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## Calendar

Know of an upcoming costumed event in Arizona? Please tell your editor. \*Indicates an event organized by SWCG. Unless otherwise noted, SWCG meetings begin at 1 PM.

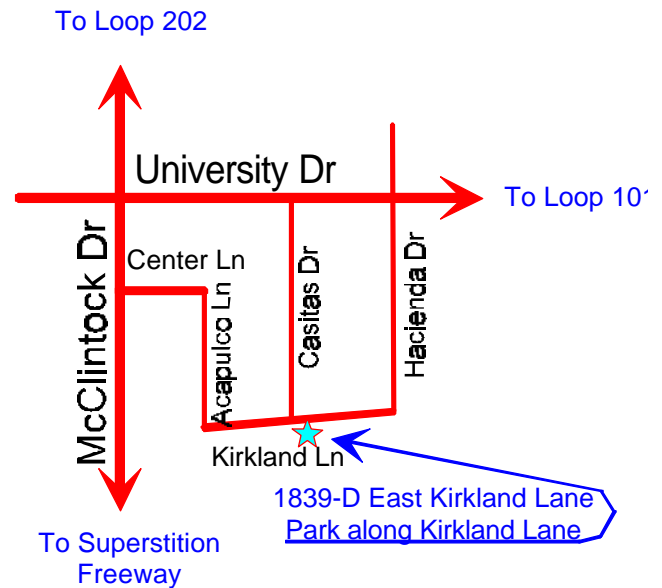
May 6-8, 2005 – **LepreCon 31** at Carefree Resort, 37220 Mule Train Road, Carefree, AZ GOHs include Kevin J. Anderson, Dave Dorman, Bear Burge, and Sarah Clemens. Featuring an independent film festival and a masquerade directed by Margaret Grady. [www.leprecon.org/lep31/](http://www.leprecon.org/lep31/)

May 7-8, 2005 - **May in the Meadows Renaissance Faire** in Prescott Valley, Arizona from 10:00am to 6:00pm The show is located at the Prescott Valley Civic Center, downtown Prescott Valley. Look for your editor's *MoiRandall's* pavilion. [www.devonshirefaire.com/may](http://www.devonshirefaire.com/may)

May 14, 2005, Noon to Midnight – **Cosplay Cosplay Revolution** Animé costume event at Planet Neo animé and gaming store at 6460 South Rural Road (SWC Rural & Guadalupe) in Tempe. [www.planetneoanime.com](http://www.planetneoanime.com)

Organizer CJ “Kyo” Sellards is looking for volunteers to help judge the cosplay contest, teach costume workshops, and participate in panels at Cosplay Cosplay Revolution. Contact her at [kaitouhoushi@yahoo.com](mailto:kaitouhoushi@yahoo.com).

May 29, 2005 - **Costuming from Start To Finish: The Frock Project\*** SWCG workshop at Paula's place. (Note change of venue) This will be the first in a series of workshops on building and fitting Victorian/Wild West men's frock coats and ladies' riding coats. These long coats are easily generalized to SF, fantasy and animé looks.



June 15, 2005, 7-9PM – **Belly Dance Costuming Workshop** at the Mesa Senior Center Downtown, 247 North MacDonald in Mesa, Arizona. This workshop is an introduction to skirts, veils, pants, tops, accessories and more in cabaret and tribal style dancing. Sewing is not included in this class. Taught by Yasmina (Paula's dance teacher). \$10 fee. Register in advance 480.962.5612. [www.cityofmesa.org/timeout](http://www.cityofmesa.org/timeout)

June 19, 2005 - **Chainmail Demo\*** SWCG workshop at Jean's place. How to wind, clip, and knit wire links to form chainmail armor and jewelry. Also Part 2 of the Frock Project.

