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Calendar

This is provided as general news. Please verify times and locations with the organizer of each event.

***Indicates an event organized by SWCG.**

April 5-8, 2007 - AniZona #3 at the Phoenix Marriott. Arizona's own Anime and Manga convention. Your editor attended as had never been to anime con. Masquerade with 20 entrants—some really cute skits. Workmanship overall was good. It was fun to see the halls so full of young people in costume. I spent part of my time helping in Staff Lounge. www.anizona.org

***Sat, April 14, 1-9PM** get-together at Bookman's has been designated as a sweatshop session to make things for Renaissance in the Pines.

April 20 –22, 2007 ASIAN FESTIVAL

Heritage Park (Location: 115 N. Sixth St.,
Phoenix, AZ 85004) **ADMISSION IS FREE**

TIMES: Friday: 10:30a.m. - 1:30p.m. and
Saturday/Sunday: 10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

East meets West at the Annual Arizona Asian Festival. This free festival features ethnic cuisine, arts and crafts, and such diverse entertainment as martial arts demonstrations, cultural dances and music from nearly a dozen Asian countries. Highlights also include Japanese Taiko drums, a Chinese orchestral performance and a fashion show with traditional Asian costumes. The Program Schedule (not available yet) outlines the exciting 3 day performances, but keep in mind that items may be moved around.

The Arizona Asian Festival also presents a Children's Wonderland, filled with arts and craft activities for kids. Youth will be presented awards for the Essay Writing and Poster Design Contest. There will be Artists' demonstrations in Mehendi, an ancient Indian body art painting, Chinese calligraphy and Japanese origami.

Participants also have the opportunity to learn the ancient arts of taekwando and t'ai chi chuan from local masters.

http://www.aaa-az.org/festival/2007/festival_poster_large.jpg

April 29, 2007, 1 PM - Duct Tape Dummies

SWCG Workshop at Jean's place. We have packing material, bring your own duct tape and 2 sacrificial T-shirts. Already have a dummy? - come help wrap! See photo in [Guild Activities](#) section of Web page to see what a Duct Tape Dummy looks like.

May 11th: There will be a Breast Cancer/American Heart Assoc. benefit featuring Shaun Barrowes & Laura Fial @ Steinway of Phoenix. Tickets are \$20. Seating will only permit 100 people. Soon, tickets can be purchased via a local breast cancer foundation's site.

Submitted by Edouard B. Mesert

May 11-13, 2007 - LepreCon 33 at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa, 200 N Centennial, Mesa AZ. Fan-run Annual Art Oriented Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention featuring the largest SF/F Art Show in the Southwest! Guests: Artist - **Jael**, Author - **Karen**

Traviss – Featured Local Artist [our own] **Nola Yergen-Jennings**; Filk Guest of Honor **Emma Bull**. Membership \$40 at door Kids 7-12 half price, Six and under Free with Adult Membership. Hotel: Phoenix Marriott Mesa Contact: LepreCon 33 PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285 Phone(480) 945-6890
Email: Lep33NOSPAM@LepreCon.org
Web: www.leprecon.org/lep33/

*May 20, 2007, 11 AM - **French Drape*** SWCG Workshop. Location to be determined. How to drape a pattern on your body for best fit.

Stitcher's Gathering in June

From Kim (Martin) Andrews

I saw this ad in the Jan/Feb 2007 issue of Piecework magazine, and thought that there may be members of SWCG interested:

A Stutters' Gathering The nation's premiere seminar for women with a passion for stitching

June 8-10th, 2007 - Scottsdale, AZ

Rae Iverson (Moss Creek Designs), Betsy Morgan (Willing Hands Designs), Ann Pettit (Brightneedle Designs)

Your 3-day weekend includes 4-hour classes with each teacher, class kits, meals & room. This is truly a fabulous weekend of fun and learning for those with the passion!

Limited to 84 participants.

