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Hello, all you fabulous cosplayers,

Glendale Public Library's free pop culture convention is scheduled to return on Saturday, December 3, from 1-6 PM, outside the Velma Teague Library (7010 N. 58th Ave.) in Murphy Park. Please note that the event time has changed from last year; it will begin and end one hour later, to take advantage of the lights in Murphy Park in the evening. We hope to incorporate a short Lightsaber Walk through downtown Glendale as the evening's grand finale, beginning at 5:45 PM at the "Old Friends" statue (a.k.a. the "Pigeon Man").

As always, we'll provide a cosplayer lounge stocked with free bottled water and individually wrapped snacks, and you'll be able to request a table in the vendor area if you like. Details are included in the attached updated FAQ.

We will again be offering opportunities for cosplayers to be involved with amphitheater events and crafts for kids! Please respond to this brief questionnaire so we can gauge your interest, confirm your attendance, and be responsive to your requirements at the event.

<https://form.jotform.com/212385033979160>

Please feel free to email me with any questions. We appreciate you all so much. Thank you for your interest and we hope to see you in December!

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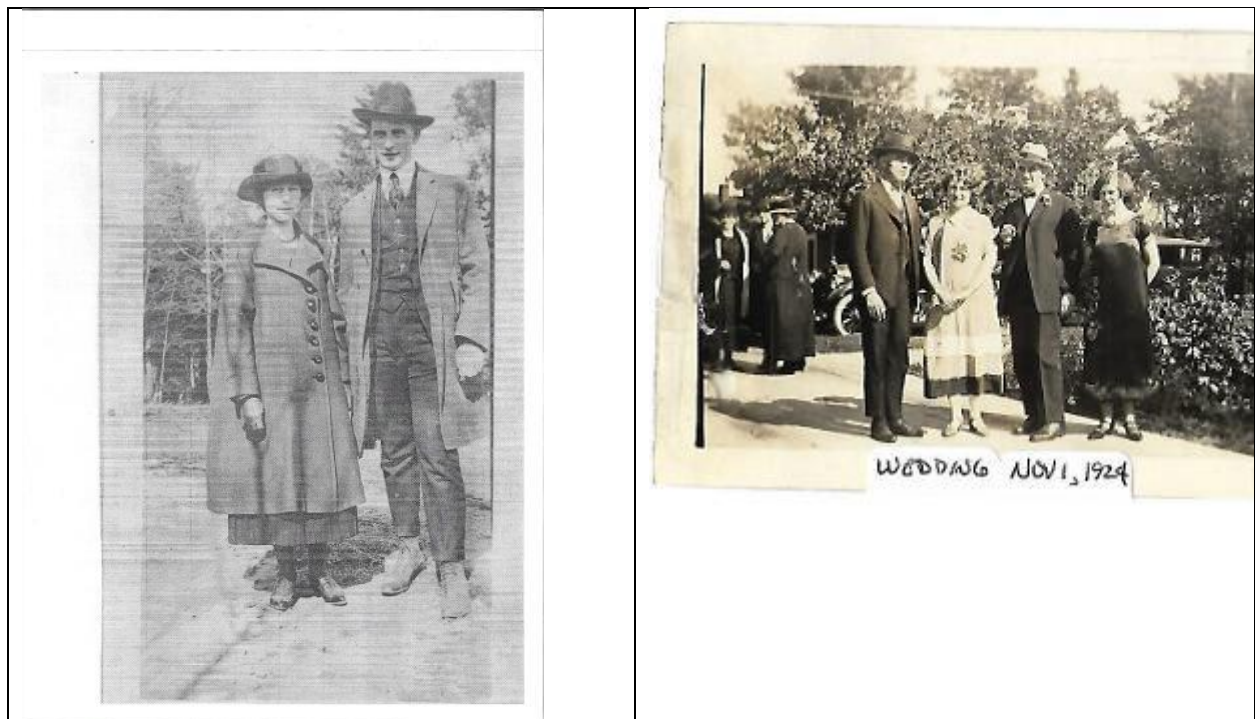
As a member of the ICG Publications Committee, I have been guest editor for the most recent nine issues of the ICG's [International Costumer](#) newsletter while we look for a permanent editor. I will be stepping down as guest editor after the November 2022 issue.

The newsletter enables the ICG to stay in touch with its chapters and members, chapters to exchange ideas and activities, and members to share tips, expertise, and reviews with fellow members. The editor plays a vital role by gathering content from ICG officers, committees, chapters, and members, editing articles, and publishing four to six issues per year.

If you have experience writing or editing for a newsletter or blog, or are interested in learning, please consider becoming the next newsletter editor. This is an important and visible position in the ICG, a great opportunity to get to know the chapters and members, and a way to gain valuable experience by writing and editing for a publication with a 20-year history. I am available to collaborate on the next several issues to help you get started.

By volunteering as editor, you will help ensure the future of the *International Costumer* newsletter as a way for the ICG, chapters, and members to stay in touch. Please contact me for further information or to indicate your interest.

Because we have to have SOME pictures - Thank you, John A for sharing some old-timey photos you found cleaning out your parent's house





Minutes

No formal SWCG minutes. Welcome to everyone who showed interest at CoKoCon!

Out minutes of humor, thanks to: **Funny Editor** (laughing@n4.funnyeditor.com):

What do ghosts eat on Halloween? Ghoulash.
Where do cows go on the week end? The Moo-vies.
What do you call a fish on a hot day? A tuna melt.

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.*

**Guild in October – contact one of us*

Another Costume group!

