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Recent Events

All quiet on the western front. Last Month's meeting happened before the newsletter went out.



We got a donation. Randal let me know that a lady (Patty Bacon) donated her late aunt's fabric and yarn to the guild. We need to think of something to do with it. I like making crocheted animals from yarn? Ideas?

Reminder for ICG members - The November-December 2017 on-line edition of the ICG's newsletter, *The International Costumer*, is available, featuring President's Message, The Costume Making Guide: A Book Review, and more.

Also see end of newsletter. Your editor is sharing some more of here vacation costume pics. The bands at the elbows of the women's' sleeves indicate that they are married. That's a different convention.

Minutes

SWCG meeting, 12 Nov 2017

Attending: Mahala, Sharan, Jean, Paula, Tasha – and we had a guest, Debbie Burns

After class, we went to McDonalds and had a brief meeting to discuss our next meeting and Libcon.

Next meeting: Dec 3rd at Jean's. (tentative)

LibCon – what to do for children's activities?

Paula brought a fairy coloring book fo4 show an tell – gave her \$5 to buy 5 more.

Mahala wanted to do paper dolls – brought some for show and tell. Approved to copy the blond boy and girl on card stock. Decide how much time and energy to expend to either outline some costumes for them or get tracking paper so kids can trace over and design costumes on their own

Sharan has some yarn and beads and knows how to make friendship bracelets. Anybody with more such stash bring it, and Sharan will do a session. Boys can make one for their mom for Christmas.

Idea: Christmas ornaments to color cut out of cardstock? This might appeal to boys.

Tasha: Bring her stash of colored pencils and crayons.

Meeting started about 3:45 and broke up about 4:20

Notes by Tasha

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.*

November 17-19, 2017 at that McCormick Resort hotel 7700 East McCormick Parkway.

Arizona Furcon www.Arizonafurcon.com They have a fursuit parade on the Saturday afternoon

The panels are interesting and helpful ... all the way from G to XX late nite panels. Also the dealers room has lot of items for sale ... as well as artwork, coloring books, and comic books that venture into worlds of art not seen at the usual cons with their cats, fairies, and butterflies artworks.



DECEMBER 9 - MESA BOOK FESTIVAL - Saturday December 9 from 2pm to 8pm - 85 vendors with books and authors of all genres - Free to the Public - Open Mic Poetry - Authors Presentations and Panels - A whole lot more! For more info <https://mesabookfestival.com/> (There might be costume books? And most of us like science fiction.)

DECEMBER 9 2017 - LIBCON West - Saturday, December 9, 2017, from 11 AM - 5 PM

Glendale Public Library (Main) 5959 W. Brown St., Glendale, AZ 85302 libconwest.weebly.com
Anna Caggiano, Cosplay Coordinator 623-930-3439 (work) acaggiano@glendaleaz.com
Points to remember:

Any prop weapons will be peace-bonded during registration. No real weapons will be allowed.

We will again be featuring a cosplayer lounge. We have two very small changing rooms in the auditorium which will be available before 11 AM, plus two staff restrooms which can be used as changing rooms throughout the day.

This year, we'll be providing a photo area in the library lobby featuring backdrops and possibly a green screen, with scheduled times for different cosplay groups to pose for photos with attendees. This schedule will be emailed to you before the event, posted by the photo area, and included in your registration packet. If you have a preference for certain times, please let us know.

If any members of your group are interested in participating in some of our panels and events, such as Cosplay Bingo, Superhero Training Academy, So You Wanna Be a Cosplayer, Cosplay Storytime, etc., please contact Kearsten LaBrozzi, the LIBCON West Programming Coordinator, at KLaBrozzi@GLENDALEAZ.com.

January 13-15 2018 - Ace Comic Con, a three-day event aimed at the geek community, will reportedly take over Gila River Arena in Glendale and offer an "immersive" experience for attendees (New Times)

May 11-14, 2018 – CostumeCon 36, San Diego, Ca. <http://cc36sandiego.org/>

[May 24-27 2018 – ComicCon, Phoenix.](#)

In order to ensure the safety and security of all of our exhibitors, guests, attendees, and staff, our parent company, Square Egg Entertainment, has revised its Safety and Security Policies & Procedures, including cosplay and prop weapon policies, for all our events. Updated information is available now on our website. <https://phoenixcomicon.com/info/costume-weapons-policy/>

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

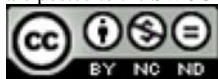
I'll be posting more information on a semi-regular basis.

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

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Our guide in Ulan Ude, in Siberia, just north of Mongolia, shared these.