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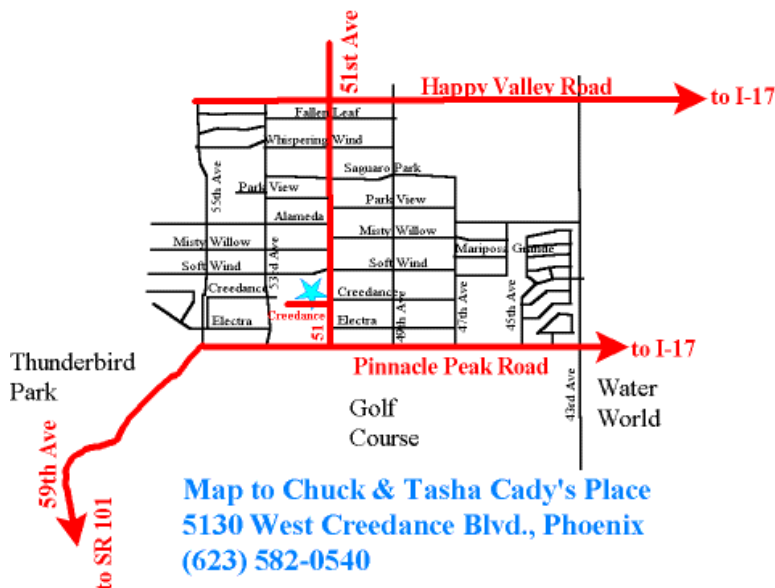
Calendar

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.*

September 9, 2011 – **Encredicon** in Downtown Mesa, Arizona. See Bob Nelson’s flyer later in this issue.

September 18, 2011 – **Can’t Stop the Serenity** at the Royale Theater, 108 W Main Street, Mesa. Annual charity screening of Joss Whedon’s “Serenity” and “Dr. Horrible’s Singalong Blog” by the Arizona Browncoats. Tickets \$10 and can be purchased online and at the theatre. Hurry though as seating is extremely limited!. <http://azbrowncoats.org/csts>

September 24, 2011 – **Can’t Stop the Serenity** at the Fox Theater in Tucson. Annual charity screening of Joss Whedon’s “Serenity” by the Arizona Browncoats. <http://azbrowncoats.org/csts>



September 25, 2011 – **Hat Decorating*** at Tasha’s place. Tasha has a collection of straw hats that need something done with them. Practice a variety of techniques.

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 14-16, 2011, 10 to 5 – **Wild Western Festival** at Saguaro Ranch Park in Glendale, Arizona. “History meets Hollywood.” <http://www.wildwesternfestival.com/>

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

October 23, 2011 – **Advanced Materials*** (location to be announced). Work with “Wonderflex” and other shapeable materials.

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

November 4-6, 2011 – **Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games** at Rillito Raceway Park 4502 N First Ave Tucson, AZ. <http://www.tucsoncelticfestival.org/>

November 6, 2011 (Tentative, may change) – **Silk Painting*** at Lynn’s place in Gilbert.

November 9-14, 2011 – **Southern Crusades** – Society for Creative Anachronism combat, arts & sciences camping event at Winkelman Flats Campground in Winkelman, Arizona. <http://www.southerncrusades.org/>

November 11-13, 2005 – **TusCon 38** at the in Hotel Tucson CityCenter in Tucson, Arizona. Guests include Patricia Briggs and Dr. Dave Williams. <http://home.earthlink.net/~basfa/t38main.html>

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>

November 19-20, 2011 – 5th Annual **Phoenix Fireland Faerie Festival** (location not specified on the web site, but we presume its near Estrella Mountain Park). <http://www.westerngatesfaerierealm.com/PhoenixFaerieFestival.htm>

December, 2011 (date and time TBD) - **Mainly on the Train*** Take a ride on the Arizona Eastern Railroad’s “Copper Spike” train from Globe, Arizona. Costume encouraged. <http://www.copperspike.com/>

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/>

Encredicon in Downtown Mesa

Hi all,

I did not know if you were aware of this great opportunity to design some clothes for a Fashion Show on Mesa's Second Friday, but I thought I would forward you the information and ask that you share it with your members. Last years, there were over 100 people in the audience for the show, and several thousand that attended the event overall, so it's a great opportunity for people to see designs...

Thanks for your time,

Here is the web link: <http://us1.campaign-archive2.com/?u=77e99751f5fec6249b86e5966&id=1d78919660>

Here is the text:

2nd Friday in September means it's time for **ENCREDICON** (*Evermore Nevermore's Comic Review of Enlightened Drawing & Inscribing Convention!*) And ENCREDICON means it's time again for the **2nd Friday Sci-Fi & Fantasy Fashion Show** with outrageous original costumes and character origins!

