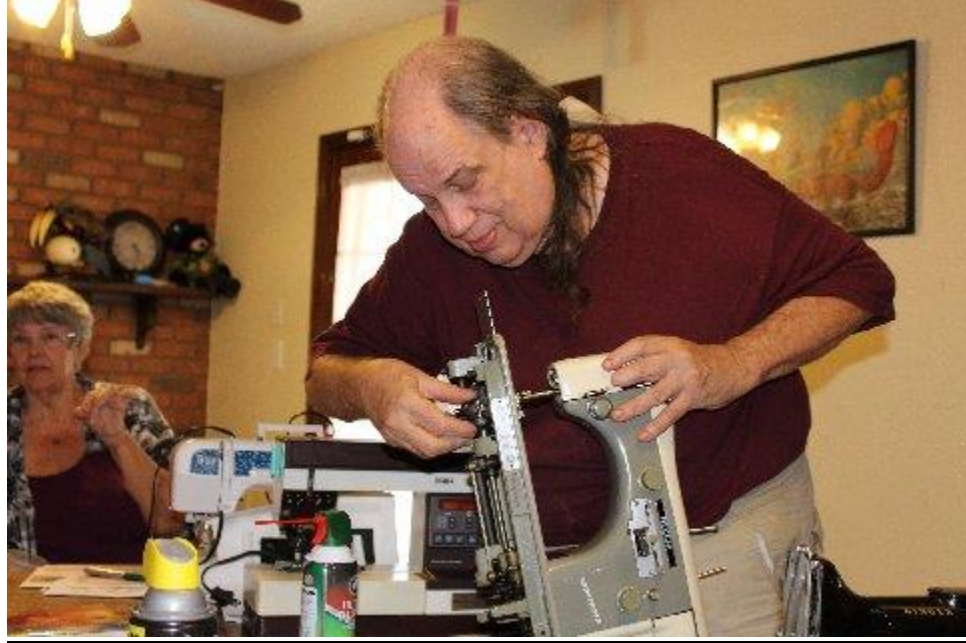


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### Recent Events

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>HOW TO</u></b>  <b><u>UN-KILL KENNY</u></b></p> <p>Larry Fontaine showing us how to do some basic machine maintenance. It's easier to get at the innards of older machines. The sewing machine repair pamphlet Sharan showed us, "Stitchology" by Douglas Neil Skhjersest, is still available from the author. Go to <a href="http://www.proseth.com">www.proseth.com</a> and follow the ordering instructions.</p>
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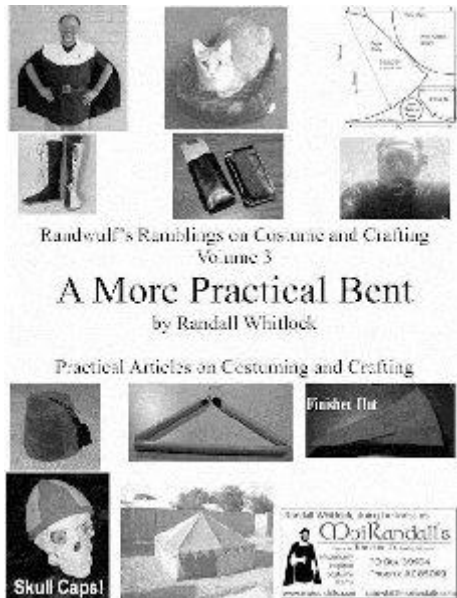
**Briefs**                      **SEND ME MORE!!!**

Felt, Wool and Linen

According to archeologist David Anthony in "The Horse, The Wheel And Language", plant based fabrics (linen) preceded spun wool fabrics. The mutation which gave sheep longer, spinnable, wool occurred around 4000 BC. Felting probably preceded spinning. Sheep molted their short undercoat in mats of 'natural felt'. \*HwlHn\* is the reconstructed Proto-Indo-European word for wool and has cognates in all daughter languages from Welsh to Indic.