June 25 & 26, 2005 – **Renaissance in the Pines** at Fort Tuthill off of I-17, just south of Flagstaff, Arizona. A fine one-weekend renfaire. Adults \$9, Seniors, \$7, Children \$5, Under 5 Free. [info@renaissanceinthepinesinc.com](mailto:info@renaissanceinthepinesinc.com)

July 16, 2005 9AM to 6PM – **8th Annual Arizona Highland Celtic Festival** at Foxglenn Park, 4200 East Butler Avenue, Flagstaff. Entertainers include Alex Beaton, The Wicked Tinkers, Celtic Spring, and The Knockabouts. Craft demos by CROFT, bagpiping, highland athletics, highland and Irish dancing, dog show,

Jacobites with black powder, Diana Gabaldon book signing. Adults \$8, Children \$4, Under 2 Free. [www.nachs.info/](http://www.nachs.info/)

July 24, 2005 - **Photo Shoot\*** SWCG workshop, location to be announced. Bring your favorite costume and pose for documentation photos. The best pictures may become part of an SWCG 2006 photo calendar.

July 29-31, 2005 – Costume College at the Airtel Plaza Hotel, 7277 Valjean Ave. in Van Nuys, CA. A whole weekend of costuming classes. [www.costumecollege.org](http://www.costumecollege.org)

August 28, 2005 - **Summer Swim\*** SWCG social at Tasha's place. Our annual costume party in the pool. Theme to be announced. Calendar planning for the next several months.

September 9-11, 2005 – **Coppercon 25** at the Embassy Suites Phoenix North (SEC Greenway Road & I-17) Fan-run SF Con featuring guests of honor Robert J. Sawyer, Greg Keyes, Escape Key, and Larry Nemecek. [www.coppercon.org](http://www.coppercon.org)

November 18-20, 2005 – **Tuscon 32** at the Innsuites Hotel Tucson. Fan-run SF Con featuring guests of honor David Brin, Theresa Mather, Edward Bryant, and Bill Winski. <http://home.earthlink.net/~basfa/>

### From the Mailbox

Greater Bay Area Costumer's Guild **Finery** March/April 2005. Deco Days in Yosemite National Park, Walking with Jane (Austen), Upcoming 16<sup>th</sup> Century ladies' hair adornment workshop.

Peruse this newsletter at the next SWCG Meeting.

### Nola Makes Plans for DarkCon 2007

Greetings from the Chair of DarkCon 2007. The DarkCon planning meeting held March 12th was very successful. Many ideas were discussed and committee positions are beginning to be filled:

Chair: Chameleon OTDO  
Historian: Kalidasia OTDO  
Exchequer: Gwydion OTDO

However the work has just begun. We have approximately 25 Committee Positions total; of these about 1/2 are already filled, but that leaves about 1/2 of them open and available to you!

We need help with convention publicity!

What we need:

- Have your friends buy memberships
- Bring forward ideas to get more people to the convention
- Taking part in publicity events and parties to promote the convention
- Talk about it, email about it... come to it

If you are willing to help with DarkCon, but you don't know what to do, come out to the next meeting.

DARKCON COMMITTEE AND GENERAL PLANNING MEETING

Saturday, June 11th 7-9pm @ Shadowhaven  
(Write this on your calendar now).

Thanks so much,

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### Trek Costume Pattern Source

Mike Bruno recently posted this to the ICG-D list:

>> I recently came across this website which offers  
>> patterns for Trek uniforms  
>>  
>> <http://costumecostumecostume.com/Patterns.htm>  
>> Bruno

I checked out the site. They have patterns for most of the major Trek TV series and movie uniforms, finished badges and patches, and quite a bit of old-series "Battlestar Galactica" stuff.

They have the patches for "Enterprise" uniforms, but don't seem to have the jumpsuit pattern itself. Likewise for the "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" uniforms

They also offer a "Pattern Construction Service" which I think means they will make custom-fitted uniforms, but they phrased it so as not to ignite the Viaborg lawyers.

Randall

### Next Issue

This was a short newsletter because I wanted it out in time for LepreCon. Your editor would very much enjoy seeing reviews of Costume Con 23 by SWCG members, particularly with some pictures of Nola's much-awarded gown.