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Nola Featured in The Desert Shamrock

The May-June issue of The Desert Shamrock, Arizona's original Irish newspaper, includes an article about our own Nola Yergen and her theatrical costume design work. The Desert Shamrock is distributed free in hard copy at Irish pubs and other Celtic environments around the state. The newspaper's home page is at <http://www.desertshamrock.com/> but the link to the current issue is broken as of this writing. Go to <http://issuu.com/desertshamrock> to view the newspaper as in "e-flip" format.

Nola adds that she is in Los Angeles this month, working on a feature film!

Elaine on the Costume-Con 33 Quilt Show

How's this work?

Hey everyone, remember me? Yeah, I'm that 'other Elaine', the one who ran the Quilt Show at CC30 in Tempe. Well, I've been pegged again, and I'm running the quilt show at CC33 in Charleston next year. The Con theme is Belles, Bootleggers & Buccaneers, and I'd love to see what all you come up with! I don't believe the information has been posted to the CC33 website (cc33charleston.org/) just yet, but it should be soon. If you need further information, you can contact me at cattails42+cc33quilts@gmail.com (See attached flyer.)

SWCG Activity, June 22, 2013 at Castle Cady Classic
Recorded by Randall

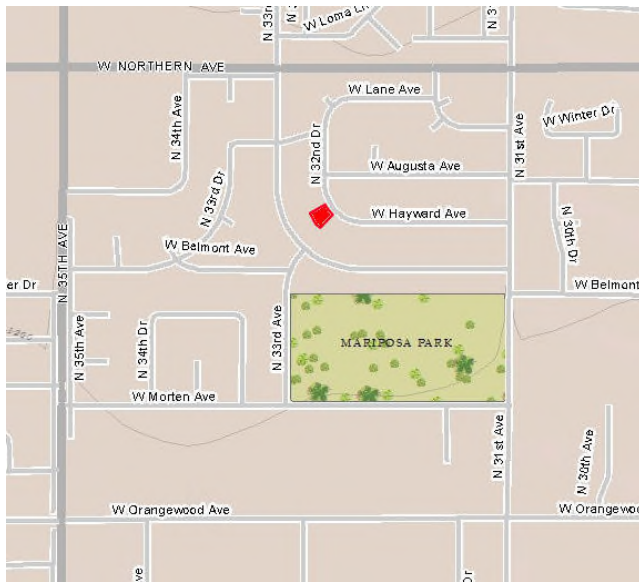
This was our semi-traditional costumed pool party and potluck. This year's theme was comics in both senses of the word with President Jean as a "golden age" Wonder Woman. My own Aquaman getup proved swimmable, but needs some work to avoid that drowned-rat look. Tasha, Mahala and Paula were paddling around as well. The only business conducted was to move the August personal projects session a week earlier to Aug 17 to avoid schedule conflict with CopperCon.

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.*

July 11-13, 2014 – **Medieval Mayhem** at 1101 N. Woodland Rd. Pinetop-Lakeside, AZ. 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, 7742 North 32nd Place, Phoenix AZ. We'll organize some SWCG assets and update our library catalog.

August 17, 2014 – **Personal Projects*** SWCG meeting and workshop at Paula's place. Socialize and work on personal projects. *Note change of date to avoid conflict with CopperCon.*

August 22-24, 2014 – **CopperCon: FANtasm** at the Hilton Garden Inn, 11460 W. Hilton Drive, Avondale AZ. Author guests include Gini Koch, Jeffrey J. Marriote and Marsheila Rockwell.

<http://www.casfs.org/cucon/index.html>

August 29-September 1, 2014 – **Saboten Con** at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, 9549 West Coyotes Boulevard, Glendale AZ. Annual anime convention with masquerade and skit contest. <http://www.sabotencon.com/>

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 17-19, 2014 – **Helldorado Days** in Tombstone, Arizona. <http://www.helldoradodays.com/>

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).

