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Recent Events

Actually a couple of months old, but ye editor mislaid the report

Fabric War!

Your veep attended the Barony of Sundragon's annual "Fabric War" event on Saturday, June 24, 2023. I have been meaning to go for many years, but did not get around to it until now.

This is a kind of family garage sale or swap meet for local medieval reenactors to unload their excess fabric, garb and camping gear, or obtain some new-to-you items. I picked up a cleverly designed, handmade camping mattress as well as a beautiful new coffee mug and cereal bowl for my feast gear collection.

As a proper Society for Anachronism event, there were also crafting classes, a baronial court and a buffet luncheon feast. A fine time was had. I got to converse with some SCA friends I had not seen for a long time, and meet some interesting new people.



I humbly propose SWCG members participate in next year's event. We still have many hats on hand in our Estrella War chest and I could stand to do a big clearance sale of items from my former "MoiRandall's" renfaire booth. We can be visible and pass out some contact cards.

--Randall



Briefs

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Harmon Library Costume Drive

Harmon Library (1325 S. 5th Ave, 85003 - 5th Avenue south of Buckeye Road) is excited to be hosting its annual Halloween Costume Drive! Harmon Library is collecting new and gently used costumes for children and teens. Costumes will be given out to the Harmon Library community.

If you or anyone you know would like to donate, please plan a visit to [Harmon Library](#) to drop off your new or gently used Halloween costume. Costumes are being collected now through Saturday, September 30, 2023.

Some interesting links

From Mahala – from Archeology –

July/August 2023, "An Elegant Enigma", pgs. 32-35.

I was riveted by the article, "An Elegant Enigma", by your editor in chief, Jarrett A. Lobell. The amount of work that was put into recovering and restoring the contents of the shipwreck, the Palmwood Wreck" ... well, I really can't imagine how much time was spent. I've tried to imagine how much time it took to weave all the tiny strips of silver into the one dress, and then to restore the dress and remove the tarnish from all the fragile little ribbons of silver. And how brittle the silk must have been! A restorer's nightmare, I should think.

There is also a short article from the January/February 2021 issue, "Earliest Leatherworkers, Contrbandiers Cave, Morocco", by Daniel Weiss, pgs. 24-25.

From ye editor

BBC News - How to dye clothes at home – naturally

<https://www.bbc.com/culture/article/20230907-how-to-dye-clothes-at-home-naturally>

Alas in Arizona we don't have as much access to these plants to experiment with

Ancient Egyptian socks with split toe made by nalbinding

<https://www.openculture.com/2023/09/ behold-1600-year-old-egyptian-socks-made-with-nalbinding-an-ancient-proto-knitting-technique.html>

Ye editor always thought nalbinding was a Viking thing.

Minutes

The Guild got together at Tasha's on August 26th to talk about being present at CoKoCon (our September event). We'd have a table, but it won't be manned full time. Only Paula and Randal are able to attend, and they want to participate in the con as well as sit talbe.

Follow up – we did get come interest. Ye editor will be adding them to the emailing list

REMEMBER!!! to work on your bears for out Christmas challenge!

Minutes of humor – Answers to our Pressing questions – Inquiring minds want to know -

Q:What do you call a chilly office? A cubicicle

Q:What do you call a flannel cat? A Plaid-A-Pus.

Q:What do you call a boring banana? unaPEELING

Q:What do you call a bearded gardener? Hairy Potte

Q: What do you call a huge pile of cats? A Meowntainr

Q:What do you call a bear that got caught in a storm?A: "A drizzly bear!"

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.*

**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**

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 7-8 [YumaCon](#)

Comics, Anime and Pop Culture Collide! Yuma, AZ

Start working up your cosplay: YumaCon 2023 tickets are officially on sale!

Presale tickets are \$15 per day or \$25 for a full weekend pass. The presale closes on September 14th.

General admission tickets will be \$20 per day or \$30 for a full weekend pass. GA tickets will be available after Sept 15th.

Tickets are available online only here: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/21040/yuma-civic-center...>

Children ages 5 and under are free. Children ages 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

October 7, 2023, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm October 8, 2023, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location: Yuma Civic Center - 1440 W. Desert Hills Drive

Presented to you by the Arts and Culture Division's Yuma Art Center.

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](#) for more information. See the Silicon Web website for details

<http://www.siwcostumers.org/>

October 12-14 Vulture City Paracon, - Cancelled

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 28th 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/>



October 28th - Guild thing – contact one of us for details

November 2-5 [Con-Nichiwa](#) Anime convention

Con-Nichiwa, is an American anime convention held in Tucson, Arizona and organized by Monkey Paw Entertainment..

Con-Nichiwa is the largest anime convention in Tucson Arizona with attendance reaching over 2,000 yearly.

