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## ICG Lifetime Achievement Award Nominations Open

(Paraphrased from President Ann Catelli's post to ICG-BOD)

Each year, the International Costume Guild accepts nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA), which is traditionally presented at Costume-Con.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes, "A body of achievement in the costuming art and service to the costuming community."

Candidates for the award:

1. Shall have been active in the costuming community for at least 10 years.
2. Shall have achieved significant recognition for their costuming skills, which may be in the form of, but not restricted to, competitive awards, professional accomplishments, teaching of skills, and/or media recognition.
3. Shall have made significant contributions in service to the costuming community.

Any member in good standing of ICG can nominate a candidate for the LAA. Please send your nominations to [icg-president@costume.org](mailto:icg-president@costume.org) by February 17, 2012 to allow time for voting by the ICG Board of Directors.

Full rules are presented at <http://www.costume.org/lifetime/lifetime.html> .

Pictures of prior LAA winners are found at <http://www.costume.org/lifetime/index.html> .

## From the Mailbox

St. Louis Costumers Guild **The Scarlet Letter**, January 2012 features Carole Parker's review of LosCon 2011, Dave Kanoy's giant ironing board project and photos from the Archon Masquerade, including the "Let My People Go" large group costume.

Costumer's Guild West **Squeals from da Ghodfuzzy** 27.5 – January 2012. Cover features Sasha Felix as the pokemon "Oshawott." Colleen Crosby's eulogy for Corinne Pleger. Lorelee Page

reviews the Messiah Singalong event in georgian costume. Karen Lavoie reviews the CGW lacemaking workshop. Con 48 reviews. Aunt Alys Advises on January clearance sales, containers and hand lotion. Tonya Clevenger points out many useful shoe resources on the web. Robin Young on storing costumes. Eileen Smolenski on trims through history. Fran Wasielewski on how to access museum collections. Many upcoming events. Back Cover is Michelle Armstrong as Sakura from Tsubasa Reservoir Chronicles animé.

Costumer's Guild West **Squeals from da Ghodfuzzy** 27.6 – February 2012. Cover: Debbie Parks- Russ and Francis Class in Mardis Gras finery. President's Message with many pictures from the CGW Winter Tea & Skate. Eileen explains tatting. Tonya's Webworld gives information sources for the "Titanic" period. Silk Dyeing and Wig online chatter. Lady Gaga book review. Brainstorming for Costume College -- Child costume display needs pint-size mannequins, Computer topics, Bargain basement, Scholarships. Back Cover – Katelyn Barrow with her Alice in Wonderland movie costume at Costume College 2011.

Randall passes around the shared newsletters at SWCG meetings.



### **Finger-Lickin' Useful**

If you've eaten at KFC lately, you may have noticed that the mashed potatoes, cole slaw and other side dishes are now served in reusable plastic containers. These are a perfect size for storing buttons, beads, etc – after you've washed out the gravy.

### **On the Web**

**Fashion Through Time** <http://www.ooshirts.com/guides/Fashion-Through-Time.html>. Ooshirts is a custom t-shirt printing company. Some creative persons on their staff have put together a links page to assorted images of historic costume, grouped by period. The images come from museum web sites and other sources. Spotted by Hailey.

**Costume University?** I received an interesting and well-written but nonetheless spam message this month titled, "Skip's Tips," that included a hint for keeping consistent seam lengths on sleeves and trouser legs. The message was actually a promotion for a web site at <http://costumeuniversity.com/>. I checked out the site and it appears to have some interesting and useful content, but a pop-up window immediately manifested, informing me of a one-dollar fee to access the articles, presumably a dollar a month. Flashbacks to those inescapable record and tape clubs from the 1970s seized my mind and I backed off of the site. I don't give credit card information to anyone unless I initiated the contact. Has anyone subscribed to this web site? Is it worthwhile and trustworthy? Do any of you know the organizers personally? – Randall

**SWCG Site Update** – I don't have the easy-click buttons running yet, but you can now pay your SWCG dues via PayPal. Instructions are given on the "Join the Southwest Costumers Guild" page at <http://www.southwestcostumersguild.org/form.htm> .

