



Cactus Needles

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Recent Events



From the April Meeting –Baroness Dala showing us how to layout a Viking dress

Briefs



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I finally got around to checking that website www.animalheadbackpack.com that I mentioned when I replied back to you a day or so about your white tiger mask and that Chuck could use this for his backside . – From John A

This is a great slideshow of 1920s cloche hats.

<https://www.facebook.com/Thestorybookofdreamsandbeauty/videos/1212778802160041/UzpfSTEzODYzMDU5NjA6MTAyMTEzNjA4NjAyODIzNDM/>

from Tasha.

Minutes

Guild Activity April 8, 2018 – Viking Dress

Witnessed by the Veep, Randall (Secretary is still ill)

We gathered in the back classroom at 35th Avenue Sew & Vac on April 8, 2018. Members present were Paula, Mahala, Sharan, Jean and Randall, along with special guest teacher Baroness Dala.

Dala showed us the basic cut of Viking gowns and tunics, bringing many excellent examples. Noteworthy features of these garments arise from the narrow fabric bolts in use at the time. Hence the garments are built around rectangular middle strips about 18 inches wide, with fullness provided by triangular gores and gussets sewn in at the sides.

Dala ran us through the necessary measurements and helped draft personalized patterns onto wrapping paper.

No official business meeting was declared, but some news and show & tell were exchanged.

Mahala has found some novelty mini masks with the idea that these could be incorporated into large scale patches or mini banners of the SWCG mask-over-AZ flag logo.

Randall showed around the new plot of his Randwulf's Armin Coif pattern. No big changes to the pattern, just the opportunity to use improved printing technology to make a clearer master copy of this simple under-helmet clothing accessory.

We have been contacted by the Florence Public Library, which is hosting a half-day library con on June 23 (see calendar and web page for details).

LepreCon 44 is back on schedule for the weekend of June 22, 2018 at the newly remodeled Doubletree at MetroCenter in Phoenix. At a hotel walk-through a few days after our meeting, Samantha Kitts took over as Masquerade Director.

After 72 years of delighting the local costuming community, Easley's Fun Shop will close its doors after this year's Halloween season.

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.*

Reynolds Advanced Materials Schedule

Event	Date	Time	Cost
Introduction to Life Casting & Skin F/X Seminar	April 27, 2018	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$75.00 Per Person
Basics of Mold Making & Casting	June 22, 2018	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	\$75.00 Per Person
Let's Talk About Epoxy Putties	August 17, 2018	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Free
Basics of Mold Making & Casting	September 14, 2018	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	\$75.00 Per Person
Let's Talk About Making On-Skin Wounds with Silicone Rubber	October 19, 2018	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Free
Basics of Mold Making & Casting	November 2, 2018	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	\$75.00 Per Person

April 29th – May 2nd. Sony Pictures Presents Labyrinth (1986) Three Day Fan Celebration Journey into Jim Henson's magical Labyrinth when the 1986 fantasy-adventure returns to the big screen for three days only as a nationwide fan celebration. Audiences are encouraged to attend the screenings in costume to celebrate the nostalgia, music and legacy of this beloved film. However masks, face-concealing make-up, fake weapons as well as any costumes that conceal what you are carrying, your natural body shape or face are strictly prohibited. 7pm. Also 2pm on the 29th. 2 theaters <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/labyrinth>
Cinemark 16 Mesa 1051 N. Dobson Road, Mesa, AZ 85201
Ahwatukee 24 4915 E Ray Road, Phoenix, AZ 85044

***May 6th** – stitch and bitch at Paula's - follow up on the Viking Patterns

May 11th 2018 – Mesa 2nd Friday – Sci Fri Friday

May 11-14 2018 – Costume Con. San Diego <http://cc36sandiego.org/>

The theme will be "Ports of Call" and you can interpret that as broadly as you like. Maybe you're captain of a dirigible tethered in town. Or perhaps you work on an intergalactic cruiser currently in orbit. Maybe the year is 1942 and you're shipping out to the South Pacific.

Arizona Haunters (azhaunters.com) Sunday, May 20th, 10AM HeatSync Labs Shiatsu
Massager Hack

Shiatsu messagers are a versatile option for those who want some motion in their haunt. Most common for zombie groundbreakers or zombie escapes, For this make and take we'll focus on putting together the basic understructure and how to control the motion. How you "skin" your creation will be up to you.

What you'll need: -Shiatsu messenger - the neck ones work best, but I've seen the others used equally effectively. Check garage sales,

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/>

***June 3rd – brass etching demo at Tasha's (It did sound fishy last month when it was misspelled 'bass')**

June 22-24 Leprecon

[DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North](#) 10220 N Metro Pkwy E, Phoenix, Arizona 85051

***July 1 – 35th Ave Sew and Vac – demo – how to make a soft tricorne hat**

July 4-8 2018 Westercon 71 in Denver <http://www.westercon71.com/>

July 13-15 Mad Monster Party <http://madmonster.com/events/arizona2018/>

WE-KO-PA RESORT 10438 N. Fort McDowell Rd. Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, AZ 85264

DEALER ROOM HOURS: FRIDAY 6pm-11pm SATURDAY 11am-7pm SUNDAY

11am-5pm

CHECK EVENT PAGE FOR AFTER-HOUR EVENTS!

July 28th Prescott Valley Library Con - SWCG invited, still finding out details

***August 5th – Swim party at Jean / Nola's**

Aug 16-20 Worldcon 76 in San Jose <http://www.worldcon76.org>

Aug 24-26 Bubonicon 50 Albuquerque NM www.bubonicon.com

Aug 31st – Sept 3rd 2018 - CoKoCon – Phoenix <http://www.cokocon.org/>

Check out WesternSFA and CASFS's new event **CoKoCon**, a traditional science fiction convention in Phoenix, AZ. We'll be hosting guests of honor, an art show, merchant room, gaming, filk, parties, you name it! Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix North, 10220 N Metro Parkway E, Phoenix AZ Memberships limited to 500.

***September 2nd – tentative – beading workshop at at bead shop**

September 14th 2018 – Mesa 2nd Friday - Pirates Block Party

October 12th 2018 – Mesa 2nd Friday – Nightmare on Main

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 or Aurora Celeste auroraceleste@gmail.com

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