

# Cactus Needles

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## Recent Events

Saturday 2 December

The first weekend in December was a double header for the guild. On Saturday, we set up our meet & greet tent at LibCon West at the Glendale Main Library. Paula and Randall were there all day, with Tasha and Mahala stopping by for a bit. This was a cosplay friendly event with other players from local Star Wars, Halo, Resident Evil and Star Trek groups as well as the Adrian Empire hosting booths. Randall, dressed in his Star Trek: Lower Decks uniform, shuttled back and forth between our booth and the United Federation of Phoenix next door. Afterwards, we retired to Lenny's (50s style diner) for a burger and some conversation.

The librarians expressed thanks for the loan of our rolling costume repair kit and reported 650-700 people attended the event.



Tasha, Paula, Randall and Ensign Meckett Beariner of the USS Bearitos (Randall's challenge bear) at Libcon



Paula and Randall at Peterson House

Sunday 3 December

On Sunday, Paula and Randall visited the Peterson House museum at Southern & Priest in Tempe for their December weekends holiday event. Besides the fully restored 1892 house itself, there were exterior displays from several artisans, Tempe Public Library and Tempe Historical Museum, as well as a local genealogy group. "Connected Tempe," the genealogy folks, have a fun online search engine where you can look up one of your recent ancestors and learn how they were related to the founding families of Tempe. I had hits on both sides, though my nearest common ancestors to the former owners of the house lived back in the 1600s. It seems Grady Gammage was related to everyone. No wonder they named a theater for him. The search engine is at <https://connectedtempe.surge.sh/>

Paula and Randall were not the only ones who dressed for the occasion. (Paula's cape was a big hit.) We met three ladies in Victorian attire from "The Prescott Regulators and Their Shady Ladies." ([www.PrescottRegulators.org](http://www.PrescottRegulators.org)).

Afterwards, we checked out the new "Voodoo Donuts" location near Rural and Apache for coffee and an intense sugar rush.



**Briefs**

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From Az Haunters – 5pm on a Thursday in August

For those of you who were unable to make it to the live premiere at Pollack Theater in Tempe, you can now see this short anthology on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/kuF3cJEI3ew?si=UsZSP4qqBtF0ubU2>  
Please give it a watch and leave some encouraging comments for the filmmaker.

Mark sent these (off of Facebook) – with captions that capture our imagination



I just stopped by the fabric store to buy single spool of thread – that's all – really



This is what happens when Gramma asks what you want for Christmas and you say "fancy rims for my car tires".

## Minutes

November 18<sup>th</sup> at Mahala's

The guild got together for some personal projects at Mahala's

Tasha managed to darn the toe of a sock using her grandmother's darning egg. They 're her favorite pair of travel socks.

Paula showed off a witch's hat that had been a centerpiece from a work event. It looked like they would be fun and easy to make.

We missed the Witches' Regatta again (ye editor needs to do a better job of tracking it) even if we didn't participate, it would be fun to see a bunch of people in witch costumes paddleboarding around Tempe Town Lake.

Discussed plans for December - LibCon, Peterson House (above) and Holiday get-together (see below)

We watched some slide shows John A sent us of cons he's attended.

Guild Business:

We let the PO box go – we really were not using it.

Randall kindly shares the box with us from his MoiRandalls patterns site – he is going to be letting that go next year. Our website has transitioned to the ICG (international Costumers' Guild) site – but we haven't gotten the officers e-mails transferred yet.

We looked at being on meetup, but that is more expensive that we want to go for.

For Tempe FanCon in January – remember to bring a chair

Minutes of humor

(thanks to Think and Laugh Daily – whose daily goal is to bring a smile to your face! –

[laugh@thinklaughnow.com](mailto:laugh@thinklaughnow.com))

What did the tomato say to the other tomato during a race? "Ketchup!"

How does a snowman get to work? By icicle!

How does an Inuit man build his home? With gloo!

Why was the robot so tired after his road trip? He had a hard drive!

Wanna hear a one-word scary story? Monday!

What did the snowman say after losing its arm? I am never playing fetch again!

What do cows like to read? Cattle-logs..

How did the barber win his race? He knew a short cut.

Why do chicken coops only have two doors? If they had four doors, they would be called chicken sedans

## 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.*

Saturday, Dec 16 at 1 p.m\* – Holiday get together with our BEARS at Tasha Cady's. Several months ago, Tasha handed out little stuffed teddy bears and challenged us to create costumes for them for the December meeting. We will be bringing our finished projects and have a Christmas party for us (and maybe the bears). We will have a brief business meeting and discuss some plans for next year. Lots of good food and bad puns. Call

her at 623-826-1501 for directions – near Arrowhead Mall . Food and drinks provided (potluck). Festive casual dress.

### **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

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