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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:

<http://members.aol.com/souwesgld/guild.html>

International Costumers Guild Webpage: www.costume.org

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MEETING: 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

International Costumers' Guild President's Message April 19, 2001

Hello everyone —

There are several items I want to mention this month.

New Name for the ICG Archive

The Board of Directors has changed the name of our archive from The Patrick M. Kennedy Memorial Library to The Patrick and Peggy Kennedy Memorial Library, to honor Peggy's memory as well as Pat's. The archive has one of the finest collections of photos of competition costumes and videotapes of masquerades in North America. For information about our archive and its holdings, contact Carl Mami, our archivist, at 85 West McClellan Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039-1247 USA, or by e-mail at cdmami@home.com

Nominations for ICG Offices

The Annual Meeting at CC 19 will elect the ICG's officers for the coming year. It's time for nominations for the five offices, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. Any member in good standing may make a nomination. To be listed in advance on the agenda for the Annual Meeting, I must receive nominations by Saturday, April 28. Nominations may be made by regular post or by e-mail; they do not need to be seconded. Nominations also may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

I am not standing again for President. Ken Warren is not standing again for Vice President. Jess Miller is not standing again for Corresponding Secretary. Sharon Trembley is standing again for Treasurer and Dora Buck is standing again for Recording Secretary.

The following nominations have been made:

President: Darla Kruger (Costumer's Guild West)

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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.

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 24, 2001 - Organizational Meeting* Guild business meeting at Kim's place. We are considering incorporating the guild. We need to discuss bylaws, structure and other legal stuff.

July 22, 2001 - Coppercon Preparations* Guild Workshop at Randall's place. We'll build some prizes for the upcoming Coppercon 21 Masquerade. Bring sewing tools. [Click Here](#) for directions to the meeting.

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.**



ICG

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Vice President: Carl Mami (New Jersey/New York Costumers' Guild)

Treasurer: Sharon Trembley (New Jersey/New York Costumers' Guild)

Recording Secretary: Dora Buck (New Jersey/New York Costumers' Guild)

Corresponding Secretary: Laura Rico (Costumer's Guild West).

New Address for the Western Canadian Costumers' Guild

The Western Canadian Costumers' Guild has a new official mailing address:

Western Canadian Costumers' Guild
c/o Eileen Capes
1903 Glenmount Drive, S.W.
Calgary, AB T3E 4B4 CANADA

Chapter Obligations

One of the few obligations that chapters have to the ICG is to send us their lists of officers and members annually, with quarterly updates. The Standing Rules provide that each chapter must annually send the Corporation Treasurer its list of officers' names, addresses and, where available, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, together with the complete list of its members in good standing (including name, address, telephone number where available, and whether or not the member subscribes to the Quarterly). Each quarter, each chapter must send the names, etc., of new members and any updates to the list of officers or to members' addresses and phone numbers. At the same time as the annual report, each chapter must remit ICG dues.

The due dates for these reports each year are: January 7, April 6, July 6, and October 6. Chapters' annual lists and dues payments were due on January 7. I have asked our Treasurer, Sharon Trembley, to send receipt to chapters when their reports arrive and to send reminders early next month to the presidents and treasurers of delinquent chapters. If you have not yet complied, please send your chapter's update to:

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

The format that we need chapters to use in sending Sharon the information is posted on the ICG web site:

www.costume.org

"Guido," our Chapter Liaison, will be in contact with chapters that have not met their obligation.

The next report date for chapters is July 6, when chapters should send Sharon an update report on changes in members' addresses and the names and addresses of new members.

Members may reach me by e-mail either at bconnell@mail.nysed.gov (work) or at 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.

Quick Fantasy Middle Eastern Costume Part 1: The Skirts

This costume consists of two elastic waisted circle shirts, a mock guasie top, a chemise, and as many scarves, additional skirts and belts as you want to add.

Fabrics:

Skirt: fabric that is wide enough to cut your $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ circles out of and drapes well

Top: Stretch knits only

Chemise: Fabric that drapes well, shears work well depending on the neckline you chose for the top.

Scarves: Fabric that drapes well and cheesecloth

Directions for the skirts:

These directions can be applied to any circle skirt.

Warning: I use math. Yes, I know some of you think it is a dirty word. All you need to do is fill in your measurements instead of the example measurements and any calculator will give you the lengths you need to know.

Measurements: Widest hip measurement - example 40"

Length from waist to hem of shirt - example 38"

Cutting the skirt:

1. Take your hip measurement divide by 3.14 (π) and divide by 2.

Example: $40" \div 3.14 \div 2 = 6.37"$ or about $6 \frac{1}{2}$ inches this will be the radius of the waist opening.

2. Next take (the radius of the waist opening)+(finished length of skirt)+(for hem and waist seam)= the radius of your circle skirt from center of waist opening to hem.

Example: $6 \frac{1}{2} " + 38" + 1 \frac{1}{4} " = 45 \frac{3}{4} "$

3. Skirt Fabric required: The prior measurement is the minimum width of your fabric. To find the length take the prior measurement x 4) 36 = length in yards

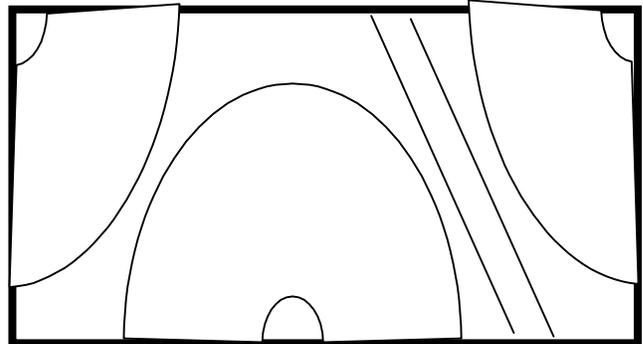
Example: $45 \frac{3}{4} \times 4 \div 36 = 5.08$ yards = $5 \frac{1}{8}$ yards.

You will need a piece of fabric 46" or more wide by $5 \frac{1}{8}$ yards long. And you will have some leftovers.

4. For the waistband take your hip measurement add 2" and cut a strip that length 3" to 4" wide on the bias, this piece can easily be pieced.

5. Lay out your shirt according to the following diagram and cut.

Optional: cut out pockets to insert in the side seams out of the scraps.



6. Sew the back seam. Sew the side seams, inserting pockets if you have them. Attach waistband and insert elastic. Hem with a roll edge.



Bits & Pieces

From Guild Member Randall Whitlock

I can announce that, after many months of preparation, "Randwulf's Collection of Capes" is finished and ready for repro. This package includes the full-size "Randwulf's 4-Panel Cape," a yoked cloak, a darted half-circle cape, and a medieval cowl. These are most of the things we've been building at guild cape sessions for the past few years.