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Recent Events

Your poor editor has been let down. She didn't make the January meeting and no one sent her any info. (Or if they did, it got lost in the SPAM folder ☹)

Below is a link to photos from Libcon West in December: Many thanks to Julio Copelly, the very talented volunteer photographer, for taking so many gorgeous images Almost 400 photos from LIBCON West 2018 are now available on our Flickr account:

<https://www.flickr.com/gp/145357293@N07/6Q5B46>



Briefs

(SEND ME MORE!!! – Always)

Randal thinks this is a worthwhile link. So does your editor. (Of course, being costumers we COULD make these ourselves!)

'Cause those Turks really know Viking. Maybe the Varangian Guard stayed longer than we think?

ByCalvina ONLINE SHOP : <https://bycalvina.com/> I can't reach this link, but I can get this one: <https://bycalvina.us/>

From the ICG: It's that time of year again and it's early this year! Lifetime Achievement Award Nominations are due soon! (We can discuss this in February.)

Yes, I do have ethnic costume photos!

This row is Panamanian Indians



Above is a Costa Rican dance troop. The other 3 are from Fantasy Fest in the Conch Republic (Key West)



John A found something called The Desert Shamrock - <http://desertshamrock.com/> Looks like a Celtic Community news letter. I'm going to include some events in the Calendar.

Minutes

Hopefully they are on the webpage.

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.*

Jan 19th 2019 – Super hero Saturday 12pm-5pm 2200 N Central Ave, Phoenix – attendees are encouraged to come in costume, there will be a masquerade.

January 26, 2019 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Tempe Public Library is hosting its annual **Library FanCon** (formerly known as Comicon)

Jan 31-Feb 2 2019 10 AM - 5 PM Thursday & Friday, 10 AM - 4 PM Saturday



1826 West McDowell Rd Phoenix AZ 85007 (19th Ave & McDowell) **ADMISSION:** \$12 for 3 Days
\$2 OFF with coupon or postcard <https://quiltcraftsew.com/Phoenix/admission-coupon.pdf>

***Feb 3rd – Guild meeting at Tasha's.** election, brainstorming, and taking about Viking shoes.

Feb 7-9 Embroidery/Craft class 35th Ave Swe and Vac, 3548 W Northern Phoenix 9am – 5pm \$199.99

3 DAY EVENT

Whether your passion is embroidery or digital cutting, these projects are easy, fun and trendy. Learn the ABC's and 123's of designing projects

from start to finish, perfect for beginners to seasoned crafters. EVERYTHING will be provided for the event from machines and threads to food and fun!

Feb 9th –8am – 6pm VNSA Used Book Sale – Az State Fairgrounds

Feb 17-25th SCA Estrella War - Schneff Farms, Queen Creek

Feb 18-24 SASS Winter Range – Ben Avery Range, I-17 and Carefree Highway

Feb 23-24 10am-5pm Matsuri Festival 115 N 6th St, Phoenix

***March 17th - Guild meeting at Tasha's.** – St Patrick's day party – please come in related costume.

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

March 30 2019 – Tucson Time Traveler’s Masquerade. 12pm – 11pm – 160 S Scott Ave, Tucson – theme is Heaven and Hell. 21 and over.

APRIL 18-21, 2019 - LepreCon 45 –

Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix North, 10220 N Metro Parkway E, Phoenix AZ. Rooms \$92, Suites \$102. There will be a charity auction and we welcome donations. Please contact our Charity Auction Director thru the website. More info at www.leprecon.org

July 4-7 Westercon, Layton Utah. Combined with the 2019 North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC) and 1632 MiniCon under the convention name “SpikeCon”

July 20-21 2019 – Ittty Bitty Fur Con 11am – 5pm Mesa Convention Center

July 20 & 21, 2019 Arizona Highland Celtic Festival – Ft. Tuthill, Flagstaff_ 9am-6pm/9am-4pm
<http://www.nachs.info/>

August 15 – 19, 2019 Worldcon - Convention Centre Dublin -

Aug 30th -Sept 2nd 2019 CoKoCon

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October 25th – 27th 2019 – Music Furstival – 11am – 6pm Arizona Furcon 200 N Centennial way, Mesa

Westercon 73, July 2-5, 2020, Seattle (SeaTac) WA

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