Registration Hours Friday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Programming Hours Friday: 11:00 AM - 11:30 PM Saturday: 11:00 AM - 11:30 PM Sunday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Exhibit Hall Hours Friday: 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Saturday: 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM Sunday 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tucson - Reid Park 445 S. Alvernon Way Tucson AZ 85711

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

Nov 18 – Personal projects at Mahala's

Nov 24-26 LosCon – LAX Marriott

Traditional Science Fiction Convention

Adults (13 and up) - \$60.00 Military - Active & Veterans - \$45.00 Children (6 - 12) - \$25.

Children under 6 do not need a membership, but can receive a "Kid-in-Tow" badge if requested.

December 2 - LibCon West

Glendale Public Library has solved the logistics problems and there will be a LibCon West this year after all! It is moved back to the Main Library on 59th Avenue

Hello, all you fabulous cosplayers,

Glendale Public Library's free pop culture convention will return to its original home at the **Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.) on Saturday, December 2, from 12-5 PM**. The event will largely take place outdoors, but there is ample space inside the Main Library in the event of inclement weather.

As always, we'll provide a cosplayer lounge stocked with free bottled water and individually wrapped snacks, and you can request a table in the vendor area if you like. Details are included in the attached updated FAQ.

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/>

Dec 16 – Holiday get together with our BEARS at Tasha's

Below are some on-going events by different groups –

Grater Bay Area Costumers' Guild 2023 schedule

September

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.

2024

Jan 5-7 Taiyou Con Phoenix area Anime convention Mesa, AZ

Mesa Convention Center 263 N Center St, Mesa, AZ 85201 / Delta Hotel 200 N Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ 85201

Taiyou Con is an intense 3 day anime experience at the **Mesa Convention Center!** We are celebrating all things Japanese culture – anime, cosplay, video games, shopping, special guests and much more with **over 300 hours of interactive activities** just for YOU.

We provide an immersive environment for passionate anime fans and cosplayers. When you're here, anime is life! Our 15 years of experience in running conventions makes sure that you have the most anime immersive weekend of the year with your friends.

Your favorite voice actor, artist, or cosplay extraordinaire come to life. This isn't just an anime convention with a vendor hall and some guest signings... it's an anime convention experience.

Jan 27th - Tempe FanCon 10 a.m.-4 p.m. – SWCG will be there

FanCon is a free annual event featuring costume contests, artists & authors, shopping, and activities for children and adults alike. Fans of Marvel, DC, Star Wars, Anime, and more are invited to gather at the Tempe Public Library in costume for a celebration of pop culture.

Feb 4-12 War of the Phoenix (SCA) Phoenix International Raceway

Gate Hours: - General access to the site is controlled through a gated roadway that will be open during limited hours each day. After hours, the gates will be closed.

Open hours for entry:

Sunday 2/4/24– Gate Opens Noon for Merchants Monday 2/5/24- Gate opens at 8AM for Pre-registered attendees

Tuesday 2/6/24- Gate opens 8 AM for Non- Pre-registered attendees Wednesday 2/6/24- Gate opens at 8 AM for day trips Site closes on Monday February 12th at Noon

Pre-registration closes on Jan 31 and all invoices must be paid by Jan 31. Youth under 18 -Free

Adult Member – \$100 Adult Non-Member – \$105

Weekend Pass Member – Thursday to Sunday -\$60 Weekend Pass Non-Member – Thursday to Sunday- \$65

Daily pass – PAY AT THE GATE – \$20 members/ \$25 non-members

“Payment methods accepted at the event gate: cash, money order, cashiers check (no personal checks)”

Feb 29 – March 3 Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention Tucson, AZ .

(WWWC) is the largest Western-style Steampunk Convention in the United States! After incredibly successful events since 2011 we are excited to make WWWC12 (2024) more unique and amazing than ever before! With a splendid lineup of Special Guests, entertainers, panels and games, we are planning an amazing event unlike any other. We take special effort to welcome people who are new to Steampunk – we do not require costumes or specific attire, and you are always welcome to come dressed to the nines.

We are excited to welcome you to the [Casino Del Sol](#) as our host hotel for 2024! It was wonderful working with CDS and we're happy to return for WWWC12. We are taking over every inch of convention space for Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention 12!

March 8-10 Kikori Con - Flagstaff's Premiere Anime Convention , Flagstaff, AZ

Little America Flagstaff, 2515 E Butler Ave, Flagstaff Arizona 86004

Registration Friday 9:30am to 9:30pm Saturday 9:30am to 9:30pm Sunday 9:30am to 4:30pm

Programming Friday 11:30AM to 12:00AM Saturday 11:30AM to 12:00AM Sunday 11:30AM to 5:30PM

Vendor Hall Friday 12:00PM to 7:00PM Saturday 11:30AM to 6:00PM Sunday 11:30AM to 5:00PM

Match 15-17 Game On Expo

Tabletop, Video & Arcade Gaming Phoenix, AZ at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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