



# Cactus Needles

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*Baking cookies for LepreCon at our April 27 meeting.*

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## Hollywood Costume at Phoenix Art Museum

**Reviewed by Randall**

The Hollywood Costume traveling exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum is plenty awesome. Iconic costumes from some of my favorite characters are on display. I hung out for a long time noting every detail of the Indiana Jones ensemble and once again longed to re-create Joseph Fiennes's blue leather doublet from "Shakespeare in Love." They had one of Marlena Dietrich's signature skimpy tuxedos and the miles-long red velvet robe worn by Gary Oldman as Dracula. There was even a motion-capture suit used by Andy Serkis. The Piece de resistance was a blue gingham dress from "The Wizard of Oz."

The Phoenix Art Museum supplemented the display with a suite of evening gowns from their own collection, worn by various stars on Oscar night.

Most of the costumes look smaller than they did on the screen, mainly because relatively petite mannequins were used. They had to pad out the display figures for Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Terminator" jacket and Marilyn Monroe's "Seven Year Itch" dress (in different places of course) to get them to hang right. The display designers had fun with some of the figures, arranging Keanu Reeves's "Matrix" coat in mock combat against Uma Thurman's "Kill Bill" workout suit. Christopher Reeve's "Superman" costume was flying over the room while Tobey McGuire's "Spider-Man" suit was clinging to the wall. If you climbed the stairway halfway to the second floor, you could just make out that the Superman boots have back zippers.

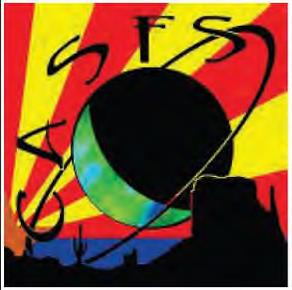
Many of the costumes looked much duller and rougher in person than they did in the movies. This is deliberate. Film has somewhat different color sensitivity than the human eye and stage lights can make a smooth-textured fabric flare into the camera.

The Hollywood Costume display runs through July 6, 2014. It requires a separate ticket, but your ticket includes admission to the rest of the museum. SWCG will get together at noon on May 18 to walk the exhibit.



**CASFS Book Social**  
 Third Tuesday of Every Month, 7 PM  
 Meet fellow readers and discuss  
 a variety of popular and obscure tomes of SF and Fantasy  
**Samurai Comics**  
 1051 East Camelback Road, Phoenix AZ  
 Look us up on Meetup.com

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June 17, 2014 - The Last Dragonslayer by Jasper Fforde  
 July 15, 2014 - Nine Princes in Amber by Roger Zelazny  
 August 19, 2014 - Dr. Sleep by Stephen King  
 September 16, 2014 - Dead Witch Walking by Kim Harrison  
 October 21, 2014 - The Door into Summer by Robert Heinlein  
 November 18, 2014 - The Magicians by Lev Grossman  
 December 16, 2014 - A Hard Day's Knight by Simon Green

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### On the Web

**AZ Haunters** is an active group of persons dedicated to creating the best Halloween/haunted house displays they can make. They are hosting a series of make and take workshops at Heatsync Lab in Mesa this year. Check them out and sign up for their events at <http://azhaunters.ning.com/>

**Cutting by Laser** – Eric Brine shared the slideshow from his Laser Cutting presentation via the ICG-D list. Check it out at <http://www.adaelis.com/misc/temp/Cutting%20by%20Laser.pdf>

**Costume-Con 32 Pictures and Video** have been shared on a variety of web sites and social media. You can see a few at:

Awards ceremony for LAA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwGlxkfkLKU>  
 Future Fashion Show <https://www.flickr.com/photos/75057075@N07/sets/72157644432873634/>  
 SF & Fantasy Masquerade <https://www.flickr.com/photos/pxlbarrel/sets/72157644442073594/#>  
 Single-Pattern <https://www.flickr.com/photos/pxlbarrel/sets/72157644333535004/>  
 “Rocking the Frock” Review <http://rockingthefrock.com/2014/05/01/costume-con-32-toronto/>  
<http://smg.photobucket.com/user/CapsuleCorp/library/CostumeCon32?sort=3&page=1>  
<http://momijizukamori.tumblr.com/>  
<http://eleventhphotograph.com/events/costume-con-2014/>

Thanks to CC32 Chair Dawn McKechnie for posting these to ICG-D



## Salon Series: *History of Fashion*

Lead by Curator of Fashion Design Dennita Sewell  
 Wednesday, 6pm - Orientation Room  
 Phoenix Art Museum

- June 11**     **18<sup>th</sup> century**  
**Rocco, Royal and Rural**
  
- June 18**     **first half 19<sup>th</sup> century**  
**The Industrial Revolution**
  
- June 25**     **second half 19<sup>th</sup> century**  
**Worth, Pingat and Doucet**
  
- July 9**        **early 20<sup>th</sup> century**  
**Poiret, Patou, Chanel**
  
- July 16**      **1930s to 1950s**  
**Balenciaga, Charles James, Madame Gres, Schiaparelli**
  
- July 23**      **1960s to 1980s**  
**Yves Saint Laurent, Halston, Zandra Rhodes, Ossie Clark**
  
- July 30**      **1990s to now**  
**Tom Ford, Alexander McQueen, Ralph Rucci**

This series is designed to foster a greater understanding of fashion and its role in our culture. This illustrated discussion will focus on design, construction, technology, business, marketing and current events.

