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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: April 29, 2001 at 1PM - 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.

About the April Meeting

Guildsters,

I have the leather for the Hennin making class to be held at my place on Sunday, April 29, 2001 I guess the regular 1 PM is ok time. Randall passed the blueprint patterns on to me. To make a completed Hennin (type of medieval hat) I recommend you each bring sewing kit and regular sewing machine - serger is not necessary as all seams are enclosed. I will attempt to get some fabric, but would recommend you each bring about 3/4 yard of two fabrics of your choice. Wool, linen or silk is preferable. The two fabrics could be coordinating colors, maybe something which would match an existing outfit (garb). Hennin were generally worn with cotehardies or houppelandes. The Hennin I have is a charcoal grey wool and red linen. I plan to do one in brown and yellow silk. The finished hat is reversible. - **Jean Palmer**



CALENDAR

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

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.

Bits & Pieces

Folkwear Patterns

Guildsters,

I just received a mailing from Lark Books (actually two copies--one for MoiRandall's and the other for SWCG) advertising wholesale sales of Folkwear patterns.

The deal for small-time resellers is substantially better than before, with a 50 percent discount for orders of five patterns or more. All of the catalog is available again. These two points resolve the problems that made me stop ordering Folkwear in the first place.

I intend to place an order in the next few weeks, as soon as my billing account is reestablished. Anyone interested in piggybacking an order with mine to take advantage of the discount?

Get back to me via randwhit@aol.com, webmaster@southwestcostumersguild.org, or my phone number. -**Randall**

Tip For Making Hoops

When making hoops take advantage of modern technology like the manufactures do. To join the hoop wire use clear plastic flexible tubing. Cut the tubing about 1 1/2" to 2" long and slip both ends of the hoop wire into it, overlapping the wire and keeping both ends within the tubing. The tubing appears to be 1/2" or 3/8" in diameter. Take some hoop wire with you to the hardware store to check for fit. The fit should be tight. No sewing involved, and the hoop wire can be relatively easily removed for cleaning. -**Frances Burns**

LepreCon 27 "Meet The Club"

Guildsters,

I have just found out that a Meet-the-Clubs event is planned for Friday afternoon at LepreCon. We did not receive the original invitation because of a misspelling of our e-mail address. I can't get to the con before 7PM that day. Would anyone be available to tend a recruiting table?

Randall

Cactus Needles

Hi,

As you may have noticed, this month's mailing included Cactus Needles for February and March as well as the current, April, issue. I want to apologize for the delay over the past two months and promise I'll try to keep mundane problems under control and get the newsletter out on time from now on. -**Stephanie Bannon**

