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Calendar

This is provided as general news. Please verify times and locations with the organizer of each event. Know of an upcoming costumed event in Arizona? Please tell your editor.

***Indicates an event organized by SWCG.**

February 10 - April 1, 2007 (Saturdays, Sundays and President's Day) - **Arizona Renaissance Festival and Artisans' Marketplace** near Gold Canyon, Arizona. www.royalfaires.com/ARIZONA/

Tuesday, March 20 @ 7pm Location: **Bookman's** -- 19th Ave & Northern in Phoenix. Hey, **Browncoats & Loved Ones** -- **Come Learn How to Knit a Cunning Hat!** (more info page 3)

March 30 - April 2, 2007 - **Costume-Con 25** at the Holiday Inn Southwest & Viking Conference Center South St. Louis County, Missouri. www.cc25.net/

March 25, 2007, 10 AM - **Arizona Renaissance Festival*** SWCG visit to the Ren Festival. Meet at the gardens outside the gates, just before first cannon [10 AM]. We will discuss car pooling on line. Wear your Turkish Court costume if it's finished.

April 5-8, 2007 - **AniZona 3** at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa and Convention Center in Mesa. Arizona's own Anime and Manga convention. www.anizona.org.

April 7-8, 2007 - **Phoenix Faerie Festival** at Schnepf Farm near Queen Creek, Arizona. <http://www.westerngatesfaerierealm.com/PhoenixFaerieFestival.htm>

April 20 -22, 2007 **ASIAN FESTIVAL**
Heritage Park (Location: 115 N. Sixth St., Phoenix, AZ 85004)

TIMES: Friday: 10:30a.m. – 1:30p.m. and Saturday/Sunday: 10:00a.m.– 5:00p.m.

ADMISSION IS FREE

East meets West at the Annual Arizona Asian Festival. This free festival features ethnic cuisine, arts and crafts, and such diverse entertainment as martial arts demonstrations, cultural dances and music from nearly a dozen Asian countries. Highlights also include Japanese Taiko drums, a Chinese orchestral performance and a fashion show with traditional Asian costumes. The Program Schedule (not available yet) outlines the exciting 3 day performances, but keep in mind that items may be moved around.

The Arizona Asian Festival also presents a Children's Wonderland, filled with arts and craft activities for kids. Youth will be presented awards for the Essay Writing and Poster Design Contest. There will be Artists' demonstrations in Mehendi, an ancient Indian body art painting, Chinese calligraphy and Japanese origami.

Participants also have the opportunity to learn the ancient arts of taekwando and t'ai chi chuan from local masters. http://www.aaaa-az.org/festival/2007/festival_poster_large.jpg

April 29, 2007, 1 PM - **Duct Tape Dummies*** SWCG Workshop at Jean's place. We have packing material, bring your own duct tape and 2 sacrificial T-shirts. Already have a dummy? - come help wrap! See photo in [Guild Activities](#) section of Web page to see what a Duct Tape Dummy looks like.

May 11-13, 2007 - **LepreCon 33** at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa, 200 N Centennial, Mesa AZ. Fan-run SF Con featuring guests of honor author Nancy Traviss and artist Jael. www.leprecon.org

May 20, 2007, 11 AM - **French Drape*** SWCG Workshop. Location to be determined. How to drape a pattern on your body for best fit.

Stitcher's Gathering in June

From Kim (Martin) Andrews

I saw this ad in the Jan/Feb 2007 issue of Piecework magazine, and thought that there may be members of SWCG interested:

A Stutters' Gathering The nation's premiere seminar for women with a passion for stitching

June 8-10th, 2007 - Scottsdale, AZ

Rae Iverson (Moss Creek Designs), Betsy Morgan (Willing Hands Designs), Ann Pettit (Brightneedle Designs)

Your 3-day weekend includes 4-hour classes with each teacher, class kits, meals & room. This is truly a fabulous weekend of fun and learning for those with the passion!

Limited to 84 participants.

For registration and additional information:

www.mosscreekdesigns or call 480-595-5625

June 24, 2007, 11 AM - **Corset Lacing*** SWCG Workshop. Location to be determined. Know how to single-strand lace and double-strand lace a corset? How to lace yourself into one without help? Come Learn.

June 23-24, 2007 - **Renaissance in the Pines** at Fort Tuthill County Park near Flagstaff, Arizona
www.renaissanceinthepinesinc.com

Changing Hands bookstore is having a special *Harry Potter* event on July 21st for the release of the next book. Call the store for details.