*\*Free and open to the public. No registration required. Phoenix Art Museum 1625 N. Central Ave. Phoenix 85004*



**SWCG Meeting, April 27, 2013 at Chuck and Tasha Cady's Home**  
**Recorded by Randall**

Attending: Jean, Chuck, Tasha, Paula, Mahala, Randall and special guest Tracy.

This was an informal gathering based around baking cookies for the "Friday Night Inevitable" social to be held at LepreCon on May 9, 2014. Bob's rules of order were not followed and officer reports were not presented, but some upcoming business was discussed.

--Treasurer Tasha and President Jean will meet at our bank branch office to complete authorization of signatures for the SWCG bank account. Bank has indicated adjustments to SWCG's "profile" are required.

--Meeting topics for May through September were determined. See additions to calendar.

--Secretary Randall warned that his AOL e-mail account has been hacked and his online address book has been stolen. If a message from randwhit@aol.com arrives at your address that does not make sense, DELETE IT! Do not open any attachments and do not follow any internet links contained in the bogus message. The hacker is "spoofing" Randall's return address to distribute spam.

**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.*

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>

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/>

May 15-June 1, 2014 – **Shakespeare in the Garden** at the Desert Botanical Gardens, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix. SPECIAL OUTDOOR EVENT! "Lord, what fools these mortals be!" Fairy Worlds! is a new adaptation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* produced by the Southwest Shakespeare Company in partnership with the Desert Botanical Garden. This new vision, by Producing Artistic Director Jared Sakren, includes bold visual elements, stunning costumes, lighting and stage magic designed to highlight the surroundings of the Garden.  
<http://www.dbg.org/events-exhibitions/shakespeare-in-the-garden>

May 17, 2014 - **Welsh Eisteddfod** at Flanagan's Celtic Corner 2719 E. Broadway Blvd, Tucson. Join us for our 1st Annual Celebration of Wales and Welsh Culture! We will be celebrating Saint Melangell, the Welsh patron saint of small animals. Featuring music and storytelling by John Good and a special Welsh-style beer brewed especially for all of you by Sentinel Peak Brewing Company!

May 18, 2014 – **Hollywood Costuming with Special Effects Makeup** at the Phoenix Art Museum. Special Effects Makeup Artists Mark Greenawalt and Casey Kaki demonstrate makeup techniques used to create costumes in film. An overview details life casting, sculpting, and molding to create prosthetics. Program runs from 1pm - 3pm. Does not include admission to *Hollywood Costume*. Museum admission included with ticket. <https://tickets.phxart.org/public/default.asp>

May 18, 2014, 12PM – **Hollywood Walkabout\*** SWCG field trip to see the Hollywood Costume exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum (Central & McDowell) and attend the special effects makeup demo described above. Purchase your ticket in advance or at the museum.

May 24-26, 2014 – **Wyatt Earp Days** in Tombstone, Arizona. <http://www.tombstonechamber.com/Wyatt-Earp-Days>

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/>

June 22, 2014 – **Aquatic Costumers\*** SWCG Social at Castle Cady Classic, 5130 W. Creedance Blvd., Phoenix. Our annual costume party in the pool. Theme to be announced.

July 11-13, 2014 – **Medieval Mayhem** at 1101 N. Woodland Rd. Pinetop-Lakeside, AZ. [http://www.azmayhem.com/Home\\_Page.php](http://www.azmayhem.com/Home_Page.php)

July 19-20, 2014 – **Arizona Highland Celtic Festival** at Foxglenn Park, 4200 E. Butler, Flagstaff. <http://www.nachs.info/festival.shtml>

July 27, 2014 – **Library Science\*** SWCG meeting at Jean's place. We'll organize some SWCG assets and update our library catalog.

August 24, 2014 – **Personal Projects\*** SWCG meeting and workshop at Paula's place. Socialize and work on personal projects.

September 27, 2014 – **It's In the Bag** at the Phoenix Art Museum. The Women's Metropolitan Arts Council (WoMAC) is hosting its sixth annual fundraiser, "It's in the Bag". You are invited you to express your "purseonality" at this ultimate girls' night out featuring signature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment and both silent and live auctions offering everything from designer handbags to utility bags full of goodies. Think evening bag with theater tickets, backpack with hiking gear or diaper bag with baby must-haves. Please join us: 6:00-9:00 pm in the Great Hall, Phoenix Art Museum. <https://tickets.phxart.org/public/default.asp>

September 28, 2014 – **Halloween Brainstorm\*** SWCG Meeting at Tasha’s place. Work out the details of your Halloween costume by bouncing them off your fellow Guildsters.

October 31-November 2, 2014 – **TusCon** SF convention at Hotel City Center, 475 North Granada Avenue, Tucson, Arizona <http://tusconscificon.com/>

October 31-November 2, 2014 – **Tucson Celtic Festival** at Rillito Park. <http://tucsoncelticfestival.org/> (page not yet updated for 2014 festival).

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