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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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MEETING: March 25, 2001 at 1PM -

Mother of the Bride* Guild Workshop at Jean's place.

We'll lend a hand on some late-stage preparations for Our VP's daughter's medieval-themed wedding.

International Costumers' Guild

President's Message

March 11, 2001

Hi to all -

As I write, we have snow on the ground here in Albany, NY, having had two storms totaling 24 inches in a week. That makes it a bit hard to believe, but spring is only nine days away! I'm more than ready for it; it's been a looong winter.

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 nominations is 60 days before the ICG Annual Meeting. This year, the Annual Meeting will be on Monday, May 28, so I must receive all nominations by March 29. 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 28.

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

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CALENDAR

ICG

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

April 29, 2001 - Henin Making* at Jean's .Jean has a pattern for a versatile medieval cap with a leather infrastructure. She'll show us how to make it.

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.

May 19, 2001 - LepreCon Open House* Guild Party in Frances' suite at LepreCon 27, after the Saturday evening Masquerade. Food & Conversation. A good chance to check out the SWCG for SF & Fantasy Fen.

June 24, 2001 - Volunteer Dancewear* Guild Workshop, location to be announced. A local youth dance group needs some basic costume pieces for their performances. We'll form up as an assembly line and help out. Bring your sewing tools and machine if you can.

July 22, 2001 - Volunteer Dancewear 2* Guild Workshop, location to be announced. Tentatively, we'll continue work on the youth dance costumes.

August 26, 2001 - Pool or Beach Party (tentative)* Guild party, location to be announced. Truck out your Victorian swimsuit from last year's project or come up with something new!

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/>

September 30, 2001 - Housewarming* Guild Road Trip to Sedona. The prez's new place should be up and running by now. Let's break in her sewing room!

October 28, 2001 - The Cloaking* Guild Workshop at Jean's place. We'll build some capes and other ren gear to sell at the Devonshire Renaissance Fair as a fundraiser to support our other activities.

November 25, 2001 - The Cloaking 2* Guild Workshop at Jean's place. We'll build some more capes and hats to get ready for the Estrella War in February.

* Indicates a SWCG-sponsored event.

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 form 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:

2000: Pierre and Sandy Pettinger
 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,
 Byron P. Connell, President
 International Costumers' Guild, Inc.

Bits & Pieces

"The Huichol Way of Life: Creation and Prayer"

What: "The Huichol Way of Life: Creation and Prayer" exhibit, focusing on 75 works drawn from permanent and private collections.

Where: The Bead Museum, 5754 W Glenn Drive, Glendale.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays (open Thursdays until 8 p.m.), 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, through September 16.

Admission: \$3 adult; free for children under 12. Free admission on Sundays.

Information: 623-931-2737