



# Cactus Needles

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Jean in her new silver satin costume at LepreCon. Photo by Nola.

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## Briefs



The July-August 2015 online edition of the ICG's newsletter, **The International Costumer**, is available, featuring announcement of a new Resource Center for Chapters and SIGs, information on Worldcon 73 Seattle hotels, reviews of two books on WWI military uniforms, Star Wars Celebration VII Cosplay Contest winner, and more. ICG members should by this time have received a paper copy or a link with username and password to download the issue.



Earlier today your editor received a link exchange request from **Costume Super Center** at <http://search.costumesupercenter.com/search?w=renaissance%20costume>. This is an online store which has your basic sexy-fill-in-the-blank Halloween costumes, but also seems to have a few basic renfair garb items too, seen at the linked page.



### **George Clinton Whitlock, Middlebury College Alumnus, Class of 1834**

Surfing the web recently, my sister found this photograph of our ancestor, mathematician and college professor George Clinton Whitlock on his alma mater's web site. My father now owns the cane he is holding, which is inscribed as a gift from his students in 1864. This provides an earliest possible date for the photo, taken within a year of his death. Now I can argue with the mavens at wild west events who try to claim my pointy toed boots are not period.

<http://middarchive.middlebury.edu/cdm/singleitem/collectio n/archadmin/id/5135/rec/48>

## 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 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 – **Medieval Mayhem Renaissance Faire** at 1101 N. Woodland Rd. Pinetop-Lakeside, AZ. <http://www.azmayhem.com/>

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 10- Aug 1, 2015 - **Beyond Musketeers: Utopia Lost** at Brelby Studio, 6835 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Glendale AZ. This is an original by the 2015 Brelby Writer's Circle, Directed by Brian Maticic. An adaptation of the classic story of the three musketeers, this adventure brings the tale to life like you've never seen it before. In a dystopian future, these heroes will band together to fight for what they believe in. Adventure, intrigue, and plenty of onstage battles. <http://brelby.com/2015-mainstage-season/>

July 18-19, 2015 – **Arizona Highland Celtic Festival** at Foxglenn Park, 4200 E. Butler, Flagstaff <http://www.nachs.info/festival.shtml>

July 19, 2015, 2PM – **Pool Toys\*** SWCG social at Castle Cady Classic This is our annual pool party. Bring your favorite pool toys. Brainstorm out some SWCG activities for the rest of the year. Please bring a potluck food item.

July 25, 2015 10AM to 6PM – **CosFest** at Arizona Event Center, 1300 South Country Club Road #105, Mesa AZ. Participants include Candie's Characters, Heroes United and Heroes and Villains of Tomorrow. <http://www.cosfestaz.com/>

October 10, 2015, Noon-4 PM – **LibraryCon 2015** at the Southeast Regional Library, 775 North Greenfield Road in Gilbert, AZ. Come to the Southeast Regional Library for LibraryCon 2015! Join us to celebrate all of the stuff that you love including: comics, graphic novels, anime/manga, cosplay, cartoons, artists, horror movies, Sci-Fi/Fantasy books & movies, and games of all types. Costumes encouraged! Show off your amazing style in the costume contest. Learn something new in one of our panel sessions. There will also be photo booths, crafts, tabletop and video games, prizes, and giveaways! <https://www.facebook.com/librarycon>

October 16-18, 2015 – **Helldorado Days** in Tombstone, Arizona. <http://www.tombstonehelldoradodays.com/>

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/>

November 4, 2015-January 18, 2016 – **The White Shirt According to Me, Gianfranco Ferré** Exhibition at the Phoenix Art Museum. Known as the “architect of fashion” and the purveyor of “power dressing,” Italian fashion designer Gianfranco Ferré never ceased to view the white shirt as the archetypal expression of his approach to design and style. The exhibition includes a selection of 27 of Ferré’s most significant white shirts created over the course of his career (1982-2006). Sketches, technical designs, photographs and videos from the archives of the Gianfranco Ferré Foundation will offer visitors the chance to go beyond the confines of fashion and examine the methods, techniques and precision Ferré applied to each of his designs. <http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/ferrewhiteshirt>

November 6-8, 2015 – **Tucson Celtic Festival** at Rillito Park. <http://tucsoncelticfestival.org/>

May 6-9, 2016 – **Costume-con 34: The Wonder of Nature** at the Marriott West in Madison, Wisconsin <http://www.costumecon34.com/>

April, 2017 – **Costume-Con 35** at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale, 6750 Mississauga Road, Mississauga (near Toronto), Ontario, Canada <https://www.facebook.com/costumecon35>

Summer, 2017 – **WesterCon 70** at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel. Keep watching for more details.

April, 2018 – **Costume-Con 36** in San Diego, California

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