

# Cactus Needles

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## Recent Events

### Minor Brag:

Anna invited me out to the Music of John Williams concert of the Phoenix Symphony on February 18, along with some other friends from Glendale Public Library.

The symphony held a costume contest in connection with the event. Yours truly won a pair of tickets to a future symphony performance by dressing as Dr. Henry Jones Senior from "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade."

This was a convergence of good luck. I usually wear tweeds to concerts anyway and Mom had just brought out my old tweed hat from Iowa. My new dress trousers arrived from Amazon just that morning. My usual glasses are about the same size and shape as those worn by Sean Connery in the film, though his were rimless. It all came together.

Yes, the evening's performance included "Scherzo for Motorcycle and Symphony," -- the music that played as Indy and Dr. Jones escaped from the nazis in a stolen motorcycle with sidecar.

There are some pictures from the event on the symphony Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ThePhoenixSymphony/>. I did not make the cut so far, but there are some fine pictures of a Boba Fett and a Dr. Alan Grant from "Jurassic Park" seen at performances earlier in the weekend. Some members of the orchestra also dressed for the event, including a Princess Leia and several Hogwarts professors.

I wore the same suit to a wedding the next day, where Kim Smith snapped this picture. Future upgrades to the ensemble for use as a hall costume will include an umbrella, a Gladstone bag and a bow tie.

Randall





**Briefs**

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## **Traditional Wedding Dresses From Around the World**

[https://myhealthgazette.com/traditional-wedding-dresses-from-around-the-world/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=148014973609&utm\\_campaign=mhg-gad-us-dis-traditionalwed-rpm09\\_florenzia\\_v3470136934\\_01.16.23&gclid=CjwKCAiArY2fBhB9EiwAWqHK6qb99OnM6JZvKHWPUYQ\\_38fUGmzds2R0YEWK7EsIOt11\\_Q2pc7wEFxoChuYQAvD\\_BwE](https://myhealthgazette.com/traditional-wedding-dresses-from-around-the-world/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=148014973609&utm_campaign=mhg-gad-us-dis-traditionalwed-rpm09_florenzia_v3470136934_01.16.23&gclid=CjwKCAiArY2fBhB9EiwAWqHK6qb99OnM6JZvKHWPUYQ_38fUGmzds2R0YEWK7EsIOt11_Q2pc7wEFxoChuYQAvD_BwE)

## **Minutes**

None

We've mostly been doing walk-about

But – here is a minute of humor

What's a princess's favorite time? Knight-time!

Where do roses sleep at night? In their flowerbed!

Why was the computer cold in March? Because it left its Windows open!!

Why did the sauna go to the doctor? It wasn't feeling so hot.

Why did the owl quit its job? It didn't give a hoot.

What kind of shoes do all spies wear? SNEAKers!

## **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.

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

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

**March 12, 2023 – Sun 1-3pm PT, 4-6pm ET**

**Register for the Silicon Web Costumers' Guild**

**Making and Styling Wigs for Costumers author talk webinar**

Wigs play an important part in many types of costuming, including historical, sci-fi, fantasy, re-creation, cosplay, and anime. Kendra Van Cleave will discuss how costumers can learn to make and style wigs for their costumes. She will also talk about her book, [18th Century Hair & Wig Styling](#), which includes an entire section with step-by-step guides for working with natural and synthetic wigs and hairpieces, from simple designs to the most elaborate creations. (The second printing is available for [preorder](#).)

Kendra Van Cleave is a fashion historian, academic librarian, and award-winning costumer. She has served on the board of the Costume Society of America Western Region, and is a past president of the Greater Bay Area Costumers' Guild. She reviews historical costumes in movies and television at [Frock Flicks](#), blogs on her website [Démodé](#), creates tutorials, and publishes articles. See "Accessorizing 18th C. Wigs and Hairstyles" in the [August 2016 issue](#) of *The Virtual Costumer* magazine.

Registration is open now. There is no fee for this event but the number of attendees is limited, so be sure register soon. Please feel free to share this announcement and registration link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vcuyrrD4uHtHfJ4FgM91-Sw57fa6sm-mF>

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.

**March 18 – 10:00am** HeatSync Labs in Mesa Register here - <https://questli.st/741279> By AZHaunters  
Creepy Monster Hands!

What's a monster without creepy hands? Big hands, small hands, hands with extra loooooonng fingers, hands with 3 fingers, hands with scales, feathers, talons, suckers, eyes or teeth - once you know how to make them, there is no limit! Class includes [instruction and materials to make creepy monster hands](#).

**April 15 - 10:00 AM** HeatSync Labs in Mesa Register here - <https://questli.st/741288> By AZHaunters  
Aging and Distressing Costumes

Nobody is afraid of a monster dressed in pristine, off-the-rack clothes! Zombies, werewolves, post apocalyptic cannibals, backwoods witches and more all need to show a little wear & tear! But, how to make that happen? This class will show you how to make clothes look old and worn. Whether it's a costume for an actor or a prop, you need to know how to do this if you are going to create creepy realism! Each participant will receive a shirt to distress as part of the class, but everyone is encouraged to bring up to 3 articles of clothing to practice on as well.

April 21 – 1pm – 3pm Reynold's Materials (1727 E Weber Dr, Tempe) seminar : Make Your Own Cosplay Helmets, Armor, Props & More (\$20 fee)

**MATERIALS spotlight EVENT**

Our "Materials Spotlight" series is an informal get together of people who want to know more about materials and processes. It won't take long and our goal is to educate. You will meet people just like you and we often get contributions from industry pros that add value to the conversation. We welcome any and all comments.

# COSPLAY

Let's discuss what materials are available for making props & costumes for cosplay, LARP, theater and more!

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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/>

Below are some on-going events by different groups –

Con-fusion is a series of mini cons Phoenix Public Library is hosting this spring. UFP should be participating in the May 6 one.

# CON-FUSION

## 2023

**April 22** The Hero's Journey  
Adventure and Fantasy genres run amock at Cesar Chavez Library and Park

**April 29** A Dark & Stormy Night  
Horror and Mystery genres lurking in every corner of the Agave Library

**May 06** The Final Frontier  
Space and Science Fiction genres beam into the Mesquite Library

**May 13** A Spring Fling  
Romance and Poetry genres bloom in the Cholla Library

**May 20** Weird & Wild West  
Westerns and Steampunk genres mosey around the Ironwood Library

### Grater Bay Area Costumers' Guild 2023 schedule

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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