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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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MEETING: March 24, 2002 - 1PM - Femo Demo* Guild Workshop at Stephanie's place. We'll learn to make custom beads and buttons using Femo® and other readily available art materials.

Bits n Pieces

Fabric For Sale

One of the professors I work for bought 50 yards of we think, voile (looks like slightly stiff chiffon, has a sheen and is really pretty). It's eggplant colored. She discovered it's not quite the color she needed for her project, so would like to sell it and just get her money back. She paid 2.99/yd for it at SAS; the total comes to just under \$150.00. I thought someone, or a few someones, in the guild might like this fabric. It's pretty and is a good price. Contact Paula if you are interested.

Fine Machine Sewing

by Carol Laflin Ahles

Reviewed by Frances Burns

Do you love the look of Edwardian whites but have no idea of how to do the lace insertion? This is the book for you!

This book covers what is currently known as French Machine Sewing or Heirloom sewing. It includes clear detailed instructions with drawings and pictures on such things as hemstitching, fagoting, and pintucking and lace insertion.

Carol has written a wonderful chapter on sewing with lightweight fabrics that explains why things go wrong (puckering, etc) and how to correct the problem. She has put into words that make sense descriptions of a number of techniques that I use (something that I have not been able to do) and more besides.

Her appendices on what to look for in a machine and caring for your sewing machine are extremely good.

I particularly liked Carol's use of hemstitching to apply lace to fabric so that you have the look of entredeux without having to use any. And using the techniques so that they also fit more tailored garment.

This book does a wonderful job of explaining how to use these techniques and I would recommend it for your bookshelf.

CALENDAR

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

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.*



International Costumers Guild ICG President's Message March 9, 2002

Well, as you can see, I'm writing the President's message. I'm sure you've figured out that means I'm still president. Again, I didn't run fast enough. There is some important business to be taken care of so my actual message is going to be very important.

Now I realize the annual meeting came upon us very quickly and many of us were taken by surprise. Therefore, I must remind you that all chapters must forward their membership lists and ICG dues immediately. As it is, we tend to be lax about collecting this information and these fees on a quarterly basis. However, your chapter treasurers should forward these all-important items at least once a year, at this time of year. Not only is it because this is required by our bylaws, but it is the chapters' legal obligation.

First, if the chapter does not forward membership lists or dues, they are NOT a chapter of the ICG. We do allow for a grace period (nothing written in stone, but we understand we're all volunteers

and life sometimes gets in the way), but we cannot allow for longer than a three-month grace period from this time forward. Additionally, it is the chapter's legal obligation to forward these items. The chapter can neither use the ICG non-profit status if the ICG does not have this information nor the dues, and the chapter can be legally held responsible for holding ICG funds (i.e., the dues your members are paying to the chapter that should be forwarded to the ICG). These funds are being held by the chapter in what is called a "trust," and therefore, belong to the ICG, not the chapter. If your treasurer is unsure of where to send the funds and membership list, here is the information.

All checks should be made payable to the ICG and should be forwarded with your complete membership list to: Sharon Trembley, 398 Prospect St., South Amboy, NJ 08879. If you need further information, Sharon's e-mail address is: callisto@netlabs.net. Sharon will report to me in one month as to which chapters are delinquent. Those chapters will then receive personal contact from me to find out why their information and dues are not into the ICG. It does neither the chapters nor the ICG any good if we don't know who our members are.

On a final note, attached to this message are the minutes from the 2002 ICG Annual meeting. Our Recording Secretary, Dora Buck, has gotten the put together very quickly so that the membership can be informed of what went on at the meeting. The minutes are in Word format, so if you cannot open or read them, let me know immediately and we will make other arrangements to get them to you. Additionally, I will be mailing a hard copy of this message and the minutes to each of the chapters. It is important that both my message and the minutes be communicated to your membership. Please try to send the whole of both documents to your members and do not paraphrase.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Darla Kruger

President, International Costumer's Guild

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

Call to Order of the Board of Directors Meeting at 10:45 am on February 18, 2002

Note: These minutes are subject to correction and approval by the members.

Discussion about the agenda at hand. If there are any reports to be given. Total number of proxies that are present.

The Report from the Treasurer was handed out. The board of directors adopted the budget for 2002. Budget was unanimously passed.

Call to Order of the General Meeting at 11:10am on February 18, 2002
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2002 Annual Meeting

(cont'd from page 2)

Determination of a Quorum was determined.

Members Present:

Carl Mami, Vice President, NJ/NY Costumers Guild
 Dora Buck, Recording Secretary, NJ/NY Costumers Guild
 Eileen Capes, Western Canadian Costumers Guild
 Katherine Jepson, Western Canadian Costumers Guild
 Chris Ballas, Australian Costumers Guild
 Michelle Soloman, Chicagoland Costumers Guild
 Deb Salisbury, California

Members Represented by Proxy: 46 held by Carl Mami and Dora Buck, 4 held by Eileen Capes.

Approval of the Minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting:

Chris Ballas moved to accept the minutes.
 Eileen Capes seconded
 Unanimously approved

Reports:

Report of the President was waived until the next meeting since there was no report.

Note: The President was there in effigy if not in real life. A picture was held up for everyone to see, Madam President with the pink chapeau on.

Report of the Vice President: The state of the vice is very good. We are moving along quite well. We had a few setbacks this year (9-11), which we could not do anything about.

Report of the Treasurer was tabled until the next meeting since there was no report.

Finance, Membership, Chapters' recognition terminated was waived until a later date.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary, Correspondence and Public Relations Committee was waived until the next meeting.

Report of the Recording Secretary: I am writing as fast as I can. Nothing else to report.

Report of the Editor, ICG Annual: Waived the reading of the report until a later time.

Report of the Editor, The Costumer's Quarterly: We have fallen behind again due to numerous reasons. We will be putting out one big issue with 4 sections for the year 2001. 2002 will only have 3 quarters with the last quarter being the Annual done by Bruce and Nora Mai. The quarterly does not use pictures but the Annual will.

The Editorial Board: Nothing to report from the editorial board.

Publication and Other Matters: Nothing to report

Report of the Archivist:

1. CC19 gave enough money to replace the scanner, since the

old one burned out.

2. Kindness of the members we got a DVD writer transfer all of the tape to DVD.

3. We have all but 2 of the CC's. We hope to have it available for anyone in 2003.

4. We have finally divided on the location of the raw data for the archives they will be located in Canada, Australia, East Coast, West Coast and the Midwest. With the full database to follow when it is completed.

Report of the Parliamentarian was waived until the next meeting.

Report of the Webmaster was tabled until the next meeting since there was no report.

Note: the Webmaster is changed hands. Jeff Morris is now the new Webmaster. Updated web page will be done in March.

Old Business**New Business:**

The ICG Annual will replace the 4th quarter of the CQ. There was no discussion concerning the matter.

Selection of Officers: Nominations Made in Advance

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)

Nominations from the Floor: No nominations.

Katherine Jepson moved to accept the nominations as it stands.

Deb Salisbury seconded.

Approved unanimously

Adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Members

Motion to adjourn by Eileen Capes

Seconded by Chris Ballas

Approved

Election by the Board of Directors of the Officers

Selected by the Annual Meeting

Eileen Capes moved for the election of officers as it stands

Michelle Solomon seconded

All approved

Adjournment of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Respectfully,

Dora Buck, Recording Secretary