

# Cactus Needles

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## Recent Events

April and May were get together. In May we did visit the local library comic / cosplay day.



Our April meeting

Here is a picture of Paula, Mahala and Randall at McAlpine's. There is a mirror in the background , so you can see the restaurant owner snapping the picture.

(Ye editor missed the meeting due to a bad fall)



**Our May Meeting**

Here is a picture of Paula, Mahala and Randall at Papa ed's ice Cream. This year, Star Wars Day and Free Comic Book Day fell on the same Saturday. The Glendale Velma Teague Public Library and Drawn to Comics hosted their annual celebration. Paula, Sharan and Randall walked the artist alley of the event. Afterward, Mahala joined us for a visit to Papa Ed's Ice cream.

For the occasion, Randall hauled out his Count Dooku cosplay, not seen in many years.

(Ye editor missed the meeting due to a stressful family situation

**Subject:** THANK YOU from the Velma Teague Library for Free Comic Book Day cosplay! Hello, wonderful cosplayers, The "fourth" was very much with us at this year's Free Comic Book Day, since we attracted over 1400 attendees! I received excellent feedback from people saying what a great event it was. Of course, it wouldn't have been that way without all of you. Thank you so much for attending -- your presence is what makes it so special. We know there are a lot of demands on your time, particularly on a Free Comic Book Day/*Star Wars* Day combo, so we really appreciate that you chose to support our event. You all are the best! We hope to see you all again soon at Velma Teague Library's Halloween ComicFest and Main Library's LIBCON West (dates to be announced). I hope to hang out with some of you again this month at Phoenix Fan Fusion, too!

Thanks again,  
Anna



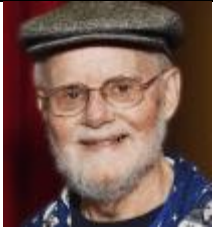
**Briefs**

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**RIP**

It is with great sadness that the Silicon Web Costumers' Guild, the International Costumers' Guild, and the larger costuming community mourn the passing of Silicon Web member and fandom legend John Trimble. It was John who first said to his wife Bjo that, "it's a shame a good science fiction show like *Star Trek* is going to be canceled. We should do something about that!"





For over 58 years John, along with Bjo have been ambassadors for science fiction, the space program, the SCA, and the costuming community, meeting and hosting people from all walks of life, all over the world. In 1992, John and Bjo were honored with the [IGG Lifetime Achievement Award \(LAA\)](#).  
John has touched thousands of lives in a way that was positive and full of joy. He will be greatly missed.

## Webinars

A recording of the Silicon Web Costumers' Guild webinar "Screen Accuracy Is a Myth: Creating Costumes Without Losing Your Mind" with Johanna Mead, which took place on Sun. April.14, 2024, is now available to view on the SiW website: <https://www.siwcostumers.org/webinars.html#webinar-2024-04-14>.

This is the final "Silicon Web Costumers' Guild Presents" webinar of the 2023-2024 season. We hope that you will join us for the 2024-2025 season, starting in the Fall of 2024.

Announcements of upcoming webinars will be emailed to SiW and ICG members, posted as events on Facebook, and published in *The Virtual Costumer* magazine: <https://www.siwcostumers.org/vc.html>

Information on individual webinars will also appear on the Calendar page of the SiW website: <https://siwcostumers.org/calendar.html>.

Recordings of past webinars are available on the Webinars page: <https://siwcostumers.org/webinars.html>.

## Silicon web – community

"Inflatable Cosplay" Covers Inflatable Cosplay, Hatmaking, Yarn Wigs, Oscar Nominated Costumes, and much more. To read the issue go to:  
[https://www.siwcostumers.org/vc\\_current-issue.html](https://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' Guild now at:  
<https://www.siwcostumers.org/join.html>

## St. Louis Costumers' Guild Painted Lady Award

by [Bruce Mai](#) | May 4, 2024 | [articles](#), [International Costumer](#) | [0 comments](#)

The dictionary defines art as "the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power." An artist must make a leap of faith, opening themselves to critique and interpretation by their audience. In the context of being a masquerade costumer, they are using their presentation and costume as a platform for personal expression. With each new creation, they strive to be memorable.



Photo: Nora Mai.

Previously, the St. Louis Costumers Guild (aka the St. Louis Ubiquitous Tailoring Society – SLUTS) gave “The Slattern,” (a hand-made garter) to an entry that appeared to be having the most fun on stage. Our more recent award, The Painted Lady keeps to the spirit of our chapter while honoring the art of costuming and the courage of the artist(s). It is only presented at Costume-Con, and can be given either for a Fantasy and Science Fiction or Historical masquerade entry.

