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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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MEETING: SEPT 24, 2000 10AM - This will be our semi-annual cape-making session, at Jean Palmer's place Please bring sewing tools, including a machine if you have one portable. There is some question about how much fabric we have on hand. If you get a chance to grab a good deal on some capeworthy stuff in the next few days, please go for it. You can view a map to Jean's place at <http://members.aol.com/souwesgld/jeanmap.gif>

W H A P !

You have been slapped by a glove. It is a tastefully embroidered silk glove, but a glove nonetheless.

You have been challenged to a Costumers Competition.

Recently, you should have received your stack of SouthWest Costumers Guild business cards. If you haven't, catch me at CASFS or a Guild Meeting.

My challenge is for you to create some kind of business card holder to carry around in your pocket, purse, glove compartment, etc. Ideas might include tooled leather wallets, beaded or embroidered bags, inlaid wooden boxes, or any other practical item that fits your skills.

I will look at the entries during our December guild meeting. The winner will receive their choice of any one "Randwulf's" pattern or book.

We will meet on the field of honor at dawn. Needles for two, coffee for or~

Randall



CALENDAR

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

October 22, 2000 - Pre-Halloween Halloween Party* Guild Social, at Jean's place. Everyone else will be doing their Halloween parties next weekend. Play-Test your costume with us! e-mail Randall for a map.

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.

November 18-19, 2000 - Devonshire Renaissance Faire The annual renaissance fair hosted by Phoenix Parks & Recreation at Los Olivos Park, on 28th Street, one block north of Indian School Road. Food, Music, Merchants, all in an Elizabethan theme. Look for SWCG Member Randall Whitlock's "MoiRandall's" costume pavilion.

November 24, 2000 - Photo Shoot* Guild Workshop/Picnic, location to be announced. We will gather at a local park with interesting backgrounds and shoot some portraits in our favorite costumes. Bring some munchies to share, a costume or two, and maybe your camera.

December 17, 2000 - Glendale Glitters* Guild Walking Tour. We will see the sights of downtown Glendale, Arizona during their annual "Glendale Glitters" holiday event. Features include a chocolate factory, a doll museum, and antique shops. Should we do this in Victorian attire?

May 18-20, 2001 - LepreCon 27, A fan-run convention emphasizing the art of Science Fiction, will be held at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. This year's con's confirmed guests of honor include: Artist Guest of Honor: Stephen Hickman Author Guest of Honor: Michael Stackpole Music Guest: Echo's Children (sponsored by the Phoenix Filk Circle) Local Artist Guest of Honor: Robert Ross Check out www.leprecon.org for details.

June 29-July 1, 2001 - DarkCon 2001, A Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Gaming convention, will be held in central Arizona, location to be announced. Check out www.darkcones.org for details as they develop. A masquerade will be featured.

September 7-9, 2001 - CopperCon 21, A fan-run Science Fiction convention, will be held at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. This year's con features Author Julian May and Musical Guest Heather Alexander. Check out www.casfs.org/cucon for details. The con features a masquerade directed by SWCG Webdude Randall Whitlock. Randall has put up a masquerade information page at <http://members.aol.com/cumask/>.

* Indicates a SWCG-sponsored event.

Bits & Pieces

--Your newsletter is late this month because your newsletter editor had the poor judgement to get two teeth pulled and hasn't yet mastered the art of typing while holding an ice pack to both sides of her jaw. Apologies for the lateness.... on the plus side, October's newsletter may come out early.

--We have a new member! We just received dues from Marilyn Greene, 4201 N 20th St #129, Phoenix AZ 85016. 602.952.0598 No e-mail given. Welcome Marilyn.

--It seems that 2 of our local costumers have been recognized in the field of costume design by receiving the ariZoni awards of theatrical excellence

For Non-contracted Theater: Costume Design: **Nola Yergen:** The Two Gentleman of Verona: Grand Canyon University.
For Contracted Theater: Costume Design: **Gail Wolfenden-Steib:** Sleeping Beauty: Phoenix Theater Cookie Company.

—Report from September's Cloaking—Four capes (2 black fuzzy, 2 black upholstery corduroy), 1 capeletted hood, 4 flatcaps, 1 beret, 1 muffin cap.

—At CASFS on Sept 29, Dave Hungerford mentioned a company that will register an internet domain for \$15 per year. Should we get one?

—The CopperCon 21 Masquerade web page is up at <http://members.aol.com/cumask>



Guildsters,

I have accepted (a railroad metaphor is in order) the Masquerade Directorship for CopperCon 21, to be held on September 8, 2001 at the Sunspree in Scottsdale. I will be begging your assistance at upcoming meetings in the traditional fields of prizes, crew positions, and lots of bodies on stage. I could really use a deputy director early in the game to help plan and to take over if I'm struck by another meteorite. More on this at upcoming meetings. Meanwhile, I have posted a page to <http://members.aol.com/cumask/> which contains most of what I know at this point. Please check out the page and let me know how it works for you,

Sincerely
Randall

