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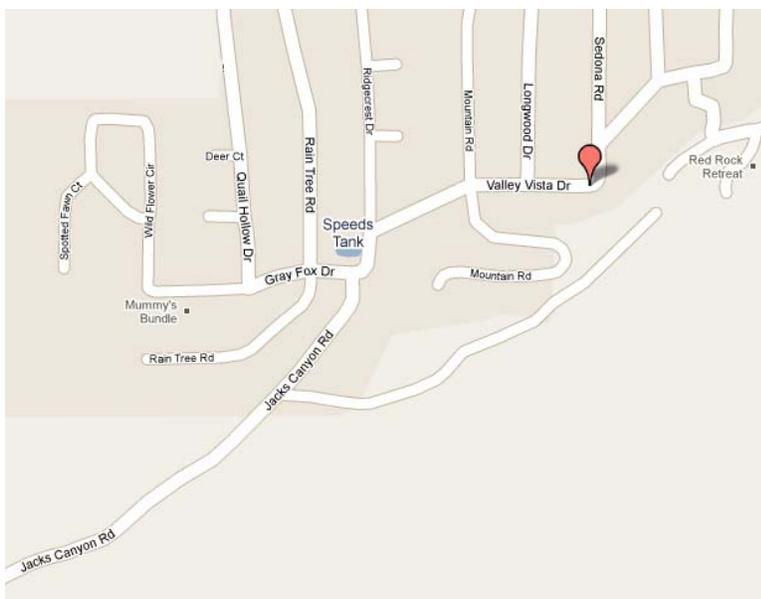
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Calendar

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.*

March 12 – July 31, 2011 – **Theatre de La Mode** at the Phoenix Art Museum. Parisian fashion from the post WWII era displayed on 27” miniature mannequins. <http://www.phxart.org/fashion/>

June 10-12, 2011 – **Highlands War** at Mormon Lake Campground, Coconino County, Arizona. The Society for Creative Anachronism Barony of Ered Sul’s annual summer festival of medieval combat, arts and sciences. <http://www.highlandswar.org/>



June 26, 2011 – **Grommet & Pajama Party*** at Frances' place in Sedona. Spend the weekend in the cool climes of Sedona, then use Frances' sophisticated size 00 grommet setter to finish up a personal project.

Directions: Follow I-17 north to the Sedona exit. Follow Highway 179 to the Village of Oak Creek. Turn right at the 2nd traffic circle just before the outlet mall onto Jack's Canyon Road. Jack's Canyon Road turns off to the right in about 0.8 miles. Follow Jack's Canyon Road for about 1.1 miles.

When Jack's Canyon road ends at the 'T' bear right at Ridgecrest Drive and turn right on Valley Vista Drive. Follow Valley Vista Drive for about ¼ mile to Frances' place at 3040 Valley Vista Driveway is on the right hand side of the road.

From Frances: Come up on Saturday, leave on Sunday.

Bed sleeping space is available for three people with spaces on the couch for two more short people – Reserve you sleeping space early. After those have been taken, bring your own bedding. There is both interior and outside deck space available for sleeping. Note: the stars are highly visible from outside.

My grommet machine sets size 00 grommets – currently that is the only die set I have. If you need help fitting, please bring anything that you want fitted.

I am looking at waffles for breakfast on Sunday. Lunch on Sunday is looking like pizza. Saturday you are on your own. I do not drink coffee, so I do not have it on hand. If you are a coffee drinker I would recommend that you bring some coffee. Although I do have an automatic coffee maker.

There are lots of touristy thing to do around Sedona along with a nice quilt shop in Sedona and another in Cottonwood.

July 16 & 17, 2011 – Arizona Highland Celtic Festival at Foxglenn Park, 4200 E. Butler, Flagstaff, Arizona. <http://www.nachs.info/festival.shtml>

July 24, 2011, 4PM – Something Fishy* SWCG Pool Party at Chuck & Tasha's home in NW Phoenix.

July 29- August 1, 2011 – Costume College at Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, California. A whole weekend of costuming workshops also features a Time Traveler's Gala, Fantasy Tea, Costumer's Marketplace and many other fun events. <http://costumecollege.org/>.

August 27, 2011 – Dark Ones August Party at "Shadowhaven," Theme = Ship Wrecked. <http://www.darkones.org/>

September 2-5, 2011 – CopperCon 31 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 11460 W. Hilton Way, Avondale, Arizona. Guests include Carrie Vaughn, Adam Niswander and Janni Lee Simner. Costume Parade on Saturday and Danse Macabre masked ball on Sunday. <http://www.coppercon.org/>

Come to the Coppercon Masquerade Parade and Mixer and show off your hall costume! It will be held Saturday night, September 3rd 2011, 7:00 until 9:00 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, 11460 Hilton Way in Avondale, AZ. We will have music, goodie bags for those in costume and door prizes. There will also be a photographer present so that you can have your picture taken in your costume.

