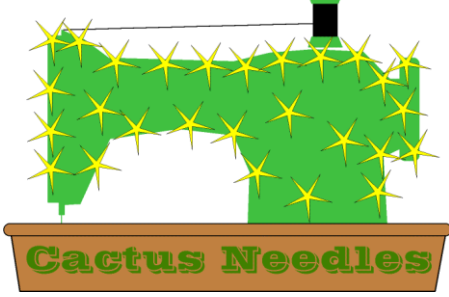


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Recent Events

Through the lens of costumers: The tributes to the late Prince Phillip do offer a costumer a chance to see the evolution of fashion over the past 100 years. Some of them are much more interesting than current fashion. And they tend to be more uniform. Over the past couple of decades, it's gotten to where women can wear just about anything and not be regarded askance – particularly if they don't care about "high fashion", which, to your editor's mind, has gotten very silly.

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The International Costumers Gallery is known as the largest collection of costume photos in the world. It includes photos from science fiction and fantasy conventions, masquerade competitions, fashion shows, historical dress competitions and events, and other costume events and displays.

The Gallery is returning online, featuring new software and new features at a new location: <http://www.icgallery.org/>. Please join us to discover the Gallery's numerous opportunities for entertainment, enjoyment, and research.

The International Costumers' Guild (ICG), founded in 1985, is an affiliation of hobbyist and professional costumers from around the world, dedicated to the promotion and education of costuming as an art form in all its aspects, and to fostering local educational and social costume events

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Minutes

Still no Minutes

But – have a minute of humor ..

Why haven't aliens visited us yet? They looked at the reviews and we only have one star.
What do clouds wear under their shorts? Thunderpants.
How did the pharaoh get so rich? He was running a huge pyramid scheme.
What does a duck call it's doctor? A quack!
What music does the Easter Bunny dance to? Hip-hop.
What goes up & down but doesn't move? The temperature.



Tip from Threads - use a backstitch as less bulky than a know to start or end a seam

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.*

Westercon 2021/2022 - <https://westercon73.org/> - *Westercon 73 will NOT be in-person*

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

FanCon – Saturday January 29 10am – 4pm

The Tempe Public Library is hosting the 2022 Tempe FanCon

Note: Due to Covid-19 the event may look a little different than previous years. Our plans will be fluid and may need adjusting depending on CDC and City of Tempe health guidelines at that time.

Comic and cosplay fans grab your capes and superpowers and come to the Tempe Public Library for a celebration of comics and pop culture. Join us for free family fun including costume contests, authors and artists, entertainment, activities for the kids, photo ops with characters, fandom related items for sale, and food trucks. There is no table fee and the event is free and open to the public.

The event will be held outdoors in the Library plaza.

Ye editor does not want to speculate further out

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