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*Robin, Tasha and Theresa hanging out in the
Alteryers pavilion at the Estrella War.*

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On the Web

Blood is the New Black at this horror fashion show <http://io9.com/5984791/blood-is-the-new-black-at-this-deranged-horror+themed-fashion-show> . Found by Margie.

International Costumer 12.2 – March/April 2013. ICG newsletter features interview with LAA laureate Kevin Roche. Proxy form for 2013 ICG annual meeting. President's Letter. ICG and helpful hands contact information. *ICG members in good standing should have received a link, username and password by e-mail, or a hard copy of the newsletter by snail mail.*

Patternworks online and mail order catalog features knitting and crochet patterns and supplies. www.patternworks.com . Found by Lynne E.

The Turd. Learn the true history of the infamous peanut butter-covered costume immortalized as a "Don't!" in masquerade rules since 1972. <http://file770.com/?p=11769> . Posted to ICG-D by Andy T.

A New Community Issue of Virtual Costumer. This issue explores some of the more unusual aspects of technologies used in the costumer's art from useful devices to truly wacky inventions. <http://www.SiWCostumers.org> and select Virtual Costumer, then Current Issue. Choose Volume 10 issue 4. Enjoy! -- Phil Gust, Editor

Spotlight on Kathy Sanders. This is the first in a series of YouTube videos from the ICG archives focusing on the work of some of our best costumers. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YAzlUZ-eXg>. Produced by Bruce & Nora Mai.

3Doodler. This gadget is a pen that extrudes a thin stream of molten ABS plastic that quickly hardens. It works the same way as a glue gun, but in effect it is a pen for drawing 3D framework structures freehand. <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1351910088/3doodler-the-worlds-first-3d-printing-pen> Spotted by Anna

RIP Wombat

Wombat (jan howard finder – yes, he always spelled his name in all lower case) died at 12:54am on Tuesday, February 25, 2013, in Albany Medical Center Hospital CCU. Lin Daniel (aka Otter) was Wombat's live-in companion and was there at the end.

The Wombat was a frequent visitor to Arizona conventions, often a panelist and sometimes serving as a masquerade judge. He has his own Wikipedia entry at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Howard_Finder

From February's Fez Workshop



Left – Theresa assembles a fez from Star Trek logo fabric. Right – Robin with her finished fez in classic red and gold. Photos by Randall.

From the Mailbox

Costumer's Guild West **Squeals From Da Ghodfuzzy** 27.07 March 2013. Cover – Mac O'Rear as Flynn Rider from "Tangled." 1/12/13 BOD minutes. President's Message – Colleen Crosby reports on the recent special meeting and the Art of Motion Picture Design exhibit. The RaG DaLs column on Zoe Jones focuses on her early Star Wars costumes. Letter to the Editor. Notices for All – upcoming events. Jennie Smolensky on Gadgets and Gizmos for your sewing machine. Exploring Downtown LA (garment district) by Natalie Meyer. Eileen Smolensky reviews "Sewing Iconic: How to Make 10 Classic Hollywood Dresses. Costume College Dean's Corner. Plans for the Gilbert & Sullivan Picnic. Eileen on wedding gowns displayed at the San Bernardino County Museum.

Come review these hard-copy newsletters and other correspondence at the next SWCG meeting.

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.*

February 9 - March 31, 2013 (Weekends + Prez Day) **Arizona Renaissance Festival** in Gold Canyon, Arizona. <http://www.renfestinfo.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 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, 1PM – **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/> Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children. Meet at the Mercantile Building.

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

April 12, 2013, 6-9 PM – **Yasmina's Belly Dance Costume Workshop** in the multi-purpose room of the Mesa Arts Center, 1 East Main Street, Mesa AZ. Workshop will consist of viewing costumes already made, discussion of cabaret and tribal costumes along with handouts and instructions to make your own costumes. Materials: Several clear shower curtains for tracing your patterns, Sharpies and a folder to hold all the handouts and patterns. Ages 16 and older one day. Here's the direct link to register, <http://www.mesaartscenter.com/index.php/classes/arts-workshops/performing-arts-workshops/CAW13DNCW06>

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 17-20, 2013 – **Costume-Con 31** at the Red Lion Denver SE in Aurora, Colorado. A whole weekend for costumers and costumes! <http://cc31denver.com/>

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 9-16, 2013 – **Highlands War** in the Apache National Forest, near Alpine, Arizona. The SCA Barony of Ered Sul’s annual get-together in the cool pines. <http://highlandswar.org/>

June 23, 2013, 1PM – **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/> Museum admission is \$18 for adults.

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 1, 2013, 7PM - **CopperCon Revolution Presents 2001 A Space Odyssey w/ Plan 9 From Outer Space** at Pollack Tempe Cinemas, 1825 E Elliot, Tempe AZ. 2001 will start at 7PM with Plan 9 From Outer Space starting at 9:30 PM. You wanted the best science fiction films of all time and were giving them to you in one sitting. Tickets for the showing are \$10 to the general public and \$5 with a membership to CopperCon: Revolution which will happen August 8th-11th 2013. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at <http://casfs.org/cucon/2013/02/special-screening-2001-a-space-odyssey-wplan-9-from-outer-space/>

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

August 17, 2012 – **Can’t Stop the Serenity - Tucson** Annual charity screening of Joss Whedon’s “Serenity” and “Dr. Horrible’s Singalong Blog at the Fox Theater, 17 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona. <http://azbrowncoats.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>

Parting Shot from Your Editor

Do you remember that “Big Bang Theory” episode where the guys visit a renaissance faire and Sheldon is so put off by the costume anachronisms that the only way Leonard can convince him to come back is to dress as Mr. Spock and pretend it’s an alien civilization that only kind of looks like the European renaissance?

I visited the Arizona Renaissance Festival this morning. Sure enough, there was a party dressed in Trek costumes wandering the food concessions. They were wearing Next Generation tunics, with the badges from the 2009 reboot movie. Yes, I the rennie was put off by a Star Trek anachronism! Things have come full circle. Best for all involved, I kept my mouth shut.

Build me a bridge, I’m becoming a troll.

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