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Recent Events

Randall has his info for the Haunted swap meet! Stay tuned. The witches hats we made last month may go well!



Briefs

(SEND ME MORE!!! – Always)

BOOK REVIEW

Creating Celtic Knotwork A Fresh Approach to Traditional Design by Cari Buziak

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Recently when I went to Jo-Ann's with a 40% off coupon, I found a Dover Publications book, title and author listed above. 40+ years ago, a friend had a Dover book on how to construct Celtic borders and designs. I have no idea what the name was. My memory is hazy, but as I remember, it was a great book for the beginner and the more advanced.

Now, here is a new book with different construction techniques. The back cover says this is a newly revised edition with "a wealth of added material and revisions." Not to get too technical (you'll have to buy the book for that) but it uses a grid made up of alternating large and small dots on graph paper.

It starts with creating traditional Celtic knotwork, then modifying it with several variations. Then it shows how to make a trefoil knot. From there it goes on to show borders and corners, knotting in a ring, several kinds of crosses, spirals, maze and step patterns, and incorporating animals and people into the designs. In the last chapter, it talks about techniques and materials, including how to transfer a design.

There are a lot of directions with diagrams showing the steps to create the finished design. Some are in color so you can see how to do shading to give them more dimension. After looking at the finished drawings I was able to recognize different elements that went into it. Something so elaborate and complex became a mixture of four or five simple parts.

On the inside back cover are listed about 50 Dover books with a Celtic or Irish theme, including several on art design and construction. Also, Irish lace and crochet. Perhaps my old knotwork book is one of them. Perhaps not.

I'm pleased with this book. I can understand the directions. I'd recommend this book to anyone who wants to be creative and make their own embroidery patterns or artwork or whatever.

--- by Mahala Sweebe

Minutes

SWCG Meeting June 2, 2109 at 35th Avenue Sew & Vac
Witnessed by Randall

Present were John, Paula, Jean, Tasha, Mahala and Randall

This was a casual steach & beach personal projects get together. Paula worked on cutting a cape. Tasha worked on needlepoint. John brought a leather tricorn for show & tell.

Conversation was wide-ranging, from travel to real estate. Costumers & cats are a natural combination. Paula brought pictures of her new kitty, Marmalade. Randall showed pictures of his kittens Skipper and Yoda and mourned the recent passing of Raven. John shared some humorous cat articles from Readers Digest.

Informal business centered on suggestions for future meetings. Tasha's idea for a Hunt Breakfast will likely happen early next year. July 14, 2019 will be a pool party at the Cady residence on Creedance with a theme of fantastical sea creatures.

The August 4 meeting will be an ice cream social. Our favorite local place, Mary Coyle's, is in the process of moving to a new suite, so they are not available. Alternative venues are being considered. December will be a holiday party at Paula's. November may be a post-Halloween celebration.

Alternative venues are being considered for the photos in the park workshop, perhaps Washington Park at 21st Avenue & Maryland – It has a senior center with a sewing room. Perhaps Mariposa Park at 31st Avenue & Belmont , near Jean's old place.

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.*

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/>

July 27th – Harry Potter event (costume!) Triwizard Tournament at Changing Hands Bookstore. 300 W Camelback Rd. , Phoenix. 8-11pm

***August 4th – Guild meeting** – Victorian Ice-cream Social – venue to be announced

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

Aug 30th -Sept 2nd 2019 CoKoCon

Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix North, 10220 N Metro Parkway E, Phoenix AZ. Rooms \$92, Suites \$102. **Memberships limited to 500.** There will be a charity auction and we welcome donations. Please contact our Charity Auction Director thru the website. More info at www.cokocon.org

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

September 28th – Metro Center – Haunted Swap Meet

***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

November 3rd – Guild Meeting (probably – need to be sure bvenue is available) – Washington Adult Center 2240 W Citrus Way, Phoenix., Late Halloween party and make Christmas crafts.

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

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