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Recent Events

Randall recently got this email. They look like a fun group. If you go to <https://azhaunters.com/> in the top right is a REGISTER button.

Join your fellow haunters for April's Make n' Take involving the creepy transformation of styrofoam heads! Please bring spray paint, make-up, blood, latex, wigs, paint pens, markers, teeth, and whatever else you have lying around! Ken will give us a tutorial but everyone is free to experiment and see what works for your particular haunt.

Cost is \$5 per styrofoam head

Sunday, April 9 at 10 AM - 1 PM

HeatSync Labs
140 W Main St, Mesa, Arizona 85201
Az Haunters Staff



Briefs

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From the ICG

I am pleased to announce the the ICG Board of Directors has approved the creation of the ICG Press. The ICG Press will publish books and monographs that are of interest to the costuming community. It will provide a place for costumers and those interested in costuming to share their knowledge in greater depth than through short articles in the ICG's "The International Costumer" or chapter newsletters, or longer articles in the Silicon Web Costumers' Guild's "The Virtual Costumer"

magazine.

The ICG Press is under the oversight of the ICG Publications Committee, which also oversees "The International Costumer" and its editor. The ICG Press will be lead by an Editor in Chief recommended by the committee and approved by the ICG Board. A selection committee will evaluate publication proposals and make recommendations to the Editor in Chief.

The ICG Press will use a publication platform that supports both online and print-on-demand publications to provide more choices for readers, limit costs, and streamline the publication process. An online catalog of titles will be available on the ICG website, and customers can order directly from the catalog or from Amazon and other distributors.

This is an important step for the ICG as a non-profit educational organization for hobbyist and professional costumers, and those interested in costuming as an art form. One of the ICG's missions is to educate and promote the sharing of knowledge about costuming. Having a publishing arm will help further that mission, and gain recognition for the ICG and the value of ICG membership.

I am very excited about this new venture, and encourage members and others in the costuming community to consider publishing costuming-related books and monographs through the ICG Press. The Publications Committee will share further information with members as the ICG Press gets up and running.

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Minutes

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.*

For Maricopa County Library event, click on link to register

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

April 22, 2017 LibCon 2017, <http://www.chandlerlibrary.org/libcon.html> 11AM - 6 PM
Boys and Girls Club -- Compadre Branch 300 E. Chandler Blvd | [Map](#)

May 4 2017 Maricopa Country Library Guadalupe Branch - 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
[Cosplay Club Fashion Show!](#)

Join us for our first ever Cosplay Fashion Show! Our Cosplay Club members have created amazing costumes to showcase and compete for a chance to attend Phoenix Comicon this May. This is a free public event with light snacks and refreshments.

May 06, 2017 - All Day **[Cosmic Comic Book Day](#)**

Where: El Mirage Branch Maricopa Country Library

Do you love comic books and graphic novels? So do we! Join us for an ALL DAY Movie Marathon of films based on comic books! Plus there will be comic book/graphic novel trivia, free temporary tattoos, a Draw Your Own Comic Strip contest and more. One free comic book per participant, while supplies last.

May 06, 2017 Maricopa Country Library North Valley Regional Branch
40410 N Gavilan Peak Pkwy, Anthem, AZ 85086

Story Time Room - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM **[Superhero Party](#)**

All ages. Celebrate Free Comic Book Day with a Superhero Party. We'll have different activities and a photo booth. We'll have a costume contest for kids up to 12. Free comic books for all, while supplies last.

Meeting Room 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM **[Superhero Costume Contest](#)**

Ages 2-12. As part of our Superhero Party, we are holding a costume contest. Come dressed up as your favorite classic or made up superhero. Home made costumes are encouraged. Each contestant will get a small prize courtesy of our Friends of the Library. Register today!

May 7, 2017 - **[May Kup*](#)** SWCG social 35th Avenue Sew & Vac, 3548 West Northern Avenue, Phoenix AZ. Cap'n Moreg Zahm will demonstrate some basic makeup techniques for cosplay.

MAY 19-21 - Mad Monster Phoenix - Horror/SciFi/Fantasy - Scottsdale, AZ <http://madmonster.com/>

MAY 25-28 - Phoenix Comicon - Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix AZ
<http://www.phoenixcomicon.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

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.

SEPTEMBER 1-4 2017 - **[Saboten-Con](#)** - Phoenix AZ <http://www.sabotencon.com/> Arizona's Premier Japanese Pop-Culture Convention
340 N 3rd St Phoenix AZ 85004 480-428-2776

NOVEMBER 10-12 2017 - Tucson - Tucson, AZ - <http://www.tusconscificon.com/>

DECEMBER 9 2017 - LIBCON West - Saturday, December 9, 2017 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale, AZ 85302 LIBCON West is Glendale Public Library's pop culture convention! For more information about cosplay and costuming at LIBCON West, please contact Anna at acaggiano@glendaleaz.com. For more information about being a vendor or sponsor, please contact Ray at rceo@glendaleaz.com. For more information about programming, please contact Kearsten at klabrozzi@glendaleaz.com. For more information www.libconwest.weebly.com or www.glendaleaz.com/library

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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