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Recent Events

SWCG had a booth at the Glendale LibCon. Tasha and Randall both had their panels far enough along to hang. It did help with shade. Jean's chainmail wearing bear sat on the table and helped draw attention to us.

To those of you who singed up at the table to get the newsletter – welcome. We are trying to get back to more regular meetings.





Briefs

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ICG International Costumer Newsletter

The November-December 2021 on-line edition of the ICG's newsletter, *The International Costumer*, is available, featuring From the President's Desk: Year-end wrap-up, From the guest editor, plus reports from the ICG VP and Treasurer

Access this issue at <http://costume.org/wp/the-international-costumer-newsletter/>. Select "Download" for this issue. When prompted, enter the password "**Holiday Magic**"

Other recently posted issues include:

- *issue 3* (May-Jun) - ICG President's report and other Annual Meeting business, plus LAA and President's Award
- *issue 4* (Jul-Aug) - In remembrance: Dana MacDermott, plus a book review
- *issue 5* (Sep-Oct) - Special issue on the new ICG Gallery

Thanks for being an ICG member!

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Minutes

No real minutes for November. We couldn't find a day to meet.

We did Glendale LibCon in December, and decided on the January meeting: we'll meet at Paula's house in Tempe, go to the Tempe Library con in costume (we don't have a table) and then go get food. Contact us for directions.

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

This month, just after Thanksgiving the theme is food

You think Thanksgiving dinner is done? You ain't seen stuffing yet.

Why did the Italian chef call the locksmith? Gnocchi.

What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner? Your nose.

Why did the mustard lose the race between sauces? Because it couldn't ketchup.

What's Gordon Ramsay's favorite band? Rage Against the Cuisine.

What does an Olympic swimmer use to make his homemade bread? Spee-dough.

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.*

Randal shared the link to the Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild Calendar. Some of them are open to non-members. Some your editor would really like to attend!

<https://www.gbacg.org/gbacg-calendar.html>

Sunday January 9th, 2022 2022 Virtual Open House

We will return virtually this year for our annual open house! Prizes and games will be had and learn more about the Guild, this is perfect for newcomers!

Saturday January 22nd, 2022 How to Film Your Make - Virtual Workshop

Teacher: Bianca Hernandez - How to Film Your Make for teaching virtually or Youtube

Sunday February 6th, 2022 Field Trip Jules Tevernier & Elem Pomo at DeYoung

This is a chance to also see contemporary Pomo basket weaving and regalia. Let's learn together respectfully and do not wear a costume.

Sunday February 27nd, 2022 Russian Fairytale Kokoshnik

Virtual Workshop Teacher: Kelley Levinson

Sunday March 20th, 2022 Virtual Costume Academy

More details at Open House!

Sunday March 27th, 2022

Workshop, TBA

Saturday April 9th, 2022 Baba Yaga's Forest Tea Party East Bay

Baba Yaga invites all folklore and fairytale creatures from around the globe to join her for tea in her enchanted woods. Wear any of your favorite fantasy or folk wear and share a dish from around the world.

Saturday April 30th, 2022 1920's Cloche Hat In-Person Workshop

Teacher: Lynn McMasters

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

Update from their website

In our efforts to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our 2021 event attendees, **we will be following public health recommendations and policies on private indoor events with more than 100 people.**

Loscon requires attendees to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination and attendees who can not be vaccinated to have a documented negative Covid test within 3 days (72 hours) of their check-in at the convention.

Public health guidelines and Marriott policies will require masks to be worn in all public spaces during the convention.

Failure to abide by public health guidelines and Marriott policies will be grounds for removal from the event.

FanCon – Saturday January 29 10am – 4pm - [JANUARY SWCG MEETING*](#)

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.

Arizona Ren Faire - February 5 – April 3 10am- 6pm - <https://arizona.renfestinfo.com/>

Our Ren Faire is BACK!



End of Trail Feb 28th – March 6th 2022

Winer Range is no more. End of Trail will be held in its place. It is still the same type of cowboy recreation event (NOT steampunk! This is a historically accurate event with shooting as the main focus.) Still at Ben Avery shooting range north of Phoenix. And still with vendors to browse. More info as it comes out.

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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Better yet, send us some content for the next issue. We're always open to costuming news, how to and other feature articles, reviews of events, books, film, television and web, and calendar items of interest to Arizona costumers.

Send your submissions to

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