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### Recent Events

Not much going on - just a couple of requests

Subject: [icg-bod] Request for photos of Jan Price from her family

I had a call from Jan Price's daughter this afternoon, which was lovely if obviously somewhat sad.

As some of you will recall, Jan was somewhat camera shy, and the the family is interested in any photos we might have of her, especially in costume, (and even more so if they are not at Dragon Con as there are more sources for those).

You can drop a note to me with images (or links) and I will pass them on the family; if you are on my FaceBook Friends list I've started a post where people may upload images directly.

Thank you for helping us help her family treasure her memory!

Kevin

From the Arizona Haunters

#### **Want to Party?**

**This year Walpurgisnacht falls on a Friday, so there is no better time!**

**Walpurgisnacht is celebrated each year around April 30. Like Halloween before it, the celebration of St. Walpurga blended with the Viking celebrations of spring, and Walpurgisnacht was born.**

**In Norse traditions - and many others - this night is the time when the boundary between our world and that of the spirits is a bit shaky. Much like Samhain, six months later, Walpurgisnacht is a time to communicate with the spirit world and the fae. Bonfires are traditionally lit to keep away malevolent spirits or those who might do us mischief.**

**In some areas of Europe, Walpurgisnacht is known as a night on which witches and sorcerers gather together to do magic.**

**Anyway... This is a night of gathering, partying, and FIRE! We're looking for a property big enough to host a large gathering and an enormous fire. Do you have such a property? Do you know someone who does?**

**Want to host an army of haunters and a huge fire? Got the space to make it happen with no (ahem) "officials" involved? We don't want any "red and blue" lights busting up the gathering.**

**Let us know [HERE!!](#)**

<https://azhaunters.com/showthread.php?254-Walpurgisnacht-Friday-April-30-2021&p=1014#post1014>

## Minutes

Still no Minutes

But – have a minute of humor ..

Why are cats bad storytellers? Because they only have one tale.

Where does one wall meet the other wall? On the corner.

If a cow doesn't produce milk. Is it a milk dud or an utter failure?

What happens when ducks fly upside down? They quack up.

Why shouldn't you visit an expensive wig shop? It's too high a price 'toupee.'

I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.



**Briefs**

**SEND ME MORE!**

**Shared from BBC: The true story behind England's tea obsession**

<https://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20170823-the-true-story-behind-englands-tea-obsession?ocid=ww.social.link.email>

(since some of us area also teas scouts)

From your editor

Ye editor just finished binge reading the Amelia Peabody mystery series by Elizabeth Peters. The stories span the years from about 1880-1920 and take place mostly in Egypt (which was a British protectorate). Amelia, the heroine / detective tends to comment on the fashions the British and American tourists wear. It was interesting to see the evolution from bustles to flappers.

## 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.*

**Arizona Ren-Faire Feb/March 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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**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.*

**CoKoCon. September 3-6, 2021**

We've been monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely over the past year and, while there's a lot of hope right now with dropping numbers, multiple vaccines and a scientific approach to ending this pandemic, we're not where we need to be yet for a physical convention to happen. In particular, attendance limitations are still in effect and, while we do expect that to change, we don't know how or when it will. Right now, a physical convention is non-viable for us.

Rather than skip two CoKoCons in a row, because we're aching to bring you an event as much as you're aching to attend one, we've made the decision to hold CoKoCon 2021 as a virtual event

As our costs are primarily tied to hosting a physical event and don't apply to a virtual one, we're setting the price for attending virtual CoKoCon 2021 at zero dollars. It won't cost you a dime and, if you've already bought a membership, we'll automatically roll that to next year, when we expect CoKoCon 2022 to be physical.

Website: <http://www.cokocon.org/>  
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CoKoCon/>  
Twitter: <https://www.twitter.com/cokocon1/>  
Address: PO Box 67457, Phoenix, AZ 85081

### **Tuscon 48 Nov 12-14 2021 <https://tusconscificon.com/>**

Tuscon appears to be planning an on-site con – registration is open

<https://tusconscificon.com/tuscon-registration/>

Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites  
5151 East Grant Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712  
Registration is now OPEN!  
[Register Here](#)

### **Loscon Nov26-28 2021 <http://loscon.org/47/>**

At this point, Loscon appears to be coming back to on-site - Marriott Los Angeles Airport Hotel

Ye editor does not want to speculate further out

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