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Recent Events

From Randall

Meanwhile, I just watched the Netflix documentary series "Merpeople" about performing mermaids. I think it would be right up your alley (need ocean metaphor).

Duck fashion Show in Sydney Australia.

It's been part of the Easter celebrations for 30 years.

Each entrant exhibits 3 outfits- day, evening, and wedding.

<https://designyoutrust.com/2022/01/did-you-know-theres-an-annual-duck-fashion-show-in-australia/>

(Sort of drives you quackers?)



Briefs

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ICG Treasurer here. Looking forward to my first Pennsic not being a merchant! Look out Pennsic U, I will be there!
> Jeanine

Ye editor is going on vacation for most of July – so this is going out early. Hopefully, ye editor will have lots of photos to share in the August issue.

Minutes

NONE – but remember to work on your bears for our Christmas challenge

Minutes of humor

(For the 4th of July (and Canada Day July 1) Please be careful on the roads. Lots of people are drinking heavily at the moment and allowing their wives to drive.

(my 3 year old granddaughter just got a bike)

“Mrs. C, I’m afraid your dog has just been reported to have chased someone on a bike.”

“That’s bullshit – my dog doesn’t have a bike!”

(Because cats and costumers go together)

Cat food shouldn't include beef or tuna. They're too big for cats to eat in the wild. It should only be made of mice, birds and dead pensioners

(We all need more exercise)

Just named my dog 'Tenmiles' so now I can say I walk ten miles every day.

(Ok, costume related) Q. What do you call an alligator who wears a vest? A. An investigator.

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

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?)

(this got cancelled)

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

[Mad Monster Party](https://madmonsterparty.com) (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.

RENAISSANCE PHOENIX GLENDALE HOTEL

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

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Sat July 15 10 AM – Heat Sync Labs – mesa (AZ Haunters event)

Tombstones are fundamental for most haunts. It's often the first prop a haunter makes. Yet, there are limits to what even a skilled and experienced haunter can achieve with hand tools alone.

Laser cut tombstones offer virtually unlimited design options, but laser cutters are expensive and a custom tombstone can cost you hundreds of dollars. Let's learn to DIY those things!

Part 1 of the class is a demonstration of the laser cutting and engraving. We will do a quick overview of how the machine works and demonstrate cutting and engraving a tombstone right before your eyes! We will also provide information on becoming lab-certified to use the laser cutter yourself!

Part 2 is finishing the tombstones. MOST of the tombstones will be cut and engraved before the meetup, so we will be able to move on to finishing. Finishing will include basic painting, plus cracking, distressing and other aging effects. Part 2 includes a certain amount of drying time, of course.

Participants who order multiple tombstones will only have time to finish ONE at the class. You'll be able to take your newfound knowledge home and finish the others as you wish!

More details on the registration page: <https://questlist.co/events/751458>

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. (Our September meeting will be at CoKoCon)

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 realising 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 12-14 (NEW DATES) 2023 Worldcon 81

The 81st World Science Fiction Convention, Chengdu, China

October 26-29 2023 [World Fantasy Convention 2023](#)

An annual gathering of professionals, collectors, and others interested in the field of Light and Dark Fantasy art and literature. Kansas City, MO, USA

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

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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