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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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May 28, 2000, 1 PM - Victorian Swimsuits 2

SWCG workshop at Jean Palmer's home. Call her at 623- 876-1848 for directions. Final fitting and finishing touches on the suits began in April, or beginning for late starters.

INTERNATIONAL COSTUMERS' GUILD

President's Message

May 6, 2000

Hi to all -

I'm sending a quick note before Costume-Con and the ICG Annual Meeting. I hope everyone is enjoying a good spring (or fall, for those standing on their heads). Actually, here in upstate New York it's moved on to summer already; the last couple of days have seen temperatures reaching the 90's (Fahrenheit).

Lunatic Phrynge

Our Philadelphia-area chapter has changed its formal name. Its name now is The Greater Delaware Valley Costumers' Society, Inc. The Phrynge have a new mailing address, too: P.O. Box 41987, Philadelphia, PA 19101-1987 USA.

ICG Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, May 29, 2000, at the Hilton Hartford Hotel, 315 Trumbull Street, Hartford, Connecticut, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in conjunction with Costume-Con 18. The room will be announced later. The meeting should end no later than 12:00 noon. I encourage all ICG members to attend. You do not need to be a CC 18 member to attend the ICG Annual Meeting. Actually, you don't even have to be an ICG member to attend the meeting. However, non-members may not vote, and may speak only with permission after all members have spoken on a topic.

If you do not intend to attend the Annual Meeting, give your proxy to someone who will be attending, to cast your vote for you. That person must be a member in good standing of the ICG.

He or she probably will be a member of your chapter, but that is not required. The proxy form will be posted on the ICG web site: www.costume.org

A meeting of the Board of Directors will precede the Annual Meeting in the same room, at 9:00 a.m. Anyone else who wants

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CALENDAR

Bits & Pieces

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

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.

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.



ICG President

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to get up in time for a 9:00 a.m. meeting is welcome to attend. The Officers and Directors are expected to be there.

I will circulate the agenda for the Annual Meeting and post it on our web site soon. At this time, I do not anticipate a large number of items on which to act, but you never can tell . . .

Election of Officers

The ICG Officers' terms of office end at the Annual Meeting, and elections will be held as part of the meeting. Any ICG member in good standing may make nominations. To run for office, an individual must be a member in good standing as determined by the ICG Treasurer, based on the information supplied to her by the chapters. Please be CERTAIN that your chapter has sent updated membership information to:

Sharon Trembley, Treasurer
International Costumers' Guild, Inc.
398 Prospect Street
South Amboy, NJ 08879-1942, USA

You can't vote if your name isn't on Sharon's list!

I look forward to seeing many of you in a few weeks at CC 18. Members may contact me by e-mail at either bconnell@mail.nysed.gov (work) or BP.Connell@worldnet.att.net (home), or by regular post at 50 Dove Street, Albany, NY 12210-1811, USA.

Sincerely,
Byron P. Connell, President
International Costumers' Guild, Inc

1999 International Costume Guild Annual Submissions

Dear Guildsters,

Following up on John's mailing, I can coordinate picture submissions for the 1999 International Costume Guild Annual.

Bruce and Nora are looking for pictures of guild members and events taken during 1999. They want all pictures from each guild chapter sent through one contact person. I guess I volunteer.

Please pass your pictures to me at LepreCon, the May SWCG meeting, or mail them to me at Randall Whitlock, PO Box 39504, Phoenix AZ 85069 (the guild mailbox). This time around, I'll do the scanning so your print never has to leave the valley.

You can also scan the pictures yourself and e-mail them to me. Pictures should be scanned at 150 dots per inch and saved as .gif or .jpg files with a depth of 256 colors or grays.

Each person needs to sign a model and/or photographer release. I'll be carrying copies of the forms in my con bag. I can also e-mail you the scanned forms Pete has prepared.

Sincerely
Randall

Randall Whitlock Bio

No huge changes for me lately. I've had the same job for eight years, and the same house and dogs for five. I continue to work as an environmental consultant and to operate "MoiRandall's" on the web, at the Estrella War, and at the Devonshire Faire. A lack of adequate sewing time has convinced me to stop taking custom orders. The web site now primarily advertises my "Randwulf's" patterns. The finished garments will be WYSIWYG, not made-to-measure, from now on.

I directed the CopperCon 19 Masquerade with relatively few avoidable disasters. I've decided I prefer being deputy to being Big Giant Head. I'm a beta male, not an alpha. Witness my large collection of second-place trophies.

One of those was "Darth Y'all: Redneck Jedi," presented at DarkCon in June. I copied the red & black face paint of Darth Maul (working around the edges of my beard) and presented it with jeans, a flannel shirt, and cowboy boots. I carried a glowing red "Light Pitchfork" made from 12-volt light rope.

I'm finishing up my second term as SWCG president. That's enough for anyone in one stretch and Frances has some good ideas for the next year. I will be stepping down, though I will continue to maintain the web site and tend the mailbox.

Randall

Editor's Note

We would like to print similar bios on other SWCG members so please send your info to either me or Jean Palmer.

Thanks,
Stephanie