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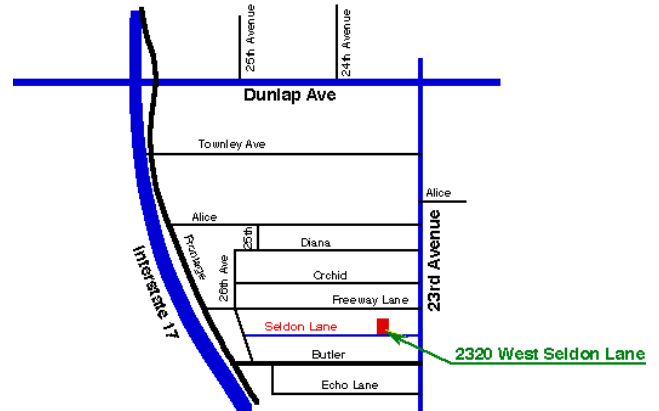
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Calendar

*Indicates an event organized by SWCG. Unless otherwise noted, SWCG meetings begin at 1:00 PM.

August 29, 2004 – **Chemises and Shirts*** SWCG workshop at Randall's place. (2320 West Seldon Lane, Phoenix) Learn to build a basic underdress or shirt. See Frances' materials list later in this issue.

September 26, 2004 – **Buckram Hats II*** SWCG workshop at Carlos' place. Put finishing touches on the hats we started in March.



October 24, 2004, 10 AM – **The Cloaking*** SWCG workshop at Jean's place. We'll build some capes and other items to sell at Devonshire as our annual fundraiser. Bring your sewing tools and try to find some of the "Dreaded Black Fuzzy" fabric.

November 20 & 21, 2004 – **Devonshire Renaissance Faire** at Los Olivos Park in Phoenix, Arizona. www.devonshirefaire.com

November 28, 2004 – **Bustle Off to Sedona*** SWCG workshop and potluck at Frances' place in Sedona. Bring food to share. Bustle material list to be posted later.

Saturday, December 18, 2004, 5 PM – **Dickens Walk*** SWCG social at Edouard's place. Assemble in Victorian or other winter costume, then walk the Christmas at First festival together.

January 30, 2005 – **Duct Tape Mannequins*** SWCG workshop at Jean's place. Build a custom dresser dummy around your body using the handyman's secret weapon.

February 27, 2004 – **Calendar Girls & Guys*** SWCG meeting at Stephanie's place. Annual calendar planning.

April 29 - May 2, 2005 - **Costume-Con 23**: Crossroads of Space and Time. A celebration of fabric, design, and performance in Ogden, Utah. Memberships are \$75 US until September 12, 2004. www.crossroadsutah.org/

Chemise/Shirt Supplies

by Frances Burns

This Chemise/Shirt is for a standard ren-fair Chemise or Shirt with raglan sleeves. The sleeves are not true period, but are used throughout the SCA and at fair for non-competition garments.

Serger (optional)
Sewing machine
Scissors
Pins
Tape measure
Thread - White if using guild fabric
Safety pin
¼ inch elastic (enough for neck and wrists)

Fabric : [(length of shirt + neck turn back + Hem) X 2] + [(length of sleeve + neck turn back + wrist turn back) X 2] divide by 36 to get yardage.

Suggested ruffle for neck ½ inch, ruffle for sleeve up to 1 inch.

For 1" ruffle fabric = 1" ruffle + 1" ruffle + 1" casing

For ½" ruffle fabric = ½" ruffle + ½" ruffle + 1" casing

Example: a 45 " long body with 36 " sleeves, ½ ruffle at neck and a 1" ruffle at the sleeves.

$[(45+2+1) X2] + [(36+2+3) X2] / 36 = [(48) X 2] + [(41) X2] / 36 = [96] + [82] / 36 = 178 / 36 = 4.94 \text{ yards} = \text{Buy } 5 \text{ yards of fabric.}$

The guild will have cotton white bubble/crinkle gauze and flat gauze available for \$2.14 per yard. If you just want to learn the how to make a Chemise the guild will supply the fabric and the finished product will be sold by the guild to raise funds.

News Items

--Paula wishes to express her thanks to all who helped her move over the past month. She is now installed in her new townhouse at 1839-D East Kirkland Lane, Tempe, Arizona 85281. Home (480) 784-5901 Cell (480) 790-7881 Now begins the grand unpacking.

--Carlos became SWCG Treasurer at the July meeting. Treasury business can be sent to his e-mail at gacatawba@yahoo.com or its alias at treasurer@southwestcostumersguild.org.

--Stephanie forwarded a newsgroup post announcing that the University of Rhode Island has compiled a collection of

sewing patterns dated from 1854 to 1956 and published them on CD ROM. The CD collection is available for purchase for \$150. Go to www.eri.edu/library/special_collections/COPA for more information.

--Frances forwarded an announcement that Bernina Connection has opened up a new sewing machine and accessories shop inside the QUILTZ quilting store on 32nd Street, just north of Thunderbird Road in Phoenix.

--Randall received a grant at the July CASFS meeting to upgrade the CASFS pipe & drape system. Following up on some ideas developed by Margie and Cinder for this year's LepreCon masquerade, the upgrade will consist of the purchase of ten new round feet and plywood disks to replace the old crossbars and PVC elbow pieces. This should allow the curtains to stand steadier and be harder to trip over. The new configuration will also be easier to bend around corners.

From the Mailbox

ICG Newsletter, Vol 3 No. 3, Summer 2004: President's message, chapter announcements, Karen Dick's favorite places to shop, calendar, reprints of Randall's Nehru Jacket and Dryer Trick articles.

Peruse the newsletters at our next meeting.