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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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Another Fabric Store Fire

We've lost a local fabric store to fire for the second time this year. Fabrics Unlimited at the southwest corner of 7th Avenue and Bethany Home Road burned to the ground early on October 14, 2002.

When I drove past about 12:45 PM, a fire engine was still there and the shell was still steaming. It's bad. The roof and front wall have collapsed and all the inventory is ash.

You'll recall that Fabric Depot on Cave Creek Road burned in July. I sincerely hope the two events are not related.

Randall

MEETING: 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.

From Our President

Guildsters,

After much e-mail and telephone exchange, I have found that it will not be practical to do a cape-making session before the Devonshire Faire.

Most of us have severe schedule conflicts that run all the way from mid-October to the end of November. This would take out most of the potential stitchers on any given day, especially those who might have hosted the session.

We're actually in pretty good shape. We only have a couple of capes, but we have many hats. If the faire goes the same this year as last, small items will sell better than large ones*. We should do another sewing session in December or January to restock before the Estrella War.

The schedule conflict remains regarding the meeting scheduled for November 24. About half of us are committed to the Devonshire Renaissance Faire on the same day. It's a Kobayashi Maru scenario since there is NO weekend in November when half of us aren't committed to something! I'm inclined to keep the original meeting date if someone is willing to host and just live with low attendance. I'll entertain suggestions and take a vote at the October Meeting.

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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.

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.

SWCG President

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The October meeting of the Southwest Costumers Guild will be held at 1 PM on October 27. We will assemble outside the Jo Ann Etc fabric store at the southeast corner of 83rd Avenue and Bell Road in Peoria and walk the store with an eye toward buying fabrics and patterns for the "Costume from Start to Finish" project. Thereafter, we will either grab some booth space at a nearby restaurant (there are many to choose from) or repair to Jean's place for business and conversation.

Randall Whitlock
SWCG Prez

*I call this attitude "Thompson Seedless." It's the opposite of Sour Grapes.

From Our Editor

Hello,

Last month I mailed all the back issues to those who receive Cactus Needles in hard copy. In going through my mail I note that my copy did not arrive, nor did it come back postage due. If you should have received a hard copy of the June, July, August and September Cactus Needles and it has not yet arrived please let me know so I can send it again.

Stephanie Bannon
Editor

