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Recent Events

War IS hell.

Your editor went to Estrella war, and helped out at Alter Years on merchant's row. In return, we got a table for our hats. We sold 3. It was the coldest, wettest, war, in combination, that your editor remembers in 20+ years of Estrella wars. The mud tried to suck your shoes off.

Bookman's proposed "Handmade" event has been cancelled until further notice.

Costume Con was appealing for Hospitality Suite sponsors, but we heard about it a bit late to discuss, and none of us are going.

We have an invitation to participate in the Florence Library Con.

The Florence Community Library (Florence, AZ) will be hosting our third library ComiCon on Saturday, June 22. We would be very happy if some representatives of your group would attend in costume, to interact with and provide photo ops for our patrons. If any members of your group would also be interested in participating in a panel or assisting with programs (Storytimes, Craft activities, etc.), we would certainly appreciate that as well.



Briefs **(SEND ME MORE!!! – Always)**

John A sent in some interesting fuzzy pictures from an event he recently attended



Minutes

March meeting will be held after the newsletter goes out.

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.*

***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 7 Guild meeting at Tasha's** place, 11 AM - Make stuff. Use up some of the donated fabrics. Likely to focus on bags but ideas are welcome. Bring your machine and sewing kit.

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

***May 5 Guild Meeting at Jean and Nola's place** – Personal Projects (stitch and something).

***June 2 Guild meeting** – Topic to be announced at 35th Avenue Sew & Vac, assuming the venue is available.

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 14 Guild meeting at Cady Creedance Classic** – Pool party with fantastic sea creatures theme (Tasha wants to get some use out of her mermaid tail)

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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***September 1 Guild meeting at Randall's** (if venue is available) – Brass etching.

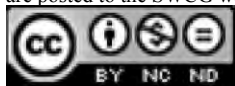
***October 6 Guild meeting at Paula's** – Dyeing. Maybe silk dyeing, maybe another technique.

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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