



Cactus Needles

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Recent Events



We had a Pool Party (But didn't get IN the water – we didn't want water getting ON us, or lightning. Phoenix monsoon season!) The theme this year was GERMS. Paula, left, brought her alien-germ-in-a-basket. Tasha, right, is wearing a germ hat – the basic color is camouflage, there are 'protein spikes' sticking out here and there and a strand of DNA (or is that RNA?) escaping.

Did you know that a sword-shaped object is described as Xiphoid?

Minutes

We actually had a meeting! Our next meeting will be August 29th at Acoma House. We will plan / coordinate making individual shade panels for the pop-up when we go to events. We plan to go to one in December, so we'd like to get this done by then. September may be a workshop to get them started.

Ye editor likes a minute of humor, so it will continue. (courtesy of laughoutloud@thinkandlaughdaily.net)

Although the level of humor seems to be going to the dogs.

Lance is a pretty uncommon name these days- but in medieval times- people were named lance a lot.

I told a joke in my Zoom meeting today.. it wasn't even remotely funny.

Why can't Superman defeat Dracula? Because he can't go near the crypt tonight.

My wife asked if we could dress up as hot dogs for Halloween. It wasn't easy- but I had to be frank with her. :

What do you call a boring dog? A dull-mation!

How do dog catchers get paid? By the Pound!



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!

Passed on from Randall

Kevin Standlee <kastandlee@gmail.com>

Subject: [smofs] 1994 Worldcon Masquerade Video

Lisa Hayes found the VHS video tape of the 1994 Worldcon Masquerade buried in one of my many boxes, digitized it, and I've uploaded it to the Worldcon Events YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiHBpVlagEk&pp=sAQA>

Unfortunately, the last part of the credits didn't make it onto the 2 hour VHS tape. Also, due to YouTube copyright reasons, there is at least one entry that has its sound muted.

Feel free to pass this on to anyone you think might be interested in this piece of Worldcon and costuming history.

Kevin

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.*

Estrella War is cancelled indefinitely

Guild meeting - Sunday, Aug 26, 1pm – Acoma House (contact Tasha or Randall for directions). Agenda – Plotting panels and putsing about.

27th Annual Phoenix Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival. Thursday-Saturday, September 2-4 www.quiltcraftsew.com

Westworld, 16601 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260, North Hall.

Admission: \$12 for 3 Days. Hours 10am-5pm Thursday & Friday; 10am-4pm Saturday.

Come join us at our Festival in Phoenix. Sewing, Quilting, Crafts, Needle Arts, Make 'N Takes, Free Demos, Daily Door Prize Drawings. Show program & vendor coupons available at our website 10 days prior to show date. *We will be abiding by all Covid-19 Safety Guidelines still in effect at the time of the show.*

- At the Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival you will find a wide variety of Sewing, Quilting, Needle-Art and Craft supply exhibits from many quality companies. *It's all here. . . a Shopper's Paradise!*

- *Embroidery Machines, Embroidery Patterns, Sewing Machines, Machine Quilting, Longarm Quilting, Fashion Sewing
- * Quilting Templates, Rulers & Guides, Embellishments. Quilting Patterns. Quilting Tools, Quilt Frames
- * Lights & Magnifiers. Applique Patterns, Fabric Cutters, Rotary Cutters, Fabrics, Notions
- * Sewing Tools, Embossing, Needle Art, Stenciling, Scissors, Books

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](#)

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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