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## Recent Events

Guild activity July 29, 2023

Paula and Randall visited the Tempe Historical Museum at Rural Road and Southern Avenue on Saturday, July 29, 2023. This is a free museum with displays highlighting the founding and development of the city of Tempe, Arizona and its sometimes-troubled history. Content of costumers' interest include a Rough Riders army uniform from the Spanish-American war, an Arizona State University marching band uniform and a special childrens' area where they can play dress-up with career costumes representing construction workers, scientists, firefighters and astronauts.

After the museum walk, we met Mahala at Haji Baba for an early supper.



Ye editor just got back from a vacation. Did not get many photos of costume interest, but here they are - Diorama of Turkish official dress from the Topaki Palace, Istanbul – mid 1800s. Whirling Dervish (part of the entertainment on a Bosphorus dinner cruise). Gondolier at work in Venice. The hat is because an actor in a 1955 film wore one. The stiped shirt (red or blue) is part of the uniform.



**Briefs**

**SEND ME MORE!**

by Philip Gust | Jul 22, 2023

We are saddened to report that Bill Laubenheimer, the husband of Silicon Web Costumers' Guild VP Carole Parker, passed away on July 19, 2023 while attending Pemmicon, the Nasfic being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

From ye editor's web surfing – the Evolution of Maternity styles

<https://www.facebook.com/100059649453759/posts/pfbid0PkSwavSbqoG47budpk5GJyJFfHKLSZ5YCnhpyiytwHDqnacib6E6GEz6uYMgXNWWI/?sfnsn=scwspmo&mibextid=6aamW6>

From the ICG newsletter – edited for length

The Silicon Web Costumers' Guild is proud to send our best wishes to member, and fandom and costuming legend Bjo Trimble on her 90th birthday on August 15, 2023.

Bjo remembers that she met future husband John Griffin Trimble under Forrest J Ackerman's piano, In 1993, Bjo and John received the ICG's [Lifetime Achievement Award](#) for their contributions to the costuming community.

She and John are best known as part of the "Save Star Trek" campaign, which was generally credited with allowing the series to run for a third season rather than being canceled after two. They also helped with the campaign to have the first of NASA's Space Shuttles named Enterprise.

Bjo is also known for her dyework and fiber arts, especially in the use of natural dyes. The Trimbles, owned and operated the Griffin Dyeworks & Fiber Arts until 2015.

Congratulations, Bjo, and thanks to you and John for your many years of service to the communities whose lives you have touched.

Ye editor took her 9 year old grandson to the Musical Instrument Museum ( [mim.org](http://mim.org), 4725 E. Mayo Blvd. Phoenix, 9-5 daily - \$20 adults) for his birthday, because he's in to music. Ye editor is not – she has a tin ear. However, many of the exhibits contain ethnic costumes as well as the ethnic instruments. Very worthwhile from that viewpoint. Exhibits are by continent, and the US is by music genre.

## Minutes

See activates – we did something, but didn't take notes

REMEMBER to work on your bears for our Christmas challenge

Minutes of humor

Question: Why do people wash their clothes in Tide? Because it's too cold out-tide.

A guy on the street asked me how I keep my hair looking so slick. I guess he was gel-less.

Just changed my Facebook name to 'No one' so when I see stupid posts I can click like and it will say 'No one likes this'.

## 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.*

For the April Guild thingy – contact one of us

materials to make creepy monster

**August 26, 1PM** – CoKoCon prep and future meeting planning at Tasha's place. (Our September meeting will be at CoKoCon)

**August 31-September 2 – Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival**

**HOURS:** 10 AM - 5 PM Thursday & Friday 10 AM - 4 PM Saturday **ADMISSION:** \$12 for 3 Days



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Scissors ♥ Needlework ♥ Stencils ♥ Books ♥ and a whole lot more!

**September 1-4, 2023 - CoKoCon** at Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix, 2100 South Priest Drive, Tempe AZ.  
Author guest of honor is Seanan McGuire. <http://www.cokocon.org/>

We've had a blast bringing you CoKoCon each year since 2018, except when the COVID pandemic wouldn't let us. We'd like to continue to do so, but we can't do it alone.