October 14, 2011, 6-10 PM – Robots vs Zombies. Mesa Second Friday Night Out street fair on Main Street, between Robson and Center Streets in downtown Mesa, Arizona. <http://www.2ndfridaynightout.com/>

October 15-17, 2011 – **Helldorado Days**. Tombstone, Arizona’s annual celebration of their wild west heritage. <http://www.helldoradodays.com/>

October 29, 2011 – **Dark Ones Dead Man’s Party** at “Ashwood Hall.” Halloween Masked ball. <http://www.darkones.org/>

November 11, 2011, 6-10 PM – **Wild West Steampunk**. Mesa Second Friday Night Out street fair on Main Street, between Robson and Center Streets in downtown Mesa, Arizona. <http://www.2ndfridaynightout.com/>

November 11-13, 2011 - **TusCon 38** at The Hotel Tucson City Center, 475 North Granada, Tucson, Arizona. Author GOH is Patricia Briggs. <http://home.earthlink.net/~basfa/t38main.html>

January 13-15, 2012 – **DarkCon 2012**. www.darkcon.org

February 25-26, 2012 – **Vul-Con** gaming convention at the Phoenix Convention Center. <http://www.vul-con.com/>

April 6-8, 2011 - **LepreCon 38** at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in Tempe, Arizona features guests Franchesco and Joe Haldeman. <http://www.leprecon.org/>.



May 11-13, 2012 – **Costume-Con 30*** “Sands of Time” at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in Tempe, Arizona. <http://www.costumecon30.org/>

May 11-13, 2012 – **KimeraCon** anime & gaming convention. at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa in Mesa, Arizona. <http://www.kimeracon.com/>

ICG Gallery Offers Online Photo Display Space to Chapters

from Bruce Mai, Gallery Administrator

As another way to serve the membership, we have created a top folder on the Gallery page to host albums for the Guild chapters where they can upload photos of their members and activities. <https://costume.pixi.me/main.php>

Since not every chapter can afford or wants to bother with creating and maintaining a website, we encourage all the chapters to take advantage of this service. It is also a one-stop location for promotion of those chapters, since we have visitors from all over the country and the world.

Of course, we would encourage all the chapters to donate copies of the originals to the Pat and Peggy Memorial Library, but it is not required.

We've already inaugurated the folder with some of the SLCG photo shoots we've done, and we encourage the other chapters to have their own shoots and upload them or photos from other activities to the Gallery. https://costume.pixi.me/main.php?g2_itemId=88052

Your chapter rep should contact one of the Archivists and we will set up an account and password for you. Then, you can follow the instructions we have provided online and upload

your photos. We see this as a great way to establish a connection between all of the chapters & look forward to hearing from them.

On the Web

Silicon Web Costumers Guild *Virtual Costumer* 9.1 - Fantasy costuming issue features “Was the Hatter Really Mad?” on the history of hat making and mercury poisoning, “Dreams of A Fairy World” on the creation of fantasy photos based on Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” a how-to on Velvet stamping, Kayta Barrows’ final article on Wearable Cloth Fantasy Dolls, Mardi Gras Presentation Gowns, “Pulp Fashion: The Art of Isabelle de Borchgrave,” and interview with a real virtual costumer – Gunther from the Luann comic strip, and “Costuming by the Book,” an interview with four fantasy authors. The issue has a bazillion color photos.

<http://www.siwcostumers.org/newsletterarchive/VirtCostV9-I1-2011.pdf>

From the Mailbox

Costumers Guild West, *Squeals from Da Ghodfuzzy* 26.10, June 2011 features Chaz Baden’s photos from Gaslight Gathering, SoCal Cosplay Ball and Renaissance Pleasure Faire; Fran Wasielewski’s memories of presenting her “The Silk Road” lecture in Manhattan Kansas; Cathy Hay discusses re-creating the historic Worth’s Peacock Dress; Aunt Alys Advises on summer sun protection and sources for grosgrain ribbon; Tonya Clevenger reminisces on 1960s fashion with many web links; Fran Wasielewski and Lisa Klassen-Barnes give useful tips on photographing costumes for online sales. Of course, calendar, upcoming events and upcoming elections are included.

Randall brings these newsletters to SWCG meetings for your perusal.

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