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On the Web

Convention Calendar. Susan has recently updated the convention listings on the International Costume Guild web site at <http://www.costume.org/conventions.html>

International Costumer 7.5, September-October 2013. Remembering Marty Gear with testimonials and pictures from family, friends and fellow costumers. If you are an active ICG member, you should have received the link, user name and password by e-mail, or a paper copy of the newsletter.

Hardware Store Dress Stand – Lisa S. posted how to assemble a useful dress stand from easy to find PVC parts. <http://seaboe.livejournal.com/31429.html>

Virtual Costumer 11.2. This issue provides a gentle introduction to the Furry fandom and fursuit costuming. <http://www.SiWCostumers.org> and select Virtual Costumer, then Current Issue. Choose Volume 11 issue 2. Enjoy! -- Phil Gust editor

Dragon Con Masquerade Winners. <http://dailydragon.dragoncon.org/contests-awards/stage-presence-marks-masquerade/>

Some Video of Mike's **NASFIC bid party** at the LoneStarCon 3 WorldCon, voted best decorated. Sadly, Phoenix did not win the bid. <http://youtu.be/4KaOiWg9MCo>

Costume Project Get-Togethers

Kelly Ann, who you may know from the Dark Ones, has booked the craft room at the Paradise Valley Mall Hobby Lobby location for Saturdays from 5-7:30 PM to work on costume projects. (Passed along by Margie.)

Southwest Costumers Guild Meeting 8/25/13

This was a social S&B where we conversed, watched monster movies and worked on individual projects over some excellent quiche and pie from Sharan. No business 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.*

Sept 14, Oct 12, 2013, 11:30 PM – Midnight Mayhem presents **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** with full live stage cast and audience participation at the AMC Deer Valley Theater (West of Beardsley & I-17, Phoenix). Costumes welcome. Tix \$10. www.midnightmayhem.org

September 15, 2013 – February 9, 2014 – **The Cape** exhibit in the Ellman Fashion Design Gallery of the Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix. <http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/thecape>

“Steeped in romantic appeal, the cape has been a constant in fashion history over time and across cultures. As protection from rain and cold and as the flourishing garment of fairy tales and high fashion, the simple shape of the cape takes a surprising transformation based on the selection of fabric and decoration. From ornate Victorian capes to the dramatic geometric shapes recently shown on the runway, this exhibition explores the wide range of styles of this dashing and practical garment.”

September 19-21, 2013 – **Tucson Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival** at Tucson Expo Center. Admission and parking are free this year. [Http://Quiltcraftsew.com](http://Quiltcraftsew.com)

September 21, 2013 – **Pirate Bash** at Dillon’s restaurant in Scorpion Bay Marina at Lake Pleasant, Peoria, Arizona. Best costume prize. <http://dillonrestaurant.com>

September 22, 2013 (tentative) – **Rocky Outreach*** SWCG workshop at Tasha’s new place, 14601 North 55th Avenue, Glendale. Help a local Rocky Horror troupe to upgrade their costumes.

September 28 & 29, 2013 – **Keen Halloween** at Sano Fitness Studio at Metrocenter Mall, 9617 North Metro Parkway West, Suite 2004, Phoenix AZ. This is a kind of makers’ faire for Halloween crafters. <http://www.keenhalloween.com/>

September 28, 2013 – **Chocolate Revel** SCA College of Brimstone Event at 14202 N. 73rd Ave., Peoria, AZ 85381. Site opens at noon and closes at 9pm. Site fee includes the feast. Adult members \$17.00, youth (5-17 yrs.) \$5.00, children (0-4 yrs.) free. A surcharge of \$5.00 for non-members will be applied. Please see Brimstone website for pre-registration. <http://www.brymstonne.org/>

October 2, 2013, 7 PM – **Cape Shape** gallery talk at the Phoenix Art Museum. From swashbuckling styles to dainty decorative designs, discover the long and romantic history of the versatile and varied garment in this talk by curator Dennita Sewell. (Note – This is a Wednesday, when museum admission is free.)