If a local science fiction/fantasy convention is your sort of thing, and if you're on this mailing list we can only presume that it is, then we need you to support us.

Small events are struggling after COVID, the ones that are more naturally social distanced, where you can sit down and chat with guests or panelists; enjoy the free food and conversation in our [ConSuite](#) or our sponsored Ice Cream Social; bid on art in our [Art Show](#) or on all sorts of stuff at our [Charity Auction](#).

Larger events are the ones surviving, the ones where you wait in long lines for thirty second autographs that cost more than our full membership rate. We can have fun at those too, but we like the small events better.

The best way to support us is to [buy a membership](#) to this year's convention. We expected the attendance to be down last year, with people not willing to return to events yet after COVID and others not realising that we were back in person. Clashes with other events didn't help either. We have to bring our attendance back to normal this year if we want to have a chance to continue.

Another way to help is to [book a room](#) at our host hotel, so you can stay on site and enjoy our evening room parties. The hotel is increasing how many we have to fill going forward, so this is becoming crucial too.

And, if you can't attend for whatever reason, tell your friends about us, like and follow us on social media (we're on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#)) and share some of our posts. Maybe pick up a membership for a friend. Help us to survive and allow us to bring you a personal convention experience in future years.

**September 1-4** <https://sabotencon.conmagick.com/>

#### **Arizona's Premiere Japanese Pop-Culture Convention**

Saboten Con is an American anime convention held in Phoenix, Arizona and organized by Monkey Paw Entertainment. The convention is held on Labor Day weekend and lasts for 4 days (Fri-Mon). It is currently hosted at the Sheraton Downtown Phoenix. Saboten Con is the largest anime convention in Arizona with attendance reaching over 23,000 (unique) / 50,000 (turnstile) for the 2021 event  
Sheraton Phoenix Downtown 340 N 3rd Street Phoenix AZ 85004

**September 1-3, 2023 Tucson Comic-con** <https://tucsoncomic-con.com/>

Tucson Convention Center in Downtown Tucson, Arizona. 260 S Church Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701

#### **Exhibit Floor Hours**

Friday, September 1: 3:00-8:00PM

Saturday, September 2: 10:00AM-7:00PM

Sunday, September 3: 10:00AM-5:00PM

**Programming Hours TBD**

September 10 – from 1-3pm PT, 4-6pm ET. Silicon Web Costumers' Guild webinar  
"WorldBuilders of Science Fiction and Fantasy" with photographer Richard Man

Registration is open now. There is no fee for this event but the number of attendees is limited, so be sure register soon. Here is the registration link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtd-6orjguGtPW-FSjR7nNF2LVRbUIQMbN>

Join Hugo Award nominated photographer Richard Man as he talks about his project, "WorldBuilders of Science Fiction and Fantasy." Starting in 2015, Richard set out to photograph SF&F genre creators: writers, artists, occasionally editors, etc, Using a traditional large-format 4"x5" film camera. This painstaking photography process captures the essence of the person in front of the camera; a picture that tells a thousand-word story.

September 22 Making Your Own On-Skin Wounds 1:00-3:30pm  
Reynolds Advanced materials. 1727 E Weber Dr, Tempe

Learn How to Make Your Own Movie Quality Wounds, Scars & More – Reynolds - Phoenix

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**MATERIALS spotlight EVENT**

Our "Materials Spotlight" series is an informal get together of people who want to know more about materials and processes. It won't take long and our goal is to educate. You will meet people just like you and we often get contributions from industry pros that add value to the conversation. We welcome any and all comments.

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## October 8 Silicon Web Costumers' Guild webinar Beetle Wing Embellishment

Delicate and luminous beetle wings have been used for embellishing costumes and accessories for at least 150 years. J. Leia Lima Baum, a fashion consultant whose interests are equally divided in the past, present, and future of fashion, offers a pictorial overview of beetle wings throughout history in various cultures, followed by the Indian tradition of metalwork embroidery and its subsequent spread worldwide. She will also have a live demo of techniques. Her award-winning research and handwork involving beetle wing embroidery have been shared at academic symposia and conferences worldwide. Visit her [website](http://www.siwcostumers.org/) for more information. See the Silicon Web website for details <http://www.siwcostumers.org/>

