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Recent Events

Nothing to report in this section. Just carrying on carrying on.

Doing the newsletter reminds me - Times New Roman- Calibri and Arial walk into a bar and the bartender says- "Sorry- we don't serve your type here."

And for a lot of us who have been inside and not exercising enough - I really want to start a new diet- but I've got too much on my plate right now.

Thanks to - Think&Laugh Daily (laugh@thinkandlaughdaily.com)

Minutes

Still no Minutes - but we do have a fair amount of content this month



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!

From John A , He sent us a link www.retro-stage.com/xmas and some comments

They have wonderful looking period clothing dress designs that look straight out of the Rosemary Clooney White Christmas movie, a very appealing 50's silhouette with great festive holiday colors and fabric pattern prints. A wonderful stuck at home sewing project to copy and make for hall or con costume entry once this Chinese plague goes away and all costumers can gather again safely. Also these would be a good starting off point for a Future

Fashion Folio Holiday party look entry as a sewn costume or the artwork for the Folio page entry. If nothing else these designs are a great newsletter filler to inspire others with costume ideas or to go shopping. They sure beat the crappy way people dress now or have misguided ideas that the 70's and 90's actually had good taste in clothes and are worth remembering.

From the ICG

In Memorium

Bruce Mai is looking for pictures of costumers we have lost in the past year to use in a memorial article in International Costumer and the ICG website. Cat Devereaux was an SWCG member for a while, so it might be appropriate for one of us to send something. I don't have anything useful in my own photo collection

LAA Nominations due by February 22

It is that time of year again, so I want to send out a reminder that any ICG member, chapter, or SIG in good standing may submit nominations for the ICG Lifetime Achievement Award. Nominations may be submitted at any time (see below) to

laa-nomination@costume.org

Nomination criteria are posted on our website at

<http://costume.org/wp/icg-lifetime-achievement-award/>

While nominations may be submitted at any time, the deadline to be considered for a given year is no later than 60 days before our annual members meeting. That had been scheduled for April 23, 2021 (at the now-virtual Costume-Con 39) which would make the 2021 nomination deadline Monday, February 22 at 11:59PM Pacific Time.

It is my intention to hold a Virtual Members Meeting on or about the same time as the original CC39 dates, so the February 22 deadline stands.

I look forward to reviewing your nominations!

Kevin Roche

Costume chat

If you haven't had enough about costuming, Costume Chat has just replaced the defunct ICG-D as a general discussion group on costuming. It's sponsored by the ICG (like the old ICG-D). If you're interested, here's a link: <https://groups.google.com/a/costume.org/g/cos-chat>

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.*

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

WildWestCon 2021 - cancelled,

Old Tucson (as such) has shut down permanently – Pima County is taking over
WWC is planning for March 3-6 2022 - At Old Tucson.

On Sept 14th, Pima County took over the site.

Update: the Old Tucson Task is hoping for a reopening in the fall of 2021

Arizona Ren-Faire Feb/March 2021 - cancelled

WinterRange 22 Feb to 28 Feb 2021 - cancelled

Leprecon 2021 - Due to COVID-19, LepreCon 47 will be virtual from March 19-21, 2021 via Zoom. Artist Guest of Honor (GoH): Jeffrey S. Veregge, an award-winning Native American artist & writer. Also participating will be Artist David Dace and Author Maxwell Alexander Drake. Dace is an illustrator. Musician Alexander James Adams and Author Evan Currie will also be participating. Alec will be doing a Filk Concert

For more information on Event:

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ConChair LepreCon 47

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Costumecon - Not in 2021

2022 should still be held in Maryland. What was planned for 2021 is moving to 2023.

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.

In order to ensure the safety and health of all participants Westercon 73 will be a virtual/online convention. We are still working out key details of what this will entail but some decisions have been established. Virtual Westercon 73 will be held on the originally planned weekend of July 1-4, 2021. Westercon 73 will be offering a film festival, filking, and all the programming that can be managed effectively in an online format. The cost of a full attending membership has been dropped to \$35 for the weekend to reflect the online nature of the convention. Please check our website or [Facebook page](#) for more information and updates as they become available.

Ye editor does not want to speculate further out

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