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## Wedding Announcement

aka

The World Truly IS Ending – Lady  
Thunder Got Married!

It is with great pleasure, quite a bit of surprise and still, just a bit of blushing, that I announce the marriage of myself (T. Nyki Robertson aka Lady Thunder) to the very courageous (OK, he DID marry me, after all!) Blaine C. Crosby.

We were married the evening of November 26, 2011 in a “Viking-style” ceremony (we do both follow the Old Norse Path) at the home of our dear friend, Kara Gurule. Leslie Breuner-Bradford (Lady Kessa) was the Officiant. Shenita McKinney (Lady Rhiannon Cyra) was my Maid-of-Honor while Blaine's youngest sister, Cassandra Crosby stood as his Best Man. We were honored to

have Hilde Hildebrand read the Hymn to Freya for us.

A few of the SWCG were able to attend, including the Contos family. Michael took the pictures of the Wedding Party – THANK-YOU, Michael!

It was a quiet ceremony followed by a pleasurable evening of potluck and visiting with the people who were able to make it on a Holiday weekend with virtually no notice! I look forward to introducing Blaine to all of you!

Nyki Crosby  
Lady Thunder

## PHX ComiCon Seeks Volunteers + New Club Volunteer Listing Service?

Hello! My name is Anna Treece and I am a fellow Sci Fi / Fantasy / Everything fan in the Phoenix area. I am contacting you tonight for two reasons.

Firstly, I would like to ask for the help of you and those in your group as possible volunteers for Phoenix Comic Con. Put on every year by fans of Sci Fi, Comics, Fantasy and Anime, Phoenix Comic Con takes a lot of man (and woman!) power. The Con is really short this year and could use any and all help. Will you please consider helping and passing on the request to your group?

You can find out more about the volunteer needs and opportunities by visiting the Phoenix Comic Con website <https://www.phoenixcomicon.com/page/3> . Thank you!

The second reason I am contacting you is for a further reaching vision. It is my personal goal in the next 5 years to have the 'Geeks of AZ' united in serving our community. I classify myself as a Sci Fi geek. While I am currently a very active member of Starfleet International with the USS Karne in Phoenix, I am also consider myself a Browncoat, a wanna-be Stormtrooper, a Steampunk apprentice and a Buffy nerd. It has been my experience that we geeks cannot fit into just one category! And it is because of this that I would like to create a website directory and (hopefully) community that would lead interested parties to all local fandom chapters. A one-stop-shop, if you will. Included in this goal is getting us out in the community, serving our fellow beings and being a visual representation of how awesome geeks can be. I believe we have so much power in our fandom and we should use our power for good! (Cheesy line, I know..but it works!) Would you be interested in participating in such a site and, more importantly, in the community charity work? I would love to work with you to make this fantastic. (And before you ask, of course it is completely free. Just takes time and a bit of work! :))

Below is my contact information. I look forward to hearing from you on both of the above issues!

Thanks! Anna Treece [annatheredsfi@gmail.com](mailto:annatheredsfi@gmail.com)

### On the Web

**What is Costume Con?** Bruce has posted a Youtube video to answer that very question at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAtzfC75N6k>. It's the perfect thing to show your friends who don't quite understand what we're doing. Look for some SWCG members amongst the many costumes shown.

**Danish History Museum** has a virtual museum site at <http://tidenstoej.natmus.dk/index.html> with photos of costumes from the 1700s to the 1980s. The text is in Danish, but pictures are universal. Found by JoAnn and posted to the ICG-D list.

**ICG Newsletter** Jan-Feb 2012 is now available. If you are a member in good standing of ICG, you should have received an e-mail with user name, password and instructions on how to download your copy. The issue features ICG officer list, chapter contact list, President's message, rules for Lifetime Achievement Award, proxy form for the ICG annual meeting, detailed Treasurer's year-end report, report from the acting Webmaster, an inspiring e-mail exchange with a student and teacher, review of the special new edition of "Dressing the Galaxy: The Costumes of Star Wars," cover images from Cactus Needles, Virtual Costumer and Yipe!

## **Southwest Costumer's Guild Business Meeting, February 26, 2012**

Recorded by Mike Contos

*Note: Per the recent motion, these minutes are unofficial until presented for review on the SWCG members listserv.*

Called to order at 1PM.

**Treasurer:** Consolidated petty cash, current balance was reported. See Treasurer report for details. We owed no taxes and did not have to file any 1099s for the past tax year.

**Webmaster:** PayPal buttons coming, Bylaws are up, may want to edit bylaws file for layout (the pages break oddly).

**Newsletter:** Content, content, content please! Will need printing supplies soon.

**President:** CASFS approved our use of their "stuff"(registration, admin, commissary materials) for Costume Con 30.

**Old Business:** Sister Guild agreement is done with Costumers Guild West.

Robin has created a workable pattern for a sewing machine cover that will be used for prizes at CC30.

**New Business:** Request that Randall look into what it would take for the guild acquire a business license.

Agreed to reimburse Diane H. \$5/guild member for her hat pin class when it happens.

Agreed to spend \$10 on doll furniture set to be donated as a prize to CC30. Mahala will purchase and submit the receipt.

Agreed to post minutes not less than 1 week before publication to the guild member group. If no corrections are requested within 48 hours of posting the minutes will be considered approved.

Agreed to have the President, Vice-President and Treasurer as authorized to access funds.

Authorized electronic approval of expenditures by the BOD between general meetings.

Approved the acquisition and use of a debit card.

Agreed to send thank-you's to our new Sister Guild and Bruce Farr.

**CC30 report:** Current account balance was reported.

Adjourned 2:32 PM

Here are some pictures from Mike of our February Steampunk Fascinator Hat workshop, taught by Robin.





**Tie-Dye Whities?**



Roaming the Big Island in February, I spotted this display from a local clothing artist behind a fruit stand in Captain Cook, Hawaii. A couple of careful cuts converts a pair of men's briefs into a halter top with the elastic waistband under the bust and the leg openings becoming arm holes. Bits of ribbon and tie-dyeing add a festive appeal. --Randall

## 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 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 Francesco 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 14, 2012, 10 AM – **Sewing Machine Covers\*** at Jean's Place in Sun City (see map on previous page). Special workshop to build sewing machine covers to be awarded as prizes at Costume-Con 30. Bring your sewing machine and tools.

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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