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Recent Events

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Snippets found by ye editor while web surfing

Cotton From Prehistoric Pakistan Found in 7,200 year-old Village in Israel

<https://www.haaretz.com/archaeology/2022-12-19/ty-article/cotton-from-prehistoric-pakistan-found-in-7-200-year-old-village-in-israel/00000185-2a82-d08f-abdd-fa92488d0000>

Bad movie costumes – outtake ought-to-bes for a laugh

<https://www.facebook.com/109113221673780/posts/pfbid037c3rPNVAhFfuVcFFtJN9KTMgc6usx4txCbif3Wfw1DyU2qmZ3Cd6cuF7eKB3Kp1l/?sfnsn=mo&mibextid=6aamW6>

Subject: MACH1 at Phoenix Public Library Open Hours and Volunteer Opportunity

Hello,

I am reaching out with information about MACH1, the makerspace at Phoenix Public Library. I am the supervisor at MACH1 and learned that in the past the Southwest Costumers Guild might have met at MACH1. If you happen to be interested in using the space again, we are open on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 – 6:00 pm. We hope to be open on more days post-February 2023, staffing allowed. Something else I'd like to share is that we have volunteer opportunities available at MACH1 – [Adult Volunteer at MACH1](#) . Please feel free to share with the members of your guild! We could always use more support with sewing machines

[Jamie Pearson \(she/her\)](#) MACH1 Librarian II

Burton Barr Central Library | Youth Services Phoenix Public Library
1221 North Central Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85004 602.262.6582

Minutes

None for January yet – we'll get together at Tempe Libon

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.*

At the bottom of the list is the Grater Bay Area Costumers' Guild schedule. Some are virtual events.

January 14, 2023. Saturday, Superhero Saturday will be held at 2200 N Central in Phoenix
<https://www.superherosaturday.org/>.

January 21, 2023. Saturday 10am-2pm – AZ Haunters

Cast a Latex Mask / Make a Zombie Head! \$25 per mask.

HeatSync Labs at 108 W. Main in Mesa

Register at <https://guestli.st/735699> LIMITED TO 10 PARTICIPANTS. AGES 12 AND UP ONLY, PLEASE.

Get hands-on experience in casting a latex mask with the guidance of sculptor and mask maker Ed Kennefick!

Learn how to use latex and molds to produce quality masks. Then, you will have the chance to turn that latex casting into a unique ZOMBIE prop head. Many ways to customize the finished head.

Once you have this skill, who knows what you will make!

REGISTRATION ENDS AT NOON ON JAN 16 TO ALLOW TIME TO ACQUIRE MATERIALS

<https://guestli.st/735699>

Jan 26-28 2023 – Phoenix Quilt and Craft Show (19th Ave & McDowell)

HOURS: 10 AM - 5 PM Thursday & Friday 10 AM - 4 PM Saturday

1826 West McDowell Rd

Phoenix AZ 85007

\$12 for 3 days [ELECTRIC SCOOTER RENTAL AVAILABLE](#)



January 28, 2023, 1 PM. * Gather at **Tempe FanCon** in the Tempe Public Library complex at SWC Rural and Southern. Walk the displays, maybe sit in on one of the classes. Definitely watch the masquerade. Head out for supper at a nearby restaurant after. Suggestions welcome for the eating place. We are too late to apply for a table, so casually carry along some SWCG cards and flyers.

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>

Jan 29, 2023, Sunday from 1-2.30pm PT, 4-5.30pm ET.

Register for the Silicon Web Costumers' Guild *Cosplay: A History* author talk webinar

Join author Andrew Liptak as he discusses his book [Cosplay: A History](#). The book is a deep dive into the origins and culture of cosplay that covers a wide swath of its history to understand where it came from, how it has evolved, and why it has become such a mainstream phenomenon.

According to Adam Savage, who wrote the introduction to the book, "Andrew has done a great service to the world by writing this book and treating this beautiful art with the seriousness it deserves, despite cosplay's penchant for absurdity."

Andrew Liptak is a writer and historian, and a member of the 501st Legion, an international fan-based organization dedicated to the dark side of *Star Wars*.

Registration for the webinar is now open. There is no fee for for this event but the number of attendees is limited, so be sure *register soon*. Here is the registration link. Feel free to share this announcement.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqd-ghpilrGNMGEEht3HsRTsbCsEwpHwqx>

The chapter acknowledges the International Costumers' Guild [Marty Gear Costuming Arts and Sciences Fund](#) for a grant award in support of developing this webinar series. The chapter also acknowledges the ICG for making its Zoom platform available to chapters and special interest groups.

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SiW Webinar Series coordinator
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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!

February 4-April 2, 2023 (Weekends plus Presidents Day) - Arizona Renaissance Festival in Gold Canyon, Arizona. <https://arizona.renfestinfo.com/>

February 18, 2023*. Walk the **Arizona Renaissance Faire together**. Coordinate shared rides and arrival time soon.

