

# Cactus Needles

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## Recent Events

Paula and Randall tend the SWCG meet and greet table at CoKoCon.



Comments on the con from John A –

The highlight panel was probably the showing of BAD movies from the last 60 years. There were not too many hall costumes ... as it was a more SCI-FI book oriented,

A recording of the Sept. 10, 2023 Silicon Web Costumers' Guild webinar "WorldBuilders of Science Fiction and Fantasy" with photographer Richard Man is now available at <https://siweb.costumers.org/webinars.html>.

In this webinar, Richard Man talks about his latest project, "WorldBuilders of Science Fiction and Fantasy." Starting in 2015, Richard set out to photograph SF&F genre creators: the writers, artists, occasionally editors, etc, using a traditional large-format 4"x5" film camera. His goal is to capture the essence of the person in front of the camera; a picture that can tell a thousand-word story. Richard has also been photographing portraits of costumers with a similar setup and intent, and he also discusses that project during his talk.



**Briefs**

**SEND ME MORE!**

This is just a reminder about Halloween ComicFest on Saturday, October 28, from 5-8 p.m. at the Velma Teague Library. I'm attaching a flyer and a promotional image, in case you want to use them for your social media or newsletters to help us spread the word. The flyer also lists the library's many other Halloween events on the back, if you or your kids would like more spooky season celebrations.

From Az Haunters: <https://azhauntmap.com/>

**PLEASE share AZHauntMap.com on all your social media, including whatever Facebook groups you belong to. Remember - this map is for EVERYONE who wants to go check out cool Halloween stuff. It's not just for haunters. Share it with whatever community groups you can.**

Mahala's Halloween Play List (May be suitable for belly dancing)

I hope this inspires you. There are several themes which I will separate. I copied them down as they were listed. Let me know what you think.

P.S.:

(Moonlight Sonata by Ludwig von Beethoven). Bloodborne is a music group.

The Witcher, not The Witches. A movie, I think, or a video game, not sure. There are quite a few songs from it. I really liked The Wild Hunt.

Haunted Heart by Christina Aguilera is from the movie "The Addams Family". I don't remember it but didn't know there was a remake of the original movie. In a weird way it reminds me of "Hey Big Spender, Spend A Little Time With Me" which you and Debbie have danced to. Same type of upbeat high energy.

The second listing for " Prince Ali" (4:07) is quite a chuckle Reminds me of Bollywood. I am quite enchanted with it. This is the live version from the movie, not the cartoon. I think I want the movie so I can see the whole thing. I think we have the old movie on VHS, never watched it, got it for Bethy. Some day I will get the DVD recorder up and running.

The theme from Aladdin, karaoke version. This is the Hollywood fantasy music that everyone thinks of when they think of exotic Arabian music with fantasy sultans in the palace, glitter and belly dancers in the harem!! You wanted Hollywood cabaret costumes, this is music to go with it!

Halloween

2:27 - Whispers from the Manor

3:55 - The Wolf and the Moon BPM 60 remix metronome version (not original) for percussionist

3:10 - Dark Vampire Music - The Vampire Masquerade - Waltz Music

4:19 - Bloodmoon Sonata (Moonlight Sonata in the style of Bloodborne)

2:19 - Silver for Monsters - The Witcher - Wild Hunt

2:45 - Christina Aguilera - Haunted Heart (official lyric video)

### Arabic/Oriental Music

- 3:14 - Will Smith - Arabian Nights (2019) from "Aladdin"
- 3:29 - Prince Ali - by Will Smith
- 4:07 - Will Smith - Prince Ali (from "Aladdin")
- 3:17 - Arabian nights - Aladdin karaoke  
(also listed as Arabian Nights - Aladdin (2019 film) | Karaoke Version | KaraFun)
- 4:20 - Epic Arabian Music - Golden Age
- 4:18 - Ancient Egyptian Music - Pharaoh Ramses II
- 3:13 - Ancient Egyptian Music - Imhotep the High Priest
- 3:49 - Ancient Egyptian Music - Queen Nefertiti
- 4:05 - Ancient Egyptian Music - The Nile River

### Fantasy Celtic Music

- 3:17 - Evergreen - Follow Me ( Viking dance music) Viking and Nordic music
- 4:11 - Dancing with Fire - Fantasy Celtic Folk Music
- 3:22- The Faerie Feed Me - Fantasy Celtic Folk Music - Runar Karlsson

## Minutes

CoKoCon - We came, we saw, we were seen.

