



# Cactus Needles

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*Out of sync by one holiday, but Mahala's finished owl was too cool to ignore.*

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## **President's Message – Prepare for the Brainstorming Session at the Dec 16 Social**

From Robin Prosjje

Random thoughts from the president...

Remember to make lists of the things you want to learn how to do, and things you could teach the rest of us! Please bring them to the December meeting for discussion.

Write down any ideas for things we could make as a group and sell for fundraisers. Especially out of felt!

Start thinking of a weekend we can all 'garb up' and enjoy a day at the Ren Faire together.

And Finally, on a heavier note, we need to start our meetings closer to on time. The only two possible solutions I can think of would be to do our projects before the meeting (like the holster class) and do the formalities at 3 or 4. Or secondly, we can start at 1 as it's supposed to be and say so sad to those who are late. We need to discuss these and possibly more solutions anyone else can come up with.

## **Store Review: Ruffler's Roost**

by Paula Lary

A friend and I checked out Ruffler's Roost last month. It is a lace, ribbon and trim store. There aren't a lot of fancy or unusual trims (SAS has more of the exotic) but what they do have is quite good. The inventory runs from basic ribbon of the standard types for craft (i.e. unwashable), paper and taffeta types to real ribbon (cloth, grosgrain, etc.). What they do have is lots of widths and colors of almost every type they stock. They also have a few buttons and little "chain" type items – the type you'd add to embellish a hat, bow, etc. My friend makes large flower hair ornaments and was impressed with what she found to add to her crafts.

I had been waiting to check this place out for a long time and finally Debbie and I made it. It was on University Drive near Gilbert. Unfortunately, we got there on their last day in that location. They've moved east to Higley Road, too far for me, but I was told that they have another location at Alma School and Elliot. I haven't checked out that location, but the manager told me that one stocks the same items.

*Editor's Note – Google Maps reports the Ruffler's Roost locations as 2735 E. Main Street, Mesa (near NWC Main & Lindsay) and 1175 E. Ray Road, Chandler (Between Dobson & Arizona Avenue).*

### **On the Web**

**Amazon Drygoods is back!** Famous for their comprehensive catalog of historic patterns, books, notions, shoes and clothing. <http://www.amazondrygoods.com/>

**A new community issue of Virtual Costumer is online.** This issue explores many aspects of the supernatural and the opportunities they present for creative costuming. Articles cover Creature from the Black Lagoon, The Haunted Mansion, and costuming Make-up and Special Effects. <http://www.SiWCostumers.org> and select Virtual Costumer, then Current Issue. Choose Volume 10 issue 3. Enjoy! Phil Gust, Editor

**International Costumer** 11.6, November-December 2012 features an interview with Costume-Con founder Karen Schnaubelt with lots of pictures of her early and more recent costume work. From the Editor outlines Carole's plans for the newsletter and asks for your feedback. President Phil Gust's reflections on the happenings of 2012. Chapter focus on the Sick Pups. ICG Members receive a link, username and password by e-mail to download the issue.

Steampunk costume pictures from the **Teslacon Grand Ball**. Found by Mike.  
<http://www.graffitiphotographic.com/p489943191>

**Be a Space Cadet!** – James D. Powell's 1962 article from Science and Mechanics Magazine shows you how to build a now-retro spaceman costume with helmet and breastplate from common household items. Found by Mike.

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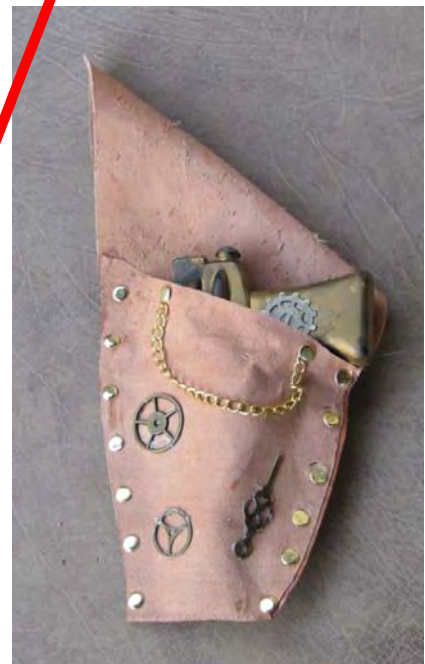
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SWCG Holsters & Leatherworking Workshop Nov 18, 2012



Scissor Holster Pattern



## From the Mailbox

Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild **Finery** 10.6 Nov/Dec 2012 Cynthia Barnes and Brian Keish Bits About Busks how-to. The Mauve Decade by Judith Hollenberger Dunlap. Officer candidates profiles and official ballot. Upcoming events.

Costumer's Guild West **Squeals from Da Ghodfuzzy** 28.4, December 2012. Cover: David Miles' steampunk wings. BOD Meeting minutes. President's message. Upcoming events with pull-out calendar. New column profiles Rebecca Howard – Director at Large. Dean's Corner gives status of upcoming Costume College. Eileen Smolenski's editorial notes.

