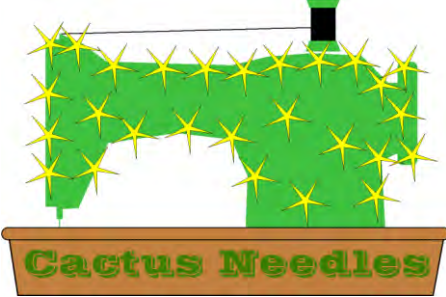


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## Recent Events

Barony of Sundragon Fabric War  
Reported by Randall

Paula and I attended the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) Barony of Sundragon’s annual Fabric War event on June 29, 2024 at the Washington Elementary School gym in Phoenix. This location was particularly handy, right across the freeway from my home.

Fabric War started out as a meetup where medieval costumers could gather to clear out their fabric hoards, maybe trading for pieces that would better suite their current projects. Over many years, the event has developed into a kind of swap meet or medievalist garage sale with used costumes, feast gear and camping equipment also being exchanged. The school cafeteria venue worked quite well for this, with each participant able to reserve a lunch table to display their goods.

I took this as an opportunity to try to find forever homes for the items of garb and accessories remaining from my days selling costumes at small renaissance faires under my “MoiRandalls” brand. I opened up my table to items from other guild members too, with Mahala sending along some stuff. Unfortunately, I missed connection with Tasha. There is always next time.

Besides a few of my own items, we also sold a guild fundraiser chemise.

On the acquisition side, I purchased a steam-molded Robin Hood hat crafted on-site that will certainly see some use at the next Arizona Renaissance Festival. Paula found several CDs of middle easter dance music.

Of course this was a full-blown SCA event with classes, competitions, a boxed-lunch feast and royal and baronial courts.

The final bit of the event is the “Fabric Melee.” Participants toss whatever fabric and costume items they do not want to take home into a big pile in the middle of the event room. On signal, participants can wade in and grab whatever they can. It’s more civilized than it sounds. I did not expect to participate myself, but I wound up with enough scrap leather for some pouches and enough upholstery fabric to re-make my living room curtains.

The event is definitely worth doing again next year.



Above – panorama of the event  
Right – our stuff  
Below – Jack helping randal get ready



**Briefs**

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Ye editor has been on vacation and will share some costume photos next issue.  
Welcome to our new neighbors in Albuquerque! It sounds enchanting.



## Minutes

*Hopefully we will have an actual meeting this month, so I will have minutes for the August edition*

So, here are a few more minutes of humor  
What's a rodent's favorite hairstyle? A rat tail.  
What do you call a wingless fly? A walk.  
What flower does a monkey like the most? A chimp-pansy.

## 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.*

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

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown  
340 N 3rd Street  
Phoenix AZ 85004  
(623) 232-0580  
[info@sabotencon.com](mailto:info@sabotencon.com)

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

**October 26, f2024 5-8 PM.** Saturday Halloween ComicFest @ the Library will return to the [Velma Teague Library](#) (7010 N. 58th Ave.) held in collaboration with [Drawn to Comics](#) (5801 W. Glendale Ave.), downtown Glendale's source for comic books, gaming and collectibles. Come for three hours or fifteen minutes – we appreciate any and all support!

Attendees will be able to choose from an assortment of free comics, meet local comic book artists, shop with cool vendors, pose with cosplayers and enjoy fun games and crafts. Costumes are encouraged for attendees. Activities will take place both inside the Velma Teague Library and at the Drawn to Comics store located across the street.

### **November 8th – 10th, 2024 TusCon 51**

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)

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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