

# Cactus Needles

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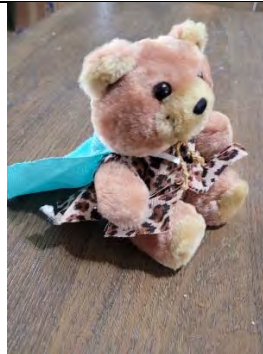
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## Recent Events

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, the guild had a Christmas party at Tasha's. Randal (Ensign Meckett Beariner of the USS Bearitos) couldn't make it, but we had some special guests – our other challenge bears and friends. Tasha got a little carried away – she has four grandchildren under 10, and they each got a special bear this year



Left is Mahala's – with his fabric and trim. See how it matches his bow.  
Right are Super Bear and Anime Bear - two of Tasha's quartet.  
Below is the whole crew – The ones in the basket are Paula's – Sir JP of Peridot in chainmail and his nephew Pete the pirate.  
John A wanted to come as a bare bear (kind of furry), but couldn't make it.



This is Medieval bear (also Tasha's)



This is Rainbow bear – the last of the foursomme



A recording of the Silicon Web Costumers' Guild webinar "Reenactress: Discovering the Women Warriors of the Civil War" with documentary director J.R. Hardman. is now available to view on the SiW website: <https://siwcostumers.org/webinars.html#webinar-2023-12-10>. Please visit the *Reenactress* documentary website (<https://reenactress.com>) for updates on the film or to make a tax-free donation to help with its completion and distribution.



**Briefs**

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I'm happy to announce that the board has approved a request for affiliation and we now have a new chapter of the ICG: Maryland Costumers and Cosplayers!

If you were a member of a chapter that recently folded would like to select the new chapter as your primary chapter, reach out to them via their president, Jamie Peddicord, at [crimsonmoons@gmail.com](mailto:crimsonmoons@gmail.com)

Kevin Roche  
President, ICG

, it is that time of year again, so I want to send out a reminder that any ICG member, chapter, or SIG in good standing may submit nominations for the ICG Lifetime Achievement Award. Nominations may be submitted at any time (see below) to [laa-nomination@costume.org](mailto:laa-nomination@costume.org)

Nomination criteria are posted on our website at <http://costume.org/wp/icg-lifetime-achievement-award/>

While nominations may be submitted at any time, the deadline to be considered for a given year is no later than 60 days before our annual members meeting. That is scheduled for March 29, 2024 (at Costume-Con 42) which would make the 2024 nomination deadline Monday, January 29, 2024 at 11:59PM Pacific Time.

I look forward to reviewing your nominations, and thank you to those who have already submitted one!

If you wish to reactivate a nomination you submitted in a previous year, and do not wish/need to update the supporting information, a simple note to that address saying so is sufficient.

Kevin Roche  
President, International Costumers' Guild

Men and knitting by Carole Parker – from the ICG - <http://costume.org/wp/2023/11/20/did-you-know-about-the-history-of-men-and-knitting/>

A history of costumes from the Paris area – from prehistory to present – a quick view <https://www.facebook.com/share/Udr8HRYoURNhdJBR/?mibextid=RXn8sy>

Sewing hacks – I'm going to use tacking drawstrings in place <https://www.facebook.com/share/SpD7SeWMLN9RjDcn/?mibextid=RXn8sy>

## **Minutes**

No meeting minutes, but our minute of humor this month is from Mahala

Some humor from the Dec. AARP magazine

**Witty & Wise – A Bunch of Flakes**

Said one snowman to the other, "Is your brother coming?" The second snowman replied, "No, he's a flake."

Chilly: "I have to take my computer in to get it fixed."

Willy: "Why?"

Chilly: "It's frozen."

Snowman #1: "If you could be anything you wanted, what would it be?"

Snowman #2: "Warm."

Older snowman to youngster: "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

Little snowman: "An avalanche."

Mr. Cool: "Is everything OK?"

Frosty: "Yes. Why?"

Mr. Cool: "You seem a little cold lately."

Snowman #1: "What are you doing today?"

Snowman #2: "Just chillin'."

## 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.*

### **Sun. Jan. 14, 2023 at 1pm PT, 4pm ET. – Silon Webinar – Becoming Edith Head**

There is no fee for this event but the number of attendees is limited, so be sure to register soon. Here is the registration link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqf-GprlRE9afNFKc0bw66QoauSIUSvBu>

Costume designer Edith Head is legendary in the world of costume design, winning a record eight Academy Awards for Best Costume Design between 1949 and 1973. With her one-woman show, "[A Conversation with Edith Head](#)," actress Susan Claassen created a highly-acclaimed theatrical performance based upon the legendary Hollywood costume designer that has toured around the world

**Jan. 25, 26 & 27, 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Phoenix Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival** – Thurs. & Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Arizona State Fairgrounds, (Parking Entrance: 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. & McDowell Rd.), Phoenix. Free classes & demos. See and buy the latest supplies, fabrics, notions, patterns and tools – all under one roof. For additional show information visit their website at: [www.quiltcraftsew.com](http://www.quiltcraftsew.com).

### **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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