## October 12-14 Vulture City Paracon, Wickenburg <https://www.vulturecityparacon.com/>

Oct 12, 6:00 PM – Oct 14, 11:00 PM 36610 355th Ave, Wickenburg, AZ 85390, USA

*[ye editor wishes she could find more details on this one – maybe next month]*

## October 12-14 (NEW DATES) [2023 Worldcon 81](#)

The 81st World Science Fiction Convention, Chengdu, China

## October 26-29 2023 [World Fantasy Convention 2023](#)

An annual gathering of professionals, collectors, and others interested in the field of Light and Dark Fantasy art and literature. Kansas City, MO, USA

## October 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween ComicFest @ the Library will return to the [Velma Teague Library \(7010 N. 58th Ave.\)](#) and [Drawn to Comics \(5801 W. Glendale Ave.\)](#) on Saturday, October 28, from 5-8 PM,

Drawn to Comics, downtown Glendale's source for comic books, gaming and collectibles, is teaming up with the library once again for a spooktacular all-ages Halloween celebration! Attendees will be able to choose from an assortment of free comics, meet local comic book artists, shop with cool vendors, pose with cosplayers, and enjoy fun games and crafts. There might even be a DJ! Costumes are encouraged for attendees. Activities will take place both at the Velma Teague Library and at the Drawn to Comics store located across the street.

We'll arrange for water, candy, and snacks for cosplayers in our Cosplay Lounge. You'll be able to use our staff restrooms as a changing space and we'll provide a place to store your things. Costumes should be age-appropriate for an audience including kids and teens. Due to limited indoor vendor space, we won't be able to provide tables for cosplayers during this event. If you'd like to do anything special during the event besides photo ops/hanging out, please let me know. There will be opportunities to help kids with crafts and games if you're interested. My cell phone is **480-295-6124** if you need to reach me on the day of the event.

## October 27-29 Atomic Monster Weekend <https://atomicmonsterweekend.com/>



## **November 5 - Inside the ICG Pat and Peggy Kennedy Memorial Archives**

The International Costumers' Guild's Pat and Peggy Kennedy Memorial Archives is the world's largest collection of photographs, video, and paper ephemera records of the costuming art in relation to Science Fiction conventions. In this webinar, the Archives team will talk about their work preserving the history of costuming, including some recent projects, their processes, the equipment and software they use, and how the digital and physical collection is stored. This is your chance for an inside look at the ICG Archives and what the team does. See the Silicon Web website for details <http://www.siwcostumers.org/>

## **Nov 12-12 Tus-con <http://www.tusconscificon.com/>**

The primary focus of TusCon is science fiction, fantasy and horror, but we also pay attention to art, animation, science, media and gaming.

Ramada by Wyndham Viscount Suites Tucson East  
4855 East Broadway, Tucson, Arizona

## **December 10 Reenactress: A Female Civil War Reenactor's Documentary**

Over 250 Civil War soldiers were actually women disguised as men. The number is so vague because the historical record is incomplete due to these heroines' amazing ability to pull off their disguises. In her first feature-length documentary, *Reenactress*, director and re-enactor J.R. Hardman explores the history of women warriors who fought bravely in the service of their countries on both the Confederate and Union sides. In this webinar, J.R. will discuss how she was inspired to make the documentary and talk about the process of bringing these historical figures to life through reenactment. See the Silicon Web website for details <http://www.siwcostumers.org/>

**Below are some on-going events by different groups –**

## **Grater Bay Area Costumers' Guild 2023 schedule**

### August

26th -Treasure Planet, North Bay

Raise a tankard together at this picnic of pirates from history, media, and all the way to space.

Dress: Historical, Cosplay

### September

3rd - Workshop, TBA

23rd - Luncheons & Dragons, Peninsula

Journey with your adventure party to luncheon with elves, fairies, dwarves, wizards, and more fantastical characters.

Dress: Historical, Fantasy, cosplay

### October

15th - Workshop, TBA

### November

11th - Global Renaissance, East Bay

Celebrate the Renaissance throughout the globe and the arts and fashions that came from these periods.

Dress: Historical, fantasy

\*We are working hard for more details to share closer to events, workshops, and all dates and events are subject to change.

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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