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## Recent Events

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Chuck Cady, long time local fan, costume wearer (with his family) and art collector (particularly centaurs)  
 He passed away of natural causes on the morning of Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.  
 He willed his body to the U of A Medical School.  
 There will be a celebration of his life on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 6 pm at the family home - 6788 W Greenbriar Dr., Glendale, Az 85308

Chuck was known for humorous costuming to body type

- he was the Cyclops with a 10 year old Odysseus and his 7-10 year old crew
- With his baby son Sam he did Zaphod Beeblebrox's older and younger brother
- With his wife of 20 some years he did 'Nymph and satyr - 20 years later"

RIP  
 He will be missed



**Briefs**

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Randall spoke with Stephanie about CoKoCon - what we want is definitely a "Fan Table." Randall will fill in the online form on the CoKoCon website.

We are getting a new, local, SCA war! See events below – for February 2023.

### Minutes

No formal SWCG minutes, but we have a new member – Welcome Natalie!

And some funny minutes - here are some summery ones [Thanks to **Think & Laugh Daily** ([laugh@think-laugh-daily-365.com](mailto:laugh@think-laugh-daily-365.com))]

What do you call a snowman in the summer – a puddle.

What do pigs do over the summer – go on a ham-ily vacation.

Why are summer sandals indecisive – they flip-flop

Why are air conditioners our of breath in the summer – they've been running all day (and all night in Phoenix)

### 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.*

**Sat, August 13, 2022 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM PDT Persuasion Picnic by the Sea San Rafael**

GBACG Event [events@gbacg.org](mailto:events@gbacg.org)

Join us for a picnic at the seaside, to celebrate the last novel written by Jane Austen - Persuasion! We will wistfully gaze at the ocean, play naval-themed games like tug of war, and drink lemonade! Dress in your Regency best, and don't forget your bonnet or parasol!

\$25 Non-Member tickets go on sale on Friday, June 17th at 7:00pm.

**August 13, 2022, 10-4 - Fandomania** at Findlay Toyota Center, Prescott Valley

AZ. <https://pvpllibrary.wixsite.com/fandomania>

Cosplay, costumes and vendors

This year, Fandomania will be \$1.00 for entrance. ALL Proceeds go to the friends of Prescott valley public library. <https://secure.rec1.com/AZ/prescott-valley/catalog> Parking is free.

**Saturday, August 20, 2022 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (AZ Hunters' event) HOT COALS!**

Where: HeatSync Labs

108 W Main St, Mesa, AZ 85201

How Much? \$20 for materials

Every cauldron needs a fire under it! These hot coals are a time-tested way to do this. With the advent of battery powered LEDs, these coals can be used in new ways.

In this class you will learn how to accomplish this effect and discuss novel applications too!

This class is free to attend, materials not included. We are asking \$20 for all the materials to create your own hot coal effect.

Register and pay here: <https://guestlist.co/events/722406>

This is a BUILD class. If you do not show for the build, there is no refund and neither HeatSync nor AZ Haunters will provide any compensation after the event is over.

**September 2-5, 2022** CoKoCon 2022

<https://fancons.com/events/info/17770/cokocon-2022>

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Phoenix Tempe

Science Fiction Convention with Fantasy programming

CoKoCon is a traditional science fiction/fantasy convention in the Phoenix, AZ metropolitan area, which will return to the Labor Day weekend for a fifth year in 2022. COVID permitting, we're back to a being a physical event.

**Sat, September 10, 2022 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM PDT Benicia Camel Barns**

GBACG Event [events@gbacg.org](mailto:events@gbacg.org)

Be entertained with live music, photography, and fortune telling, while you walk in the gardens of the Camel Barns in Benicia and dine.

\$90 Non-Member tickets go on sale on Friday, July 1st at 7:00pm. \*This event is 18+

**Saturday, September 17, 2022 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (AZ Haunters' event) [Return of the Demented Dolls!](#)**

Where: HeatSync Labs

108 W Main St, Mesa, AZ 85201

How Much? \$10 per doll for materials

Theeeeeey're BAAaaack! - One of the most popular of the AZ Haunters events has returned - Demented Dolls!

Once thought lost forever in the detritus of 2020, this workshop has crawled out into the light once again.

This make and take will cover some of the basics touched on in previous years, PLUS we will be talking about some techniques not previously shown.

We want this to be accessible to everyone so here's the deal:

For \$10 per doll, you get a doll and all the materials to corrupt it. \$20 for two dolls, you get the picture.

The money goes to pay for the supplies and to give some to the Lab for their support.

If you want to just show up and listen, that's cool.

If you pay for a doll and cannot make it to the event, you will have two weeks to arrange to come pick up the unaltered doll. There is no guarantee what kind of doll it will be and no additional supplies can be provided.

<https://azhaunters.com/showthread.php?273-Return-of-the-Demented-Dolls!&p=1109#post1109>

**October 8-10, 2022 - Apocalypse Later International Fantastic Film Festival at the Phoenix Center for the Arts, 1202 North 3rd Street, Phoenix AZ. <https://www.alfilmfest.com/> Full event \$60.**

**October 29, 2022, 5PM - Halloween Event** at Flatiron Park in Apache Junction, AZ. <https://www.apachejunctionaz.gov/calendar.aspx?PREVIEW=YES&EID=1520>

There will be lots of activities throughout the night for the whole family including a costume contest, Howl-o-ween K9 Costume Contest, pumpkin carving contest, bounce houses, fun kid's games, a petting zoo and much more! Our Annual Costume Contest will begin at 6pm sharp and will be divided by age groups. All ages are welcome to enter.

**November 11th – 13th, 2022 TusCon 49**

Hello, fellow fans. Welcome to TusCon, Arizona! More specifically, welcome to TusCon 49, our 49th annual Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Horror convention in Tuscon... ah, we mean rather Tucson, Arizona. Attendees of TusCon are among the most dedicated fans of science fiction, fantasy, and horror and many attendees are professional writers, film producers, artists, and reporters who keep others informed about the goings-on in the industry. TusCon is an annual science fiction convention sponsored by the Baja Arizona Science Fiction Association

(BASFA), a Southern Arizona section 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization. The primary focus of TusCon is science fiction, fantasy and horror, but we also pay attention to art, animation, science, media and gaming.

Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites  
5151 East Grant Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712

**NOVEMBER 25TH -27TH, 2022 – LOSCAON 48**  
<https://loscon.org/48/> MARRIOTT LOS ANGELES AIRPORT HOTEL

**December 3, 2022 - LibCon West** at Glendale Velma Teague Public Library.

**January 28, 2023, 10-4 - Tempe FanCon at the Tempe Public Library** (SWC Rural Road & Southern Avenue) <https://www.tempepubliclibrary.org/event-calendar/tempe-fancon>

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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