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Davy Jones' Locker?

A few weeks back, I asked the guildsters' online advice and found materials skills on how to put together some kind of armoire to store my scuba equipment. Thanks for the input! I wound up purchasing a prefabricated plastic broom closet at the local hardware store. I hot-glued two 2 by 4's to the side walls to support a closet rod. Join the Guildsters and SWCGMembers Yahoo groups to join in such discussions. – Randall

New Officer Contacts

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Steampunk Masquerade at DarkCon

Here are a few images from the Steampunk masquerade held at DarkCon on January 11, 2014, organized by Countess Chaos. First place went to Michael Jacobson's "Gaslight Green Arrow," second to Johnna Buttrick's winged "Airship Drop Girl" and third to Tara Lionheart's "Tara the Greasemonkey." Photos by Randall





Meeting Minutes December 15, 2013

Recorded by David

Attending – Robin , Mike , Teresa , Margie , Randall, Jean, Tasha, Mahala, and David.

Meeting began 2:45pm

The reading of meeting minutes for the last meeting was waived.

Treasury Report:

- CC30 checking account will be closed and rolled into main Guild account.
- prior total balance reported
 - \$500 donation to CC34 to be sent.
 - reimbursement to Randall for payment of webhosting bill.
- current total balance reported

Newsletter Report:

- Randall reported his final official issue (of this warrant) has been sent.
- Advised discontinuing use of Guild inkjet due to lack of use
 - Randall would use his workplace color printer instead for print copies.
 - Motion made and carried.
 - No further need for resupply.

New Business:

- Meeting scheduling
 - Sundays may impede possible new members attending due to church obligations.
 - Motion to reschedule meetings has been tabled.
- Selling merchandise?
 - Group discussion concluded that there is no benefit to selling merchandise at this time.
- Brainstorming
 - It was concluded group should focus on make/take workshops, assist other groups with their costuming, and “keep an eye open” for opportunities to grow membership.
 - Membership was polled for springtime events that the Guild can attend as such opportunities, not concluded and is ongoing.
- Yahoo groups
 - Randall clarified and reminded membership of which of our groups were for which use.
- Nominations
 - All prior officer position-holders (President Robin, Vice-President Mike, Treasurer Margie, Secretary David) have confirmed they are not pursuing re-election, and will not accept re-nomination for officer positions.
 - Positions up for election and nominees:
 - President: Jean
 - Vice-President: Mahala
 - Secretary: Tasha, Randall (under consideration, not confirmed)
 - Treasurer: Tasha (per possible bylaw adjustment to combine Treasurer & Secretary positions)

Announcements

- 1/26/14 Meeting

- Meeting and vambraces workshop will be at Tasha’s old Creedance residence
- Elections intended to be held at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:05pm.

Meeting Minutes January 26, 2014

Recorded by Randall

Attending: Tasha, Jean, Mahala, Paula, Robin, Mike Co, Randall

Called to order at 3:16 PM.

No formal reading of minutes or treasurer’s report.

New officers were elected by acclamation: President = Jean Palmer, VP = Mahala Sweebe, Treasurer = Tasha Cady, Secretary = Randall Whitlock. Randall appointed as ICG-BOD representative, at least until Jean regains e-mail access.

Tasha will coordinate with Margie to transfer treasury information and accounts.

Upcoming Meetings – Feb 23 at Jean’s new house – help her organize the place and brainstorm some upcoming activities. March 23 – Victorian Tea with croquet and bocce ball at Chuck & Tasha’s new place.

Show & Tell – Paula’s lighted costume from the Chandler Light Parade (reviewed in January Cactus Needles), Mahala’s catalogs and calendars were shared. Mahala described classes she will take at a local Tandy Leather shop. Mahala’s daughter sent a set of zippered garment bags to share. A thank-you card will be sent.

Adjourned at 4:06 PM

Immediately after the meeting, Jean, Mahala, Paula and Randall transferred SWCG fabrics and other materials from Jean’s old house to Mahala’s storage space.

Leathercraft Classes at Tandy

Last meeting, Mahala told us about some classes she’ll be taking at the local Tandy Leather store. Here’s the class schedule for the next couple of months.

February 8, 2014, 10am

Lacing and Stitching: Learn everything from the basics of stitching to more complicated lacing. Just starting or want to brush up on that double loop? This is the class for you. All materials for this class will be provided. Class Fee: \$10.00.

February 15, 2014, 10am

Knife Sheath: Bring in your knife and walk out with a made by you knife sheath. Your choice of look with stitching or rivets. Come join us for a day of fun. Cost is based on no longer than an 8 inch blade if yours is larger ask an associate for pricing. Tools needed are a knife for cutting leather and any stitching tools you have. Class Fee: \$30.00.

February 22, 2014, 10am

Tote Bag: This is a no stitch bag. Walk out with a made by you tote bag, this is a fairly basic design and is easy to put together. Bring a nice sharp knife for cutting and the rest of the materials will be provided. Class size is limited to 4. Class Fee: \$35.00.

March 1, 2014, 10am

Basic Tooling: Learn the basics of leather carving in this introductory class. Learn to use the basic 7 tools and let your imagination take you from there. We will be doing a simple western style flower. Tools needed are the basic 7 (ask an associate). Class Fee: \$10.00

March 8, 2014, 10am

Top Hat Class: Space is limited to 4 in this class so get signed up quickly. Tools needed are a knife for cutting and any tools that you may have for stitching if you would like to lace and use

grommets or eyelets those you will need to provide as well. Join us for this fun class and walk out strutting in the top hat you've just made. Class Fee: \$45.00.

