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Recent Events

We have a new member! Welcome Addison! Paula met her wearing a costume at Fry's. I can't wait to meet her in person.



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!

Thank you Mahala for INPUT!

Back in the Good Ole' Days. . .

By Mahala Sweebe

I found the following in one of my mother's old cookbooks. It was full of clippings, mostly recipes, but also other miscellaneous items of interest. This is from a farm journal printed in the late 1930's. Some of the methods and supplies the farm wife had to use were certainly unusual by today's standards. I don't know what "iron mold" or "salts of lemon" are, but here is a new (old) use for black pepper.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS

For Wash Day

Add a handful of table salt to the rinse water and your clothes will not freeze while you are hanging them out.

A tablespoon of black pepper added to the first suds in which you are washing cottons will keep the colors from running.

When you are washing and rinsing colored materials a teaspoon of Epsom Salts added to each gallon of water will prevent even the most delicate shades from fading or running.

Removing Stains and Spots

Wet ink stains may be removed by washing in milk or, better still, buttermilk. Wash, changing the milk frequently.

To remove iron mold or dry ink from materials, steep the material in a hot solution of salts of lemon; one tablespoon of salts to one quart of boiling water; or, simply place the stained part over a basin, cover the stains with salts, and pour the boiling water through. Repeat if necessary.

Table salt and cream of tartar, equal parts, will remove rust stains. Wet the spot and spread the mixture on thickly then place the material in the sun.

To remove iodine stains from linens, rub the stained area with a slice of lemon.

Odds and Ends

After oiling the sewing machine it is a good idea to sew through a blotter so that the blotter may absorb the surplus oil which otherwise might stain the next fabric to be placed under the machine needle.

Pictures!

I have a crafty daughter-in-law. The black 'predator' mask is for her husband, my son. She did a fang one and I had her make me one, its reversable. Poison was her first attempt. The Picachu is using fabric paint.





Randall Ramblings

I am still making masks for healthcare workers via the program Frances is helping administer. Got eight finished today and I expect to get the rest of the kit finished sometime tomorrow. I am using the University of Florida pattern, which looks complicated at first but is actually pretty intuitive. These kits use pipe cleaners for the nose wire and elastic ear loops rather than ties, but do use the Halyard 600 medical filter fabric. For civilian use, the pattern works fine with other fabrics and I have made several from fun fabrics for myself and friends.

I am not confident that the COVID peak will have passed by the end of the month so we can have an in-person meeting. We shall have to keep watching.

In the meantime, I would be game to host a Guild meeting on Zoom. I have the professional level subscription, so I can host without time limits. I have been doing this for CASFS business meetings and the book social over the last three months. Dr. Dave performs the same service for UFP through his account as an ASU professor.

Zoom is actually pretty friendly to access. You can even use a land line phone if you don't have any internet-enabled devices.

- Ye editor had had to learn how to do this social media face to face thing for work. I have now used Zoom, Microsoft teams, and go-to-meeting. It is possible.

Minutes

The July meeting was also cancelled

August meeting is on hold

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.*

Worldcon ConZealand 2020 – July 29 – 2 August (<http://www.worldcon.org/>)

The 2020 Worldcon, CoNZealand, scheduled for 29 July – 2 August 2020 in Wellington, New Zealand, has announced that they will be a “virtual online convention” only. See the [statement from the CoNZealand committee](#) regarding their current plans.

CoKoCon, September 4-7, 2020. ~~Cancelled~~, CoKoCon will return in 2021 on Labor Day weekend. More info at www.cokocon.org

AZ Haunters Haunted Swap Meet / AZ Halloween Marketplace in 2020 - Cancelled

We know that many people will be disappointed in this decision, but none more so than us. Even after losing our venue [Metro Center], we continued to pursue other options. In the end, concern for the health of our artisans and patrons, combined with the uncertainty and unpredictability of COVID-related restrictions (or even potential prohibitions) on events, took priority.

Rest assured that we will dedicate our time and energy to making 2021 as great as we can. In the meantime, we encourage our vendors to continue posting their wares on the Marketplace Facebook group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AZHalloweenMarketplace/>

Thank you for supporting AZ Haunters and the AZ Halloween Marketplace. Together we can weather this storm, and ensure that Arizonans' love of Halloween continues to grow and thrive in the years ahead!

Tuscon 47 Nov 13-15 2020 <https://tusconscificon.com/>

Current plans are to hold the con at the hotel, but the committee is monitoring the situation closely. Hotel is Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites, 5151 E Grant Rd, Tucson, Az 85712.

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