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Recent Events

Your editor went to Costume Con (which is why this edition is late and thin). She promises details in next month's issue.



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!!!

Disaster Strikes

IT DISAPPEARED! By Mahala Sweebe

Michael's Has Moved!!!

Several weeks ago I went to my local Michael's Store at 59th Avenue & Bell in Glendale. It's on the same corner as Walmart and next door to the Dollar Tree, which used to be Anna's Linens. It's two miles from my house and the three stores are very convenient for shopping. If I can't find anything at one of the three stores, then I have to go to the JoAnne's at 87th & Bell, driving thru heavy traffic at Arrowhead Mall.

I just wanted a couple of things and drove there only to find an empty store. There was a sign on the door saying that they have moved to 7320 W. Bell. It's on the north side of the road, between stoplights at 73 Ave. & 75th Ave. The new store is in the same parking lot as Toys 'R Us, which ironically is closing their store and will be another empty store. Toys 'R Us is on the west corner of the building and Michael's is on the east end, next to Bed, Bath and Beyond.

I went to the new location this week. The building is larger, the layout is different, and has more merchandise. It still has a new store smell, is very clean and well lit, easy to find restrooms and water fountain. The clerk I talked to said they had been open for a little over a month. That was in March, now it's the beginning of May.

The new location is about a mile from JoAnne's, with Party City halfway between and Hobby Lobby across the street. Convenient if you are in the Arrowhead area, but I'm going to miss the old location.

Store Review by Paula

I found a new source for stage makeup, costumes and props very close to my place. I've passed it so often but finally decided to stop in last week. Since Bubbles Of Joy closed and Bert Easley's will be gone after Halloween this year, we're left without a source of good stage makeup and other costume supplies. Fun Services has it all! And it seems to me they actually have more than Bubbles did--and they had quite a lot. They carry a huge selection of Ben Bye which is a professional line used for movie and stage productions. They also carry Mehron, another professional line. They also have the less expensive kinds like you find at Wal-Mart and other stores during Halloween season, but they have these year 'round. I had nice talk with Dawn at the store and when I told her about our Guild, she took info off our business card and registered it so any member mentioning as being with the SWCG will get a 10% discount. They have a website: www.azfunparty.com. Email: info@azfunparty.com. ph: (480) 967-7129. Address: 1938 E. Broadway. Tempe, 85282.

Don't be fooled by the apparent size from outside; the place is huge and it is crammed with all sorts of fun costume stuff!



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
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

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** – bass etching demo at Tasha's

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

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

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.

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