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#### Calendar

*Do you know an event of interest to Arizona costumers? Please contact your editor with the details. **Red text and an asterisk\*** designate an SWCG-sponsored event. Unless otherwise noted, our monthly meetings start at 1PM. **Green Text** indicates an event hosted by our friends at SunaCosu (<http://www.sunacosu.com/>)*

Third Saturday of Every Month, 10 AM – **Personal Projects Workshops\*** at the Glendale Cascade Mobile Home Park community center, 5747 West Missouri Avenue, Glendale. Bring your current project, socialize, pick our brains, Stitch and B. . . . Contact VP Nyki for details.

May 7-10, 2010 – **Costume-Con 28** at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. <http://www.cc28.org/>

May 7-23, 2010 – **Beauty and the Beast** at Theater Works, 8355 West Peoria Avenue, Peoria, Arizona. [www.theaterworks.org](http://www.theaterworks.org)

May 8, 2010, 9-4 – **Prescott Highland Games** at Watson Lake Park, Prescott, Arizona <http://prescotthighlandgames.org/>

May 14-16, 2010 - **LepreCon 36** at the Phoenix Mesa Marriott Hotel in Mesa, Arizona features guests of Honor George R.R. Martin, Charles Vess and James A. Owen. <http://www.leprecon.org/>. ***Your Editor is Masquerade Director. See the stage plan at the end of this issue.***



Saturday, May 22, 2010 – **Apache Dress\*** - SWCG Workshop at Jean's place, 17829 N. 107<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sun City – **Note Change of Venue.** Cindy Trail will show us some basics of traditional Native American clothing.

May 27-30, 2010 – **Phoenix ComiCon** at the Phoenix Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel. Guests include Jonathan Frakes and Jim Steranko. <http://www.phoenixcomicon.com/>

June 3-7, 2010 – **Highlands War XVI** at Mormon Lake Campground, Coconino County, Arizona. The SCA Kingdom of Atenveldt's summer event in the cool highlands. <http://www.highlandswar.org/>

June 5, 2010 – Submissions Deadline for June Cactus Needles. Tell us about your daring adventures in the world of costuming.

June 4-6, 2010 – **Anime Kaigi** at the du Bois Center, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona. The first convention for anime fans in northern Arizona features costume contests and a J-Fashion show hosted by SunaCosu. <http://www.animekaigi.com/>

June 19, 2010, 1PM – **SunaCosu Duct Tape Doubles Workshop** at the Pyle Adult Education Center, Southern & Rural in Tempe.

June 27, 2010 – **Corset Fitting\*** - SWCG Workshop at the Glendale Cascade Mobile Home Park community center, 5747 West Missouri Avenue, Glendale.

July 5, 2010 – Submissions Deadline for July Cactus Needles. Read any good books lately?

July 9-11, 2010 – **RandomCon** Arizona's Gaming Convention at the Windemere Hotel, 5750 E. Main Street, Mesa, Arizona. <http://www.randomcon.org/>.

July 9-11, 2010 – **Medieval Mayhem** at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex, Lakeside, Arizona. <http://www.azmayhem.com/>

July 17, 2010, 1PM – **SunaCosu Kimono Demo** at the Pyle Adult Education Center, Southern & Rural in Tempe.

July 25, 2010 – **Duct Tape Dummies\*** - SWCG Workshop at the Glendale Cascade Mobile Home Park community center, 5747 West Missouri Avenue, Glendale. Build a custom dress form using packing peanuts and the handyman's secret weapon.

August 5, 2010 – Submissions Deadline for August Cactus Needles. Care to review a summer blockbuster movie from a costumer's point of view?

August 29, 2010 – **Pool Party\*** - SWCG Social at Chuck & Tasha's place. Our annual costume party by and in the pool. Theme to be announced.

September 4-6, 2010 – **CopperCon 2010** at Windemere Hotel and Conference Center 5750 East Main Street in Mesa, Arizona. The Guest of Honor is Stephen R. Donaldson. The con features a masquerade directed by our veep, Nyki. <http://www.coppercon.org/>.

September 5, 2010 – Submissions Deadline for September Cactus Needles. Tell us about a good materials source.

September 26, 2010 – **Fabric Swap\*** - SWCG meeting at the Glendale Cascade Mobile Home Park community center, 5747 West Missouri Avenue, Glendale. Sure, that piece of fabric, notion, or tool seemed like a good idea at the time, but it's been sitting around for years. Maybe someone else has a better use for it. Maybe they have something you can use. Let's barter!

October 5, 2010 – Submissions Deadline for October Cactus Needles. What are your plans for Halloween?

October 23, 2010 – **State Fair Demo\***. From Lyn: "The Guild is scheduled for a whole day at the State Fair, on Saturday, October 23d (second weekend of the Fair). MaryEllen would appreciate us coming in costume to get more attention, and has promised a prime spot for us. Anyone also wanting to work on a project may do so. It is suggested that we do 4 hour shifts so no one has to stay all day. Parking (17th avenue entrance) and admission is free."