## 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.*



December 8, 2012 – **Tempe Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade** at Tempe Town Lake.  
<http://www.tempetourism.com/events/6346/>

December 8, 2012 - **Annual Light Parade** in Globe will take place on December 8 (Saturday) between 7 and 9 pm. It's a small-town version of Phoenix's grand Fiesta of Lights. Smaller crowds, lit-up 18-wheelers, kids pulling wagons with strings of LEDs. (from Cathie)

December 16, 2012 – **Winter Social\*** – SWCG potluck at Jean's place. Relax and munch. Annual officer elections and brainstorming for 2013 activities.

The Dark Ones, The Endless and the AZ Corsairs are proud to present:

## **THE END OF THE WORLD PARTY**

**A MULTI-FACETED EXTRAVAGANZA!**

7:00 pm Friday - December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012

43rd Ave / Greenway Rd

**Find out what happens after Time runs out!**

### **Food Galore!**

(Including an entire pig!)

### **Three Open Bars**

Quench your thirst at one of our sponsored bars.

### **Fallout Shelter**

Dance thru the night with our DJ from Lupine Entertainment.

### **Mayan Stage**

Our main stage has band(s) and other entertainment all evening as well.

**DarkCon Pavilion** Special Rate on **DarkCon 2014 Memberships**, also for sale Special Limited Edition **Shirts, Cups, Shot Glasses, etc.**

**Photo Booth** Free photo to your email or bring a few extra shekels and take home a souvenir. (Keyhole Productions)

**Midnight Extravaganza**

And if we survive the evening, don't miss the Midnight Extravaganza!  
(Opening, amazingly... at midnight)

Detailed information at: [www.EndofWorldAZ.com](http://www.EndofWorldAZ.com)

If you have questions or want to volunteer, contact:

[Markus@DarkOnes.org](mailto:Markus@DarkOnes.org) (602) 388-9464 cell

**Each area will have its own theme:**

**Dark Ones:** Armageddon

**Endless:** Dark Carnival

**AZ Corsairs:** A Pirates Christmas

Costumes are not required, but certainly encouraged!

Make sure you witness the End of the World in style!

**18 years old is the minimum age allowed on the site, and of course you must be over 21 to drink.**

**Party Organizers: AZ Corsairs, The Dark Ones & The Endless**

**Additional Sponsors: Wild Wild West Con, the Arizona Browncoats, Lupine Entertainment, Keyhole Productions, House Staghold & House Inverted**

January 17, 2013 – **CopperCon 33 presents The Wrath of Khan.** Special 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary showing of the fan favorite Star Trek film at the Pollack Tempe Cinemas (NEC Elliot & McClintock, Tempe AZ) with activities starting at 7PM and the film at 8PM. Tix are \$10 for the general public and free to paid members of CopperCon 33. <http://www.coppercon.org>

January 25-27, 2013 – **Amazing Arizona Comic Convention** at the Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Phoenix. <http://amazingarizonacomicon.com/>

January 31-February 3, 2013, 10AM-5PM – **Phoenix Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival** at the Arizona State Fairgrounds, 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and McDowell Road in Phoenix. <http://www.quiltcraftsew.com/>

February 9 - March 31, 2013 (Weekends + Prez Day) **Arizona Renaissance Festival** in Gold Canyon, Arizona. <http://www.renfestinfo.com>

February 18-24, 2013 – **Winter Range** at Ben Avery Shooting Facility, Carefree Highway west of I-17. The Single-Action Shooting Society's annual cowboy action shooting match features a sutler's row for stocking up on your wild west/Victorian/steampunk basics.

February 22-23, 2013 – **Phoenix Vul-Con** gaming convention at the Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ. <http://www.vul-con.com>

March 8-10, 2013 – **Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention** at Old Tucson Studios. <http://www.wildwildwestcon.com/d/>

March 9-10, 2013 – **Tucson Festival of Books** at the University of Arizona campus. <http://www.tucsonfestivalofbooks.org>

March 22-24, 2013 – **Con-Nichiwa** anime convention in at the Holiday Inn Tucson Airport North, 4550 S. Palo Verde Road, Tucson, AZ. <http://www.con-nichiwa.com>

May 9-12, 2013 – **LepreCon 39** at the Mesa Marriott Hotel, 200 N. Centennial Way, Mesa AZ. Guests include Jon Schindehett of Wizards of the Coast. <http://leprecon.org> .

May 23-26, 2013 – **Phoenix ComiCon** at the Phoenix Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel, Phoenix AZ. <http://www.phoenixcomicon.com>

June 29-30, 2013 – **Costumers Lost Weekend** at the Crowne Plaza Addison hotel in Addison, Texas. Presented by the Dallas-Fort Worth Costumers Guild. <http://www.dfwcg.org>

August 8-11, 2013 – **CopperCon 33** at the Windemere Hotel & Conference Center in Mesa, Arizona. <http://www.coppercon.org> .

October 4-6, 2013 – **Browncoat Ball** – at the Coastal Phoenix Sky Harbor Hotel, 4300 E. Washington Street in Phoenix. The Arizona Browncoats will host the Browncoat Ball, an annual gala in celebration of Firefly, Serenity and the other works of Joss Whedon. <http://www.browncoatball.com>

January 16-19, 2014 – **DarkCon 2014**. Location TBA. <http://www.darkcon.org>

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