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Briefs

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Cleaning & Maintenance Tips for Professional Costumes
from Mahala Sweebe

Recently I read a story from an old magazine with some good info which I thought I would pass on. The following quotes are from Threads Magazine, Feb.-March 1988, Issue #15, page 74.

Hands On With the Wardrobe Supervisor
By Pat Swope

“We borrow and adapt equipment from both the clothing industry and the domestic realm. Wrinkles are steamed out with the kind of portable steamer used in retail stores. A steamer also freshens flowers or feathers. Really dirty feathers are washed in a mild detergent, then dried with a hair dryer.”

Pat Swope is past president of Theatrical Wardrobe Union #768, LATSE. She was the wardrobe supervisor for Los Angeles productions by The Royal Opera and The Berlin Opera.

		<p>Madrid Archeology Museum. A Pre-Roman Iberian Lady. For some reason, she reminds me of Princess Leia</p>
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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.*

Saturday, January 21st, 2017 will be the Kickstarter kickoff event for my new book "Coats of Paint - The Body Art of Mark Greenawalt". I'm still tweaking the selection of images and final layout, but I'm thrilled to unveil the cover art with model Megan Brock in the piano body paint. Location, time, and other updates coming soon! <https://www.facebook.com/mark.greenawalt.10>

Your editor considers Mark's work to be costuming. R rated maybe, but costuming.

January 26, 27, 28

\$500 cash given away every morning at 9:30 AM. Be in the green building line to win big!

23rd Anniversary Show
Bigger than ever with nearly 350 booths!

**SEW CREATIVE & COLORFUL!
OUR BIGGEST SHOW EVER!**

Phoenix Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival
at the Arizona State Fairgrounds
(19th Ave. & McDowell, Enter at 17th Ave and McDowell)

JAN 26, 27 & 28, 2017
Thur & Fri 10 am - 5 pm Sat 10 am - 4 pm
(Come Thursday for Early Buying Privileges)

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See and buy the latest supplies, fabrics, notions, patterns and tools... all under one roof!
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\$1 Off Admission
Sign up to win over \$5,000 in prizes, gifts, software and machines in Booth #420!
Door prizes given away every hour!

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

The Tempe Public Library is proud to announce our 3rd Annual Library Comicon

February 3-7, 2017 - **Two Rivers Renaissance Faire, Pirate & Faerie Festival** in Yuma, Arizona.
<http://www.tworiversfaire.com/>

February 5, 2017 - **Gail Teaches*** A special presentation by professional costume artist Gail Wolfenden-Steib.

February 10-12, 2017 - **Phoenix Chinese Week.** <http://www.phoenixchineseweek.org/>

February 11-April 2, 2017 (Weekends plus Presidents' Day) - **Arizona Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace** in Gold Canyon, Arizona. <http://arizona.renfestinfo.com/>

February 17-19, 2017 - Tucson Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show at the Tucson Convention Center. <http://tucsonquiltersguild.com/quiltshow.htm>

February 20-26, 2017 - Winter Range at Ben Avery Shooting Facility (I-17 and Carefree Highway). The Single-Action Shooting Society's annual tournament features costume contests and a sutlers's row suitable for restocking your wild west/victorian/steampunk wardrobe. <http://www.winterrange.com/>

February 21 – 27, 2017 at beautiful Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek, AZ. Estrella War <http://estrellawar.org/>

Feb 25-26



Matsuri
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Arizona Matsuri

FREE ADMISSION
Feb. 25 - 26, 2017 Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Heritage & Science Park, 7th St. and Monroe - Phoenix AZ
Asahi Beer Garden Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

602.262.5029 for more information
azmatsuri.org

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March 4-5, 2017 - **53rd Phoenix Scottish Games** at Steele Indian School Park, Phoenix AZ.
<https://www.arizonascots.com/05games.shtml>

January 8, 2017 - **Loom Weaving*** SWCG social at Jean's place. Sharan will demonstrate her loom knitting techniques.

April 2, 2017 - **Viking Garb*** SWCG social at Tasha's place. Baroness Dallah of the Misty Forest will show us some basics of Viking costume.

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

May 7, 2017 - **May Kup*** SWCG social at Nyki's place. Cap'n Moreg Zahm will demonstrate some basic makeup techniques for cosplay.

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

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

The meeting will be held after this goes out, so January minutes will go in the February newsletter.

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