November 12-14, 2010 - **TusCon 37** at Hotel Tucson, 475 N. Granada in Tucson, Arizona. Guest of Honor is Jim Butcher, Author of the Harry Dresden and Codex Alera novels. <http://home.earthlink.net/~basfa/> or <http://www.tusconscificon.com/>.

November 20-21, 2010 – **Phoenix Faerie Festival** at Estrella Mountain Park in Goodyear, Arizona. <http://www.westerngatesfaerierealm.com/PhoenixFaerieFestival.htm>

January 6-9, 2011 – **MythosCon** at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in downtown Tempe, Arizona. This is a convention for fans of H.P. Lovecraft and his works. <https://www.mythoscon.org/>



Spring, 2012 – **Costume-Con 30\*** "Sands of Time" Location and dates to be announced. <http://www.costumecon30.org/>

#### **Minutes: SWCG Meeting March 28, 2010**

The meeting began at 2:50 pm, after an excellent demonstration of silk screening presented by Gail Wolfenden-Steib.

The upcoming Costume Con 30, Spring 2012 was briefly discussed. Incorporation is still pending, in order to have a paypal account to handle registrations it is necessary to incorporate. Insurance will also need to be purchased for this event.

A swap in dates for upcoming meetings was proposed in order to have a workshop before the Highlands War to replenish the dwindling supply of salables for the war. Please check the new calendar for changes.

Participation in the County Fair was discussed. Nyki is going to give them a call and see if they want us. A couple of people are willing to go and help out if they want us to help them out.

The masquerade at LepreCon was discussed. It will be a small show. Randall has asked for help. Entrants, den moms and help at the sign up table are needed.

Mythoscon, scheduled to take place in January, 2011 has asked for our help to produce black cloaks for possibly 20 chorus members. This would require around \$500, we would need to know by August if they are willing to spend this kind of money.

Nyki has requested Masquerade help for Coppercon in September, she needs den moms.

A committee to go over the bylaws consisting of volunteers, Lynn, Margie, Nyki and Sharon was formed.

The treasurer, Lynn, reported there is \$2,984 in our account.

### **Minutes: SWCG Meeting April 24, 2010**

A cloak making work session was held before the meeting.

Elaine from Tucson was a visitor at today's meeting. There was no treasurer's report as Lynn was not in attendance. The committee on reviewing our bylaws has not met yet, no report from them.

The State Fair: The state fair is being negotiated. It will be on October 23, 2010. They would like us to be there in costumes, bring displays and have a demo of some sort. Many suggestions were put forth, anime, cosplay, steam punk, comic book characters. A golf cart will be supplied to get us and our gear from the parking lot to the location, participants will have their names put on a list for free parking, golf cart transport and no entrance fee. Sharon and Lynn will be handling this project. We will sponsor a prize at the fair, \$25 and a Guild membership.

New Business: New promotional materials are needed for distribution soon.

CostumeCon 30: We will be selling fabric and trim there to raise money. Contributions are welcome and can be given to Elaine. The club will be contributing 2 yards of our white lawn material.

Next Meeting: Cindy Trail will be at the May 22nd gathering, which will begin at 10:00 am and go until 2:30. There will be loom beading and fry bread. Cindy will bring her Indian costuming. This is tentatively taking place at Tasha's house, please check your Cactus needles for definite location.

Proxies: Our proxy votes for Costume Con were written up to give to Jean and Elaine, who will be attending.

Change of Name: We discussed a name change for the guild. Also if we would like to give out an annual award at an event, what should we call it, the desert finger (with a saguaro?), the howler (with a coyote?).

Announcements: Randall would appreciate help at the LepreCon masquerade.  
Some members are teaching classes at LepreCon.  
Volunteers for Costume-Con 30 are being sought, contact Frances.  
Sharon knows some deer hunters who are looking to give away raw hides.

### **A Bolt from the Past**

Reviewed by Randall Whitlock



“All of this has happened before and will happen again” is not just for Battlestar Galactica fans anymore.

Stephanie was going through some archival materials recently returned to the Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society when she found a copy of *Bolt*, Issue 1. It seems that SWCG had a newsletter seven years before the first issue of *Cactus Needles*.

Bolt was edited by Debora L. Wykie and Michael W. Clark. I don't think I've ever met them. They were no longer active guildsters by the time I came along in the early 1990s.

The 'zine is in a 28-page saddle-stitched format and appears to have been released in spring of 1987. Much of its content is aimed at promoting masquerades and other costumed activities at CactusCon, the 1987 NASFIC (coincidentally my first local fanac).

Content includes many announcements related to CactusCon, contact information for the seven other ICG chapters which existed at the time, artwork, humor pieces, a short story, the script for a costumed sketch, and the beginnings of some columns.

