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### **Briefs**

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

My Facebook Friend Catherine Cook (lovely long time SCA lady) shared a link to a [Musei Italiani's](#) statue. She says

For all my cotstume history friends: take a look at this!!! This is the weepers at a tomb in the Church of San Fermo Maggiore (Verona) sculpted by Giovanni Di Rigino in the last half of the 14th century (Trecento). Italian women, especially older ones, never went in for the tight clothing favored in most of the rest of Europe, but these sculpted figures are FANTASTIC at giving the most realistic image of how details like multi-buttoned sleeves, wimples and mantles must have looked on actual bodies. This image just blew me away!!! For those of you who like Italian art, the FB page Musei Italiani is an amazing source!

I just can't figure out how to get the picture into the newsletter. Sorry. But, this is an interesting comment. A lot of people look at paintings for historical costume inspiration. But statues are a 3D medium. If you're lucky enough to see them in the flesh (or stone) you can walk all around them and see the back and sides of the outfit.

More 3D – From Randall

Did you catch the last week of April episode of "Chicago Fire?" This was episode 4.20 - "The Last One for Mom." If you missed it, you can view the episode on the NBC web site, streaming app, or through Hulu Plus. The feathered sculpture the director risks his life to save from a museum fire in the opening segment was actually made by my sister, Chicago-based milliner and theatrical sculptor Laura Whitlock.

**TWO HOW TOs (thanks to Randall)**

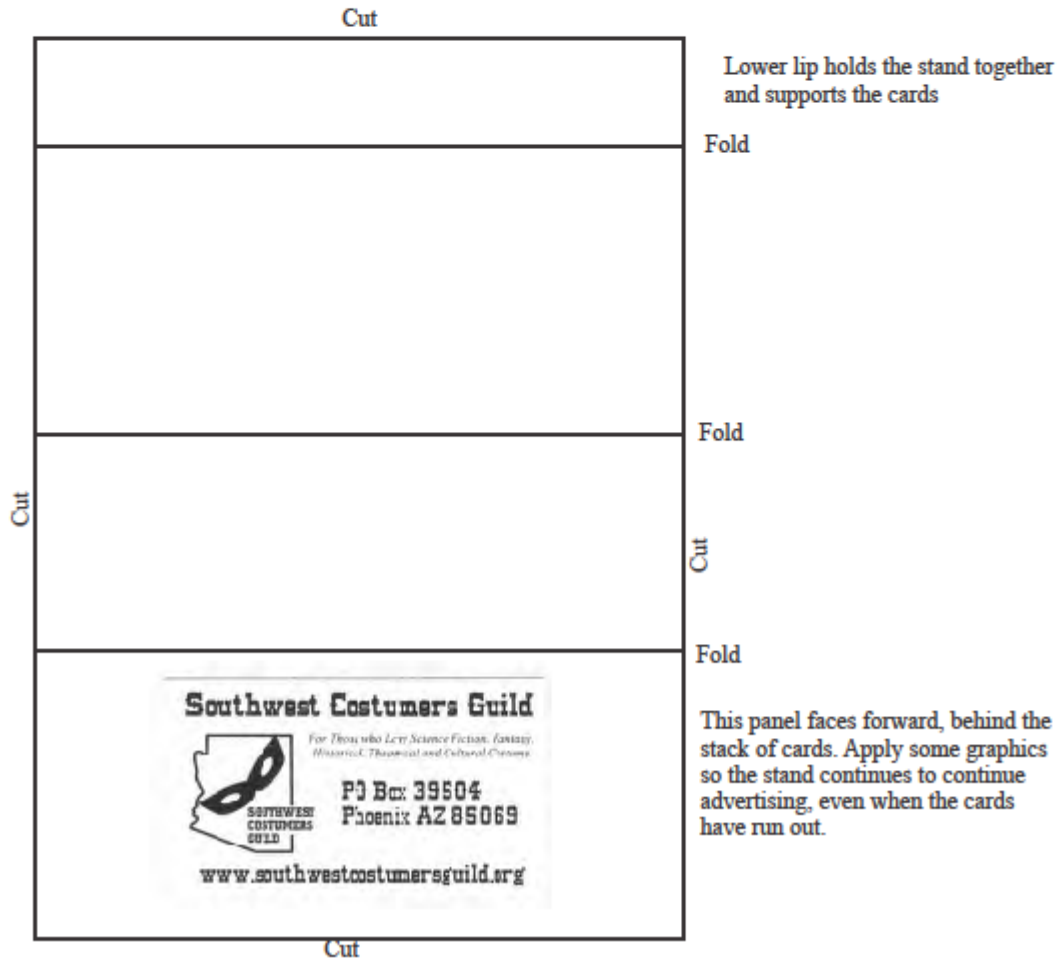
**Folded Business Card Display Stand**  
by Randall Whitlock

Here is yet another approach to the problem of how to make your business cards, bookmarks and flyers stand out on a freebie table full of other flyers at a convention. This one is sized for standard business cards. Change the dimensions and use cardboard instead of paper if your flyer is bigger.



I intend to try it out at this weekend's LepreCon with some SWCG business cards.

Just print this page, cut along the rectangular outline, and fold along the interior lines. The narrowest band is a lip to keep the cards from sliding away. The other three bands support your cards. The graphics on the front panel allow the stand to continue advertising your group, even when the cards are gone. Use graphics appropriate to you card, perhaps an image of the card itself.



**The Evil Hanger**  
By Randall Whitlock



One of my favorite bits from "Raiders of the Lost Ark" is when SS agent Toht is about to interrogate Marian Ravenwood. He draws out a fiendish-looking device of chain and wood. Marian cringes, certain it is a terrible instrument of torture. Toht then folds the device into a coat hanger and uses it to put away his stylish but evil leather jacket.



