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Recent Events

As the old SCA birthday song says – “Doom and gloom and dark despair, people dying everywhere”



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!

Here are a couple of interesting costume related links that came the way of ye editor.

Ancient Greek and Roman Clothing

https://www.thoughtco.com/ancient-greek-and-roman-clothing-117919?utm_campaign=wilat&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cn_nl&utm_content=21274621&utm_term=onetapTWT

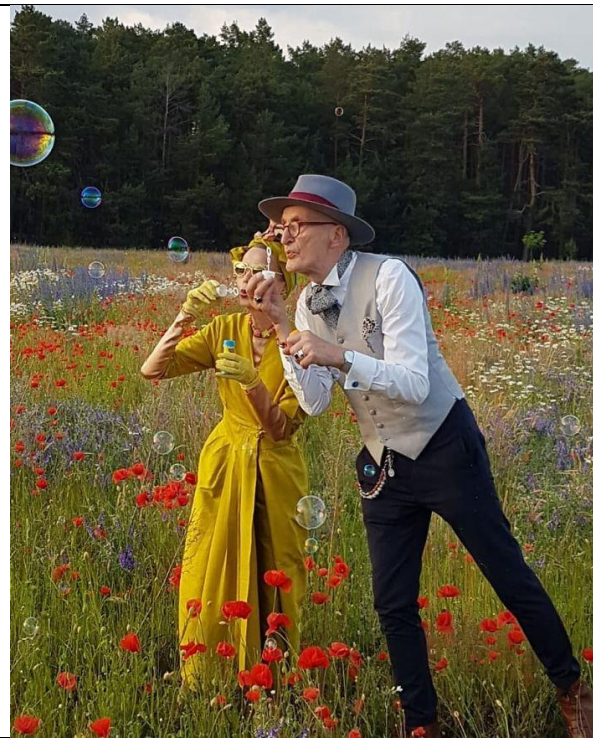
This has some other nice links. I think Greek women’s outfits are perfect for summer SCA events in Phoenix.

Elderly German Couple who go out dressed to the nines as they or their parents did when they were younger. This has a bunch of ads in it, but the photos are great. They look like they are having so much fun!

<https://flip.it/5wM0v1> (Thank you bored panda)

Below are just a few of the images. I love how she always has a hat and gloves. The sceneries are in and around Berlin. The Palace is Sanssouci Palace, an example of German rococo architecture, built by Prussian king Frederick the Great in the 18th century.

Thanks to Randal for the update on Renaissance Magazine.



Renaissance Magazine has ceased publishing

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that we announce the insolvency and closure of Renaissance Magazine, first published in 1996. The company cannot offer any cash compensation for unfulfilled subscriptions due to its insolvency, but to serve our supporters as best as possible, we have made all 27 issues that exist in digital format available for free download on our website. The site will remain available until the end of May 2021.

Visit the [Digital Issues](#) page on our website to download the files.

Godspeed to you all!

Also thanks to Randal - here's a link to what's happening with the Greater Bay Area Consumers Guild

<https://mailchi.mp/5b93c865d2f1/september-announcements?e=41472050fe>

They are having to cancel get-togethers also.

Minutes

No minutes, but a couple of minutes of humor (thanks to laughoutloud@thinkandlaughdaily.net)

Insightful/Humorous Quote

Aim for the moon. If you miss, you may hit a star. W. Clement Stone

Laugh of the Day (

Q: How do mermaids give birth? Via Sea-Section.

Punny Thought

If cats could text you back- they wouldn't.

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.*

Library Con Online Sept 14-28

A Virtual Festival for Book Nerds, Graphic Novel Fans, Sci-fi & Fantasy

September 14 - 28

We want to see your fan enthusiasm!

To help us celebrate our love of Fandoms, we invite you to send us your best photos of:

- Cosplay, Costumes or Makeup
- At Home Fan Collection/Shrine
- Epic Book Collection
- Fan Art

Anything from heroes, villains, book characters, pets, family, makeup and more. Showcase what makes you love your fandom! We will take these pictures and create Galleries that will be shared throughout [LibraryCon Online](#).



[Submit a Fandom Picture Today!](#)

[LibraryCon Online](#) begins September 14 with on-demand events, gaming tournaments, a digital escape room, and much more. Mark your calendars and join us for two weeks of FAN-tastic fun!

[LibraryCon Online](#)

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AZ Hunters Haunted Swap Meet / AZ Halloween Marketplace in 2020 – Cancelled

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

To Our TusCon Friends:

We sincerely apologize for keeping things in suspense. We have been watching COVID-19 developments, both locally and nationally, over the last several months. The situation with the pandemic is still volatile, and given the ongoing uncertainties and status that change on a weekly basis, we cannot accurately predict what the pandemic conditions will be in November. So, with the primary thought of keeping our attendees and guests safe, we have made the solemn decision to postpone TusCon to next year. All paid TusCon 47/2020 memberships will be rolled over to 2021.

Next year's TusCon will be on November 12th through November 14th, 2021 at our same venue, the Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites 5151 E. Grant Rd., Tucson, AZ 85712. If you have already made reservations, please contact the hotel to change your dates. Jennifer Ashley has graciously agreed to return as our Author Guest of Honor in 2021. Unfortunately, Lubov will be unable to attend TusCon in 2021.

Although we've postponed the in-person convention, we would like to announce that we are currently working on a small Virtual TusCon Convention/Video presentation to be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020. If you have requests or ideas for content, please send an email to basfa@earthlink.net with the subject header "Virtual TusCon".

Please watch this space for any and all further updates, including guests for 2021!

On behalf of TusCon and the TusCon Committee, thank you for all your support. It is deeply appreciated.

Estrealla War 2021 has been postponed until November – details to follow

WildWestCon 2021 is cancelled, and Old Tucson has shut down permanently – Pima county may take it over

WinterRange 22 Feb to 28 Feb 2021 - Currently scheduled, but watch for more info
Ben Avery Shooting Facility
4044 W Black Canyon Blvd
Phoenix, AZ 85086

Leprecon 2021– don't have a date, and it's looking like it will be virtual

Costumecon 2021 – Friday, April 23 – Monday, April 26, 2021. <http://costumecon39.org/>
We are pleased to be back at the Doubletree San Jose for Costume-Con 39. This is the same facility where CC26 was hosted, although there have been some changes in the area, with new food and shopping options.
The DTSJ is located at 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, just a short distance from the San Jose Airport. Reservations are not yet open, but will be obtained through their Passkey system.

Westercon 2021/2022 - <https://westercon73.org/> -

Westercon 73 will now be held in 2021 and Westercon 74 in 2022. There was no Westercon held in 2020. The full joint statement can found in the following [PDF](#)

Seattle is the site of the 73rd Westercon. It will be held from July 1-4, 2021 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Seattle Airport. It is organized under the auspices of SWOC [the Seattle Westercon Organizing Committee]. Attending memberships are available for \$70, with supporting memberships at \$20.

Ye editor does not want to speculate further out

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