - Patty Coe

[Read Details on the classes here!](#)

PHOENIX ASIA FESTIVAL - Sat, Mar 26 – Sun, Mar 27 4757 E Bell Rd, Phoenix, AZ

Ethnic dance performances from Asia & Pacific Islands, authentic Asian food & shopping, free children's hands-on activities, from India, China, Korea, Thailand, Philippines, Laos, Vietnam, Japan...[Read more on LASR.net](#)

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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Send your submissions to

editor@southwestcostumersguild.org.