I hate to imitate the bad guys, but Toht has a point. A stout folding travel coat hanger would have its uses, particularly when I need to hang out my wetsuit and buoyancy vest to dry after a day of diving.

I copied the basic shape of the hanger with inexpensive, water resistant materials that I already had around the house. Instead of the wooden staves, I cut lengths of 1-inch diameter PVC irrigation pipe. Instead of chain links, I used one-inch nylon webstrap. Don't have webstrap? Clothesline or other rope of similar weight should do.

Cut three pieces of PVC. The middle piece is 18 inches long and the other two are each 9 inches long. Lay the three pieces end to end and measure out enough strap to be as long as the three pipes, plus some extra. About 40 inches will do. Fold over the ends of the strap about one inch and sew them down to form loops at the ends. Thread the strap through all three pipes, leaving the loop ends sticking out.



You need a hook of some kind for the end. It should be broad enough to go over a closet rod and have some kind of secondary hook at the bottom to engage the interior. For this experiment, I clipped the hook off of a sturdy wire hanger and bent the sides to become the secondary hooks.

Run the bottom parts of the hook through the loops in the strapping. The pipes will droop just enough to form a strong triangular coat hanger which can be folded and put away in your ~~torture kit~~ travel bag when not in use.

You might also bend a simple S-shaped hook out of heavier wire or carve a hook from wood using a scroll saw. Why not put hooks at both ends for extra strength? This would let you use the hanger as a makeshift clothesline when needed.

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## 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 14-24 Prescott Film Fest - 7th Annual - Some of these may have interesting costumes**

The Prescott Film Festival will be held on the Prescott Campus of Yavapai College, in the Yavapai College Performing Arts Center, Community Room with workshops in Building 3 - Room 119! We have a fantastic slate of films, designed to "Educate, Entertain and Inspire" and they are all "movies that move you"! There will find several "Sneak Peeks" and even a fantastic "work in progress" (Lives Well Lived) In addition to our wonderful films, we have an amazing group of film professionals coming to present our free workshops! Workshops are presented by the Yavapai College Film and Media Arts Program. More info on the festival and workshops below and at our website, [www.prescottfilmfestival.com](http://www.prescottfilmfestival.com)! Info on the YC Film and Media arts Program is here: <https://www.yc.edu/v5content/academics/divisions/ctec/film-media.htm>

**July 24\*** annual Pool Party at Classic Cady Casa – Push back the time to 3pm to avoid some of the heat. As a theme – can you come up with something from a movie that relates to pools or swimming?

August 17-21 **Worldcon 74**, Kansas City, Mo. <http://midamericon2.org/>

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/>

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/>

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 2016, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., Glendale, AZ

### **\*\*LIBCON West!\*\***

LIBCON West is a West-Valley, teens-only pop culture convention. Enjoy cosplay, crafts, gaming, anime, 3D-printing demos, and fun fandom panels. We're also hosting a cool selection of vendors and entertainers out on the front lawn for all ages to enjoy. Keep an eye on <http://libconwest.weebly.com> for updates!

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January 28, 2017 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m

The Tempe Public Library is proud to announce our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Library Comicon

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)

August 9-13 2017 – **Worldcon 75** in Helsinki Finland. <http://www.worldcon.fi/>

Editorial comment: I was in Helsinki in August in 2015 and the weather was lovely. It's a charming city.

March 30- April 2 2018 – **CostumeCon 36**, San Diego, Ca. <http://cc36sandiego.org/>

March 22-25, 2019 - **Costume-Con 37** Salem, MA

Attending Memberships are \$60 through at least 12/31/2016. \$45 for those that voted in the site-selection. Supporting Memberships are \$25, \$15 for voters.

We hope to have online registration in place soon, even if it'll just be a paypal button, so please be patient. Or you can send a check (payable to Costume-Con 37) to

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I'll be posting more information on a semi-regular basis.

If there is something you would like to do for CC37, please email Aurora and myself.

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### Minutes

SW Costumers' Guild Meeting Minutes – 12 June 2016

Location: Jean's house

Attending: Jean, Mahala, Tasha< Sharron, Paula; guest Nyki (previous member)

Call to Order: 2;30pm



## Reports:

President: Nothing

VP: Nothing

Secretary: Absent – Minutes taken by Tasha

Treasurer: We have mail the corporation commission I need to read

Events: We need a schedule of meetings, and a budget, so events can be scheduled

Old business: President had some emails to send to news

## New Business:

Moved: \$500 overall budget for events, with a limit of \$100 per event without special authorization. Yea: 3, Abstain 2. Motion passed. Note: quilting derived events should focus on techniques that have a broader application than just quilting.

## Schedule

June: Leprecon: anybody there, meet at the hotel bar between 5:30 and 6:00

July: Pool party – July 24<sup>th</sup>. Classic Cady Compound. Theme to be determined

Jean will be moving toward the end of July, combining households with Nola. New house within about a mile of current one (31<sup>st</sup> Ave and Northview)

August: (7<sup>th</sup>?) Tasha's. Sharron will demonstrate French Braiding. Bring flowers, ribbons, small rubber bands.

September 4<sup>th</sup> (location TBD) Sewing machine maintenance

October 2<sup>nd</sup> (location TBD) Sewing machine – special feet

November: TBD

December: Just a party

10<sup>th</sup> – we're invited to teach some classes at the mini ComicCon at the Glendale Library.

Everyone thing about what they could do and we'll discuss it next meeting.

January - we've been invited to show off our group again at the Tempe library ComicCon

2017 Westercon – Think about a group costume

Think about giving our hall costume awards

Meeting adjourned 3:15 pm.

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