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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: <http://members.aol.com/souwesgld/guild.html>
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March 26, 2000 at 1 PM - Picnic & Location Shoot SWCG potluck. We'll get together at a local park for lunch, then look for interesting backgrounds for costume photographs.

A Second Gentle Reminder

If your mailing label has a large LI on it this means you have not yet paid your annual dues and this will be your last issue of Cactus Needles. Please contact Kim Martin to arrange payment.

INTERNATIONAL COSTUMERS' GUILD

President's Message

February 27, 2000

Hi to all -

The New ICG Annual. Last year, Bruce and Nora Mai proposed publication of an International Costumers' Guild Annual, and the Board of Directors agreed. I've just seen the proofs of the 1999 "proto -Annual." Even though we didn't get as complete participation by chapters as we hoped, I was very impressed. I think you will be, too. The ICG will provide one copy to each chapter. Additional copies will be on sale. I hope that the success of the 1999 Annual will inspire more chapters to provide information and photos for next year's edition.

Congrats to Bruce and Nora on a good job!

The Costumer's Quarterly. The Costumer's Quarterly doesn't write itself. In order to publish issues, we need stuff to publish - articles, reviews, news, and so forth. Especially important is news from the chapters. The standing rules recommend that the Quarterly "include updates from chapters as to their activities as well as feature articles."

Please send material to: Pat Ritter, Editor, The Costumer's Quarterly, Imagination Design, P.O. Box 13238, Philadelphia, PA 13238 USA e-mail: Atalanta@earthlink.net

Lifetime Achievement Award. Each year, the ICG considers bestowing its Lifetime Achievement Award on a costumer for his or her contribution to the costuming community. Any member may make a nomination by sending me the person's name and an explanation of how he or she deserves the award and meets the criteria in our standing rules. The deadline for

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CALENDAR

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

April 30, 2000, 1 PM (tentative) - **Victorian Swimsuits*** SWCG workshop. We'll choose patterns and begin work on some period bathing costumes for potential summer activities.

May 19-21, 2000 - LepreCon 26 is the first of Arizona's fan-run SF conventions, emphasizing SF art forms. The Y2K edition will be held at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona and features Artist Guest of Honor Lubov, Author John DeChancie, Local Artist Guest of Honor Larry Vela, and Filker Guest Marilyn Miller. Check out www.leprecon.org for details.

May 28, 2000 (tentative) - **Victorian Swimsuits 2*** Final fitting and finishing touches on the suits began in April, or beginning for late starters.

June 25, 2000 (tentative) - **Victorian Swim*** Meet at a water park in our new suits, get wet and mess with some people's minds.

September 8-10, 2000 - CopperCon 20, a Y2K-compliant fan-run Science Fiction convention, will be held at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. This year's con features Author Guest of Honor Philip Jose Farmer, Artist Guest of Honor Vincent de Fate, and Musical Guest Cecelia Eng. Check out www.casfs.org/cucon for details.

November 10-12, 2000 - TusCon 27, the third of Arizona's triangle of annual fan-run SF conventions, will be held at the Executive Inn in Tucson, Arizona. This year's con features Artist Guest of Liz Danforth and Toastmaster Ed Bryant. Check out www.azstarnet.com/~basfa/ for details.

* Indicates a SWCG-sponsored event.



Film & TV Costume Designers

From Penny Ladnier <penny.creative.outlets@erols.com>

"I found this on costume designers on the web today, <http://members.aol.com/MG4273/costume.htm> I suggest printing it out to read. It is ten pages single spaced. Later... Penny "

(editor's note - The article located at that site discusses some of the top costume designers in film and television. All are contemporary workers. They represent only a fraction of current professionals in this field; they have been chosen for their originality and creativity. It may be of interest to some of our members.)

"Everyone Loves Sulky 2000 Challenge" \$60,000 in Cash and Prizes - Entry Deadline — July 31, 2000

4 Categories: Quilted Wall hangings, Wearables, Dolls, Home Dec/Accessories

3 Divisions: Professional, Amateur, Children

Everyone may or may not love Sulky (I'm not even sure what sulky is...) but I have all the rules and the prize list for anyone interested. I can either E-mail it or send hard copy upon request. - Stephanie

ICG President

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nominations is 60 days before the ICG Annual Meeting. This year, the Annual Meeting will be on Monday, May 29, so I must receive all nominations by March 30. The Board of Directors votes by secret ballot on any nominees, or for "no award." The deadline for the vote is 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting: Saturday, April 29.

To assist chapters and individual members consider nominations, a copy of Standing Rule 15 and a list of all the prior winners follow. I hope that you all will think carefully about possible nominees, and send me the names of those you believe deserve the award.

15. The ICG shall establish a Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize a body of achievement in the costuming art and service to the costuming community.

A. Candidates for this award should have the following qualifications:

1. Shall have been active in the costuming community for at least 10 years.

2. Shall have achieved significant recognition for their costuming skills, which may be in the form of, but not restricted to, competitive awards, professional accomplishments, teaching of skills and/or media recognition.

3. Shall have made significant contributions in service to the costuming community.

B. This award shall be given at the discretion of the ICG Board of Directors, but no more frequently than once per year.

C. Candidates for this award may be nominated by letter of proposal to the ICG President from any member in good standing or from any chapter. All letters of proposal must be received 60 days before the annual meeting.

D. The ICG President shall prepare a secret ballot of proposed candidates and No Award and send it to all chapter presidents and ICG officers. The voting deadline shall be 30 days in advance of the annual meeting. A majority of votes shall determine the winner. The results shall be kept secret until the award is presented.

E. It shall be the responsibility of the ICG President to have a plaque prepared for presentation to the recipient. The plaque shall read, "The International Costumers' Guild presents to (_____) its Lifetime Achievement Award for his/her contribution to the costuming community. Presented (Date) at Costume Con (Number) (City/State/Country). Lifetime Achievement Awards have been made to:

1999: Carl Mami

1998: Gary Anderson

1997: Jacqueline Ward

1996: Byron Connell

1995: Karen Dick

1994: Janet Wilson Anderson

1993: Peggy Kennedy

1992: Bjo and John Trimble

1991: Marty Gear

1990: Marji Ellers

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Sincerely,

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