***REMEMBER!!! to work on your bears for our Christmas challenge!***  
***Ye editor has been working on hers!***

Your minute of humor this month provided by Mahala

A husband takes his wife shopping and drops her off at a fabric store. Sometime later he returns to pick her up. He sees her staggering toward the cutting board at the back counter, loaded down with multiple bolts of fabric under each arm. He looks at her aghast and says: "You're not buying all that fabric, are you?" With a big smile, the wife replies: "Yes, but look how much I'm leaving behind!"

### Quotable Quotes:

- "If a friend tells you that you have enough fabric, drop that person. You don't need that kind of negativity in your life."
- "So many costumes, so little closet space."
- "Old quilters never die, they just go to pieces."

## 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.*

## Lights On Tours

Sanctum of Horror in Mesa, AZ has lights-on tours every Sunday in October from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM.

Not many haunts will do this. Get your tix here:

<https://app.hauntpay.com/events/sanctum-of-horror-2023-season>

Tell 'em AZHaunters sent you!

Thursday, October 12 -- ATTENTION, ALL COSTUMERS Only 21 shopping days left until Halloween

**October 14\* SWCG Ice-cream Social at Papa Ed's in downtown Glendale. (This outing is on the club!)**



Saturday, October 21 – Countdown. Only 9 days left until HALLOWEEN. Not much time left to finish your costumes. **Hurry!!**

**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 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween ComicFest @ the Library** will return to the [Velma Teague Library \(7010 N. 58th Ave.\)](#) and [Drawn to Comics \(5801 W. Glendale Ave.\)](#) on Saturday, October 28, from 5-8 PM,

Drawn to Comics, downtown Glendale's source for comic books, gaming and collectibles, is teaming up with the library once again for a spooktacular all-ages Halloween celebration! Attendees will be able to choose from an assortment of free comics, meet local comic book artists, shop with cool vendors, pose with cosplayers, and enjoy fun games and crafts. There might even be a DJ! Costumes are encouraged for attendees. Activities will take place both at the Velma Teague Library and at the Drawn to Comics store located across the street.

We'll arrange for water, candy, and snacks for cosplayers in our Cosplay Lounge. You'll be able to use our staff restrooms as a changing space and we'll provide a place to store your things. Costumes should be age-appropriate for an audience including kids and teens. Due to limited indoor vendor space, we won't be able to provide tables for cosplayers during this event. If you'd like to do anything special during the event besides photo ops/hanging out, please let me know. There will be opportunities to help kids with crafts and games if you're interested. My cell phone is **480-295-6124** if you need to reach me on the day of the event.

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



**Octoer 28<sup>th</sup> - Guild thing – contact one ou us for details**

**November 2-5 [Con-Nichiwa](#) Anime convention**

Con-Nichiwa, is an American anime convention held in Tucson, Arizona and organized by Monkey Paw Entertainment.. Con-Nichiwa is the largest anime convention in Tucson Arizona with attendance reaching over 2,000 yearly.

Registration Hours Friday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Programming Hours Friday: 11:00 AM - 11:30 PM Saturday: 11:00 AM - 11:30 PM Sunday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Exhibit Hall Hours Friday: 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Saturday: 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM Sunday 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tucson - Reid Park 445 S. Alvernon Way Tucson AZ 85711

## November 5 - Inside the ICG Pat and Peggy Kennedy Memorial Archives

The International Costumers' Guild's Pat and Peggy Kennedy Memorial Archives is the world's largest collection of photographs, video, and paper ephemera records of the costuming art in relation to Science Fiction conventions. In this webinar, the Archives team will talk about their work preserving the history of costuming, including some recent projects, their processes, the equipment and software they use, and how the digital and physical collection is stored. This is your chance for an inside look at the ICG Archives and what the team does.

See the Silicon Web website for details <http://www.siwcostumers.org>



## **Tucson Expo Center** **ADMISSION: FREE** - no coupon required **FREE PARKING**

3750 E. Irvington Road

Tucson, AZ 85714

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

## **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

## **Nov 18 – Personal projects at Mahala's**

### **Nov 24-26 LosCon – LAX Marriott**

Traditional Science Fiction Convention

Adults (13 and up) - \$60.00 Military - Active & Veterans - \$45.00 Children (6 - 12) - \$25.

Children under 6 do not need a membership, but can receive a "Kid-in-Tow" badge if requested.

### **December 2 - LibCon West**

Glendale Public Library has solved the logistics problems and there will be a LibCon West this year after all!

