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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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Scouting Report

You may remember from the news that Fabric Depot (near SEC Bell & Cave Creek) suffered an arson fire back in July.

I happened to drive past yesterday (Wed 9/11/02) while returning from a work assignment. The building's outer walls are intact, but there is a big hole in the roof. There are mobile mini storage units around the periphery of the lot, so it looks like building repairs are underway.

Let us hope that they will soon be back in business. Fabric Depot has been one of my favorite sources for grommets and closures, reasonably priced trims, upholstery fabrics, and inexpensive sewing machine needles.

Randall

MEETING: 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.

CALENDAR

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

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.