After a show, SLCG members are polled to determine what entry was the most original in design and/or concept. This includes incorporating aspects from different cultures, using unconventional materials, presenting in a unique style, or any other innovative approach that makes it exceptional. The award is a flask to be filled with the person or persons’ favorite drink (possibly alcoholic).

### Minutes

May the Fourth Be With You, so after you party on Cinco de Mayo, you may escape the Revenge fo the Sixth

May silliness from Mahala

**in the Merry, Merry Month of May**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> = May Day**

**Ring the doorbell, yell “May Day”, and run and hide**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> = Star Wars Day**

**May the Fourth Be With You**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> = Cinco de Mayo**

**Battle of Puebla = Tacos & Margaritas, Ole!**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> = Mothers Day**

**Don’t forget the cards and flowers**

**May 27<sup>th</sup> = Memorial Day**

**3 Day Weekend**

**Party, Party, Party All Month Long**

### 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.*

**February 14-July 7, 2024 -- The Phoenix Art Museum** is having two exhibits running together in the Fashion-Design Mezzanine, "The Power of Pink" and "Barbie: A Cultural Icon". "The Power of Pink" explores the complex history of the popular yet controversial color and its impact on fashion and pop culture. The items shown are entirely from the museum's fashion-design collection. "Barbie: A Cultural Icon" traces the 60+ year evolution of Barbie, from child's toy to global icon. See more than 250 vintage dolls—including the original Barbie and all 22 original ensemble outfits. And much more. Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ, 602-257-1880. <https://phxart.org> Closed Monday & Tuesday. Open Wednesday 10 a.m.-9 p.m. (& "pay what you wish" night, 3-9 p.m.), Open Thursday-Sunday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Closed major holidays. Adults \$28, seniors \$25, students with ID \$23, youth (6-17) \$18, children (5 & younger) free.

## May 18<sup>th</sup> – Zombie Faces

Master Monster Maker Ed Kennefick will walk you through turning a boring old store-bought foam head into a cadaveric cabeza!

May 18, 2024 at 10 AM

HeatSync Labs in Mesa, AZ

\$30 gets you:

Explanation on how Ed makes the zombie faces

Live demonstration explaining how to apply a latex mask and other materials to a generic foam head

Your very own generic foam head

A latex zombie face sculpted by Ed himself

All the materials you bring your zombie to ...uh... death!

Space is limited, so register early!

Registration ends May 15 to allow time to prep all the faces.

Register at <https://guestlist.co/events/772095>

You will get a PDF ticket. You need not print this. Just please have it on your phone.

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

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MAY 24-26 2024

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Have questions? Email [eva@phoenixfanfusion.com](mailto:eva@phoenixfanfusion.com) and she'll help you.

## July 12th - 14th | 2024 Mad Moster Party – Arizona

It's a Horror, Sci-Fi, and Fantasy themed convention that brings the world's top genre celebrities and vendors together with their fans to trade stories, attend informative panels, buy autographs, and fun merchandise, and visit with old friends – and meet new like minded monsters.

RENAISSANCE PHOENIX GLENDALE HOTEL

FRI 6PM-11PM SAT 11AM-7PM SUN 11AM-5PM

## Saboten Con 2024 - 8/30 - 9/2 2024

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown

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Saboten Con is an American anime convention held in Phoenix, Arizona and organized by Monkey Paw Entertainment. The convention is held on Labor Day weekend and lasts for 4 days (Fri-Mon). It is currently hosted at the Sheraton Downtown Phoenix. Saboten Con is the largest anime convention in Arizona with attendance reaching over 23,000 (unique) / 50,000 (turnstile) for the 2021 event

Programming: Fri 1:00 PM - 2:00 AM Sat 11:30 AM - 2:00 AM Sun 11:30 AM - 2:00 AM Mon 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Exhibits Fri 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Sat 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Sun 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Mon 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration: Thurs 7:00- 10:00 PM (Pre-reg only) Fri 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Sat 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Sun 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Mon 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

TusCon 51 - November 8th – 10th, 2024

Hello, fellow fans. Welcome to TusCon, Arizona! More specifically, welcome to TusCon 51, our 51st annual Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Horror convention in Tuscon... ah, we mean rather Tucson, Arizona. Attendees of TusCon are among the most dedicated fans of science fiction, fantasy, and horror and many attendees are professional writers, film producers, artists, and reporters who keep others informed about the goings-on in the industry.

TusCon is an annual science fiction convention sponsored by the Baja Arizona Science Fiction Association (BASFA), a Southern Arizona section 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization. The primary focus of TusCon is literary science fiction, fantasy, and horror, but we also embrace art, animation, science, media and gaming to provide a well-rounded experience.

Direct any questions to [basfa@earthlink.net](mailto:basfa@earthlink.net)

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