March 15, 2014, 10am

Dyeing and Staining: One of our most fun beginning classes. Come in and learn the different dyes and finishes as well as trying them out. All materials for this class are provided. Class Fee: \$10.00.

March 22, 2014, 10am

Figure Carving – Learn tips in how to carve a horse. **THIS IS AN ADVANCED CLASS.** If you do not have tooling experience please do not sign up for this class. Class Fee: \$15.00.

Please contact the store for additional information:

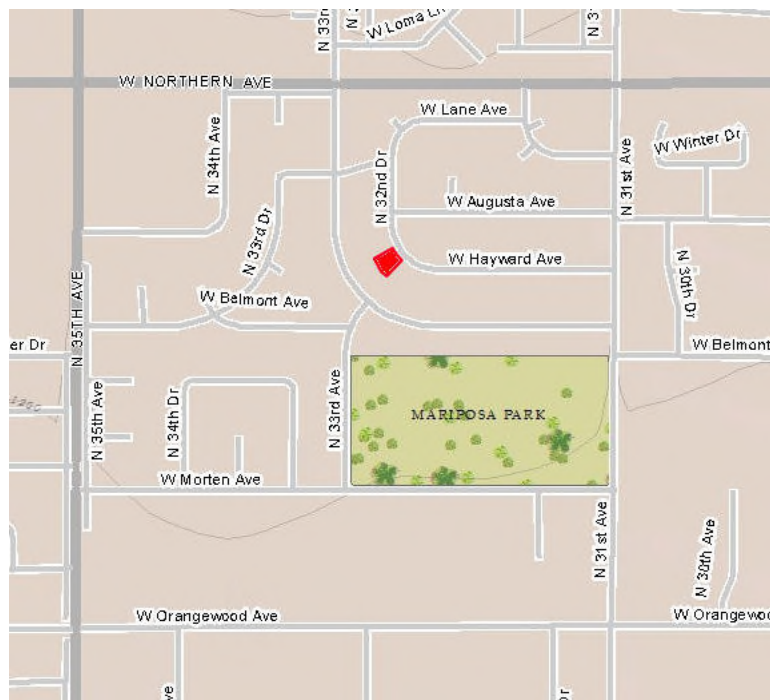
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Calendar

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 22-23, 2012 – 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 13-23 – Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show at Westworld, 16601 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale. Events start at 8 a.m. each day. It's more than an equestrian event, it's a shopper's paradise. This year's show will host over 300 commercial exhibitors. Artists and craftsmen from



around the globe will bring fine art, clothing, exotic jewelry, household items, equestrian products and much more. www.scottsdaleshow.com. Tickets at Ticketmaster, 800-745-3000 or www.TicketMaster.com.

February 23, 2014 – Settling In* - SWCG Meeting at Jean Palmer's house, 7742 North 32nd Place, Phoenix AZ. Our new president has a new home. Let's help with some of the unpacking and organizing that needs extra hands. Bring a show & tell project and your ideas for guild activities later in the year.

February 24-March 2, 2014 – **Winter Range** at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility, 4044 W. Black Canyon Blvd., Phoenix, Arizona. This is the Single-Action Shooting Society’s annual cowboy action shooting shindig. It features a first-rate sutler’s row to stock up on your wild west/steampunk costume supplies. <http://www.winterrange.com/>

February 8-March 30, 2014 (weekends + Presidents’ Day) – **Arizona Renaissance Festival** on US 60 east of Gold Canyon, Arizona. <http://www.royalfaires.com/arizona/>

February 25-March 3, 2014 – **Estrella War 30** at Schnepf Farm, 24810 S. Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek, AZ <http://estrellawar.com/>

March 1-2, 2014 – **Polish Festival** at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, 2828 W. Country Gables Drive (near I-17 & Greenway), Phoenix. www.polishfestivalaz.org .

March 7-9, 2014 – **Chandler Ostrich Festival** at Tumbleweed Park (McQueen & Germann). www.ostrichfestival.com

March 7-9, 2014 – **Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention** at Old Tucson Studios, Tucson, Arizona. <http://www.wwc3.com/>

March 8-9, 2014 – **Arizona Aloha Festival** at Tempe Beach Park. www.azalohafest.org

March 8, 2014 – **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/index.html>

March 15-16, 2012 – **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 15, 2015 – **St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Irish Faire** at Margaret Hance Park, Phoenix. www.stpatricksdaysphoenix.org

March 21-23, 2014 – **Con-Nichiwa** anime convention in at the Tucson Convention Center, Tucson, AZ. <http://www.con-nichiwa.com>

March 22-23, 2014 – **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 23, 2014 – **Victorian Tea*** - SWCG social at Chuck & Tasha’s place, 14601 N 55th Avenue, Glendale. Join us this fine spring day for some tea, croquet and bocce ball. Costume highly encouraged.

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>

April 25-28, 2014 – **Costume-Con 32** “Myths, Monsters & Legends” at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto. <http://costumecon32.com/>

May 8-11, 2014 – **LepreCon 2014: 50 Shades of Green** SF convention at the Phoenix Mesa Marriot, 200 North Centennial Way, Mesa AZ. Author GOH Gail Carriger <http://leprecon.org/lep40/>

June 2-8, 2014 – **Highlands War** SCA event 14 miles south of Alpine, Arizona. <http://highlandswar.org/>

June 5-8, 2014 – **Phoenix ComiCon** at the Phoenix Convention Center. <http://www.phoenixcomicon.com/>

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