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SWCG Meeting December 16, 2012

Recorded by David Ramirez

Meeting was called to order at 2:38pm.

Present: Robin P, Michael C, Teresa C, Randall W, Jean P, Margie G, and David R as the Beaver

Treasurer's Report: Same as last month, no changes.

The reading of the minutes from last meeting were waived, both as the Secretary was not present and they were waived by motion.

Newsletter: Randall's last issue was put out. He's willing to do one more issue for January, but is in need of a replacement he can train.

New Business : CC30 needs to finish out business by January meeting.

Elections:

President: Robin P

Vice President: Michael C

Secretary: David R

Treasurer :Margie G

Nominations closed, seconded. All positions elected by acclamation.

Announcements:

Randall brought brochures for the City of Charleston, SC as part of CC 33's promotions.

Tasha was reimbursed for 50 yards of silver satin at the last meeting for a guild fabric challenge.

Jessica J donated approximately 7 garbage bags of fabric, 2 boxes full of books, a sewing machine and a pair of purple dyed formal shoes. Randall will bring them to January meeting for an official inventory.

Ideas for future projects: How to make a fez, planned for 2/24 meeting. How to make western style vests. How to make capes. March gathering 3/31, ideas include Pioneer Village, Military Museum at Papago National Guard base. Renaissance Fair gathering TBD.

Ideas for other activities: Musical Instrument Museum, 6/23/13. April meeting, 4/28/13 - Workshop for "Adventure Time" style hats. May meeting, 5/19/13 Workshop for mask-making

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm

Meeting minutes don't become official until posted to the swcgmembers yahoo group and voted in. – Editor.

On the Web

International Costumer 12.1, Jan-Feb 2013. Editor Carole Parker describes her visit to Cancun and its Mayan sites (where the world didn't end either). President's Message from Phil Gust – Tech Soup and reaching out to allied organizations. Kevin Roche looks forward to WesterCon 66. Kathe Gust previews 2013 films. Membership tally. Tina Connell reviews Sick Pups field trips. Contact info. *ICG Members – Did you get your e-mail with link and password?*

New issue of **Yipe!** Issue 4.12, "Wistful Wonderland," is now available for download from <http://www.yipezine.com>. This is a light and fluffy holiday confection, with a contribution from Chris Garcia and my holiday sweater pictorial, plus the return of our Letters column! – Kevin

A History of Sequins from King Tut to the King of Pop. In Smithsonian magazine's "Threaded" blog. <http://blogs.smithsonianmag.com/threaded/2012/12/a-history-of-sequins-from-king-tut-to-the-king-of-pop/>

From the Mailbox

Costumer's Guild West **Squeals from Da Ghodfuzzy** 28.5, January, 2013. Cover: April Drummond's Ice Queen at Costume Con 2012. Membership renewal time! Flyer/absentee ballot for the special membership meeting on Feb 2, 2013 (several proposed bylaws changes). RaG DaLs features Mary Llewellyn. Synthetic Wig care from Lisa Klassen. Fran Wasielewski discusses hog fat, lead paint and other ingredients in Elizabethan cosmetics. Dan Dretsler reviews the Magic Saw Kit, "How to Draw and Paint Fashion Design," and "Fashion." Fran Wasielewski reviews indie film "Pirates of the Great Salt Lake." Dean's Corner. Eileen's Editorial Notes.

Crochet a Jayne Hat!

By Robin Prosje

The “Jayne Hat” was introduced in the Firefly episode “The Message” as a gift mailed to tough guy Jayne Cobb from his mother. Easy to make by knitting or crochet methods, it has become a universal symbol of the Firefly/Serenity fandom known as the Browncoats. Here is Robin’s take on how to build one. I don’t crochet myself, so please forgive any errors in the jargon made in transcribing Robin’s notes. – Randall

You will need:

- Hook size H
- 2 ½ ounces of mustard yellow yarn
- 1 ounce of pumpkin orange yarn
- 1 ½ ounces of red or maroon yarn

Row 1: (Tie slip knots in yellow and orange.) Chain 23 yellow (let string hang to back of work), tie slip knot in orange and chain on 10 more stitches.

