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Recent Events

John A's musings on Costume Con

That was a very nice Costumecon and terrific weather dropping from 105 in Phoenix and flying into 65 degree weather and nice evening breezes.

I really appreciated the nice cooler overcast weather. You don't ever see that in Phoenix.

But after a week of CostumeCon, all the time driving and getting lost at intersections, and the thrift store shopping around San Diego, Pacific Beach Garnet Avenue, and thrifts around 5th Avenue/Balboa area me and my pocketbook are more into going to a "Relax-a-con" rather than August's hectic and huge Worldcon in San Jose. So at the moment I am more thinking of staying a supporting member and not paying the last \$140 part by May 30th so I don't have to deal with driving in SFO traffic and my pocketbook being temped by a much larger dealer's room, and just as many surrounding thrift stores. Also from all the horror stories hear I am not ready for another con with judges taking WELL OVER 2 hours to only judge 33 entries.

I have three incoming FED EX boxes mailed from the 24 hour FED EX store next door at Hazard Center and a Tuesday morning mailing from the Pacific Beach Post Office after finding more reference books on Garnet street that morning after already packing for airport. It's the old "Get it when you see it (and it fits) or you will never see it when you need it" so I now have many more pieces of nicely jeweled jewelry pieces, a top hat, an Austrian hat, and many more books.

I guess I got off lucky at the Costume Con dealers room ... as all the period hats I coveted were antiques ...so too small for modern people to wear. Also I guess I need to also stay away from next week's Phoenix Con dealers room .as I already have two good light sabers and the new

winged pirate tri-corn hat and pirate full length coat that I wore Sunday nite and justified their pricey purchase with well now I have one to wear and something to use as a pattern for a zombie or a ghost pirate costume at a future date.

Tasha's notes on the ICG meeting

One focus will be getting the archives up on line

They want to work on their new social media channels, like SLAKER

Chapters are encouraged to work with other costume related groups in town (like the 501st)



Elaine Mami wins Lifetime Achievement Award at Costume Con - here is a link to the writeup on costume.org: <http://costume.org/wp/2018/05/21/2018-icg-presidents-and-lifetime-achievement-awards/>

See some pictures from costume con at the end of the newsletter.

Minutes

SWCG Meeting May 6, 2018 at Paula's Place

Notes by VP Randall

Present were Paula, Sharan, Mahala, Randall.

This was a casual S&B session following up on the Viking pattern drafting session last month. A brief business meeting was convened at 3:24 PM.

Randall passed around proxy forms for the ICG Annual Meeting to be held the following weekend at Costume-Con 36. He subsequently scanned and e-mailed them to Tasha.

Mahala is missing a white canvas bag with red lettering, possibly left behind last meeting. Have you seen it?

Sharan explained her plan to set up a small credit union account from which honoraria for guest speakers and teachers can be paid. A vote was not taken. There was much discussion about our recent experiences with different speakers.

Show & Tell – Mahala passed around the latest issue of Cosplay Culture Magazine.

Next meeting will be at Tasha's place on June 3. Randall will demonstrate a relatively simple etching technique for copper, brass and bronze. Bring Sharpie brand permanent markers and maybe a small brass object with a flat face, like a belt buckle.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:13 PM.

SWCG meeting 3 June at Tasha's

Notes by Treasurer Tasha

Present were Paula, Mahala, Tasha

Our scheduled presenter had an emergency and couldn't make the meeting. So it wound up being mostly a show and tell by Tasha from her trip to Costume Con. No business meeting was held. We kind of started about 1:50pm

Tasha talked about four things she'd learned about at Costume Con

- 1) Cockades – these had been brought up at a previous meeting. Tasha had tried to make one and failed. Having SEEN it done, and making one, is different. They need a TON of simple pins. And a wider ribbon.
- 2) Medals – how to turn a foreign coin into a 'military' medal for costumes. The only hard part is drilling a hole in the coin,
- 3) Medicine bag – this was to show how to do edge beading, really pretty.
- 4) Bandoliers – two tricks: put a weight at the hip to counterbalance anything hung on the, and cross the straps at the hip, trying to buckle them like a belt doesn't lie right.

We also discussed *doing* more things. Tasha has an idea for a 'surprise challenge' for the next open meeting at her place.

We informally ended about 4.30pm

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

JUNE 15-16 – InterGalactiCon <https://www.intergalacticonsd.com/2018-con>

Town and Country Resort Hotel - 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108

The inaugural InterGalactiCon will be a con for the fans, by the fans, and of the fans. Speakers will present in more engaging settings. Parties, events and social lounges will bring fans together for face-to-face fun. Heroes will hang with villains. Stormtroopers will photobomb Klingons. It will be a weird and wonderful good time.

JUNE 22-24 - LepreCon - Science Fiction convention at the Doubletree North Phoenix. For more info www.leprecon44.org Masquerade Director Sam has put up a page for the LepreCon 44 Masquerade coming next month at <https://leprecon44.org/masquerade> The page includes links to online signup forms for contestants and volunteers. She has also chosen judges and her MC.

***July 1 – 35th Ave Sew and Vac – demo – how to make a soft tricorn 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 a bead shop**

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

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

DECEMBER 8 - SATURDAY - LIBCON West Is Coming! Saturday, December 8, 11 AM-5 PM at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.) Get ready to let loose, drop in, and geek out! Glendale Public Library is proud to present our third annual library comic convention. Celebrate all things pop culture, with cosplay, gaming, crafts, stories, trivia, vendors, food trucks, prizes and more at this free, family-friendly event. We have activities for all ages! For more information, visit <http://www.libconwest.org>. The Guild has been invited and we should have a presence there!

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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Left to right – Part of Nola's grand historical masquerade display, an adorable steam-punk doggy in goggles and just an attendee in line with us for a masquerade. More next month. We weren't really good at taking photos.