For registration and additional information: www.mosscreekdesigns or call 480-595-5625

Tuesday, June 5, 6:00pm Tudor Wardrobe -

Ninya Mikhaila & Jane Malcolm-Davies. Join The Tudor Tailor for a lively look inside the clothes presses of ordinary and middle class people in sixteenth-century England. Discover what evidence there is for their clothes, where their garments came from, and how they were made and maintained. This dressing demonstration compares and contrasts everyday wear with Sunday best and explains other clothing conventions of Tudor society. It also discusses some of the challenges of recreating historic dress for 21st century wear. This discussion and demonstration will be led by England's foremost scholars of Elizabethan and Tudor dress formerly in charge of creating the reenactment clothing at Hampton Court Palace. For more information see www.tudortailor.com.

They will be selling books and merchandise afterward.

P.S. Admission to the Museum is free on Tuesday evenings! The auditorium is not that big, so be sure to come early!
Dennita Sewell

Curator of Fashion Design
Phoenix Art Museum
1625 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Sent in by Saragrace Knauf & Frances Burns

*June 24, 2007, 11 AM - **Corset Lacing*** SWCG Workshop. Location to be determined. Know how to single-strand lace and double-strand lace a corset? How to lace yourself into one without help? Come Learn.

June 23-24, 2007 - **Renaissance in the Pines** at Fort Tuthill County Park near Flagstaff, Arizona
www.renaissanceinthepinesinc.com

Changing Hands bookstore is having a special *Harry Potter* event on July 21st for the release of the next book. Call the store for details.

September 7-9, 2007 - **CopperCon 27** at Embassy Suites (I-17 and Greenway Road, Phoenix). Fan-run SF Con featuring guests of honor Author Charlene Harris, Artist Sean Martin, and Musicians Heather Stern and Alison Stern.

www.casfs.org/cucon/index.html

***SWCG Special Workshops** - Saturdays at Bookman's book store, NWC 19th Avenue & Northern in Phoenix. Come on in and join us for stitching and conversation.

4-14-07 1-9 PM = Sweat-Shop

5-26-07	9-2
6-30-07	9-2
7-28-07	9-2
8-25-07	9-2
9-29-07	9-2
10-27-07	9-2
11-24-07	9-2
12-29-07	9-2

Note from Lyn (treasurer)

All Members: We will be discussing our activities for last half of 2007 at the May meeting. If you'd like to schedule a specific "to do" item, please get your suggestions to us. We can use all the suggestions we can get, and this is not our organization, it is yours. If we cannot use your idea this year, we will consider it again for 2008.

More info from Lyn. re **Pendleton Woolen Mills** - We're going through Pendleton again mid June, home in late July, but for sure in time to get to Costume

College early August. That's a long time to carry stuff around but we will purchase yardage for anyone who wants us to (NO tax in Oregon). The yardage is 60" wide, and \$8 to \$10 per yard (100% wool - suiting weight). If you're at all interested in one or more yards, we need: (1) swatch for color match, (2) number of yards wanted, and (3) cash deposit. If you want us to ship yours, the cost of that will be in addition. If we cannot get what you want, deposit will be returned in full. We will not attempt to guess at substitutes. If you'd like to see a sample, get to a meeting soon. We will be at Bookman's again two or three times in addition to the regular meetings and I'll bring at least a sample of my wool yardage with me.

We need content! Please send news items, even if they are just one sentence. Notes about something you've seen, done, read, or heard about. E-mails, preferred, but will take anything /anyway I can get info. Thanks to Frances, Saragrace, Randall, Edouard & Lyn for their input this month.

Submittal Deadline for Cactus Needles will continue to be the 5th of the month and the newsletter will theoretically be printed on the 10th. Anything received after the 5th will probably go into the next month's issue.

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From the Mailbox:

Silicon Web Costumers' Guild, The Virtual Costumer Vol 4 Issue 5, December 2006 - Bruce MacDermott's To Exempt or Not to Exempt, Richard Man's photo essay of Halloween in the Castro district of San Francisco, Sketches and photos of Jeanine Swick's lates Anime costume project, Pumpkin-carving art images from Dana MacDermott. This and many other back issues of Virtual Costumer can be viewed at www.siwcostumers.org

The **Greater Bay Area Costumer's Guild, Finery** Vol 5 No 2, March-April 2007 - Pleasing Period

Picnics from Kendra Van Cleave, upcoming Little Women Picnic, Local sewing Circles.

