



# Cactus Needles

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## Briefs



[www.halloweencostumesbox.co.uk](http://www.halloweencostumesbox.co.uk) Katie's little blog about all things costume and Halloween-related. The site contains a basic outline of costume history and many, many links for costuming, costuming through history, costuming tutorials and guides, Halloween costumes and Halloween resources.



**International Costumer 14.2** Features a most Maleficent cover. President's message reminds us to send proxies to the ICG annual meeting at Costume-Con if unable to attend in person. Marty Gear fund grant given to Miss Lizzy's Traveling Historical Fashion Show. Kathe Gust Reviews "Soft Circuits: Crafting E-Fashion with DIY Electronics." Richard Man describes his ongoing "Transformations Cosplay" project to photograph costumes and their creators in 4 by 5 film format (with lots of pictures, of course). Active ICG members receive a link and password to the digital edition, or a copy of the paper edition.



**A new community issue of Virtual Costumer is online!** "Odds & Ends" features in-depth articles by some amazing authors on range of topics -- a potpourri to inspire you during the winter season. Go to <http://www.siwcostumers.org> and select Virtual Costumer, then Current Issue. Choose Volume 12 issue 4. Enjoy! Philip Gust, Editor, Virtual Costumer.



Back issues of **Costume**, the journal of the Costume Society of Great Britain all the way back to 1967 can be downloaded from <http://www.maneyonline.com/loi/cos> (posted to ICG-D by Carole)



Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild **Finery** January/February 2015 - In "There's No Crying in Baseball," Lynne Taylor writes about the history and uniforms worn by the All American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL) during WWII. Read up on the dresses women wore in warm weather throughout the 1860's in Bridget Bradley-Scaife's article Sheer Delight: Sheer Dresses of the Crinoline Era. The current issue is posted at: [http://www.gbacg.org/newsletter-links/finery-issues/2015\\_JanFeb.pdf](http://www.gbacg.org/newsletter-links/finery-issues/2015_JanFeb.pdf)

*Had your editor known about this project, he would have referred the author to his sister, who worked on the costume team for the film, "A League of Their Own."*

**Irish Shoes**  
From Tasha Cady

For the St. Patrick's Day parade, here are some medieval Irish shoes seen at the National Museum in Dublin.



LEATHER SHOE  
Found 12 feet deep in bog, Coolatoor, Co. Westmeath



DECORATED LEATHER SHOE  
Found in bog, Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim  
Early Medieval



Most shoes were made of two or three pieces by the turnshoe method - sole and upper were stitched together, inside out, then turned right way around.



**SWCG Activity February 22, 2015 at Jean's house in Phoenix, Arizona.**

Recorded by Randall Whitlock, SWCG Secretary

Present were Jean, Mahala, Tasha, Paula, Frances, Randall and briefly Sharan.

Most of the get-together was an informal social in which we discussed our plans for Estrella War weekend, sailing ships, sealing wax, cabbages and kings. Some of us helped Paula to lay out a skirt. Attempts (largely unsuccessful) were made to retrieve some body painting and costuming videos from a DVD brought in by Mahala and some comic book/movie concept art for potential review at our March meeting.



A brief business meeting was convened at 3:47 PM, Randall Standard Time.

Upcoming calendar plans were discussed, including a workshop on April 26 by Frances to teach us to make lawn ornament flowers from repurposed aluminum cans (see picture). Materials costs were approved on a 4 yay, 0 nay, 2 abstain vote.

Other meeting plans were approved, including a LepreCon Prep on May 31, an informal social (to be further discussed later) at LepreCon on June 28 and our annual pool party at Castle Cady Classic on July 19.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM, RST.



## 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 7-March 29, 2015 (weekends + Presidents' Day) – **Arizona Renaissance Festival** on US 60 east of Gold Canyon, Arizona. <http://www.royalfaires.com/arizona/>

March 6-8, 2015 – **Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention 4** at Old Tucson Studios, Tucson AZ. <https://www.wildwestcon.com/>

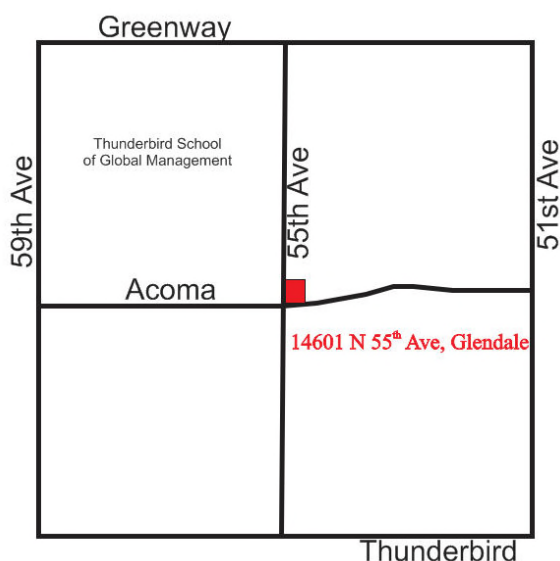
March 7-8, 2015, 10-5 – **Arizona Aloha Festival** at Tempe Beach Park, Tempe AZ. <http://www.azalohafest.org/>

March 14, 2015 – **Daddy O's Desert Caravan Open Belly Dance & Drum Circle** at Daddy O's, SE Corner of 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Thunderbird, Phoenix. This is one of our own Paula's performance venues. All shows start at 6:30 PM. This month's theme is "Maneater (80s Night)" <https://www.facebook.com/DaddyOsDesertCaravanBellydanceDrumCircle>