November 1-2, 2014 – **Phoenix FearCon** at Courtyard by Marriott, 1650 North 95th Lane, Glendale AZ. <http://phoenixfearcon.com/>

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Coming Up

Ran out of think time for this issue, but I’m putting together an adjustable pattern for building a fitted case suitable for phones, media players, batarangs and other belt-size accessories. Look for it next month.

-- Randall

Costume-Con 33

Bobby Gear Memorial Quilt Contest

Guidelines

- There is no minimum size; Maximum size is twin-size, or height plus width totaling no more than approximately 160 inches. Any shape is acceptable, too, just keep these maximum dimensions in mind!
- Any theme, colors, embellishments, techniques and fabrics are allowable. SF, Fantasy and costume themes are welcomed. Entries should meet the definition of a quilt: top, batting, and backing held together with stitching. Stitching may be quilting and/or embroidery, done by hand or machine.
Entries in the Con theme of Buccaneers, Belles & Bootleggers are highly encouraged! (hint, hint)
- Quilt patterns may be original or published patterns or whole-cloth quilts. If you are using a published pattern or are inspired by an artist, photo or sculpture, please cite the source.
- The entry may be the product of a group of quilters. If a group is entering a quilt, please list the names of all contributors on the entry form.
- Quilts must have a 3 in deep hanging sleeve or tabs on the top back side in order to be hung for exhibit.
- **Entrants must have at least a supporting membership to CC33 to enter; but are not required to attend the Con to enter or win.**

Categories

- Full-Sized Quilts: add two sides of your quilt, height and width. If it totals 80 inches or larger, enter it as a full-sized quilt. *Note: as stated above, please keep your quilt under the maximum size of 160 inches height plus width.
- Small Quilts and Projects: table runners, bags, wall hangings, small lap quilts, kids quilts, etc. *Note: If enough miniature quilts (height plus width totaling less than 30 inches) are entered, a separate category will be created.
- Wearable Art: vests, jackets, skirts, you name it!
- Youth: if you're under 13, this is for you! You can ask an adult for assistance, but all major construction (piecing, quilting, embellishment, finishing) must be done by you.



Getting Your Entry to the Convention

- Mail-ins are accepted and highly encouraged: even if you are attending the con, if you can get it to me early, great!
- **The deadline for mail-in work is April 30, 2015.** If it hasn't been received by the end of that day, it won't be exhibited unless you bring it with you and hand it to me at the con. If you email your registration information me by the deadline, I will have some nice signage printed listing the entry titles and creators.
Shipping Address – Southeastern Galleries, c/o Morgan - CC33, 1885 Ashley River Rd, Charleston, SC 29407
This is a commercial address, and Morgan's name **MUST** appear on the shipping label.
- If you will be attending, you may enter your quilt at the Con. I plan to have someone available to accept entries at the Con Registration area on Friday, they will have registration paperwork available. But please still contact me in advance, so I know to expect your entry. Please safety pin your entry form to the back of the quilt before submission. Legibility counts, please!
- For your quilt, I need one specific contact person listed, with name and address. Email address is fantastic. All the contributors to each quilt must be listed. The pattern source is required; though if it isn't completely original, please list the sources. If your design is inspired by something in particular, please note that in the Quilt Description area.
- It would be greatly appreciated if entrants (or the contact person for a group entry) could contact me at cattails42+cc33quilts@gmail.com so that we can have a better idea of how many entries to expect and can plan space accordingly.

Getting Your Entry Back from the Convention

- If you are not attending the Con and do not have someone who is able to pick up your quilt for you, I will return mailed-in quilts within about 10 days after the Con. You **MUST** include return postage in order to have your quilt shipped back to you. Pre-paid labels for USPS Flat Rate boxes are perfect for this!

Questions or to reserve a space:

- Elaine Sims – cattails42+cc33quilts@gmail.com – 602-910-0628—<http://cc33charleston.org/>