



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 Kim Martin, she will notify the Editor.

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AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

It is January, if **LI** appears on your mailing label you need to pay your dues. Please pay your dues by January 31 so that you will continue to get Cactus Needles

MEETING: January 27, 2002 - 1PM - Hennin Hats* Guild meeting/workshop at Jean's place. We will be making henin hats for war and anything else that comes to mind. Bring suitable fabric 1 yd approx each of two colors--solid colors--wool, linen, cotton, whatever not synthetic. Bring sewing stuff, thread to match fabric, machine, serger, ??? Also we'll finish up some hats already started for display at The Estrella War. Call or email for directions.



International Costumers Guild ICG President's Message December 2001

Hello everyone:

Well, it's a rather quiet time and to be honest there isn't much going on with the ICG this time of year. We're all concentrating very hard on getting ready for the holidays, I'm sure. I'm not going to make my message very long this month, which I'm sure will be a relief to all of you.

It has been a very interesting year, to say the least. The last few months have been very hard on all of us, some more than others, but I don't believe a single one of our members hasn't been affected by the recent world affairs. For anyone who has been personally touched, my heart goes out to you as you approach the holidays, and for all of us, I hope this holiday brings some healing.

Now, as your ICG president it is my civic duty to instruct you all to go out and spend – it's your patriotic duty. There are books to buy, fabrics to hoard, and sewing machine gadgets to collect. NOW is not the time to scrimp, my dears! Just think what being a costumer could mean to the world – we can help the global

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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 13-18, 2002 - The Estrella War is the Society for Creative Anachronism's annual gathering at Schnepf Family Farms in Queen Creek, Arizona. The event, held every year on Presidents Day weekend (and the preceding several days), includes large-scale medieval battles, arts and sciences competitions, and everyone in medieval costume. Look for SWCG member Randall's MoiRandall's costume pavilion on Merchant's row.

February 23-24, 2002 - Arizona Scottish Gathering & Highland Games, at Mesa Community College in Mesa, Arizona. Caber Tossing, Pipe Bands, Alex Beaton, Lots of Kilts. Visit <http://www.arizonascots.com> for details.

February 24, 2002 - Bead Making* (tentative, location to be announced) Guild workshop. We'll learn to make custom beads using Femo® and other readily available art materials.

March 24, 2002 - Sunday in the Park* Guild picnic at Los Olivos Park in Phoenix. General conversation and socializing, maybe some photographs in costume.

April 28, 2002 - Adapt a Pattern* Guild meeting at Kim's place. We'll practice interpretation of published patterns and how to adapt them for SF, Fantasy, and Anime' applications.

May 17-19, 2002 - Leprecon 28, a Fan-Run SF Convention at Embassy Suites Phoenix North, 2577 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, Arizona. Author Guest of Honor: Peter David, Artist Guest of Honor: Monte M. Moore, Musical Guests Jeff & Maya Bohnhoff. Features a masquerade directed by SWCG member Tasha Cady. Visit www.leprecon.org/lep28 for details.

May 26, 2002 - Post-Con Brainstorm* Guild meeting at Stephanie's place. Decompress after Leprecon and plan for future activities.

June 30, 2002 - Sewing Project* Guild meeting/workshop at Randall's place. Get together and build something! Possibly cloaks for the Devonshire Faire, Possibly practice drapery-making. Bring your sewing tools.

September 6-8, 2002 - Coppercon 22, a Fan-Run SF Convention at Embassy Suites Phoenix North, 2577 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, Arizona. Author Guest of Honor: Barbara Hambly, Special Effects Guest of Honor: Mojo. Visit www.coppercon.org for details.

*** Indicates a SWCG-sponsored event.**

ICG President

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economy. And you thought costuming wasn't important? I say HA!

On a final note, to all of our ICG members and your families, I hope that the holidays bring you joy, health, happiness, and peace. May all your dreams come true and gift wishes be fulfilled.

Love and blessings to all,
Darla Kruger
Dean, Costume College 2001
President, Costumer's Guild West
President, International Costumers' Guild



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