March 14, 2015, 10 AM – **St. Patrick's Day Parade** in downtown Phoenix Staging Area Location: 3rd St. from Virginia to Sheridan Route: 3rd St. South from Sheridan to Moreland. <http://stpatriksdayphoenix.org/>

March 20-22, 2015 – **Con Nichiwa** anime convention at the Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church Ave Tucson AZ 85701. <http://www.con-nichiwa.com/>

March 21-22, 2015 – **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 21-22, 2015 – **Arizona Scottish Gathering & Highland Games** at Steele Indian School Park, 300 East Indian School Road, Phoenix <http://www.arizonascots.com/05games.shtml>

March 26-April 2, 2015 – **Phoenix Film Festival** at Harkins Theatres. [www.phoenixfilmfestival.com](http://www.phoenixfilmfestival.com)

March 29, 2015 – **Fabric Challenge\*** SWCG workshop at Chuck & Tasha's place. Create a project using the silver satin stash. Maybe something we can appear in together at conventions?

April 4, 2015, 9:30 to 11:30 AM – Sixth Annual **Easter Parade** in Globe, AZ. Cost – Free, Begins at the Globe Train Depot. Here is the PR statement:

*Here is your chance to stroll the sidewalks of Globe in your Easter finery and channel your best Fred Astaire or Ginger Rogers, rain or shine! (For those too young to remember, check out the movie “Top Hat” to see what we mean!) The Easter Parade is based on the classic holiday song and old tradition of taking a stroll to welcome spring. Think hats, parasols, finery and fun for all ages. Of course, you can enter the contest if you think your Easter finery is prize-worthy (NOTE: For any Guildsters who might want attend, it would be fair to warn the sponsors that out-of-town costumers will be joining in. But, local competition will be stiff) Contestants promenade from the Train Depot, down Broad Street, and back to the Center for the Arts. For Information, call the Center for the arts at 928-425-0884*

April 11, 2015 – **Daddy O’s Desert Caravan Open Belly Dance & Drum Circle** at Daddy O’s, SE Corner of 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Thunderbird, Phoenix. This is one of our own Paula’s performance venues. All shows start at 6:30 PM. This month’s theme is “Beyond the Sea”  
<https://www.facebook.com/DaddyOsDesertCaravanBellydanceDrumCircle>

April 26, 2015 – **Aluminum Flowers\*** SWCG workshop at Jean’s Place. Learn to make lawn ornament flowers from repurposed aluminum beverage cans.

May 9, 2015 – **Daddy O’s Desert Caravan Open Belly Dance & Drum Circle** at Daddy O’s, SE Corner of 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Thunderbird, Phoenix. This is one of our own Paula’s performance venues. All shows start at 6:30 PM. This month’s theme is “Retro Rockabilly”  
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May 15-18, 2015 – **Costume-Con 33** “Buccaneers, Belles & Bootleggers” at the Charleston Plaza Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina <http://cc33charleston.org/wp/>

May 28-31, 2015 – **Phoenix ComiCon** at the Phoenix Convention Center  
<http://www.phoenixcomicon.com/>

May 31, 2015 – **Lep Prep\*** SWCG meeting at Tasha’s place. Discuss plans for the annual LepreCon SF convention.

June 4-7, 2015 – **Fangirls** by Manda Leigh Blunt at the Brelby Theater, S of SEC 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Glendale Avenue just off the Glendale town square. <http://brelby.com/2015-studio-series/>

*With Comic Con only days away, Lila is shocked to find that her arch nemesis has stolen her idea for the original character contest. She has only four days and her three best friends to help her come up with a brand new idea. Matters aren’t helped when Lila’s cousin Marcie comes to visit, a budding fashion designer who is nothing like Lila and does not understand her obsession with all things fandom. Throw in a Wonder Woman bedspread, a Dr. Who Sonic Screwdriver, a Benedict Cumberbatch pillow, a Captain Planet salute, Vulcan ears, a lynx costume, a book on potions, a date, a make-over, a betrayal, and light sabers, this is one week that these girls are never going to forget. That is, if they make it Comic Con in one piece.*

June 13, 2015 – **Daddy O’s Desert Caravan Open Belly Dance & Drum Circle** at Daddy O’s, SE Corner of 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Thunderbird, Phoenix. This is one of our own Paula’s performance venues. All shows start at 6:30 PM. This month’s theme is “Folkloric Fest”  
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June 25-28, 2015 – **LepreCon 2015** at the Embassy Suites Phoenix North (I-17 & Greenway). [www.leprecon.org](http://www.leprecon.org).

June 28, 2015 – **LepreCon Get-Together\*** informal SWCG Meeting at the LepreCon SF convention. Details to be determined

July 9-12, 2015 – **Highlands War** near Flagstaff, Arizona. The SCA Barony of Ered Sul's midsummer event moves to a new site near Ashurst Late this year. <http://highlandswar.org/>

July 10-12, 2015 – **Phoenix TARDIS 2015** Dr. Who convention at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel, 2620 W. Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix. <http://www.tardisconventions.com/#!/phoenix/cjg9>

July 19, 2015 – **Aquatic Costumers\*** SWCG social at Castle Cady Classic. Our annual pool party. Theme and other details to be announced.

October 30 – November 1, 2015 – **TusCon 42** SF convention at the Hotel Tucson City Center in Tucson. This year's con features guests Seanan McGuire and Bridget E. Wilde. <http://tusconscificon.com/>

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