Beyond Reality Costumers Guild, Notions Spring 2007 - Sir Squeaks a Lot all-balloon costume photo, Pooh Bah's Prattles from Vicki Glover, Marie Cooley's photos and impressions of the Venice Carnevale, Meeting minutes, review of Fall Event DVD, Costumers in Action photos, Julia Clayton's California Adventure 4th Edition, Carol Zebold's Grand Night out at Seattle Asian Arts Museum

Hard-copy newsletters are imprisoned in Randall's "Map Case of Doom" until passed around the next meeting.

Sewstylish

Review by Frances Burns

'Sewstylish' is a new quarterly magazine from Taunton Press the publisher of Threads. The sub title of the magazine is "Basic training to unleash your creativity" and it appears to be directed to the new and returning sewer. This magazine is published in the same style as the current Threads magazine.

The first issue (currently on the news stands) featured a number of basic training articles, along with some articles on current fashion sewing. The basic training articles had lots of clear pictures and diagrams.

Since I am a long time subscriber to Threads, I noticed that many of the articles were reprints from Threads. I am hoping that in the next issue there will be more articles that are written specifically for this magazine.

I think that this magazine is a very good resource for people who are new to sewing, just returning to sewing or want to improve their basic skills. I am not sure that it is a good buy for people who are long time subscribers of Threads because of the number of re-printed articles.

Since this magazine is target audience is the new/returning sewer, I am hoping that Threads will start having more articles targeted to the advanced sewer. Threads magazine keeps getting letters asking for more advanced articles and letters asking for more beginning sewer articles. I believe that Sewstylish was created to fill the niche for a basic training sewing magazine

Personally – I will be buying the next few issues one at a time to evaluate the magazine before deciding on getting a subscription.

Found on the web.. This link [<http://www.ujc-making.com/making/?p=102/>](http://www.ujc-making.com/making/?p=102/) takes you to a picture of 'Hello Kitty Darth Vader.'

Randall picked up this book at Estrella War. Consider your campsite to be the outermost layer of your SCA costume.

The Pavilion Book

A Guide to Buying, Maintaining, and Living in a Medieval-Style Tent

by John LaTorre Reviewed by Randall Whitlock

Mr. LaTorre is a tentmaker & sailmaker & glider maker with more than thirty years experience building and working with medieval-style pavilions within the Society For Creative Anachronism, where he is known as Master Johann von Drachenfels. This 160-page soft-cover book is his compilation of important concepts, tips, and tricks for your own tent. Even if you are a cheating bastard like me in a disguised mundane popup, you'll find plenty of useful advice on tools, materials, and troubleshooting. Mr. LaTorre's prose is as clear as a fine page-turner novel.

Good things I took out of the book immediately include:

--Square tent pegs are easier for teardown. Just give them a quarter-turn and the square peg makes a round hole. They come right up when you want them.

--Fine instructions for washing your tent and preventing mildew.

--Much-needed advice on fireproofing.

--Complete directions for building the "BC Type Sunshade" a very simple pavilion, great for daytime events here in the sunny southwest.

How do you find the book? I purchased my copy from a merchant at the Estrella War, but that only happens once a year. It would be much easier to buy it directly from the author's "Dragonwing" site at <http://midtown.net/dragonwing/default.htm> .

The Dragonwing site also includes a fine short article on building your own pavilions at <http://midtown.net/dragonwing/diy.htm> .

***Late Report of January 18, 2007 doins'**

SWCG and MoiRandall's participated in the Arizona Renaissance Faire Cast members Costume Swap Meet held at the Latch School in Tempe. Diane, Jean and Randall tended the tables. Margie and Mike turned up at the end of business to help with teardown and carry out. Garry Siler and Lee Knox lent some helpful schleppeage as well.

It was a madhouse, with newbs and established cast members alike clamoring around the room to gear up for the faire. The guild sold two DBF capes, the black woolen "Sith" robe, and two flatcaps for a total of 200 guilders.

Randall sold a cape, a bodice, a pouch, some patterns, and some hats for a total of 179 Randollars..

Not a bad night out. Hope we are invited back next year.

Randall

Does

Anyone

Have

Photographs

to Share?