It is moved back to the Main Library on 59th Avenue

Hello, all you fabulous cosplayers,

Glendale Public Library's free pop culture convention will return to its original home at the **Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.) on Saturday, December 2, from 12-5 PM**. The event will largely take place outdoors, but there is ample space inside the Main Library in the event of inclement weather.

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

## **December 10 Reenactress: A Female Civil War Reenactor's Documentary**

Over 250 Civil War soldiers were actually women disguised as men. The number is so vague because the historical record is incomplete due to these heroines' amazing ability to pull off their disguises. In her first feature-length documentary, *Reenactress*, director and re-enactor J.R. Hardman explores the history of women warriors who fought bravely in the service of their countries on both the Confederate and Union sides. In this webinar, J.R. will discuss how she was inspired to make the documentary and talk about the process of bringing these historical figures to life through reenactment. See the Silicon Web website for details <http://www.siwcostumers.org/>

## **Dec 16 – Holiday get together with our BEARS at Tasha's**

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

## **Grater Bay Area Costumers' Guild 2023 schedule**

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.

## **2024**

**Jan 5-7 Taiyou Con** Phoenix area Anime convention Mesa, AZ

Mesa Convention Center 263 N Center St, Mesa, AZ 85201 / Delta Hotel 200 N Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ 85201

Taiyou Con is an intense 3 day anime experience at the **Mesa Convention Center!** We are celebrating all things Japanese culture – anime, cosplay, video games, shopping, special guests and much more with **over 300 hours of interactive activities** just for YOU.

We provide an immersive environment for passionate anime fans and cosplayers. When you're here, anime is life! Our 15 years of experience in running conventions makes sure that you have the most anime immersive weekend of the year with your friends.

Your favorite voice actor, artist, or cosplay extraordinaire come to life. This isn't just an anime convention with a vendor hall and some guest signings... it's an anime convention experience.

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup> - Tempe FanCon** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. – SWCG will be there

FanCon is a free annual event featuring costume contests, artists & authors, shopping, and activities for children and adults alike. Fans of Marvel, DC, Star Wars, Anime, and more are invited to gather at the Tempe Public Library in costume for a celebration of pop culture.

**Feb 4-12 War of the Phoenix (SCA) Phoenix International Raceway**

Gate Hours: - General access to the site is controlled through a gated roadway that will be open during limited hours each day. After hours, the gates will be closed.

Open hours for entry:

Sunday 2/4/24– Gate Opens Noon for Merchants Monday 2/5/24- Gate opens at 8AM for Pre-registered attendees

Tuesday 2/6/24- Gate opens 8 AM for Non- Pre-registered attendees Wednesday 2/6/24- Gate opens at 8 AM for day trips Site closes on Monday February 12th at Noon

Pre-registration closes on Jan 31 and all invoices must be paid by Jan 31. Youth under 18 -Free

Adult Member – \$100    Adult Non-Member – \$105

Weekend Pass Member – Thursday to Sunday -\$60    Weekend Pass Non-Member – Thursday to Sunday- \$65

Daily pass – PAY AT THE GATE – \$20 members/ \$25 non-members

“Payment methods accepted at the event gate: cash, money order, cashiers check (no personal checks)”

### **Feb 29 – March 3 Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention Tucson, AZ .**

(WWWC) is the largest Western-style Steampunk Convention in the United States! After incredibly successful events since 2011 we are excited to make WWWC12 (2024) more unique and amazing than ever before! With a splendid lineup of Special Guests, entertainers, panels and games, we are planning an amazing event unlike any other. We take special effort to welcome people who are new to Steampunk – we do not require costumes or specific attire, and you are always welcome to come dressed to the nines.

We are excited to welcome you to the [Casino Del Sol](#) as our host hotel for 2024! It was wonderful working with CDS and we're happy to return for WWWC12. We are taking over every inch of convention space for Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention 12!

### **March 8-10 Kikori Con - Flagstaff's Premiere Anime Convention , Flagstaff, AZ**

Little America Flagstaff, 2515 E Butler Ave, Flagstaff Arizona 86004

Registration Friday 9:30am to 9:30pm Saturday 9:30am to 9:30pm Sunday 9:30am to 4:30pm

Programming Friday 11:30AM to 12:00AM Saturday 11:30AM to 12:00AM Sunday 11:30AM to 5:30PM

Vendor Hall Friday 12:00PM to 7:00PM Saturday 11:30AM to 6:00PM Sunday 11:30AM to 5:00PM

### **Match 15-17 Game On Expo**

Tabletop, Video & Arcade Gaming Phoenix, AZ at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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