October 4-6, 2013 – **Browncoat Ball** – at the Phoenix Airport Plaza 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 5, 2013, 9-6 – **Pillage Plunder Pluck and Poke** SCA Shire of Granholme event at Villago Park in Casa Grande, AZ. <http://www.granholme.org/>

October 5, 2013 – **Fear Factory AJ Charity Haunted House** kickoff event at Apache Junction Boys & Girls Club, 1755 North Idaho Road. http://azhaunters.ning.com/events/event/show?id=2259168%3AEvent%3A41281&xg_source=mes_event

October 9, 2013, 11:30 AM - **Filling the Gaps: Presenting Complete Fashions When Only Part Survives** Lunch and lecture at the Phoenix Art Museum. The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute Conservator, Glenn Petersen, will discuss recent projects including the conservation of a significant Worth gown. Considering both structural and conceptual concerns, his insights will address what can be done to present an object as its original creator intended. Tickets for optional lunch available at <http://Tickets.PhxArt.org>. Presented by Arizona Costume Institute

October 11- November 3, 2013 – **Arizona State Fair** at 19th Avenue and McDowell in Phoenix. The traveling Star Trek display, including the original series bridge set, will be at this year's fair. I wonder if they ever got my nose-prints off of the costume display cases? <https://azstatefair.com/>

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

October 20, 2013 – **State Fair Stroll*** SWCG field trip to the Arizona State Fair and the traveling Star Trek Exhibit.

October 25, 2013 – January 28, 2013 – **Steampunk: An Exquisite Adventure** exhibition in Gallery@theLibrary at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library, 3839 N Drinkwater Blvd, Scottsdale.

October 25-27, 2013, 10AM-12PM – **Wild Western Festival** at Saguaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Avenue, Glendale AZ. <http://www.wildwesternfestival.com/>

October 26, 2013 – **Mike & Theresa's Haunted Luau** Halloween Party at the Contos home in Casa Grande. RSVP to vicepresident@southwestcostumersguild.org for details.

October 30, 2013 – **Globe's Annual Zombie Walk** in downtown Globe, Arizona features a screening of "Night of the Living Dead."

November 1-3, 2013 – **Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games** at Rillito Raceway Park 4502 N First Ave Tucson, AZ. <http://www.tucsoncelticfestival.org/>

November 2, 2013 – **Run For Your Lives Zombie 5K** at Wellington Ranch, Sacaton AZ. <http://www.runforyourlives.com/locations/arizona/>

November 7-11, 2013 – **Southern Crusades** – Society for Creative Anachronism combat, arts & sciences camping event at Winkelman Flats Campground in Winkelman, Arizona. <http://www.southerncrusades.org/>

November 8-10, 2013 – **TusCon 40** at the Hotel Tucson CityCenter features guest author Juliet Blackwell and artist Jessica Feinberg. A memorial will be held for Gary Hayes. <http://www.tusconscificon.com>

Here is the info for Gary's memorial: It will be on Nov 9 @ 3:00 pm in the Copper Room. Everyone is invited. I am encouraging costumes. The memorial is FREE. If you want to go to the con after or before, you must have a day pass. -- Rebecca

November 24, 2013 – **Steampunk Stroll*** SWCG field trip to the “Steampunk: An Exquisite Adventure” exhibit at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library. Meet for lunch first. Stay tuned for location details.

December 15, 2013 – **Holiday Happening*** SWCG potluck social at Jean's place in Sun City. Relax and converse, brainstorm upcoming guild activities. Annual officer elections.

January 9-12, 2014 – **DarkCon 2014** at the Phoenix Airport Marriott, 1101 N. 44th Street, Phoenix. <http://www.darkcon.org>

January 26, 2014 – **Vambraces*** SWCG leather workshop at Tasha's home. We have some ideas for vambraces (leather cuffs or long bracelets) that would fit a variety of science fiction and fantasy costumes.

March 26 – July 6, 2014 – **Hollywood Costume** exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum, Central Avenue & McDowell Road. Bringing together more than 100 of the most iconic movie costumes from across a century of film-making, this will be a rare opportunity to see the clothes worn by unforgettable characters from films such as *The Wizard of Oz*, *My Fair Lady*, *Superman*, *Titanic*, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, and *The Dark Knight Rises*. **Hollywood Costume** will explore the central role costume design plays in cinema storytelling. The exhibition contains costumes that have never left private and archival collections in California, and most have never been publicly displayed or seen beyond the secure walls of studio archives. <http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/hollywoodcostume>

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