



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>
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MEETING: 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.



**International Costumers Guild
ICG President's Message
June 8, 2001**

Well, where to start. As this is my first message to all of you out there in ICGland, I guess the best place to begin is with an introduction. I am Darla Kruger, the new president of the ICG. As you all know, this last May we held officer elections for the ICG and I was voted in as president. Yes, some people think that makes me certifiable, but if I claimed to be sane everyone would know I'm lying.

The first thing I'd like to do is thank my predecessor, Byron Connell. He did a wonderful job during his two-year term as president. Even though he is too humble about his accomplishments while in office, I believe that if it weren't for Byron there would be no ICG at the present time. He chose to be president (or was sucked in) at one of the most difficult times during the history of the ICG. He kept a level head and was fair in all dealings with the chapters of this loose federation of costumers at a time when pitchforks were being brandished and threats were flying. For that alone he deserves our applause. But then, when things finally seemed like they were calming down, we hit our worst storm.

Bryon was the primary instrument in keeping the ICG solvent. We are still recovering, but if it hadn't been for Byron's leadership, stamina, and patience (most of the time), we would not have an ICG. My hat is off to him and I say three grand huzzahs in his direction (that would be New York, by the way).

Now I'll tell you a little about myself. First, I've been a costumer now for over 30 years. My first 10 years were spent in theatrical costuming (strictly amateur), but then I fell in love with historical.

CALENDAR

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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.

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.

I'd always been interested in history (my first obsession), so it seemed like the perfect marriage of my two most intense passions, history and costuming. It was the best of all worlds, though recently I've started dabbling in fantasy costuming and am even beginning a design for a masquerade entry in Worldcon in 2002 (maybe - if I'm brave enough). I've been a member of the Costumer's Guild West for the past six years, but have been president for the last three. I have been teaching now at Costume College (the CGW's yearly educational seminar) for the past six years and have presented many classes at the last three Costume Cons. I have run Costume College 2000 and am now running Costume College 2001, but I'm looking forward to handing it off to someone else in 2002. I am, however, running for president of the CGW again this year. For the past 16 years (yipes), I have been a legal assistant (my background is as a paralegal). Because of all this life experience, I believe I have the skills and determination needed for the job of ICG president. I hope in the next year, you come to agree with me.

I have lots of plans for the ICG. There are some things I'd like to improve: communications between the ICG and its chapters, and communication between the chapters themselves; having a better record regarding the Costumer's Quarterly as well as upgrading the quality of the publication; continuing Byron's legacy of keeping the ICG solvent; just to name a few. But I also have plans for some new "stuff" that I think you'll like. I'll tell you all about that in future messages.

I guess my bottom line is I want to make the ICG a valuable part of your costuming community and relevant to your needs. To be honest, though, I can't do it without you guys. I need your input, your suggestions, your ideas, and your help. So, in light of that, please always feel free to contact me. There are two way you can do this. First, there's e-mail which is icgpresident@yahoo.com (isn't that cute?). Or you can write to me, Darla Kruger, c/o Costumer's Guild West, Post Office Box 3052, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670-3052. However, response time will be faster via e-mail.

So, I look forward to serving you (but I don't do windows). And I hope by the time I'm done, all of you will value the ICG as I do. Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,
Darla Kruger
ICG President