September 7-9, 2007 - **CopperCon 27** at Embassy Suites (I-17 and Greenway Road, Phoenix). Fan-run SF Con featuring guests of honor Author Charlaine Harris, Artist Sean Martin, and Musicians Heather Stern and Alison Stern. www.casfs.org/cucon/index.html

SWCG Special Workshops - Saturday Mornings at Bookman's book store, NWC 19th Avenue & Northern in Phoenix. Come on in and join us for stitching and conversation.

3-24-07	4-9 PM
4-14-07	1-9 PM
5-26-07	9-2
6-30-07	9-2
7-28-07	9-2
8-25-07	9-2
9-29-07	9-2
10-27-07	9-2
11-24-07	9-2
12-29-07	9-2

Note from Lyn (treasurer)

All Members: We will be discussing our activities for last half of 2007 at the May meeting. If you'd like to schedule a specific "to do" item, please get your suggestions to us. We can use all the suggestions we can get, and this is not our organization, it is yours. If we cannot use your idea this year, we will consider it again for 2008.

More info from Lyn. re **Pendleton Woolen Mills** - We're going through Pendleton again mid June, home in late July, but for sure in time to get to Costume College early August. That's a long time to carry stuff around but we will purchase yardage for anyone who wants us to (NO tax in Oregon). The yardage is 60" wide, and \$8 to \$10 per yard (100% wool - suiting weight). If you're at all interested in one or more yards, we need: (1) swatch for color match, (2) number of yards wanted, and (3) cash deposit. If you want us to ship yours, the cost of that will be in addition. If we cannot get what you want, deposit will be returned in full. We will not attempt to guess at substitutes. If you'd like to see a sample, get to a meeting soon. We will be at Bookman's again two or three times in addition to the regular meetings and I'll bring at least a sample of my wool yardage with me.

We need content! Please send news items, even if they are just one sentence. Notes about something you've seen, done, read, or heard about. E-mails, preferred, but will take anything /anyway I can get info. Thanks to Tasha, Kim, Randall, & Lyn for their input this month.

Submission Deadline for *Cactus Needles* will continue to be the 5th of the month and the newsletter will theoretically be printed on the 10th. Anything received after the 5th will probably go into the next month's issue.

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Browncoats -- **Come Learn How to Knit a Cunning Hat!**

Join Liz & Liz (very experienced knitters) at **Bookman's** next Tuesday night and learn the ancient and mysterious art of knitting. You, too, can learn to take a simple piece of yarn and weave it into something magical! :)

Just to make sure you know, this is not a project that will be completed by the end of the meeting.

The Browncoat Knitting Guild has reserved this space at Bookman's **every third Tuesday night** (thanks, Lori) for as long as it is desired, for this project, and maybe others. If you are interested, mark this on your calendar, please!

Here's the list of the **supplies** you'd need to bring :

Yarn, one skein each -- "Sport weight" is suggested, as it's lighter and cooler for Arizonans. Plus, it's cheap and accessible. The colors are: Yellow 0230, Pumpkin 0254, and Burgundy 0367. (But if you don't want to use those colors you can of course pick what you'd like.)

Knitting needles -- size 7-8 **CIRCULAR**

Scissors

***Tapestry needles**, big-eyed (for working in ends)

***Cardboard** for pom pom makers (sturdy, but scissorable weight)* *not needed the first night* :)

I'd also suggest that you bring your own **beverage(s?)** and consider bringing a **snack to share** with the group. Or feel free to bake a treat and bring it! :)

Also, there was somebody who mentioned that they **CROCHET** -- if you can make it to this gathering, and are willing to teach others to crochet, please respond to this post with what supplies would be needed? Thank you!

If you find that you enjoy knitting, please consider the possibility of making some **hats for charitable purposes**, like to raise some money at the June fancy Shindigs in Phoenix and Tucson!

Thank you to all those who will make this possible,
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Come Join Arizona Paranormal Investigations for the First Training Investigation of 2007 - Saturday March 31st, 2007 from ~3pm until ~10.

Who: The members of the Arizona Paranormal Investigations team will be hosting this training investigation. Everyone is welcome to attend. (Please RSVP if possible, but not absolutely necessary)

Although The Vulture Mine is a public place that is fun and exciting for the whole family to enjoy, API has a strict 18 years or older training investigation policy. The rules and regulations of API, stipulate that no one under the age of 18 is allowed on any investigation. This applies to everyone; team members and visitors alike. This is in

no way a reflection on anyone or their children. Our main concern is for the welfare of the children, for their safety and emotional health.

