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### Recent Events

Pool Party theme this year was GERMS. We are TRYING to get the picture of Mahal's costume, but she took it with an old flip phone and none of use ae very good at social-tech

We DID have a meeting!



**Briefs**

**SEND ME MORE!**

(Since this is a backdrop for Randall's pop-up, we should probably listen to him)

#### Some Thoughts on the Backdrop Project From Randall

A couple of meetings ago, we brainstormed out an idea. Every now and then, SWCG participates in public events by hosting a meet-and-greet table where we describe SWCG and its activities. Sometimes these are at a table indoors; sometimes we are outdoors under a shade canopy.

How about a backdrop to display a bit of our costuming arts? This can be hung from a pipe & drape frame when we are indoors, or off the back of my tent frame when we are outdoors.

We settled on a specification:

--Make a cloth panel about 30 inches wide and 8 feet tall. Four of these make a 10-foot wide backdrop, just enough to cover the back wall of my tent. More panels and we can wrap them around the corners to cover more wall. If your cloth is just a bit wider or narrower, no problem. We will use binder clips to suspend the panels, so you don't need to attach any ties.

--Decorate the panel in a way that expresses yourself and your costuming arts. Tasha mentioned putting up samples of her weaving techniques. Mahala has found a collection of clipart and intends to use fabric printing or inkjet transfer paper. I am thinking about using line drawings from my "Randwulf's" sewing patterns. I might use computer printing techniques, fabric painting, or appliqué to accomplish this.

--I suggest keeping your artwork at least a few inches away from the top and bottom of your panel. We may need some room for clipping the panel to the support.

--Put your contact information or guild contact information somewhere on your panel. If the panel is accidentally left behind at an event, it can find its way back to you.

Get out there and express yourself!

### Minutes

What Randall said. With the addition that bedsheet type fabric is probably the best base, and would be an easy common base. September 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> will be a 2 day "sweatshop" to get them started.

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

A guy goes into a hardware store and picks up a can of bug spray and asks the clerk "Is this good for wasps?" he asked the clerk  
"No, it will kill them."

Why did the tomato blush? Because he saw the salad dressing.

Did you hear about the poet that stayed up all night think about what to write about.....until it finally dawned on him!

What does a frog use to fish with? A tad pole.

### 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**

**AZ Halloween Marketplace** – is cancelled this year

**Guild “Sweat Shop” \* Sept 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> –10 am – 4 pm (approximately)**

Sharan’s (Acoma House as backup)

We will actually work on out pop-up panels. And hold a meeting. Check with Tasha or Randall for final location.

**Greater Bay Area Costumers’ Guild Return to Stow Lake – Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 1– 4PM**

We’re going back to Stow Lake for an afternoon of romantic poetry reading and promenading by the water! there will be poetry reading and a toast to our anniversary! We are going to picnic on the grass. Attire is Gothic/Victorian/Romantic, or just your very favorite costume!

There will be some social distance games and you can bring your own. Everyone must stay with their own household or bubble or ask permission before non social distancing practices. There will be costume contests. No weapons, please!

**Parking is limited.** Carpooling is strongly encouraged due to the popularity of the park.

*Ticket Policy:* Babies and toddlers – Free, 3-12 years olds - child ticket - \$10

13+ (membership eligible) - member/non-member price - \$10-15

**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](mailto:GuestServices@SteampunkAZ.com) if you have any questions.

Ye editor does not want to speculate further out

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