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Recent Events

Good news!



We actually got together. (L to R – Mahala, Tasha, Randall, Paula) at the Denny’s near Mahala and Tasha. Chatted about plans. Mahala passed around some paper doll books.

We are going to have a pool party. The theme is “GERMS”. (If you haven’t been to one of our pool parties, we *try* to at least accessorize our swimsuits per the theme. We’ve had Gilligan’s Island, Victorian, and Sea Monsters in the past. (Ye editor gets to set the theme – it’s my pool)

Bad News!

Beware the scam - - -

Anna received two messages from this scammer. He is pretending to be me and that SWCG is running a charity drive for veterans (something we might well do under other circumstances).

Note that this bcsecnogycom.org e-mail address has nothing to do with me. Apparently the scammer is not spoofing either my aol or southwestcostumersguild.org addresses this time around.

It is a big clue that they expect to be paid in gift cards.

Randall

Nola had to leave Jean here while she went to Tennessee. Jean would love to see some of us – she is at:

Brookdale
4050 E Bluefield Ave
Phoenix AZ 85032

It's near the 101 and Union Hills
They are allowing visitors

Minutes

Still no Minutes - but we had a meeting!

Still – have a minute of humor .(courtesy of laughoutloud@thinkandlaughdaily.net)

These make me think of silly costume ideas

- Q: Why did the banana go out with the prune? Because it couldn't get a date.
Q. Why was the snowman looking through the carrots? He was picking his nose.
Q. Who's the healthiest member of the Army? General Wellbeing
Q. Did you know Davy Crockett had 3 ears? A left ear a right ear and a wild frontier.
Q: What do you call an army of corn? The Musket – ears
Q: What do you call a crab that plays baseball? A pinch hitter.



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!

Thank you, Mahala for some reviews!

Tasha, Randall

I was just on Amazon books and found listings for 21 Dover fashion and costume books, not by Tom Tierney, mostly under \$20 for paperback or Kindle.

There are two of special interest that have flat patterns and sewing & finishing techniques included:

[Authentic Victorian Fashion Patterns: A Complete Lady's Wardrobe \(Dover Fashion and Costumes\)](#) (May 13, 1999) by [Kristina Harris \(Editor\)](#)

[Paperback](#) \$14.99, [Kindle](#) \$9.99

[Authentic Victorian Dressmaking Techniques](#) (Dec 29, 1998) by [Kristina Harris \(Editor\)](#)

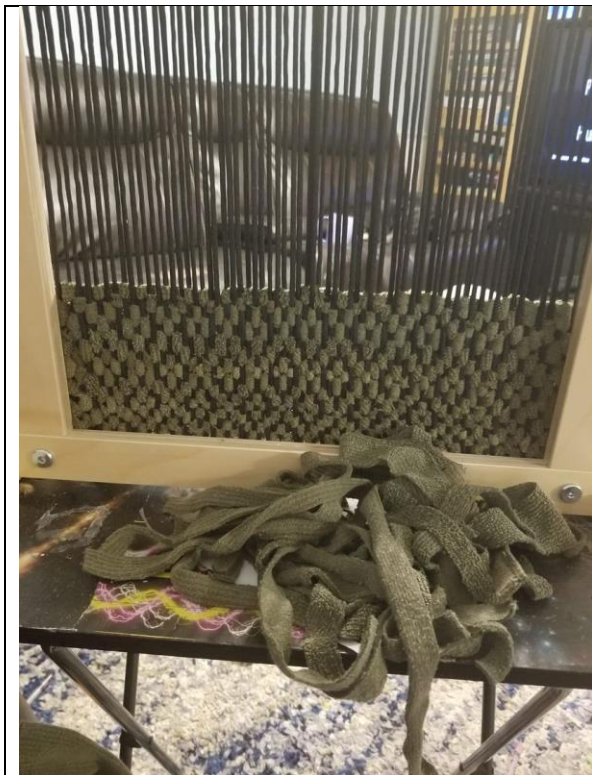
[Paperback](#) \$14.15, [Kindle](#) \$10.49

There's another one that has patterns for ancient Egyptian, Mesopotamian and Persian costumes in two volumes. There's one on 2,000 years of head coverings. And finally:

[A Short History of Costume & Armour: Two Volumes Bound as One \(Dover Fashion and Costumes\) \(Vol 1 & 2\)](#) (Jul 15, 2002) by [Francis M. Kelly \(Author\)](#) , [Randolph Schwabe \(Author\)](#)

Kindle \$14.95, or [Hardcover](#) \$902.81.(several Paperback prices not listed)

Mahala



Ye editor has a very crafty Daughter-in-Law.

This is here latest project.

Does it look like she's a veteran?

Not at weaving – this is pretty new – but those are her old army socks that she will never wear again.

Yeah recycling!

Yeah Megan.

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.*

GUILD SWIM PARTY and Potluck July 25th – 3pm – 6pm

Theme is GERMS

We start later to avoid some of the sun!

Call Randall or Tasha for directions – It's near the waterpark on Pinnacle Peak Road

CoKoCon. September 3-6, 2021

It's FREE to attend, but you do need to register. We recommend you do that soon on our website:

Register: <https://www.cokocon.org/2021/members.html>

We're adding stuff weekly to the website now as we build this virtual event, so we should highlight what's happening.

Website: <http://www.cokocon.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CoKoCon/>

Twitter: <https://www.twitter.com/cokocon1/>

Address: PO Box 67457, Phoenix, AZ 85081

AZ Halloween Marketplace – is cancelled this year

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](#)

Estrella War – Nov 9-15 Estrella is Back - Different month

Peace is over - War is broking out at - Country Thunder Ranch, AZ
([20585 E Water Way](#), Florence, Az)

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.

Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention 10: March 3-6, 2022

We have secured the Westward Look as the venue for Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention 10 and we are very excited for all of the opportunities this provides us. With a remarkable old west feel, this property dates back to 1912 and boasts over 20,000 square feet of event space. We have a dedicated (and air-conditioned!) vendor hall and many more plans in the works.

For the first time, you will be able to enjoy everything Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention has to offer, without a long drive!

Please contact GuestServices@SteampunkAZ.com if you have any questions.

Ye editor does not want to speculate further out

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