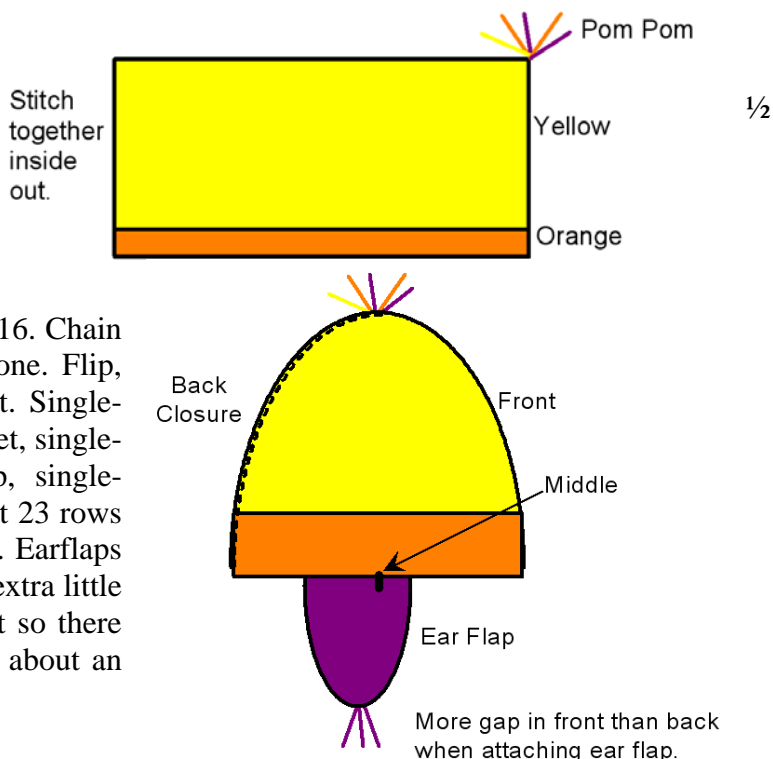
Row 2 – Front: In second chain single-crochet 8 times in orange. On the 9th one, pull orange yarn through, drop to back, yarn over in yellow to finish 9th single-crochet. 23 single-crochet in yellow, chain 1 turn.

Row 3 – Back: The back (inside) is facing you now. Skip chain and first single-crochet, 21 single-crochets in back (ones toward you) loops only. On 22nd yarn through with yellow – bring yellow yarn to back (toward you) and drop. Bring orange up and behind hook to yarn over to finish 22nd single-crochet. 9 orange single-crochet. Chain one turn.

Row 4 – Front: 8 orange single-crochets, yarn through orange and drop to back, yarn over with yellow to finish 9th single-crochet. 23 single-crochet chain over one turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4, 33 times for a size 7 hat. More rows = bigger hat. Drop one orange stitch about 1/3 to way through so band narrows a little.

Ear Flaps: Chain 17 in maroon. Flip, skip 1st chain 16 single-crochet chain 1. Flip, single-crochet 16. Chain one. Flip, single-crochet 16, chain one. Flip, skip first chain and 2 single-crochet. Single-crochet 13 times, skip 1 single-crochet, single-crochet in end loop, chain 1, flip, single-crochet 14 times, chain 1. Flip, about 23 rows total decrease at varying rows down. Earflaps should be 8 or 9 inches long. Put an extra little scrap of red yarn at the tie off point so there are three strings at end, cut them to about an inch in length.



Each ear flap is different. One is a bit skinnier than the other. Ma Cobb was NOT a very skilled knitter, so don't be too picky! Ear flaps are sewn on with orange yarn under the edge. The flaps will curl – put the curl towards head.

Make a pom-pom for the top out of all three yarns equally, gather to top of hat with yellow yarn and attach.

Antique Apples

by Cathie Yankovich

Just like some people enjoy wearing period clothes, some people like growing and eating heirloom varieties of fruits and vegetables. For those bored with supermarket apples, there are probably a hundred different cultivars to choose from. In Arizona, it appears the best growing areas are at altitudes from 3500 to 4500 feet. Those living in Phoenix are limited to growing the circa 1980 Anna apple.

For a unique combination of eye and taste appeal, consider combining costuming and heirloom gardening. Fans of the late 1700's could carry baskets of properly aged Albermarle Pippins, considered to be the best dessert apple around. Cider made with Campfield apples would be appropriate for pre-Civil War Northern costumes. Those fond of 17th century France could offer tarts made with Calville Blanc apples. Steampunk calls for Golden Delicious or King David. The Lady apple was traditionally used in Christmas decorations of the 1600's.

Two orchards with websites offer antique apple/fruit trees; their listings will have you drooling in no time. Trees of Antiquity (www.treesofantiquity.com) sells apples, pears, peaches, figs and other bare root trees beginning in January. Vintage Virginia Apples (www.vintagevirginiaapples.com) offers other fruit trees, but specializes in apples, grouping them in cider, culinary and dessert categories. Their sister website, www.albermarleciderworks.com, is a place to start if you are interested in the latest beverage fad: craft ciders. At \$16 per bottle, these aren't your father's apple cider! For those who can't afford traveling to Virginia for lessons on brewing cider at the Albermarle Ciderworks, Amazon offers a good selection of books on brewing craft ciders.

