

Cactus Needles

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Recent Events

SWCG participated in the Temple FanCon, sponsored by the public library, again this year – report by Randall

Tempe FanCon 2024 was windy and well attended.

We gave out quite a few cards, bookmarks and flyers. Nine persons/couples filled out the attached contact form.

A picture snapped on my phone by John Autore is seen at right.

Since it was windy and our flyers wanted to blow around, it occurs to me that a good little sweatshop project might be to make colorful mini sandbags for the table.

Report by Randall



Briefs

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We found our lost member! Saran is back in contact! Wish her well.

From Phillip Gust at Silicon Web

A recording of the Jan 14, 2024 Silicon Web Costumers' Guild Presents webinar, "Becoming Edith Head" with Susan Claassen is now available on the Webinars page of the SiW website at <https://siwcostumers.org/webinars.html#webinar-2024-01-14>.

Notes from John A

Comments on Phoenix Fan Fusion

In the past I have always gone as it is a "PEOPLE WATCHING EVENT", where people show their freak side, tattoos, dyed hair, squeezed in spandex, hair dyed girl fans of PINK PONIES in short TUTUs, teen boy spandex super heroes without proper foundation garments (but still wearing their sport socks underneath, male nuns in drag white face, STAR WARS heros all in PINK attire, tall college frat boys as ROLLER SKATING DERBY ladies in DRAG, and still a few, really wonderful and imaginative costumes.

But my billfold can not longer afford to be tempted in the HUGE DEALERS ROOM, although I have found wonderful light sabres, vintage series VHS tapes (some bootlegged), and a great dealer, who sells wonderful PIRATE leather goods with high quality and high sticker shock to match. Then there is the "Twiggs and Berries" dealer for those that have tights in some of their outfits.

But I stopped going when it GOT TOO BIG FOR ITSELF. You have over a dozen panels per hour. You go expecting great panels like PRINGECON, DARKCON, COSTUMECON or WESTERCON and to be informed, wowed, and get great IDEAS and HOW-TOs. Then you come out and realized that you have been scammed, and missed out on a GOOD PANEL, and not one by a lowlife "POSER", who is trying to BE SOMEONE, and pickup a fan base on a FACEBOOK page, or dressing up for a COMIC BOOK STORE EVENT, so they don't have to work for a living. So all the valuable panels that PHOENIX COMIC CON use to have are gone now. The PRO seminars are now WANT TO BE SOMEONE - but - AREN'T talk thru's.

2023 FURCON was small and still great

Minutes

None

We have only done a minute amount of minutes the past 12 months

However – here is your minute of humor

Why did the student eat his homework? Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!

Dad Joke of the Day: I think Taco Tuesday sets a bad example for children. They need to grow up knowing that they can eat tacos every day of the week!

What did the iceberg say to its parents? You're the coolest.

What's the difference between a man wearing pajamas on a bicycle and a guy wearing a tuxedo on a unicycle? Attire!

What does "idk" stand for? Everyone I ask says, "I don't know!"

What did the lava say to his girlfriend? "I lava you!"

Why can't you play football with pigs? They hog the ball!

What do kids play when their mom is using the phone? Bored games!

What do you call a couple of chimpanzees sharing an Amazon account? PRIME-mates!

Why don't grasshoppers watch football? They prefer cricket!

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.*

{This is why you are getting this issue early – ye editor will be at the medieval war – sans computer }

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)"

SWCG event – contact us for details

Sun. Feb. 25, 2024 at 1pm PT, 4pm ET (From - Silicon Web, Webinar)

"Egyptomania: The impact of the Discovery of Ancient Egypt on Popular Culture" with Leslie L. Johnston

Following Napoleon's invasion of Egypt in 1798, images of Egyptian archaeological sites and artifacts were widely distributed through the illustrated press and the wildly popular *Description de l'Égypte* series of publications. The mania for all things ancient Egyptian led to interpretations of its culture and iconography in fashion, art, music, and literature in wildly varying degrees of authenticity; the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922 launched a later wave of Egyptomania.

Leslie L. Johnston will discuss how the illustrated and popular press helped create the Egyptomania craze in popular culture, and show images of clothing, architecture, art, and music influenced by ancient Egypt from the 1790s through to the 1920s.

Register for this webinar at:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvdeigpzljHtUHwSBCVeN6sd5t_5Arqi7o

SATURDAY, MAR 02, 2024 - SUNDAY, MAR 03, 2024 Oddities Expo \$11 - Phoenix Convention Center

<https://odditiesandcuriositiesexpo.com/>

For Lovers of the Strange, Unusual & Bizarre. The Oddities & Curiosities Expo featuring vendors from all over the country with all things weird.

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

Sun. Apr. 14, 2024 at 1pm PT, 4pm ET (From - Silicon Web, Webinar) "Screen Accuracy is a Myth!" with Johanna Mead

It's only natural to strive for "screen accuracy" when building cosplays. But what if you were told that "screen accuracy" is a myth, and a shortcut to frustration and bankruptcy?

Johanna Mead will provide examples of how a costume can look completely different when it's off-screen and why. Learn from a cosplayer with 25+ years' experience about where you can most effectively expend your resources striving to duplicate the details, and when it's okay to compromise.

Register for this webinar at: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZludOisqDlpG9fC_vWn9hkjwm4ZZx39IPEY

Fri-Sun May 24-26 Phoenix Fan Fusion <https://www.phoenixfanfusion.com/>

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PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

We are your local, fan and geek driven, large scale, multi-genre, pop-culture convention... with the silly, quirky name. Spend your weekend with us and discover how much fun it is to geek out. Have questions? Email eva@phoenixfanfusion.com and she'll help you.

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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