

Cactus Needles

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Recent Events



Here are pics for our ice cream social.

Clockwise
Tasha, Paula and Randall

Randall, Tasha, Mahala, Mark, Paula Mark joined us!
Yeah!

Mark and Mahala – she is a “fallen” woman

The was held at Papa Ed's Ice Cream in downtown Glendale (<https://www.papaedsicecream.com/>)
They had decorated for the Fall / Halloween season and were happy to welcome us.

The icecream was delicious.



Here are some comments from John A who made it to Furry con

Only \$45 plus taxes and registration fee It is a very cheap convention for the value you get back

They put a lot of \$\$\$ and work on the better ones ... but many are just happy to put on ears and a tail .. or a hat with ears and join in the fun.

They do not have any masquerades, only evening DJs and lousy sounding music to dance to. They have a Saturday night ADULT panel something about your most outlandish fetish dream. They have a nice smaller DEALERS ROOM for costume and molded head bases to start your costume in fiberglass or cast soft foam (I have one of each but no time to make a new costume yet). They also have artwork, custom commission name badges, costume neck bandanas, and naughty novels, and cartoon books such as wolves, bears, giraffes and zebras going to college, hooking up and doing the "deed" as if they were humans. Also if you were not a COSTUMER like US, you can buy at the DEALERS Den a tail, two ears, and a neck scarf to become a FURRY.

Instead of a MASQUERADE .. they always do a FURSUIT PARADE through the convention hallways, then do a group photo shoot at the end usually at least 100 to 125 furry costumes at once. I DID my FANTASTIA BEN ALI-GATOR one year in the parade just to make a POINT: Not all Furrries are DOGS, WOLVES, FOXES, and COYOTES using the same basic head and only changing their fur colors Parade gathers at 12 noon Saturday and parade walk is 12 to 1pm including the photo shoot. I like to take photos as they come out the door and turn so I can get good photos of each costume walker. Sometimes they clump so I don't always see the details of each one. But because many of the furrries are in costume 24/7 ..you can see them in the hallways or shopping in the DEALERS DEN, or playing "REINDEER / DOG games next to the dealers area.

What is a Furry? A furry is someone who has an appreciation for Anthropomorphic animals. Described as animals with human qualities or characteristics. That appreciation can be in the form of a fursona. Art work, costumes, music, writing crafts or other creative outlets.



Briefs

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The Silicon Web Costumers' Guild webinar "Beetle Wing Embellishment" took place on Oct 8, 2023. A recording of the webinar is now available at: <https://siwcostumers.org/webinars.html>

Select the "View this webinar" link for this webinar to watch it. The standard YouTube license applies.

A photograph of Richard Man, a man with short dark hair, wearing a purple polo shirt and black shorts. He is standing next to a professional video camera mounted on a tripod. Above him is a graphic that reads "Richard Man" in large black letters, followed by "文復明" in Chinese characters, and "2023 Hugo Award Winner Best Fan Artist" in smaller text. To the right of the text is a small red and white icon of a cat's face.	<p>On October 21 at the 2023 Worldcon in Chengdu China, Silicon Web Costumers' Guild member Richard Man received the "Best Fan Artist" Hugo award for his "Worldbuilders of Science Fiction and Fantasy" photography project. According to Richard, he is the first photographer nominated for this award.</p>
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We have learned that the Greater Columbia Fantasy Costumers Guild has gone bankrupt and had to dissolve due to the difficulties of hosting a recent Costume-Con and paying off the hotel bill.

It is likely the members will re-organize under a new chapter name in the future. In the meantime, the SWCG would like to join with Silicon Web and others to offer membership in SWCG to any members orphaned by the dissolution.

From Randall

I had some free time yesterday evening, so I finished my challenge bear.

I drew the garment on computer and exported it to printable fabric. The pattern is seen on screen at right.

Without further ado, I present Ensign Meckett Beariner of the USS Bearitos.

Randall (I am but a simple tailor.)



A new Community issue of Virtual Costumer is online!

"Spruce Girls"

Covers Lifetime Achievement Award Interview, Spruce Girls, Richard Man Nominated for Hugo, Postcards from Balticon 57, and much more.

To read the issue go to:

http://www.siwcostumers.org/vc_current-issue.html

Select the Community Issue on the lower half of the page and answer the confirmation question.

Want to read the current member's issue? Join Silicon Web Costumers now at:

<http://www.siwcostumers.org/join.html>

Minutes

We did some planning at the ice cream social, and that was about it.

REMEMBER!!! to work on your bears for our Christmas challenge!

Randal has his done!

Your minute of humor - in honor of Thanksgiving

What did the turkey say to the computer? Google, Google, Google!

Why did the turkey go to the doctor in November? It was all stuffed up!

What kind of music did the Pilgrims like to listen to? Plymouth Rock!

If there were still Pilgrims alive today, what would they be famous for? Their age!

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.*



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 10-12 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

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 27th - 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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