Ramblings 3  
By Randall Whitlock

In the shameless self-promotion department, I have just put together “Randwulf’s Ramblings on Costume and Crafting Volume 3: A More Practical Bent. This is a collection of the numerous articles I wrote from 2008 to 2016, mainly when I was Cactus Needles editor. Topics include Tent Disguises and Lighting, Skullcaps, Wizard and Princess Hats, Fezzes, Duffel Bags, Pet Beds, Scuba Diving Accessories and display stands for your publications. It has Fifty-One (8.5 by 11”) grayscale pages with a plastic comb binder. Tentatively, the retail price is \$16. Drop me a line at [randwhit@aol.com](mailto:randwhit@aol.com) for more details or visit [www.moirandalls.com](http://www.moirandalls.com) .



This came as part of a longer email to our web-master. It might be interesting

An article about how perfumes were made in the Middle Ages.

<http://www.perfume.com/article-perfumes-used-in-the-middle-ages>

### 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.*

Standing meetings of possible interest

**CASFS Meeting** - LAST FRIDAY 8PM at <check web site [www.casfs.org](http://www.casfs.org) for location>.

What are you making today?


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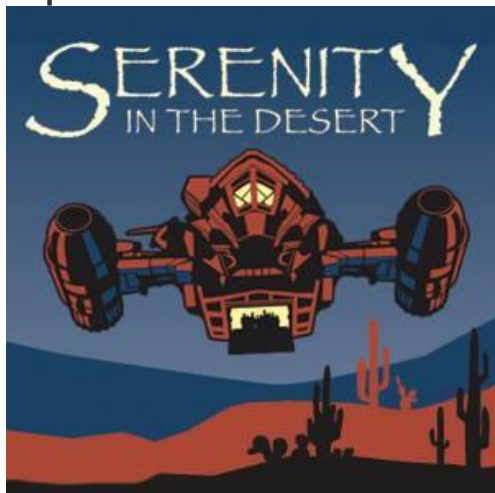
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September 18<sup>th</sup>



Ni Hao, fellow Browncoats! It's that time of year where we celebrate one of the greatest TV programs and movie to grace our screens and capture our hearts by gathering together and watching the Biggest Damn Heroes in the 'Verse on the big screen!

Join us on September 18th at 3:00 PM at the Studio Movie Grill in Scottsdale for a screening of Joss Whedon's 'Serenity' while enjoying in-theatre dining featuring a selection of All-American classics and a full-service bar! All proceeds from this event will go to our friends at **Kids Need to Read**.

As always - tickets to this once-a-year event sell out FAST; so be sure to get yours now by visiting <http://azbrowncoats.bpt.me> - and we'll see you there!

Special thanks to our pals over at **Nerdvana** for helping us put on this shindig - go check 'em out at <http://www.nerdvanamedia.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/>

**October 1 – Flagstaff Oktoberfest, Flagstaff.** Join the fun including yodeling, brat eating and costume contests as well as great beer and live music. Wheeler Park, 211 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff. 928-606-7600. [flagstaffoktoberfest.com](http://flagstaffoktoberfest.com)

**October 1 – Valley of the Sun Doll Show and Sale, Phoenix.** Browse antique and modern dolls and teddy bears plus clothing, books, miniature and stringing at the 35th annual event. North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. 480-831-9081.

**October 6-9 – Verde Valley Weavers Guild Fabulous Fiber Sale, Sedona.** Shop an array of hand-made items, including garments, table runners, shawls, hand-knitted scarves, baskets, and jewelry. View daily artist demonstrations on spinning, loom weaving, basket weaving, and jewelry making. Special Exhibition Gallery at Sedona Art Center, 15 Art Barn Road, Sedona. 928-284-1375. [redrockbaskets.com/events](http://redrockbaskets.com/events)

**October 8-9 – Fort Verde Days, Camp Verde.** Fort Verde State Historic Park celebrates with flag-raising and lowering ceremonies, living history presentations with Indian Wars period reenactments, a fashion show, and vintage baseball and Dutch oven cooking demonstrations. Fort Verde State Historic Park, 125 E. Hohokam St., Camp Verde. 928-567-3275. [azstateparks.gov](http://azstateparks.gov)

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 9am Az opera costume and props sale  
Costumes Prop Sale Saturday, October 15 9:00 a.m.  
Arizona Opera Center  
1636 N. Central Ave Phoenix

