



# Cactus Needles

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## Recent Events

We submitted our vote to ICG for the Lifetime Achievement Award in descending order.

Karen Heim  
Andy Trembly  
Rae Bradbury-Enslin  
Leslie Johnston  
Steward Hartman



February Meeting - Here are Randall, Paula, Melissa, and Mahala at the 5 and Diner Starting to become "our spot". Ye editor was OBE – moving.



**Briefs**

**SEND ME MORE!**

Ye editor apologizes for being slow this month, but she is experiencing a first – This is the first time I have ever broken a bone. Having my left arm in a cast is crimping my style and making me cranky.

From Anna: Did you know Mesa Library has sewing machines, an embroidery attachment, and a serger available for public use? <https://my.nicheacademy.com/thinkspotatmesapubliclibrary>

From Mahala: I found this in an old Czech-American cookbook from the 1960s. No copyright. Thought it was amusing and enlightening at the same time.

-- Found in an old cookbook among the recipes for dying Easter Eggs. It is a comment on the quality of fabric in the late 1800s.

"Pioneer Mothers dyed chicken eggs by rolling them in calico prints and dipping them in boiling water. The print faded onto the egg, since prints were not colorfast."

From John: - This may have some interesting costumes

**ELVIS**  
Biography, Drama, Music  
**Release Date:** June 24, 2022  
**Synopsis:** The life and career of legendary singer, actor and overall star Elvis Presley, the "King of Rock and Roll", from his early days as a child to becoming a rock and movie star.  
**Director(s):** Baz Luhrmann  
**Cast:** Austin Butler, Tom Hanks, Kodi Smit-McPhee, Olivia DeJonge, Dacre Montgomery, David Wenham & more.

**WATCH TRAILER**

From Tasha - thanks to **Interesting Facts** ([hello@interestingfacts.com](mailto:hello@interestingfacts.com))

### **The oldest example of knitted socks comes from ancient Egypt.**

Around **300 CE**, in the Roman Egyptian city of **Antinoöpolis**, a child stuffed their feet into a pair of striped wool socks. The child's name has long been lost to history, but one of the socks is now likely the **oldest piece** of knitted footwear ever discovered. Pulled from a **1,700-year-old refuse heap** during a British excavation in Egypt in 1913–14, the socks now live at the British Museum in London. In 2018, they underwent multispectral imaging that revealed they were once as colorful as some of the cotton creations that adorn our feet today. Scientists found tiny traces of three plant-based dyes (red, blue, and yellow) that ancient Egyptians used on the wool to create seven beautiful shades of stripes. The Egyptians also used a single-needle looping technique, now called "**nålbinding**," to create the socks. The technique predates both modern knitting and crocheting, and is named for the many ancient examples that have been found in modern Norway.

Today, some consider pairing socks with sandals a fashion faux pas, but ancient cultures around the Mediterranean felt differently. These particular Egyptian socks had two compartments for toes, and were specifically designed to fit sandals by separating the big toe from its companions. Centuries earlier, Ancient Greeks wore socks made from animal pelts along with their sandals. Turns out pairing socks and Birkenstocks may be one of humanity's oldest footwear traditions.

## **Minutes**

### **By Randall**

Unless something weird comes up, I am game for another lunch meeting next weekend. Five and Diner could become our usual spot since I have been very impressed with how well the staff treats us, even when they are having a difficult day.

On the other hand, you may want to choose someplace that is a shorter drive for you.

Another thought would be a lunch venue somewhere near a big crafting supplies place or some cool thrift shops we could walk after lunch. There are probably some good lunch places near the JoAnn at Dobson & Rio Salado or the SAS on Apache.

Maybe I will bring that new snap setter kit I just acquired and do a table demo.