The Mesa Second-Friday Sci-Fi & Fantasy Fashion Show is sponsored by **Evermore Nevermore**, the **OneOhOne Gallery** and **Enchanted Touch**, and will take place at 8:00 PM, 9/9/11 in the OneOhOne Gallery showroom (101 W. Main Street) during the 2nd Friday Block Party festivities! Join us for September's 2nd Friday to see some of the craziest costumed characters ever created!

WANT TO PARTICIPATE? *Here are the rules of the road:*

- Sci-Fi & Fantasy fashion and costume characters must be original creations and must include a short paragraph origin story regarding the character, to be read by the show MC while the model walks the runway.
- Creators can submit from 1 – 6 models each. You are responsible for your own model(s) and for having your participants at the venue and ready prior to show time.
- All submissions must be registered at: blackwing@evermorenevermore.com no later than Noon, 9/8/11. Please send your Name, contact information and the number of entries you expect walk during the show. You will receive a confirmation notice with further instructions after your registration is received.
- You do NOT have to be a professional clothing designer to participate in this event. Hobbyists, cosplayers and experienced costume professionals alike are encouraged to participate!
- While we encourage outrageous and provocative creations, please remember that this is an all-ages show. No nudity or otherwise offensive entries will be allowed.

Bob Nelson
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Minutes of the August 28, 2011 SWCG Meeting

Reported by Secretary Theresa Contos

The meeting, held at Tasha Cady's house, began at 2:05 pm. One guest was present, Robin Prosjje.

Officer/Committee Reports:

The Treasurer reports that we have \$2,541.42 in the bank and \$171 in petty cash (on hand). The most recent deposit was \$250.

The Webmaster has followed up on the suggestion to ask Cat Devereaux about finding a new server for our website. She recommended Hostgator while Lee Whiteside recommends Ipower. Both seem to have about the same features and price. The move will give us more room, so we will migrate in November. We have 4 months left (paid for) on Terabyte. This was followed by a discussion on the best way to pay the new ISP, it was agreed that if we could do an automatic withdrawal from our checking account this would be the preferred method. Whichever of the two services is most friendly to this arrangement will be chosen.

The Newsletter submissions deadline is Sept. 5th, This is right on the heels of CopperCon 31.

Old Business:

Samples of the new bookmarks were handed out. We have 250 of these, this should last us until about Costume Con 30, then new ones will need to be printed. Randall was compensated \$40, \$20 for the buttons (approved at the previous meeting) and \$20 for the new bookmarks.

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|  | <p><i>Southwest Costumers Guild</i></p> <p>PO Box 39504 Phoenix AZ 85069</p> <p>www.southwestcostumersguild.org</p> | <p>The Southwest Costumers Guild is a society for those who love historical, science fiction, fantasy, anime' and cultural costume.</p> <p>SWCG is Arizona's chapter of the International Costume Guild and host of Costume-Con 30 in 2012.</p> <p>Visit our web site for a calendar of events and e-mail editor@southwestcostumersguild.org for directions to events.</p> <p>Members receive <i>Cactus Needles</i>, our monthly newsletter. You can view a sample issue on our web page.</p> |
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New ribbons have arrived, hall costume ribbons, Costume Con 30 ribbons and others. Jean has them.

Our relationship as a "sister organization" to the Costumer's Guild West was discussed. We need a definition of sister organization. We should perhaps add this item to our standing rules. Randall read out the standing rules language used by CGW and will use it as a model for the new SWCG standing rule. (*A draft of the new standing rule prepared by is presented later in this newsletter.*)

New Business:

Appeal for "Den Mommies" for the Costume Fashion Show at CopperCon 31, Jean and Elaine volunteered to help. Costume Director (me) asked for advice on the forms needed for the contest. (Since I've never done this job before.) Sample forms have been sent to me by Randall. Frances had some practical advice as well.

The Everhearts have volunteered their home for our November meeting where they will be giving a class in silk painting. It should cost \$10 per person. It was decided that this would be our "Make & Take" project for this year and that the Guild would cover the costs of this class. It was suggested that copies of the SWCG logo should be there for a default project for those who are in need of a project to do. We could use a few extra banners.

Costume Con 30 Report:

Elaine said that there would be a meeting at CopperCon 31 for Costume Con 30. Dealer's Room replies are coming in. The second mailing of Dealer's Packets has just gone out. The Sponsorship packets are coming up next. Records will be kept of who gets Sponsorship Packets. Ads in various con program books are also being sent out. An appeal for mannequins of all types was made by Elaine, including hand and head mannequins as well as dressmakers full body forms. She also asked for any costumes that members may have that could be put on display be volunteered. The rates for Costume Con are \$50 for staff, regular memberships are \$85 until January when they will go up to \$90, at the door \$100.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm.

Sister Organizations: A Proposed Standing Rule

Adapted by Randall Whitlock

With special thanks to Chaz Baden of Costumer's Guild West for sharing the CGW Standing Rule language.

