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## Recent Events

### ICG news

The ICG Annual and general meeting took place at its traditional time and location, the Friday morning of [CostumeCon 39](#) just prior to the convention start.

With one slight change this year.

It began at 10 AM instead of the usual time at 9 AM. Non-morning-person attendees expressed approval. There were also online attendees, via Zoom, a 21st century innovation made necessary by the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic that is likely continue for future meetings.

The initial BoD portion of the meeting went very calmly. No muss, no fuss this year, with an easy-to-follow formula: approve minutes, reports, no new business.

All current ICG officers agreed to stand for office for the coming year. Yay!

Approval of 2022 Annual ICG meeting minutes (speedily done).

#### President's Report

- o Alas, lost 2 chapters – LACE (Lower Arizona – sadly completely lost contact with Elaine Mami) and GCICG (Gulf Coast in New Orleans). **(Elaine used to come to some of our meetings – has anyone heard for her lately?)**
- o Yes! We really do want to review our governing documents! Kevin Roche learned a lot by doing it for other organizations and plans to apply that to ICG which are in dire need of updates.
- o ICG needs more volunteers.

#### Treasurer's Report

Things are still challenging but getting better. We did lose 22 members and 2 chapters, but had a small net income.

#### Other Report Tidbits and Discussion from the BoD meeting:

- o Working on getting rid of old ICG Slack.
- o Some chapters are having issues with their web pages. Google workspace can help with that!
- o Google workspace has wiki capability.
- o No SIG Reports.
- o We're expanding the Archives! Done 15 Worldcons and going backward over the years for more.
- o Working on training materials for new Archives helpers.
- o Video is next Archives expansion.
- o No photos/video from last year's Chicago Worldcon yet. Oh no!
- o Want to start an oral history for ICG.
- o After a long draught of Marty Gear Fund applications, there were 2 this year: one to purchase software for the CostumeCon Archives and one to sponsor online costume webinars through SiWeb. Busy, busy.
- o After a recess and some ingestion of coffee/tea, the General BoD meeting – all members welcome – convened and discussed many of the same topics. And the General Meeting approved the slate of ICG officer candidates.

**The International Costumer Volume XXII Issue 3 – is now available on line**

## Briefs



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Cartoon found by Mahala –

Husband: You're not really buying *all* this fabric, are you

Wife: Yes. But – look at how much I'm leaving here!

Appeal for help –

From: Cathy <cathypendragon@q.com>

To: randwhit@aol.com

Sent: Sun, May 14, 2023 3:35 pm

Subject: question about corsets

Hi Randall

My granddaughter has a fondness for corsets. I found her one at the Spirit Halloween store last year that was of pretty good quality. But still costume grade and she wears it *all* the time. The zipper finally failed and some of the boning is loose. Is there anyone in the valley who custom makes corsets?

Cathy

## Minutes

We held a meeting at Tasha's house on May 28! An actual meeting. Yeah.

SWCG Meeting

May 28, 2023 at Tasha's place

Reported by Randall

Present were Tasha, Paula, Mahala and Randall with special guest dogs & grandkid.

This was our first "serious" meeting in months, but that did not stop us from enjoying some cheese & quiche-like casserole and cutting a belated birthday cake for Tasha.

We hammered out some nuts and bolts (mixed metaphor) regarding dues payments and updating our contact information with the Arizona Corporation Commission. The current officer slate was re-confirmed by acclamation with Paula continuing as president, Randall as VP and webmonster and Tasha as treasurer and newsletter editor. Mahala volunteered to assist with making phone calls to remind members and guests of upcoming meetings.

Randall reported that he has applied for an SWCG fan table at CoKoCon in September. He suggests setting up some static displays for those times during the con when SWCG members are busy.

Mahala showed images from some patterns she recently obtained and her new steampunk hand covers.

Tasha shared small teddy bears with the challenge to costume them for the Christmas meeting.

Topics for upcoming activities were discussed. Saturdays are better than Sundays for several members.

Meetings set up for the next few months include:

Sat June 24, 1 PM – Personal projects and videos at Mahala's place. Details about how to share a screen were discussed. (Note: this is the same day as the SCA Fabric War. Maybe visit the event on the way to the meeting?)

Sat July 29, 11 AM – Museum Crawl. Meet at the Tempe Historical Museum , look at the displays, then go to lunch.

August 26, 1PM – CoKoCon prep and future meeting planning at Tasha's place.

September 1-4 - CoKoCon at the Doubletree by Hilton, Broadway & Priest in Tempe , Arizona .

Topics for potential upcoming meetings discussed include a visit to the Phoenix Art Museum, Arizona Hall of Flame Museum and Arizona Historical Society Museum and a demonstration of the Nordic knitting technique called Nail Binding.

