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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 Kim Martin, she will notify the Editor.

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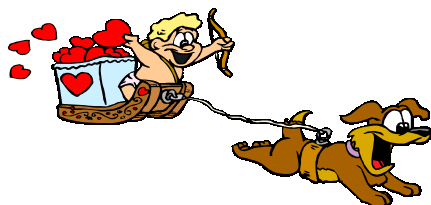
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**MEETING: February 24, 2002 - 1PM - Sunday in the Park\* Guild picnic at Los Olivos Park in Phoenix. General conversation and socializing, maybe some photographs in costume. Call or email for details.**

### **A SECOND IMPORTANT REMINDER**

It is February and as a special Valentine to our guildsters we are extending subscriptions for an extra month. If LI appears on your mailing label you need to pay your dues. Please pay your dues by February 24 so that you will continue to get Cactus Needles (If you have already paid, please disregard this note.)

## **Bits n Pieces**

### **PDF Format Newsletter**

Cactus Needles is available monthly by email as an attached pdf file. Also available is a pdf file of all of the 1999, 2000 and the 2001 issues. If you would like the .pdf version instead of or in addition to a mailed copy or if you would like copies of past issues please contact the editor at [leigh@doverkeep.org](mailto:leigh@doverkeep.org)

### **On-Line Costume Resource**

[www.milieux.com](http://www.milieux.com) an Online Costuming Sources for Historical, Science Fiction & Fantasy Costumers with a wide range of costume info including links for Design, Art, & Images, Museums, History & Research, Instruction, Events, Organizations, Miscellany, Sources/Supplies, Mail\_order sources. The Costume Source page includes links to dealers/suppliers for Arms & Armor, Books, Video and Patterns, Footwear & Leather, Garb | Hats & Wigs, Ornament, Metalwork & Findings, Notions, Trim, & Fabric, Prosthetics, Masks & FX, Miscellany, Costumes & Accessories, Mail\_order Sources, and Gothic Fashion Links. The few I followed seemed interesting and informative.

# 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.

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

**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](http://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](http://www.coppercon.org) for details.

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

## January Meeting Notes

At yesterday's workshop at Jean's place we pecked out three of the flat-topped hennin hats and one of the long-tailed round ones, along with one DBF (dreaded black fuzzy) cloak.

Please note that we will be swapping the February and March meeting topics due to the scheduling constraints of our invited teacher. We will now be doing the Picnic at Los Olivos Park in February and the Femo beads & buttons demo in March.

Would someone care to host the Femo Demo?

## Crafting Handmade Shoes

by Sharon Raymond

Reviewed by Frances Burns

While going through the new book section of the library I saw "Crafting Handmade Shoes," so of course I checked it out.

The book addresses making shoes without a last, with real soles, but no heels to speak of. It goes through basic construction techniques and then presents projects. Overall it was well written and clear. There are clear directions, suggested glues (by brand name and type) and a list of sources for shoe making supplies.

The projects include a fair number of closed toe shoes that could easily be used for SCA and Ren-Fair. The techniques are mostly done by hand. In the case of some types of sole application you may want to farm it out to your local shoe shop because of the equipment that is needed. There is a surprising amount of detail about placing patterns on leather for the best results in the finished product.

Over all this appears to be a good starting place if you need to make some simple shoes. My only quibble with the book is that it does not go into arch supports, speaking as a person with high arches.

I would suggest checking it out from your library or through inter-library loan it is a good craft book.



## International Costumers Guild ICG President's Message February 1, 2002

Hello everyone:

I have enclosed the Agenda for this month=s Annual Meeting in Australia. Unfortunately, I won=t be attending. However, Carl Mami, our present Vice President will be standing in for me.

First, I would like to talk about the past year of my presidency. Well, as I suspected, I would not be able to get everything done that I wanted to. However, that doesn=t daunt me at all. I never expect to get everything done that I have on my plate because it would not be possible for anyone to do so. There have been disappointments, such as the CGUK leaving the ICG. I do believe, though, I tried my hardest to make the situation work and it just wasn=t possible. Since, that was off my plate, I=ve been able to get other things done. Also unfortunately, we had the terrible occurrence on September 11. This seemed to put a stop to all non-essential functioning for many of us and we=re just starting to get back on our feet (me included). Finally, it has been a very short year. I=ve had three months less than the average term in office which has really put a crimp in things.