SWCG shall establish the relationship of "sister organization" with other organizations which share our interests, goals and objectives.

A sister organization will be asked to exchange newsletters, if such are produced, with SWCG. Its members shall be eligible for the same discounts offered to SWCG members for events and activities. In turn, SWCG members will receive any discounts offered to the members of the sister organization.

An organization may apply to be recognized as a sister organization of SWCG by writing to the Secretary or other officer requesting such status, and indicating a willingness to accept these terms. A member in good standing of SWCG may also propose sister organization status at a membership meeting or in written communication sent to the Secretary or other officer. It will then be the responsibility of the Secretary to contact the proposed organization to inquire as to whether that organization would be interested in a sister organization relationship with SWCG. Sister organization status may only be granted by a majority vote of the SWCG membership.

Sister organization status creates no relationship between SWCG and the sister organization beyond the courtesy of the two organizations providing open communications and member discounts to each other. A sister organization designation must be mutually agreed upon by SWCG and the sister organization's governing body. Sister organization status may be revoked by the SWCG Board of Directors or a by a majority vote of the membership if the sister organization fails to provide the specified benefits to SWCG members, or if the practices, goals and/or objectives of that organization no longer meet SWCG criteria for sister organization status.

On the Web

Silicon Web Costumers Guild, Virtual Costumer 9.2 - Regardless of whether uniforms are historical, science fiction or fantasy, costumers continue to study and re-create them. Enjoy a variety of topics related to military clothing. <http://www.SiWCostumers.org> and select Virtual Costumer, then Current Issue. Choose Volume 9 issue 2. Enjoy! Phil Gust, editor

ICG Newsletter, July-August 2011 is now available online. If you are an ICG member and electronic subscriber, you should have received an e-mail with a link and password. This issue is a bit thin and the editor would much appreciate more feature articles and other submissions.

September is “**National Sewing Month,**” as established by presidential proclamation in 1982. Check out the history and some free sample projects at <http://www.nationalsewingmonth.org/>.

Check out the **Arizona Steampunk Society** at <http://www.meetup.com/AZ-Steam-punk-Society/> or on Facebook at <http://www.tinyurl.com/azsteampunk>.



Here are a few of the contestants from the Coppercon 31 Costume Fashion Show. Thanks to Theresa and Mike for a fine and innovative show. Details next month. Photo by Randall.

Fabric World Moves West



Students of plate tectonic theory will point out that North America is moving westward a couple of inches a year. 35th Avenue Sew & Vac/Fabric World has apparently decided to get a few millennia ahead of the game. They're still at the northwest corner of 35th Avenue and Northern in Phoenix, but they have just moved into the much larger west

suite of the building, formerly occupied by a Goodwill thrift store.

The inventory is the same as before, but they have more room to do what they're good at. The store is strong on machines, furniture and wild prints for quilting. If I had a couple of grand to spare, they'd have sold me a hardwood combined sewing and cutting table with so many fold-out panels it could have been advertised as a "Transformers" action figure. –Randall

From the Mailbox

Costumer's Guild West **Squeals 27.1**, September 2011 starts out with a particularly impressive cover of Cindy Piselli's candy-striped Victorian ensemble. Fran invites all to a new sewing circle. BOD minutes for three meetings. Gratitude of the Guild awards to Kim, Fran & Tonya. Pull-out calendar. Links to Costume College 2011 pictures. Carol and Julie summarize 1930s fashions with web links. Valarie on classic fashions from th3 30s and 40s. Aunt Alys Advises on leather care and a natural fabric source. Fran on samurai wear with patterns. From the President. Dean's message for Costume College 2012. Upcoming Events. Special color Meet your new Board of Directors insert. *Mailbox Marauder Randall passes the exchange newsletters around at SWCG meetings. Come by and see.*

Some Images from the Renovation (WorldCon) Masquerade

Photos by Mike Contos



Intergalactic Dating
Game

Christopher Erickson,
Mette Hedin, Elena
Herzen, Bryan Little,
Jean Martin, Espana
Sheriff



Music of the Spheres
Pierre Pettinger, Sandy Pettinger,
Randy Smith



Avatar Driver Jane MacMillan



Katamari Damacy
Sionna Neidengard, MariEllen
Cottman



Wizard of Oz

Mark Ezell, Ann
Ezell, Ellie Ezell,
Kathryn Brant,
Zachary Brant,
Theresa Costanzo,
Thor Halbert, Sandi
King, Barbara
Hoffert



Night at the Sci-Fi Museum
Erik Prill, David Tackett, Anita Taylor

One-Eyed One Horned Flying Purple People Eater
Susan Scheufele



Phoenix Elizabeth Mittmann Blue



Meanie Blues Lance Ikegawa





A Steamy Time

Rebecca Tinkham Hewett, Kevin Hewett, Atlanta Sheridan, Jess Sheridan

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