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Recent Events

From ICG -

I received this from CCG. Sad they are disbanding, but glad many will be staying on with SiW. Hopefully they will be available as advisors to help if a new chapter decides to form. - Jeanine

May 27, 2025

To the Officers of the ICG.

Sadly, I am writing this letter to Inform you that the Chicagoland Costumer's Guild Is officially disbanding as of June 1, 2025. The guild has had many happy and productive years of costuming. However, after the death of several members In the last few years, and a small and aging group we have found we cannot continue. We want to give younger people in the area an opportunity to create a more energetic and engaged guild for the Chicago area. I know that most of the members of the CCG are planning on continuing as part of the ICG by joining the Silicone Web.

Sincerely, Susan Finkle

Treasurer- Chicagoland Costumer's Guild (retired)



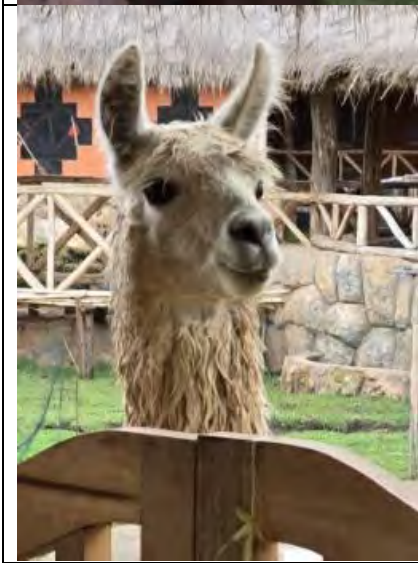
Briefs

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Star Wars/Star Trek Mash-up costume on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1016018303995681&id=100067625637113&post_id=100067625637113_1016018303995681&rdid=aBQanJzvKudXFSpk#

Ye editor went to Peru in February. The photos below are from a Cultural / Craft center we stopped at between Cuzco and Manchu Pichu. The one lady demo-ed from Lama to Loom. The dyes are all natural, and can be adjusted to give various shades as seen in one of the bottom photos. And the results are being worn. Ye editor bought a lovely hoodie





Minutes

SWCG Meeting May 24, 2025

Narrated by Randall

We gathered at Tasha's home on Saturday, May 24, 2025 for a bit of practical experimentation. Tracy, Tanya, Paula, Mahala, Tasha, Max and Randall were present. This was a social and workshop with no business meeting.

We conversed freely of sailing ships, sealing wax, cabbages and kings over a fine potluck repast featuring fried chicken, potato salad cheeses, fruit and chocolate brownies with a coffee highlight flavor.

Mahala led the project. She has discovered a product from 3M, a gauze impregnated with polymer.

(See https://www.3m.com/3M/en_US/p/c/medical/bandages-dressings/casts-splints/tapes/) Wetted, it can be formed into medical casts or other shapes and quickly hardens. Today's idea was to form a knee and foot cast that can be used to build custom fitted shoes and boots. Tracy was test pilot.

The first cast came out well with much learned, including the fact that the gauze contains a very sticky dye. – Wear gloves! We'll cast the rest of us at the June meeting.

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.*

***June 14th – Save the date for the a guild meeting - boatmaking continued at Tasha’s**

June 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Intro to Soldering - Flickery Flames – an AZ Haunters event

HeatSync Labs 108 W Main St Mesa AZ 85201

Soldering is a fundamental skill for anyone looking to add electronics to their show. It's easy to learn, but many people hesitate because they don't know where to start.

Jeff will show people how to solder up Flickery Flame kits, which can be combined to light up your monsters or other props!

This is a great first soldering project, and it gives you a very nice-looking flame effect, with no programming needed. It can be used for a fire effect inside a lamp, pumpkin, or monster head.

Register HERE: <https://guestlist.co/events/783525>

July 11-13 Phoenix Mad Monster Horror con –(<https://madmonster.com/az25/>) **Err on the side of creepy** -

Renaissance Phoenix hotel, Glendale 9495 W. Entertainment Blvd., Glendale, AZ 85305

\$80 for 3 days **FRI 6PM-11PM SAT 11AM-7PM SUN 11AM-5PM**

August 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Demented Dolls 7: New Blood – an AZ Haunters event **OR**

August 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. NIGHT of the Demented Dolls – an AZ Haunters event

HeatSync Labs 108 W Main St Mesa AZ 85201

\$15 gets you a vinyl baby doll or a delicate porcelain doll, and all the materials to do unspeakable things to them.

NEW! Add sound to your creations with a Recordable Sound Module - \$12.50 (Subject to change based on availability) Registration ends Monday, August 11 at 8PM AZ time.

Notes on Tuscon and Loscon to come.

Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Tempe Public Library is hosting its 2026 Tempe FanCon

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 for exhibitors and the event is free and open to the public.

The event will be held outdoors in the Library Plaza. All exhibitors are required to supply their own tables, chairs, and optional canopy with weights. The library will supply a 10' x 10' space for each exhibitor. External gas generators are prohibited. Battery packs are fine. Please leave all pets at home or you will be asked to remove them from the event.

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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