## 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.*

**For the April Guild thingy – contact one of us**

materials to make creepy monster han

**June 10 – Tucson Demented Dolls (courtesy of Az Haunters) 12pm-3pm 1200 N Campbell Ave, Tucson**

**Dolls! Almost as creepy as children, and MUCH easier to modify to taste.**

**One of the most popular of the AZ Haunters events is coming to Tucson- Demented Dolls!**

**This make and take will cover the basics of creepifying dolls using various materials.**

**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.**

**You want 2 dolls? just get 2 tickets.**

**The money goes to pay for the supplies and dolls.**

**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.**

**In Phoenix, this has been held in a makerspace with all kinds of tools available. The church activity room is probably not going to have many tools. Some things you may wish to bring:**

**Razor knives / box cutters**

**Scissors**

**Gloves to protect fingers from sharps.**

**Glue Guns and glue. Crazy glue.**

**Paint and brushes. There will be some available, but if you are looking for something specific, it's smart to just bring it.**

**Random bits. If you want stuff sticking out of your doll, better bring it along.**

**Any other tools you think you may need.**

**Demented Dolls Make & Take in Tucson**

**Saturday, June 10**

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a Church**

**1200 N. Campbell Ave Tucson**

**June 17 Tombstone Poppers Make and Take (courtesy of Az Haunters) – 10Am – 12pm**

**HeatSyncLabs 108 W Main St Mesa**

**Add life to your haunt quickly and easily!**

**A tombstone popper is a straightforward introduction to the world of movement. Once you have seen how easy it is, you will find all kinds of applications for this mechanism.**

**So what is a tombstone popper? In it's basic form, it's prop (usually a skull) that rises up from behind a tombstone, then sinks back down out of site.**

This build is easy to make and is perfect for anyone who wants to add some motion to their scenes but is unsure how to get started. No programming. No pneumatics or air compressors. It doesn't even need a trigger! Just a motor and a little hardware, all of which will be provided.

\$35 covers all necessary materials.

Register TODAY! <https://questlist.co/events/749649>

**July 7-9 Mad Monster Party <https://madmonster.com/madmonsterpartyarizona2023/>**

[Mad Monster Party](#) (madmonsterparty.com) is a horror convention that's focused around signings by a strong line-up of guests. It also includes a vendor hall and a panel and event room.

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FRI 6PM-11PM SAT 11AM-7PM SUN 11AM-5PM

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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/>

We've had a blast bringing you CoKoCon each year since 2018, except when the COVID pandemic wouldn't let us. We'd like to continue to do so, but we can't do it alone.

If a local science fiction/fantasy convention is your sort of thing, and if you're on this mailing list we can only presume that it is, then we need you to support us.

Small events are struggling after COVID, the ones that are more naturally social distanced, where you can sit down and chat with guests or panelists; enjoy the free food and conversation in our [ConSuite](#) or our sponsored Ice Cream Social; bid on art in our [Art Show](#) or on all sorts of stuff at our [Charity Auction](#).

Larger events are the ones surviving, the ones where you wait in long lines for thirty second autographs that cost more than our full membership rate. We can have fun at those too, but we like the small events better.

The best way to support us is to [buy a membership](#) to this year's convention. We expected the attendance to be down last year, with people not willing to return to events yet after COVID and others not realizing that we were back in person. Clashes with other events didn't help either. We have to bring our attendance back to normal this year if we want to have a chance to continue.

Another way to help is to [book a room](#) at our host hotel, so you can stay on site and enjoy our evening room parties. The hotel is increasing how many we have to fill going forward, so this is becoming crucial too.

And, if you can't attend for whatever reason, tell your friends about us, like and follow us on social media (we're on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#)) and share some of our posts. Maybe pick up a membership for a friend. Help us to survive and allow us to bring you a personal convention experience in future years.

**September 1-4 <https://sabotencon.conmagick.com/>**

**Arizona's Premiere Japanese Pop-Culture Convention**

Saboten Con is an American anime convention held in Phoenix, Arizona and organized by Monkey Paw Entertainment. The convention is held on Labor Day weekend and lasts for 4 days (Fri-Mon). It is currently hosted at the Sheraton Downtown Phoenix. Saboten Con is the largest anime convention in Arizona with attendance reaching over 23,000 (unique) / 50,000 (turnstile) for the 2021 event  
Sheraton Phoenix Downtown 340 N 3rd Street Phoenix AZ 85004

**September 1-3, 2023 Tucson Comic-con <https://tucsoncomic-con.com/>**

Tucson Convention Center in Downtown Tucson, Arizona. 260 S Church Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701

**[Exhibit Floor Hours](#)**

Friday, September 1: 3:00-8:00PM  
Saturday, September 2: 10:00AM-7:00PM  
Sunday, September 3: 10:00AM-5:00PM  
**Programming Hours TBD**

**October 12-14** Vulture City Paracon, Wickenburg <https://www.vulturecityparacon.com/>  
Oct 12, 6:00 PM – Oct 14, 11:00 PM 36610 355th Ave, Wickenburg, AZ 85390, USA  
*[ye editor wishes she could find more details on this one – maybe next month]*

**October 27-29 Atomic Monster Weekend** <https://atomicmonsterweekend.com/>



**Nov 12-12 Tus-con** <http://www.tusconscificon.com/>

The primary focus of TusCon is science fiction, fantasy and horror, but we also pay attention to art, animation, science, media and gaming.

Ramada by Wyndham Viscount Suites Tucson East  
4855 East Broadway, Tucson, Arizona

**Below are some on-going events by different groups –**

## Grater Bay Area Costumers' Guild 2023 schedule

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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