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### Recent Events

Nothing new



**Briefs**

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Some brief moments of humor, in apology for nothing substantial this month.

What do frogs order for Bar-b-que? Ribbits

Why do people borrow more right before Easter? To celebrate Lent.

How does one horse greet the horse next door? Hi Neigh-bor.

Why did the aspiring singer start belting it out on the airplane? She wanted her career to take off.

### Minutes

SWCG Meeting August 17, 2024 at Mahala's Home

Reported by Randall

Present were Mahala, Sharan, Paula, Tasha, Randall

This was a relaxing get-together over snacks. We talked some business informally. Some of these items required online research after the discussion, presented below.

Our next meeting will be a visit to the Phoenix Art Museum on Wednesday, September 25, gathering at the museum at 630 PM. Wednesdays are "Pay what you wish" after 3PM. <https://phxart.org/>

Randall passed out the newly printed SWCG business cards. These are customized to individual SWCG members, with phone numbers and e-mail addresses. They can serve as membership cards, as well as contact-us cards. We have plenty of cardstock left for the next batch.

We will be participating in the Tempe FanCon event in January. After conversing with organizer Jill, Paula is disappointed with the shorter hours for the 2025 event (so is Jill) and suggests writing the higher-ups in the Tempe Public Library organization to see about restoring the original hours.

Yes, there will be a LibCon West at Glendale Public Library this year. Anna indicated the formal invitations will be sent out around Tuesday August 20 and the event will be held on the first weekend in December.

Anna recently informed Randall that Glendale Public Library now makes its meeting rooms available to all cardholders free of charge. Better yet, anyone with a Maricopa County address can get a Glendale Public Library card!  
[https://www.glendaleazlibrary.com/using\\_the\\_library/get\\_or\\_renew\\_a\\_library\\_card](https://www.glendaleazlibrary.com/using_the_library/get_or_renew_a_library_card) The members enjoyed this news and we discussed holding a hands-on SWCG workshop there in the future.

Mahala passed around a catalog from Stauer, a seller of jewelry and accessories. They can be found at [www.stauer.com](http://www.stauer.com). Stauer claims to have found a master chemist and gemologist in the desert outside of Phoenix, AZ who can create lab-grown opals. This led to a show-and-tell discussion of Mahala's opal jewelry, which is her birthstone. She showed several pieces to compare the differences between natural white opals, black Australian opals, pink Peruvian opals, Ethiopian opals, and synthetic ones of which there are several varieties.

Randall mentioned he regularly receives e-mail advertisements from Alchemy of England, a company with many Goth, Halloween and Steampunk accessories. [www.alchemyofengland.com](http://www.alchemyofengland.com)

Ronnie messaged to invite us to a special National Talk Like a Pirate Day (Thurs September 19) flea market event at Amadio Farms (SWC 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Dobbins Road in Laveen) for the benefit of Eagle Tail Mountain Wolf Sanctuary.

## 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.*

**Talk Like A Pirate Day Thursday – Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm**

**Pirate take over Day – Saturday – Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 5-9pm**

Amidio Ranch Heritage Farm

4710 W Dobbins, Laveen

Fund Raiser for Wolf Sanctuary

### **GBACG Event**

**She's Everything; Barbie's Dream Party**

Sun., September 22, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm PDT Camfron-Stanford House 1418 Lakeside Dr, Oakland, CA 94612

Join us at Camron-Stanford House to celebrate everyone's favorite – Barbie (and Ken, of course)!

Think of how you would spend your own Barbie Dream Party and make it a reality! Relax in the garden or tour the house decked out in all pink, enjoy a smorgasbord of pink and sparkly desserts, take a picture in the Barbie Box, or walk the pink carpet runway!

**COSTUME**

Dress as your favorite version of the famous doll or one of her many relatives and friends. Alternatively, come as your own favorite toy from your childhood, or another famous historical doll, stuffed animal or a brick creation!

**TICKETS**

Member Tickets: \$30, on sale August 21st, 7pm.

Non-Member Tickets: \$40, on sale August 23rd, 7pm.  
Child Tickets (under 13): \$25, on sale August 21st, 7pm.

**Guild meeting - Wednesday, September 25**, gathering at the Phoenix Art Museum at 630 PM. Wednesdays are “Pay what you wish” after 3PM. <https://phxart.org/>

### **Bizarre Bazaar - Saturday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, 6-10pm**

Desert Sun Plaza, 1325 Grand Ave, Phoenix - Free  
Oddities Market – creepy dolls, vintage treasures, taxidermy and more

### **GBACG Event**

#### **Era of Stardust: Exploring Time and Space**

Sat., October 19, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm PDT - Laughing Monk 1235 Oakmead Parkway, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Gather in outer space with beings from distant galaxies, from a long time ago, far reaching future, or other timey wimey travelers!

Join us for an afternoon studded with stars, enjoy a sit-down buffet luncheon, and make a toast to the vast sky above!

#### **COSTUME**

Anything sci-fi or space related goes! Dress as your favorite galaxy-travelling hero, a smooth-talking robot, a space cowboy or anything in between! Some inspirations may include: Forbidden Planet, Day the Earth Stood Still, all the Douglas Adams books, Doctor Who, Star Trek and Star Wars.

#### **TICKETS**

Member Tickets: \$70, on sale August 28th, 7pm.  
Non-Member Tickets: \$80, on sale August 30th, 7pm.

**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)

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