Margie has created a "Favicon" based on the SWCG logo. On most browsers, this will now appear to the left of the page address in your navigation pane when you visit our site. If you

create a shortcut to the site on your Windows desktop, the icon will appear after you've used it once.

## **Southwest Costumer's Guild Business Meeting, January 22, 2012**

Recorded by Theresa Contos

At 2:00 pm the meeting came to order.

Secretary's Report was sent to Randall for publication.

Treasurer's Report: Lyn reports that everything has stayed the same except for the money spent at iPower for next two years of web site hosting and the money spent for the domain name renewal with Tera-Byte.com, a total of \$131.83.

Webmaster Report: Our transfer to the new host is now completed, improvements have been made. Past issues of Cactus Needles are being posted. Paypal for dues payment needs at trial run, Anna has volunteered to be our guinea pig to see if it operates correctly. The cost of PayPal needs to be determined, it is a % of total. ICG Archivist Pierre wants to get our back issues of Cactus Needles for the archives, he will be informed he can get them online now.

Newsletter Report: The newsletter needs contributions of articles and the editor is considering drafting some of us as informal reporters on events attended and movies seen, etc. He will need some printing and mailing supplies after the next meeting.

Old Business: We have been notified that we are now a sister organization of Costumer's Guild West!. It was voted to extend reciprocal sister chapter status to them. We will get Costume College discount and give CGW members the discounts to our events that we offer to our own members.

Mahala will be reimbursed for the clocks hat she bought for us to use as prizes, approximately \$25 or \$30 she will find the bill. One clock has already been given as a prize at CopperCon for the costume contest. Tasha has the other two.

New Business: the agenda for the guild meetings through June was discussed. The following is a tentative schedule:

February 19<sup>th</sup>: Fascinators (miniature steampunk hats) Robin will present. Location Sharan's house, 5221 W. Palo Verde, Glendale.

Note to Class Instructors: Randall needs info on classes by Feb.5<sup>th</sup>, including supplies needed.

March 18th: Rivet,grommet, snaps and studs. Leather fasteners taught by Samantha or "Geisha Class" taught by Tasha. Location Jean's house.

April 22nd: Plan A: Tasha's geisha class at Tasha's house. Since Tasha was not in attendance all this has to be cleared with her and find out if she prefers March or April. Plan B: Accessory bags for costumers. Sharan has offered some upholstery fabric she can contribute. Location: Frances's house.

May 20th: Dead Dog, horse, costumer (take your pick) and postmortem of Costume-Con 30. Bring munchies for pot-luck. Location Francies's house.

June 24<sup>th</sup>: Use leftover Plan A or B from April. Proposed that the accessory bags be done at this time at Sharan's house.

A project for sewing machine covers was proposed by Mahala, these could be used as prizes. A sweatshop on April 14th at Jean's house using the guild's stash of materials . Mahala will bring pictures. We need to find someone to make a pattern for the cover.

CostumeCon 30 informational meeting followed.

Officer Elections for 2012 were held.

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Liaison to CC30-Michael Contos

### 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.*

January 20-February 19 (Thursdays and weekends) – **The Dixie Swim Club** at Theater Works, 8355 W. Peoria Avenue, Peoria AZ. [www.theaterworks.org](http://www.theaterworks.org)

February 3-19 (Thursdays and weekends) – **Hairspray** at Theater Works, 8355 W. Peoria Avenue, Peoria AZ. [www.theaterworks.org](http://www.theaterworks.org)

February 9-19, 2012 – **Statehood Days, Phoenix** at Pioneer Living History Museum, 3901 W. Pioneer Rd (Just W of I-17). Highlights include re-enactors roaming the town and doing demonstrations inside the buildings, dutch oven cooking, gunfighter entertainment, Gun Safety talks, trolley rides and farm animals that can be viewed from their pens. Join us on the 14th for our grand celebration. 623.465.1052. <http://pioneeraz.org/>.