**October 22-23 –Phoenix Fan Fest – Phoenix Convention Center**

	<p>Meet the striking star from Stranger Things who has found her way into our hearts with rapping, candor, acting and a stare that would unsettle anyone! Photo Ops will go on sale when all guests from this show have been announced</p>
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**Get Your Phoenix Fan Fest Memberships Here**

Tahmoh Penikett is coming to Phoenix Fan Fest. Known for his roles in Supernatural, Continuum, Dollhouse, Battlestar Galactica, Riftworld Chronicles and more!



Find out about myths like the Mogollon Monster in the 'Urban Legends & Other Spooky Things' panel at Phoenix Fan Fest! Panels and Events are being added daily: <http://goo.gl/dfV6W8>



These look like mostly Brothers trying to sell machines, but there might be something useful/interesting. Only the December one gave me details on my PC. You can try <http://www.brother-usa.com/HomeSewing/ToInform/eventcalendar.aspx>

**October 28-29** "Sew Your Dream" Mulqueen Sewing Center  
3715 East Main St Bldg 2 Mesa Az. 480-545-0778

**November 10-12** "Rusty Barn" Cathy's Vacuum and Sewing Inc  
Tucson Expo Center 3740 E Irvington Rd, Tucson Az

**December 9-10** "Jenny Haskin's Touch of Magic Tour"  
6 projects using their top of the line embroidery machine  
Mulqueen Sewing Center  
3715 East Main St Bldg 2 Mesa Az. 480-545-0778

**November 5 2016 – Phoenix Rising Dance Festival** 10am-8pm \$15 admission  
Polly Rosenbaum Building (previously known as Shriner's Auditorium)  
552 N 40th St, Phoenix, AZ 85008

Belly dancing, workshops, vendors

<http://www.dc-tribal.com/phoenix-rising-dance-festival.html>

**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

MCFI  
PO Box 1010  
Framingham, MA 01701

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.

Sharon Sbarsky [sbarsky@gmail.com](mailto:sbarsky@gmail.com) or Aurora Celeste [auroraceleste@gmail.com](mailto:auroraceleste@gmail.com)

### Minutes

SWCG Meeting September 4, 2016 at Tasha's place  
Recorded by Secretary Randall Whitlock

Present were Tasha, Paula, Mahala, Sharan, Jean and special Guest Larry Fontaine.

Convened 2:50 PM RST.

President Mahala welcomed Larry and discussed the possibility of using some privately managed City of Glendale community centers for future meeting space.

VP Paula notes that her dancing friend "Black Raven" would be willing to give a demo on making floral hair ornaments like the one she showed us last meeting.

Treasurer Tasha accepted receipts for some copy costs related to today's demo.

Board Rep Randall reported that the ICG BOD is discussing the possibility of producing a second volume of "The Costume Maker's Art."

Webmaster Randall urged members to participate in the SWCG Facebook page by posting links to fun costumey things you find online.

Events Coordinator Sharan noted she is still in communication with Gail about her teaching a demo at an upcoming meeting, so the October 2 meeting will be a hair braiding demo at Tasha's place.

Mahala suggested a visit to the Tolmachoff Farms corn maze (<http://www.tolmachoff-farms.com/>) as an extracurricular activity.

Sharan suggested the Nov 6 meeting (possibly at Jean's new place) could be a fun quick workshop building pumpkin and Dia de los Muertos-themed hats and face decals, followed by a

coffee shop/dessert bounce to show off our work in public. Ten bucks was authorized for Mahala to spend at Halloween sales to obtain some FX makeup while the prices are good.

Randall reminded us that he will do a costuming demo at LibCon at the Glendale Public Library on December 10. We will need “Booth Babes” to tend our fan table at the event and at the Tempe Library con in January.

Sharan will look into placing SWCG business cards at a local fabric and sewing machine repair shop.

Sharan would like to hear meeting and activity suggestions for early 2017.

Adjourned 3:38 PM

The meeting was followed by a tutorial by Larry Fontaine on the basics of sewing machine maintenance and repair.

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