A contest to design a mascot for SWCG was announced. Was this the origin of the logo I think of as “Captain Coati?”

Was there ever a second issue?

### **From the Mailbox**

*The ICG Newsletter* 9.2, May/June 2010 includes the proxy form for this year's ICG annual meeting, a richly illustrated “What's Going On” report from Kelli Lynch on the St. Louis Costumers Guild, Mikhail Lynn's review of the Kawa Kon animé convention, the ICG's new standards of practice for costume competitions requesting ICG recognition as “international,” a welcome to new ICG chapters Oklahomasque and MACS, Maral Agnerian's review of the G-Animé convention, and the usual database of chapter memberships and contact information.

## A Word from the South

Just a thought for the next newsletter. If anyone is planning to visit Old Tucson or the Desert Museum, have them contact me first. I can probably get discount coupons.

Elaine  
The Southerner

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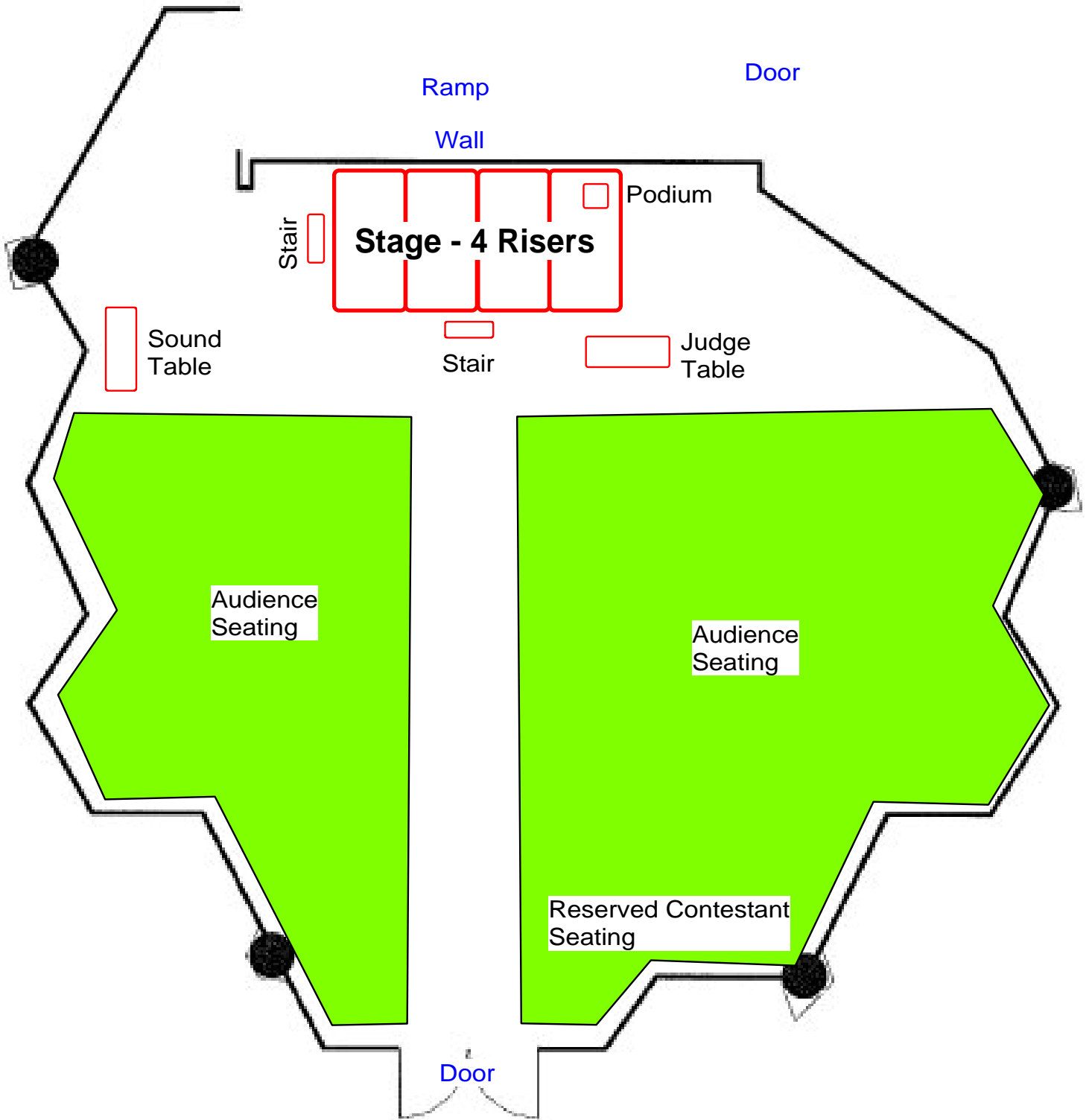
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Green Room

Restrooms



Leprecon 36 Masquerade Layout  
Starlight Room