I have been playing some more with my smartphone case pattern, published in the newsletter a few issues ago. I find adding an interfacing layer of dense foam helps greatly with how easy it is to draw out the phone and enhances impact protection. When we get back into home-hosted workshops, this pattern might be a candidate. I just added the pattern to my [moirandalls.com](http://moirandalls.com) website as a free download. The pattern is formatted to four letter-size pages, so I can't imagine anyone would want to pay postage for a hard copy when they can just pop it out of any printer for twenty cents. I might as well share it.

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

Can you make a fire with 2 identical sticks? You can because they're a match.

What is the Grinch's least favorite band? The Who.

What happens when Santa's GPS stops working? He becomes a lost Claus.

Did you hear about Axl Rose's new bakery? It's called Buns N' Roses.

Did you know the earth is actually flat? Since it is 70% water which is non-carbonated.

## 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.*

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

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

**Our Ren Faire is BACK!**



**SWCG March Meeting – contact us**



**Paris in the Spring - Sat, Mar 12, 10 AM – 4 PM**

Historic Downtown Glendale brings French style and Cuisine to the community on March 12 from 10am until 4pm. About this event You won't need to set foot on an airplane to experience Parisian...[Read more on Eventbrite](#)

**GBACG Virtual Costume Academy. 20 March**



Registration is almost here for our first  
Virtual [Costume Academy!](#)

GBACG MEMBER Registration  
opens open **Wednesday, February 2nd** for Costume  
Academy 2021 at **7:00pm!!**

<https://gbacg.org/costume-academy/>

There are twelve classes offered, four classes in each time slot, three time slots. Each student chooses one class from the topics in each time slot. Class spots are still very limited so please sign up when registration opens

The cost for members of GBACG is **\$35.00**

For non-members the cost is **\$45.00** (Registration opens Feb 9th)

Some classes may fill up before others, so purchase soon to get the classes you want. [Go look over our classes and figure out what your first and second choice will be for each session!!](#)

**Here's how to register and choose your class:**

1. [Pay through Eventbrite](#)
2. Receive confirmation email from Eventbrite with a **link to register for classes**, link is also on the confirmation page after registering!
3. Complete the class choice form and submit, remember to say your first and second choices, make sure to use the same name and email you used for your registration!
4. Receive confirmation email with a list of your classes. This may take a day or two, while we receive the class choices!
5. After class assignments if there is a kit fee you will be billed by your INSTRUCTOR. You must pay within 3 days of receipt.

Costume Academy  
March 2022

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REGISTER

Sign up ASAP,  
classes are first  
come, first serve!

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Wednesday,  
**Feb 2nd at 7pm!**

Questions? Email us  
at [costumeacademy@gbacg.org](mailto:costumeacademy@gbacg.org)

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1st session,  
10:00-11:30am

- A. 1850's Flower Headdress (2 sessions) - Lynn McMasters
- B. Fantasy Kokoshnik - Kelley Levinson
- C. Frilly 1890's Accessories - Chang Meng
- D. Joy of Pad Stitching - Frances "Frankie" Lopez

2nd session,  
12:00-1:30pm

- A. 1850's Flower Headdress (2 sessions) - Lynn McMasters
- B. New Fabrication Methods for Cosplay and Props - Sahrye Cohen and Hal Rodriguez
- C. All About Assuit - Dawn Devine
- D. Expanding a Gridded Pattern - Catherine Scholar

3rd session,  
2:00-3:30pm

- A. Introduction to EVA Foam - Sahrye Cohen and Hal Rodriguez
- B. Intro to Smocking: History and Techniques - Natalie Wiener
- C. Sewing with Wool: A Beginner's Course - Melissa Kelly
- D. Intro to Dorset Buttons - Patty Coe

[Read Details on the classes here!](#)

**PHOENIX ASIA FESTIVAL - Sat, Mar 26 – Sun, Mar 27** 4757 E Bell Rd, Phoenix, AZ

Ethnic dance performances from Asia & Pacific Islands, authentic Asian food & shopping, free children's hands-on activities, from India, China, Korea, Thailand, Philippines, Laos, Vietnam, Japan...[Read more on LASR.net](#)

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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