February 10-12, 17-19, 2012 – **A Midsummer Night's Dream** at Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre. <http://www.gcu.edu/Upcoming-Events/The-Arts/A-Midsummer-Nights-Dream-Feb-10-thru-19.php> for performance times and ticket information, e-mail <mailto:ethington@gcu.edu> or call 602.639.8880. The play is costumed by our own Nola Yergen.

February 11, 2012 – **Arizona Centennial Ball** at the Activity Center of Arizona Christian University, 2625 E. Cactus Road, Phoenix. Join us for a celebration of Arizona's statehood at an evening of historic fashion, live music, and dance. <http://arizonacentennialball.com/>.

February 11-14, 2012 – **Arizona Best Fest Centennial Celebration** at the State Capitol lawn, 1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix. A festive environment will surround the State Capitol where there will be displays, vendors, and live entertainment. Highlights include the first day

issue of the commemorative Arizona Centennial stamp ceremony and honorary re-naming of Washington Street to Centennial Way. Join the festivities as we honor Arizona's past as well as celebrate our future. 602.364.3697 <http://az100years.org/>

February 11-April 1, 2012 (weekends + Presidents Day) – **Arizona Renaissance Festival**, on US 60, east of Gold Canyon, Arizona. <http://royalfaires.com/arizona/>

February 16, 2012, 12-7 PM – **Theater Works Costume and Set Rental Shop Open House** at 9299 W. Olive Avenue, Suite 206, Peoria AZ. As well as their local productions listed elsewhere on this calendar, Theater Works makes its collection of costumes and set pieces available for rental by other theater companies Check it out!. <http://theaterworks.org/>

February 18, 2012 – **Dolls, Bears, & More Show and Sale** at North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave, Phoenix. Sunbonnet Doll Club presents its 34th annual event, featuring antique, vintage, modern, and reproduction dolls, bears and miniatures. Proceeds benefit Arizona Doll and Toy Museum and St. Mary's Food Bank. 480.419.0246 <http://sunbonnetdollclub.com/>.

February 18, 2012 – **100 Years, 100 Quilts Exhibit Opening** at Arizona History Museum, 949 E. 2nd St., Tucson. Commemorating Arizona's Centennial, AHS and the Arizona Centennial Quilt Project have created a quilt exhibit to educate the public about Arizona's artisans and their contributions to the state. 520.628.5774 <http://arizonahistoricalociety.org/>.