The members of the Arizona Paranormal Investigations team will be hosting this training investigation. Everyone is welcome to attend. (Please RSVP if possible, but not absolutely necessary) **Please forward this message to anyone you think might be interested in attending.**

What is going to happen:

Well anything can happen, and things often do at the Vulture Mine. That is why we chose it for this training investigation. We do however know there will be workshops on:

- What is a ghost/haunting
- Ghost hunting techniques
- Equipment overview/capturing evidence
- EVP recording and downloading
- Picture taking and review/pictures that look paranormal but aren't
- How to become more psychically sensitive
- Panel Q&A session

After the workshops we will break into small groups to investigate the hotspots of the Vulture mine.

Where: Vulture Mine, ~13 miles south of Wickenburg Arizona

When: Saturday March 31st, 2007 from ~3pm until ~10.

How Much: There is no charge for the training investigation, but the Vulture mine itself has a \$7 entry fee for day only, and \$10 if you will be staying after dark. None of this money goes to API and even the API members must pay this entrance fee.

Note: API is a non-profit organization and has filed with the IRS so that any donations will be tax deductible. To celebrate we are awarding a ghost hunting t-shirt with any \$15 dollar donation or above. We will only have a limited number of these ghost hunting t-shirts with us during the training investigation. We will be bringing sizes L, XL, and XXL. Don't worry if we run out we will soon make them available on our website or you can order one during the training investigation and it will be mailed to you. Remember, these are not for sale. They are in exchange for a minimum \$15 donation, so keep your receipts for tax time. The money for the shirts goes to purchasing new equipment for the group or helping with investigation costs. Nobody in API makes any money, draws any salary or benefits monetarily in anyway from the shirts or their association with API. Actually it is quite the reverse. We never charge for an investigation and never will! Also, don't worry, we will not be "selling" the shirts or anything else during this training investigation. We just wanted to let you know they will be available if you are interested.

What Should You Bring:

First make sure you bring your curiosity, your questions, and your sense of adventure. It would also be a good idea to bring:

- Non-achoholic beverages of your choice
- Food for when you get hungry
- Camera
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- A notebook and pens
- The entrance fee and maybe a little extra money if you would like some kind of souvenir
- Any ghost hunting equipment you own
- Toilet paper and wipes (just in case) There are port o johns on the premises

About The Vulture Mine:

The Vulture Mine came into being in 1863 when Henry Wickenburg discovered gold there. It became a town and then like so many mining towns in Arizona , simply faded away. Still, there are plenty of standing buildings left behind for us to explore.

Within the Vulture Mine there are several haunted hot spots like the hanging tree, the assay house, and the glory hole. We will be looking at each and a couple of places the general public doesn't usually get to visit.

LOCATION:~13 miles south of Wickenburg on a paved road. Then it's an easy drive, ¼ mile down a dirt road any two wheel drive vehicle should be able to handle. There is limited facilities and port a johns. So it may be a good idea to bring your own food and water as none will be provided. Fires and cooking are not allowed.

You can find more Vulture mine history and driving directions at:

<http://www.travelsw.com/southwest-trips/southwest-trips-arizona/vulturemine.htm>

From the Mailbox

Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild "Notions," Winter 2006 Julia's California Adventure - Costume College Report (with lots of pictures), Costumers in Action photo with Carol Z and Mad Matthew at Sefaring Family Fun Days, Halloween apparel at Port Angeles Theater, meeting minutes, Richard Stevens'

Mailbox Maven Randall picks up these newsletters to pass around SWCG meetings.
Randall

3/3, I went on a camping trip to Lost Dutchman State Park with the United Federation of Phoenix. Naturally I brought my mountain bike. Dave Bluestein thought me riding my bike around camp in a hoodie and duster had a kind of "E.T." look to it, so he photoshopped the image into a picture of the full moon he shot later that evening. The result is quite entertaining and we have Dave's permission to print the picture in Cactus Needles, with due credit of course. It will probably also wind up as the wallpaper on my computer for a while. Randall



Barbara Ratti working on a hat during SWCG sew session March 10, 2007 (Photo by Randall)



Janet Wilson Anderson, Randall Whitlock, Anna Caggiano, & Tasha Cady in front of Janet's Alteryears booth at Winter Range.