Now that I=ve listed some of the down things of my year, I=d like to list some of the positives of what=s occurred over the past nine months. First, I was able to make arrangements for a special discount with a publisher for ICG members. This was the first of

**ICG President**

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**2002 Annual Meeting, International Costumers' Guild, Inc.,  
and Concurrent Meeting of its Board of Directors  
La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, February 18, 2002.**

what I hope to be many direct perks of being a member of the ICG. Additionally, I was able to lower the printing costs for our CQ. Not by much on each issue (I believe the figure was 50 cents), but it=s a start.

Now for a few announcements of some other good things.

For the last several months, Bruce and Nora Mai, Carl Mami, and I have been discussing melding the ICG annual into an issue of the CQ. When approached, the Mais thought it was a win/win situation as did Carl. The Mais have agreed to produce the third quarter issue of the CQ as the ICG Annual issue. The purpose of this Ajoining of forces@ was being we felt there was a split in focus having two ICG publications. As everyone knows, the CQ has a troubled history and now with it nearing the point of being fully on track (thanks to Carl Mami and Dora Buck), we didn=t want to water down our energies. We felt unifying the publications could only strengthen them. So our chapter presidents can expect to be contacted by the Mais within the next month or so asking for information about their chapters. I hope that everyone cooperates since this is for all us. The only issue that remains is this. If you want a copy of the annual, you will have to subscribe to the CQ. We hope this gives more people motivation for becoming part of the CQ family.

I would also like to announce that the ICG webmaster position will be changing hands. For the past several years, John O=Halloran has been our webmaster. He is the one who designed Costume.Org and has maintained it. As with many of us though, after many years of dedicated service to the website, John is ready to move on to something else. As difficult as it is to hand off his Ababy,@ John has decided it=s time to pass the torch. In light of that, Jeffrey Morris of the SLUTS has agreed to take over the duties of webmaster. Jeffrey is experienced in this area and John himself said he=s comfortable and has confidence in Jeff taking over. I think Jeff is going to do a great job and it will be exciting to see what new visions Jeff has for our website. He will be taking over all duties from John including maintaining and monitoring the D lists. He will begin full force after February (he has to get out his last SLUTS newsletter first).

As you will see by the attached Agenda, we have a slate of candidates for the ICG officer positions. You will note I have decided to run for office again. Like I said above, there are many things I=d still like to do for the ICG and I can best serve you all as president. I hope you will all agree.

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On a final note. As you all know, the annual meeting is not only taking place very early this year, but very far away. As a result, many of you are not going to be attending the annual meeting. It is therefore VERY important that you send in your proxies to someone who is going. If you need a proxy form please go to our website, Costume.org. There should be an updated version there (don=t forget to refresh if you haven=t been on the site in awhile). If you don=t have web access, your chapter president or ICG representative has a copy. I know this because I sent one to all of them several days ago.

Sincerely,

Darla W. Kruger, President International Costumers' Guild, Inc.

**Agenda****I. Call to Order of the Meeting****II. Determination of a Quorum**

- A. Members Present
- B. B. Members Represented by Proxy

**III. Approval of the Minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting****IV. Reports**

- A. Report of the President
- B. Report of the Vice President
- C. Report of the Treasurer
  - 1. Finance
  - 2. Membership
  - 3. Chapters' recognition terminated
- D. Report of the Corresponding Secretary
  - 1. Correspondence
  - 2. Public Relations Committee
- E. Report of the Recording Secretary
- F. Report of the Editor, ICG Annual
- G. Report of the Editor, The Costumer's Quarterly
  - 1. The Editorial Board
  - 2. Publication and Other Matters
- H. Report of the Archivist
- I. Report of the Parliamentarian
- J. Report of the Webmaster

**V. Old Business****VI. New Business**

- A. ICG Annual being rolled into third quarter issue of the CQ

**CQ****VII. Selection of Officers**

- A. Nominations Made in Advance
- B. Nominations from the Floor

**VIII. Adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Members****IX. Election by the Board of Directors of the Officers Selected by the Annual Meeting****X. Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Directors****XI. Adjournment of the Meeting of the Board of Directors****2002 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COSTUMERS' GUILD, INC.****Selection of Officers**

The following members in good standing have been nominated for the offices indicated:

President: Darla Kruger (Costumer's Guild West)

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

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

Corresponding Secretary: Jess Miller (Costumer's Guild West)

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

Members in good standing may make additional nominations from the floor.