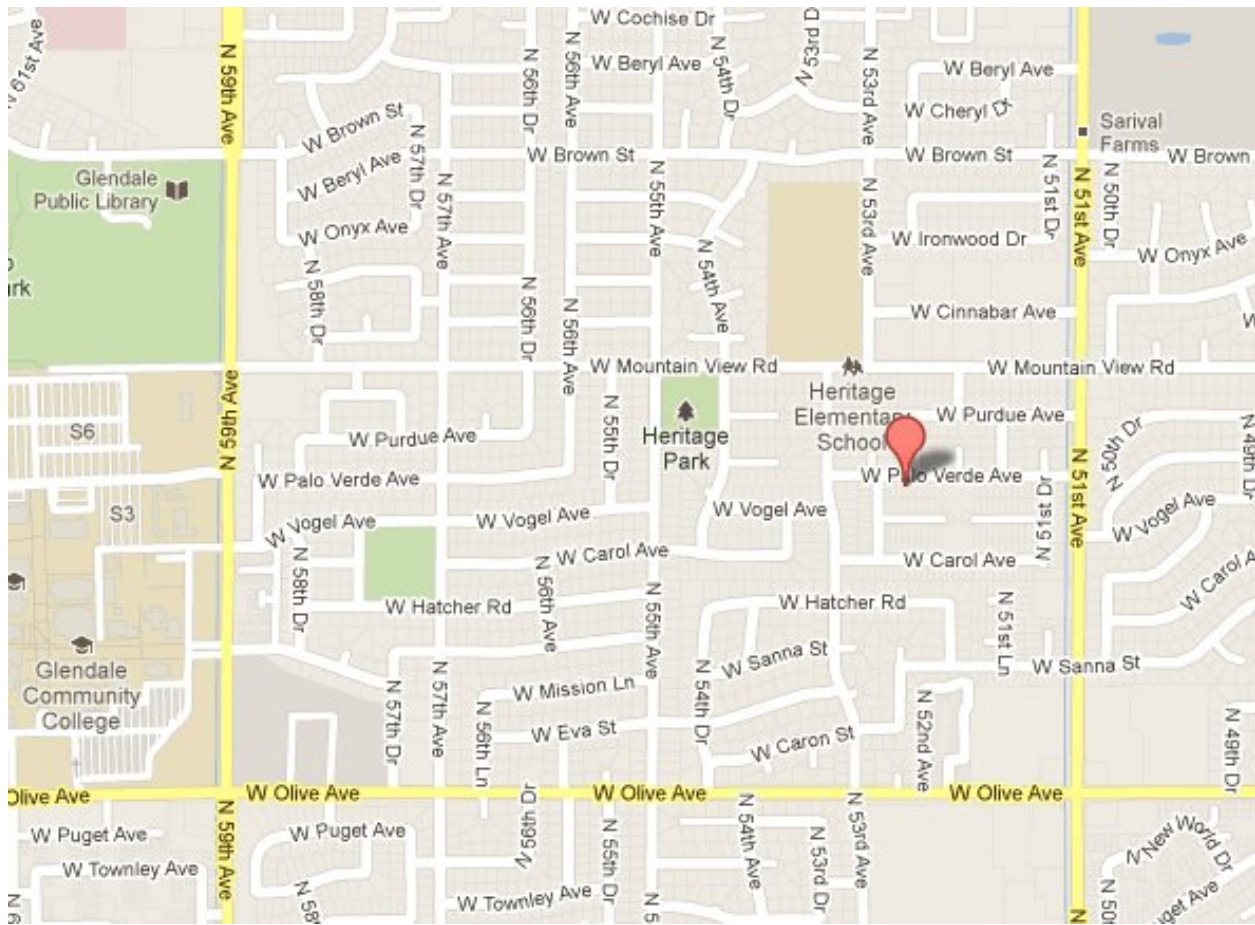
February 18-19, 2012 – **Arizona Button Association Annual Show** at Hilton Garden Inn, 11460 W. Hilton Way, Avondale. Features the theme, "See the World Through Buttons," with U.S. vendors, a competition, workshops, and a black glass educational display. 623-972-9028, <http://nationalbuttonociety.org/>.

February 18-19, 2012 – **BeyondCon** at the Inn at Gig Harbor, Gig Harbor, Washington. Annual costuming relaxacon hosted by the Beyond Reality Costumers Guild. <http://www.brcg.org/events/beyondcon/>

February 20-26, 2012 – **Winter Range** at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility (Carefree Highway, just west of Interstate 17). This is the Single-Action Shooting Society's annual cowboy action shooting competition with an awesome sutler's row. <http://www.winterrange.com/>

February 25-26, 2012 – **Arizona Matsuri** festival of Japan at Heritage and Science Park in downtown Phoenix. Featuring exhibits, demonstrations, arts and crafts, children's activities, bonsai displays, Japanese food, and 3 stages of live entertainment. <http://azmatsuri.org/>

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



February 26, 2012 – **Fascinating Hats\*** SWCG workshop at Sharan’s place 5221 W. Palo Verde, Glendale. Robin will demonstrate her fascinators miniature tophat, featured in the October, 2011 Cactus Needles. <http://www.southwestcostumerguild.org/backish/cactusneedles1110.pdf> Bring Scissors!