If you decide to plant an apple tree, the Gila County Extension Agent advises not following the directions to dig a deep pit and fill it with fertile loam and other good things. Apparently this encourages plant roots to stay where the feeding is good and not spread outside the artificially enriched area. He suggests digging a hole to the depth of the root ball and twice as wide to encourage tree roots to spread laterally. Refill with the dirt you dug up and mulch over the top with 4-6 inches of compost. (If you use commercial compost, sprinkle a little 21-0-0 fertilizer over the top to ensure the compost doesn't draw nitrogen out of the soil.)

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 11, 2013, 6-10 PM – **Ye Olde Main Street Renaissance Faire**. Mesa Second Friday Night Out event in Downtown Mesa, Arizona. Live bands, 75 Art booths, entertainment, art

activities for kids, and more. Renaissance costume contest 8PM at the OneOhOne Gallery at 101 W. Main. <http://www.2ndfridaynightout.com/>

January 17, 2013 – **CopperCon Revolution presents The Wrath of Khan**. Special 30th 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 3rd Street, Phoenix. <http://amazingarizonacomicon.com/>



January 27, 2013 – **Inventory Too*** SWCG Meeting at Jean's Place, 17829 North 107th Avenue, Sun City (See Map). A large fabric donation was recently made to the guild. We'll measure it out and think up some projects.

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

February 1-3, 2013 – **Two Rivers Renaissance Faire, Pirate & Faerie Festival** at West Wetlands Park in Yuma, Arizona. <http://www.tworiversfaire.com/>

February 8-10, 2013 – **Phoenix Chinese Week** at the Chinese Cultural Center, 668 North 44th Street, Phoenix

<http://phoenixchineseweek.org/>

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

February 16, 2013, 10AM-3PM – **Dolls, Bears, & More Show and Sale** at North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave, Phoenix. Sunbonnet Doll Club presents its 35th annual event, featuring antique, vintage, modern, and reproduction dolls, bears and miniatures. Proceeds benefit Arizona Doll and Toy Museum and St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. <http://sunbonnetdollclub.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 23-24, 2013 – **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 24, 2013 – **Fezzes are Cool!*** SWCG workshop at Jean's place 17829 North 107th Avenue, Sun City (See Map). The Doctor was right. Let's play with making fezzes out of various materials. See Cactus Needles 17.10 for a simple pattern. <http://southwestcostumersguild.org/backish/cactusneedles1010.pdf>

February 26 – March 4, 2013 – **Estrella War** at Schnepf's Farm, 24810 South Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek, Arizona. The Society for Creative Anachronism's annual combat, arts and sciences camping event. <http://www.estrellawar.org/>

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 9, 2013 – **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 16-17, 2013 – **Battle of Picacho Peak** at Picacho Peak State Park, I-10 between Casa Grande and Tucson. Reenactment of Arizona's only Civil War battle. <http://azstateparks.com/parks/pipe/events.html>

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>

March 23-24, 2013 – **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 31, 2013 – **Pioneer Walk*** SWCG field trip. Get together and walk Pioneer Living History Museum at I-17 and Pioneer Road, north of Phoenix. Costume encouraged. <http://pioneeraz.org/>

April 10-14, 2013 – **Maricopa County Fair** at the state fairgrounds, NEC 19th Avenue & McDowell in Phoenix. <http://www.maricopacountyfair.org/>

April 28, 2013 – **Fun with Felt*** SWCG Workshop at Jean's place 17829 North 107th Avenue, Sun City (See Map). What to do with a big pile of craft felt fabric? Ideas so far include jester hats, biggins and anime-style animal hats.

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 19, 2013 – **Masks!*** SWCG Workshop. Location TBA. Robin has a cool mask construction technique that even works with eyeglasses.

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

May 25-27, 2013 – **Wyatt Earp Days** in Tombstone, Arizona. <http://www.tombstonechamber.com/Wyatt-Earp-Days>

June 23, 2013 – **The MIM*** SWCG Field Trip to the Musical Instrument Museum at 4725 East Mayo Boulevard, Phoenix. This museum features not only musical instruments from all over the world, but the costumes worn by the musicians who play them. <http://mim.org/>

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>

October 18-20, 2013 – **Helldorado Days** in Tombstone, Arizona. <http://www.tombstonechamber.com/Helldorado-Days-84th-Annual>

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

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