Shannon Hefner Wagnon

Hi! Meet many of you at con and we talked about wanting a sewing group for cos play-fun stuff. We've done it! Saturday - 10 am - New Social Group - Stitching Curiosities with Joy Bailey & Shannon Wagnon

Come together with others to share and sew non traditional things! We will meet on the third Saturday of the month at 10am - Oct 15th, Nov 19, and Dec 17th. We will be hive-minding this month as to what interests members. We will meet at 4020 W Royal Palm Rd, Phoenix (Northern Groves Clubhouse)

We are working on everything from corseting to fabric covering shoes. Fun is the goal!

October 15th - Stitching Curiosities - see above

Saturday, October 22, 5 – 8 p.m. -- Halloween ComicFest at the Library!

Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., Drawn to Comics, 5801 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale.

Drawn to Comics, downtown Glendale's source for comic books, gaming and collectibles, is teaming up with the library once again to treat you to a spooktacular all-ages Halloween celebration! Choose from an assortment of free comics, meet local comic book artists, shop with cool vendors, pose with your favorite cosplay characters and enjoy fun games and crafts. Costumes are encouraged. Activities will take place at the Velma Teague Library and at the Drawn to Comics store across the street.

Friday, October 28, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. -- Zombie LARP XI: Punk Pirate Zombies of the Caribbean!

Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., Glendale.

ARRR you ready to save the world from yet another zombie apocalypse at the library? Thanks to a double whammy of cursed punk rock and pirate booty, we need you, yer mateys, your eye patches and Mohawks to protect us all! This Teen Afterhours is for ages 12-18 only. Costumes are always welcome.

Register at <https://bit.ly/zombielarp2022>

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.

Thursday – Saturday, November 10, 11 & 12, 2022 – 13th Annual Tucson Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival

Tucson Expo Center (not the Convention Center), 3750 E. Irvington Rd., exit 264, Tucson.

Thursday & Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. *Free Show & Parking!*

Sewing * Quilting * Needle Arts * Crafts. Bigger, better and more creative than ever. See and buy the latest supplies, fabrics, notions, patterns and tools, all under one roof. Free classes and demos. \$500 Cash given daily at 9:45 a.m. Be in line early for your chance to win big. \$500 split between 20 winners each day! Free admission. Bring your creative friends and family for a free and fun filled day. For additional show information visit our website at: www.quiltcraftsew.com

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 19th - **Stitching Curiosities** - see above

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.

LIBCON West FAQ for Cosplay Guests

Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 1 - 6 PM (guest registration begins at noon)

Velma Teague Library • 7010 N. 58th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301 • www.libconwest.org

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LIBCON West, Glendale Public Library's free pop culture convention, is returning this December. At the **Velma Teague Library**, we'll be taking advantage of Murphy Park, the amphitheater, and the downtown shops and restaurants surrounding the venue.

Please note that this event may be subject to cancellation due to inclement weather or changing COVID protocols.

CHECKING IN

Registration for cosplay guests will begin at noon and continue throughout the day. ***Please check in at the guest registration table outside of the Velma Teague Library.*** There will be no wristbands this year. Any prop weapons may be tagged during registration. *No real weapons will be allowed.* The official weapons procedure can be viewed at libconwest.org/weapons-procedure.html. We encourage you to attend for the entire day if possible. A few weeks before the convention, we will ask for a rough estimate of how many cosplayers we should expect from your group.

If you have been approved to have a table at LIBCON West (please see the TABLES section below), you will be sent additional check-in instructions by the Vendor Coordinator.

COSTUMES

LIBCON West is an all-ages, family-friendly convention. All costumes should be age-appropriate for an audience including kids and teens. We have two small staff restrooms which may be used as changing rooms throughout the day. We will also provide a place for you to store your things.

We will again be providing a Cosplayer Lounge for our cosplay guests, which will offer bottled water, individually wrapped snacks, a full-length mirror, and an emergency costume repair kit. Access to the lounge will be monitored and you will be asked to show your guest wristband (which you will pick up at guest registration) and sign in with the person at the door.

PHOTO OPS

While we are not scheduling formal photo ops, we encourage you to circulate and take photos with attendees. Feel free to roam throughout downtown Glendale as well; we have businesses like [Drawn to Comics](#), [TriForce Collectibles](#), and a lot of great restaurants within a few blocks. We will be encouraging local businesses to participate with discounts.

TABLES

If you would like to have a table in the vendor area, please fill out the form at <http://www.libconwest.org/vendors.html>, *even if you aren't selling anything*. Staff will review your application and get back to you. Table availability is limited, so please don't delay! Having a table is free, but we do ask that you donate something for our prize drawing. Please stop by the Velma Teague Library *before* Saturday, December 3, with your donation. All questions regarding vendor requirements should be directed to vendors@libconwest.org or MJenson-Benjamin@glendaleaz.com.

PERFORMANCES, ACTIVITIES, AND CRAFTS

If you are interested in presenting a performance/activity in our outdoor amphitheater, if your cosplay group would like to present a themed craft for kids at your table (we would provide all supplies), or if you just have some suggestions, please let us know! Any questions about programming should be directed to programming@libconwest.org.

**Please feel free to contact me with questions about LIBCON West.
We would love to see you there!**

December 17th - **Stitching Curiosities** - see above

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>

February 1-5 War of the Phoenix (SCA) Phoenix International Raceway
<https://www.atenveldt.org/war-of-the-phoenix/>

Estrella War is dead, Long live the War of the Phoenix!

The Site sounds well drained!

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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