March 10-11, 2012 – **Battle of Picacho Peak** at Picacho Peak State Park, I-10 between Casa Grande and Tucson. Reenactment for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Arizona’s only Civil War battle. <http://azstateparks.com/parks/pipe/events.html>

March 17, 2012 – **A Night in the 1940s** Big Band Dance and WWII Music Show at Falcon Field’s Commemorative Air Force Hangar, 2017 N Greenfield Road, Mesa AZ <http://www.azcaf.org/bbd/>

March 9-25, 2012 (weekends) – **Pinocchio** and **The Magical Adventures of Pinocchio** (two different shows) at Theater Works, 8355 W. Peoria Avenue, Peoria AZ. [www.theaterworks.org](http://www.theaterworks.org)

March 10-12, 2012 – **Tucson Festival of Books** on the University of Arizona campus. <http://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/>

March 16- April 2, 2012 (Thursdays and weekends) – **A Little Night Music** at Theater Works, 8355 W. Peoria Avenue, Peoria AZ. [www.theaterworks.org](http://www.theaterworks.org)

March 17, 2012, 10 AM – **St Patrick’s Day Parade** on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from Sheridan south to Moreland in Phoenix AZ, followed immediately by an **Irish Fair** at Margaret T. Hance Park. <http://www.phxirish.org/>

March 18, 2012 – **Rivet, Grommet, Snap & Stud\*** SWCG Workshop at Jean’s place in Sun City. Learn some basics about leather fasteners.

March 23-25, 2012 – **Con Nichiwa** animé convention at Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Tucson Airport North. <http://www.con-nichiwa.com/index.php/site/index>

March 24-25, 2012 – **Arizona Highland Games and Celtic Gathering** at Steele Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix AZ. <http://www.arizonascots.com/05games.shtml>

March 27-April 2, 2012 – **Estrella War** at Schnepf Farm in Queen Creek, AZ. The Society for Creative Anachronism’s annual camping, combat, arts and sciences event. New date, new location. <http://www.estrellawar.org/>

April 6-May 4, 2012 – **Intertemporalist Steampunk Exhibition** at Alwun House, 1204 E Roosevelt Street, Phoenix AZ <http://alwunhouse.org/>

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/>. Stephen Furst (Vir from Babylon 5, Flounder from Animal House) will be a special guest.

April 11-15, 2012 – **Maricopa County Fair** at the state fairgrounds, NEC 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue & McDowell in Phoenix. <http://www.maricopacountyfair.org/>

April 13-15, 20-22, 2012 – **The Boy Friend** at Grand Canyon University’s Ethington Theatre. <http://www.gcu.edu/Upcoming-Events/The-Arts/The-Boy-Friend-Apr-13-thru-22.php>

April 13 – May 13, 2012 – **All Through the Night** at Theater Works, 8355 W. Peoria Avenue, Peoria AZ. [www.theaterworks.org](http://www.theaterworks.org)

April 13-22, 2012 (weekends and a Thursday) – **Sakura No Ne: Roots of the Cherry Blossom** at Theater Works, 8355 W. Peoria Avenue, Peoria AZ. [www.theaterworks.org](http://www.theaterworks.org)

April 22, 2012 – **Geisha Apprentice\*** at Tasha’s place in Phoenix. SWCG workshop on Japanese costume and accessories.



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

May 20, 2012 – **Dead Dog Party\*** SWCG potluck social at Frances’ place in Peoria. CC30 was last weekend. Let’s relax a bit.

May 26-28, 2012 – **Wyatt Earp Days** in Tombstone, Arizona. <http://www.tombstonechamber.com/Wyatt-Earp-Days>

June 24, 2012 – **Accessory Bag\*** SWCG workshop at Sharan’s place in Glendale. Here’s a cool pattern for a costume and accessory bag that fits over a clothes hanger.

July 6-8, 2012 – **Medieval Mayhem Renaissance Faire** at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex, 1101 Woodland Road, Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona <http://www.azmayhem.com/>

August 31-September 3, 2012 – **CopperCon 32**, “Year of the Dragon,” features guest author/game designer Ari Marmell. <http://www.coppercon.org/>

September 1-3, 2012 – **Saboten Con** Animé convention at the Renaissance Phoenix Hotel & Spa in Glendale, Arizona <http://www.sabotencon.com/>

August 31-September 3, 2012 – **Chicon 7** The 2012 WorldCon at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Chicago. <http://www.chicon7.org/>

November 9-11, 2012 – **TusCon 39** at the Hotel Tucson CityCenter features guest author S.M. Stirling and fan guest David Lee Summers. <http://www.tusconscificon.com>

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