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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: July 28, 2002 - Costumes for

LARPing* Guild meeting in Room 2001 of the Embassy Suites at the southeast corner of US Interstate 17 and Greenway Road in Phoenix. The meeting coincides with the annual Hexacon gaming convention. We'll discuss good costuming tricks for Live-Action Role-Playing games.

From Tasha

I'm looking for donations.

If any of you have any scraps at least the size of 2x4 card (bigger is good) in a plain (non-print) fabric in green, brown, yellow or red, could you bring them along to the meeting at Hex.

I'm planning a costume (or maybe 3) for Copper. -
Tasha



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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.

August 25, 2002 - Pool Party* Guild meeting/workshop at Chuck & Tasha's place. The theme is "Water Creatures."

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.

September 29, 2002 - Costuming from Start to Finish I - Costume Silhouette* Guild meeting/workshop at Chuck & Tasha's place. This is the first of a series of workshops on costume design and tailoring for your body. We will take a set of measurements to use for pattern size selection. We'll experiment with making personal silhouette drawings (croquis) using digital photographs. These can be used as a basis for drawing renderings of your costume. Bring a leotard or other close-fitting garment, preferably in a solid color. We'll also discuss selection of patterns and fabrics for your skill level.

October 27, 2002 - Costuming from Start to Finish II - Pattern, Fabric, and Notion Selection* Guild meeting/workshop. We'll meet outside the JoAnn Fabric store in the strip mall at the southeast corner of 83rd Avenue and Bell Road in Glendale, walk the store looking at pattern books, fabrics, and notions; then repair to a nearby restaurant to discuss projects, proportions, and reasons for fabric choices.

November 24, 2002 - Costuming from Start to Finish III - Pattern Alterations and Assembly* Guild meeting/workshop at Jean's place. We'll discuss and demonstrate how to alter a pattern to fit

your body, including alterations for bust size, and some basic assembly techniques.

December 15, 2002 - Costuming from Start to Finish IV - Final Fitting* Guild meeting/workshop at Jean's place. We'll discuss and demonstrate final fitting, hem measurements, additional alterations of your costume, and help with any problems encountered during your project. Also annual officer elections.

January 26, 2003 - Costuming from Start to Finish V - Accessories* Guild meeting/workshop at Jean's place. We'll discuss how accessories complete your costume and discuss shoes and other items to go with your costume.

February 14-16, 2003 - Estrella War An annual event of the Society for Creative Anachronism, held at the Schnepf Family Farm site in Queen Creek, Arizona. Armored combat, arts & sciences competitions, and a merchants' row to rival any renaissance fair.

February 23, 2003 - Post-War Depression* Guild meeting at Stephanie's place. Decompress after the Estrella War and plan future activities.

* Indicates a SWCG-sponsored event.

