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### Recent Events

Your intrepid editor went to the annual Mideast Event, Drum and Dance Symposium and Feast, sponsored by the SCA, in Barony of Twin Moons.

I went to a couple of classes on Persian/Ottoman clothing. I got some nice handouts with lovely resource links.

Once upon a time (about 10 years ago, I think) the guild was talking about doing a group costume in that style. I still have the start of the costumes for me and husband. This gives me a nudge to finish them.

Below are some photos – I love the headdresses, but the rabbits upper left caught my attention.

Clockwise from upper left – Lady Ironhair, Hanim Morgana modeling a hat by Jadi Fatima, the lovely Lady Jadi herself.

I want one of those ‘daidem’ styles!





## **Briefs**

**SEND ME MORE!!!** (Tasha's opinions – for now)

The Native Americans of the northwest – now represented by the Tulalip tribal group, made cloth out of Cedar bark. Lower status tribal members would just wear a skirt. Higher status would have a shirt as well. Everyone wore capes that had been water-proofed.

## **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.*

April 2 – August 7, 2016

### **Fifty Years of Fashion at Phoenix Art Museum**

Ellman Fashion Design Gallery and Orme Lewis Gallery

Featuring more than 50 works drawn from across the history of fashion, this exhibition highlights masterworks and milestones of the permanent collection. Providing insight into how the treasures of the collection were acquired and formed an internationally respected fashion archive, this exhibition will feature a roster of world-class designers including Alexander McQueen, Yves Saint Laurent, Balenciaga and Chanel alongside stunning historical works.

**April 19, 2016 - Vest Project\* SWCG meeting at Jean's Place.**

**Work some more on the blue vests started in March.**

Thursday, April 21, 2016 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

County Library North Valley Regional at Meeting Room

### **MADE BY HAND**

Ages 18 and older. A gathering place for those wishing to knit, crochet, tat, macrame or do just about anything that has to do with fiber! Bring your projects, books and patterns, accomplishments and knowledge to share with others. Learn something new about your own craft or pick up another craft (or stitch) that has piqued your interest! Or come and spend a couple of leisurely hours doing something you love to do or would like to learn and, in the process, make new friendships.

April 28 to May 26 Thursdays – 4-6 PM Create Your Own Cosplay workshops  
Phoenix Burton Barr Public Library (SEC Central & Willetta Street) Mach 1 room on the  
4th Floor.



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

**MAY 13-15 - Mad Monster Phoenix** - Horror / Sci-Fi / Fantasy - WE-KO-PA RESORT, Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, AZ <http://madmonster.com/events/phoenix2016/>

May 14 Chandler public Library Downton Abbey event. Showing up in period costume would be appreciated by the library

May 15, 2016 - **Shoe Disguises\*** SWCG meeting at Tasha's place. Randall will demonstrate some ways to make your footwear blend with your costume, including the infamous duct tape boot pattern.

June 2-5, 2016 – **Phoenix ComiCon** at the Phoenix Convention Center <http://www.phoenixcomicon.com/>

June 12, 2017 - **LepreCon Wrap-Up\*** SWCG meeting at Jean's place. Finish up the blue vests and other special projects for LepreCon.

June 23-26, 2016 – **LepreCon 42: The Meaning of Life, The Universe and Everything** at the Embassy Suites North (SEC I-17 & Greenway Road) in Phoenix. <http://leprecon.org/>

July 7-10 **Highlands War** at Ashurst Lake near Flagstaff. The web site is <http://highlandswar.org/> but they haven't updated it for this year's event yet

November 11-13, 2016 – **TusCon 43** at Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 4550 S. Palo Verde Road, Tucson, AZ 85714. This year's guest of honor is George RR Martin. <http://tusconscificon.com/>

Sept 24 & 25 2016 **Keen Halloween Event** at the Phoenix Convention Center  
“We capture the best parts of your Halloween memories; bridging the gap between horror-based conventions and child-focused events, creating a new concept to celebrate Halloween every day. We provide entertainment, workshops, a maker's faire, and one-of-a-kind vendors for a fresh take on Halloween to people of all ages.” <https://www.facebook.com/events/1030865616987329/>

April 20-24, 2017 – **Costume-Con 35** at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale, 6750 Mississauga Road, Mississauga (near Toronto), Ontario, Canada <http://costumecon35.com/>

July 1-4, 2017 – **WesterCon 70** at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel. Guests include Julie Dillon, Larry Elmore, Gini Koch and Weston Ochse. [www.westercon70.org](http://www.westercon70.org)

## Minutes

SWCG Meeting March 20, 2016 at Mahala's Place  
Recorded by Secretary Randall Whitlock

There was a last minute change of venue due to Jean's unexpected illness. We dined on some fine munchies, traced the vest pattern, and divvied up the blue fabric from Mahala's collection for the vest project.

Business meeting convened at 2PM. Present were Mahala, Tasha, Randall, and Paula.

Treasurer Tasha reported that four hats from our fundraiser collection were sold as she assisted at Janet Wilson Anderson's "Alteryers" pavilion at the Estrella War in February. The proceeds will go toward newsletter supplies and filing fees for our recent contact information changes at the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Secretary Randall gave a brief summary of recent discussions on the ICG Board of Directors listserv. These include admission of a new special interest group for masquerade runners and a new ICG Chapter.

President Mahala presented several items of news and discussion.

--She will soon submit SWCG's vote for the annual ICG Lifetime Achievement Award.

--She has heard from Clare Rowley, who appears at trade shows--Erica may be available to do another workshop on using special sewing machine feet.

--Gail may be available to teach a workshop in the fall. Will contact her in July.

--She will be holding a yard sale on April 2 or 3.

--We will likely move the monthly meeting date after mid-year to try to avoid time conflict with members other activities.

Old Business: SWCG will not be participating in this year's Library Con in Chandler.

New Business/Announcements:

– Paula described a photosensitive fabric that might make a good workshop topic, if she can find the magazine article again.

-- Tasha attended a metal enameling class at the Estrella War. This technique might prove useful for making the special brooches for the vest project.

--35<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sew & Vac has a business card rack. This may be a place for SWCG flyers. Randall will investigate.

Adjourned 3PM.

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