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SouthWest Costumers Guild

meets generally on the last Sunday of the month, 1:00PM at members homes or someplace fun. The Guild dues for our chapter are \$10 per year, an optional additional \$1 for membership in the International Costumer's Guild, and \$8 to receive the International Costumer's Quarterly. \$8 to receive only our chapter newsletter. Send money to Frances Burns, she will notify the Editor. SWCG Webpage:

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**November Meeting - The Cloaking
November 21 - 10AM**

Guild meeting at Jean's place. We'll build some more capes and hats for our semi-annual fundraiser.

Missing Members???

To all recipients of Cactus Needles: There are a lot of you on our address list that we haven't seen much of the last year or so. Therefore, we think it would be nice if you drop me, Jean Palmer <j194@phnx.uswest.net>, a note indicating what you have been up to lately. What is keeping you busy. What have you sewn or made lately. Job info, marital status, kid status, if you have acquired e-mail yet, & what is your current e-mail address. Please include area code with phone info. I will update the address list and have copies for all at the December meeting at Frances'. Generally anything of interest in your life. Oh, and do you wish to remain a member of the SouthWest Costumers Guild? and continue to receive Cactus Needles. **I would like this information by December 1st, 1999.** So I can have time to get it organized to be put in the December newsletter. And by the way Dues are due at the December meeting which will include a Xmas party and elections for next years officers. For further info on December gathering contact Frances Burns. Jean Palmer, SWCG <j194@phnx.uswest.net> 623-876-1848



CALENDAR

NOTE: Information in this calendar is provided as a service to our guild please contact the individual organizations for verification of information.

December 19, 1999, 1 PM - Holiday Party Guild pot-luck at Frances' place. Food, Holiday Spirit, Annual Elections, Planning for the next year

Ideas for possible meeting topics, road trips, and the like. Here are some of the notions that came up:

Cosmetics, stage makeup & prosthetics
 Airbrushing & distressing
 Accessories like parasols, etc
 Woodworking for accessories—Pete?
 Alice in Wonderland Mad Tea Party
 Western re-creation events at Ben Avery Range
 Basic shirt or chemise
 Highland Games in February
 How to run a sewing circle—Frances?
 Persona development
 Masks—Buckram, Leather—Frances?
 Moulage face castings
 Embroidery
 Embellishments for basic garb
 Maker Labels—Randall?
 Bead Store

If you can host or demo at one of these, let Randall know. If you have another meeting idea, also let Randall know. A schedule for Y2K will be hashed out at the December party meeting.

Information about

History & the Handbag
 By Laurie Nienhaus

and

CostumeCon 20 Progress Report

is available from the
 newsletter editor.

To find out how to order History & the Handbag
 or
 questions about CostumeCon 20
 contact Stephanie at
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News From Members

We hear from our far away member, Jennifer Husmo;

Hello,

My name is Jennifer Husmo and I am a member of the Chapter. (Though I live in Houston and have never made it to a meeting in Phoenix). I wanted to share the great news. My husband and I won first prize at the costume contest at the Texas Renaissance Festival with the costumes I made! First prize is round trip tickets for two to London! Second prize was two season passes to next years festival and was one by a rather large guy (6ft 4 at least) costumed as the Hunchback of Notre Dame. Third place was 4 tickets to next year's festival and was won by a wonderful woman dressed up as William Shakespeare, kind of a twist on Shakespeare in Love.

My costume was based on the Queen Elizabeth Portrait "the Armada Portrait" painted in 1688. My husband's was a court costume a la slash and poof style. (I am trying to get good pictures to scan in so I can email).

Thanks,
 Jennifer

