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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 \$4 for membership in the International Costumer's Guild, and \$18 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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A Friendly Reminder

It is once again time to pay our annual dues. Please get your money to Kim as soon as possible. Thanks!

MEETING: January 7, 2001 at 1PM - A Capemaking Odyssey Guild Workshop at Jean's place. We will get together to build some of our signature velvet capes to market at the Estrella War as our semi-annual fundraiser. We'll also do some calendar planning. What would you like to do at SWCG meetings for the rest of the year?

Bits & Pieces From Randall

Becky Lee Evans, our Nevada member, has put up a web page with pictures of her costumes, family, and home town. The URL is very long, but you can use the link on our web page in the "Meet the Guildsters" section of our page at www.southwestcostumersguild.org.

I just received an e-mail from the publishers of Dreher's "From the Neck Up" a useful book on hatting that includes scaled patterns for many different hats and basic lessons in millinery. I'm thinking about adding it to the MoiRandall's stock list. The retail price is \$25, but for ten or more copies, the wholesale price can come down to \$15. Would anyone be interested in a group order to get the best discount?

Our redirection account allows me to create e-mail "aliases." These are e-mail addresses that redirect mail to another e-mail address. I have already set up webmaster@southwestcostumersguild.org to forward mail to myself.

Aliases are useful things. You can use them to send e-mail to yourself to transfer files from one computer to another. You can set up a special e-mail address for a project. You can give your alias out to people who wish to contact you. If you get too much spam, the alias can be deleted without your needing a new e-mail account. If you change e-mail providers, your old aliases can be such as "president@southwestcostumersguild.org" that will be redirected to whoever happens to be president this year.

Aliases I would like to create include:

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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.

February 14-19, 2001 - The Estrella War The SCA Kingdom of Atenveldt's annual war features armored battles, arts & sciences competitions, and a merchants' row to rival any Renaissance Faire. This camping event will be held February 14-19, 2001 at the Schnepf Farms event site in Queen Creek, Arizona. For more information go to www.estrellawar.org Look for SWCG Webmaster Randall's MoiRandall's pavilion on merchants' row.

February 25, 2001 - 1 PM at Sharan's place in Glendale This will be the "**Postwar Depression**."* We will decompress and debrief our experiences from the Estrella War and do calendar planning for the next few months worth of meetings.

March 25, 2001 - '**Mother of the Bride**' Dress Finishing* at Jean's

April 29, 2001 - **Henin Making*** at Jean's

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.

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I also want to remind everyone of my standing offer to display costumes for sale made by SWCG members at my MoiRandall's pavilion. Just pass the items to him at or before the Estrella War along with written information on your dream price, realistic price, and minimum price. Also please write down some information to tell the customer, such as the proper name of the garment, what it's made out of, and a business card or other contact information if you would be willing to make more of them.

Randall

Meeting Notes

Information from the recent meeting held 1-7-2001:
The stock of cloaks and such produced was as follows:

- 2-full length black cloaks
- 2-half circle(med length) black cloaks
- 1-full length purple cloak
- 3-black capelets
- 6-black flatcaps
- 2-blue flatcaps
- 3-purple muffiin caps
- 2-black muffin caps

Ideas already discussed for future meetings include Jean's leather-centered cap pattern, Frances' chemise pattern, assisting Jean in preparation for Nola & Jeff's wedding (scheduled for March), and maybe some more picnics.



VP Jean Palmer shows her medieval cap pattern to the guildsters at our December, 2000 meeting. Photo © Randall Whitlock