February 27th – March 5th 2023 - End of Trail

Hosted by Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders

SASS World Championship of Cowboy Action & Wild Bunch Shooting

Ben Avery Shooting Facility

4044 W. Black Canyon Blvd.

Phoenix, Arizona 85086

623 582-8313

March 4, 2023* Walk the **End of Trail** cowboy shooting event at Ben Avery Shooting Facility at I-17 and Carefree Highway. This is the successor event to “Winter Range.” With luck, the new event will still have the cool Sutler’s Row with lots of items suitable for wild west/Victorian/steampunk. Again, coordinate arrival times and shared rides. The End of Trail website at <https://endoftrail.org/> is still fuzzy about scheduling, but it looks like there will be a costume contest early on Saturday evening. We might wish to choose our arrival time accordingly. Stay tuned.

March 9-12, 2023 - **Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention** at the Westward Look Hotel in Tucson, Arizona. <https://www.wildwestcon.com/>

September 1-4, 2023 - **CoKoCon** at Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix, 2100 South Priest Drive, Tempe AZ. Author guest of honor is Seanan McGuire. <http://www.cokocon.org/>

Grater Bay Area Costumers' Guild 2023 schedule

January 22nd – 12-12 pm – Grater Bay Area Costumers' Guild Virtual Open House

Once again it's time for our annual Open House. We're continuing our virtual format!

What is the Open House? The GBACG Open House is an opportunity for members and those interested to hear about the past year of our guild and plans moving forward, and any organizational changes in the guild. We will also have a Q&A format, please submit questions beforehand by sending them to gbacg.board@gmail.com. As it's virtual again this year will have fun virtual entertainment with a [Show & Tell](#) and Trivia in lieu of our normal in-person activities.

This is a great event for newcomers. If you have friends who might be interested in our group, please share the event link with them. If you've been shy about coming to GBACG events or workshops, this is the perfect place to meet the Board, learn all about us, and preview our activities for 2023.

Show & Tell, Trivia, and Raffle! [Sign up for our Show and Tell](#), and show us any of your 2022 crafts or creations. Sewed an amazing Robe à la Française? Show us! Got artistic in your sourdough starter usage? Show us! Learned to weave? Show us! Discovered a passion for topiary sculpting? Show us! Trivia will be a mix of your costume, Bay Area, GBACG, and movie knowledge! Our raffle prizes will be different this year, check out our [event page](#) for more info, you must be present to claim prizes.

Tickets! Our Open House is free this year we are asking for donations to help support the guild if you are able to. Donating is not an obligation. To attend, you must RSVP by Wednesday, January 21st on [EventBrite](#). Please include the total number in your party as well as each person's name.

Schedule, check out our [event page](#) for the Open House Schedule!

Reservation starts December 14th at 7:00pm!

[RSVP Here](#)

The time is now! Get ready to learn and hang out in 2023. We have next year's Calendar ready to go.

Please note: Event details and workshop information will be posted when closer to date. This calendar is for planning, but also subject to change dates or cancel if needed. We are working to ensure the safety of all participants. We will also still be having a hybrid

approach to workshops, but bringing Costume Academy back to in person and bringing the Costumer's Bazaar back!

First we want to thank everyone who sent us in submissions for event ideas, it's you all who keep this guild going strong!

January

22nd - [Virtual Open House](#)

We will return virtually this year for our annual open house! Prizes and games will be had and you'll learn more about the Guild and the year's events. Perfect for newcomers! Free, noon - 2 pm.

February

19th - Field Trip: Alexander McQueen at Crocker Museum, Sacramento

Come to see this exhibit together, wear your best interpretation of McQueen or the perfect museum going outfit.

March

26th - Costume Academy, Berkeley

Celebrate learning new techniques with this one day, multi-class event.

April

16th - Costumer's Bazaar, East Bay

Members will have the opportunity to sell to the public and costumers alike! Great way to pass along your costumes, fabric, notions, and gear you no longer need to others in the community.

Must be a member to reserve a table to sell. More information coming soon.

May

7th - Workshop, TBA

20th - Lady Astor's Fancy Dress Luncheon, East Bay

When more is more, dress in your most whimsical look for a fancy dress luncheon at Camron-Stanford house.

Dress: Victorian fancy dress costume, Bustle era, Victorian, Steampunk

June

4th - Workshop, TBA

24th - Top of the Mountains: The Lands of Gods and Goddesses, South Bay

From Mt Olympus to Mount Elburz to Ta Lo to Ōmeyōcān, dress to impress for a picnic with deities from all across the universe.

Dress: Fantasy, Historical, Mythological, Folklore, Cosplay

August

6th - Workshop, TBA

26th -Treasure Planet, North Bay

Raise a tankard together at this picnic of pirates from history, media, and all the way to space.

Dress: Historical, Cosplay

September

3rd - Workshop, TBA

23rd - Luncheons & Dragons, Peninsula

Journey with your adventure party to luncheon with elves, fairies, dwarves, wizards, and more fantastical characters.

Dress: Historical, Fantasy, cosplay

October

15th - Workshop, TBA

November

11th - Global Renaissance, East Bay

Celebrate the Renaissance throughout the globe and the arts and fashions that came from these periods.

Dress: Historical, fantasy

*We are working hard for more details to share closer to events, workshops, and all dates and events are subject to change.

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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