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Recent Events

The guild scheduled a trip to the Phoenix Art Museum. The editor was out of town and hasn't gotten a report yet.



Briefs

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From Phil Gust at Silicon Web

A recording of the Silicon Web Costumers' Guild webinar "My Costume Myself: Celebrating Stories of Cosplay and Beyond" with Dr. Thomas Endres that took place on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024 is now available to view on the SiW website: <https://www.siwcostumers.org/webinars.html#webinar-2024-09-08>.

Please join us for our next webinar on Oct. 27, 2024: "Laser Cutters for Costumers" with Taylor Pope. Registration for SiW members is open now. General registration opens on Sept 27, 2024. ICG members will receive registration information by email, and the event will also be posted on Facebook.

Information about upcoming webinars appears on the Calendar page of the SiW website: <https://siwcostumers.org/calendar.html>.

From AZ Haunters

Rick Rowen - AZ Haunter, photographer, bike enthusiast, and prop builder is terminally ill. He must sell all his homemade animatronic props and haunt equipment.

I could make a joke of some kind here - the dark humor Rick would find hilarious - but I don't have it in me.

He has lighting, pneumatics, a lot of audio equipment including a 100W x 2 PA amp, mixer board, and some really original props!

Compressed air and 12v is required to power the props, just like at professional haunts; these are not your Spirit Halloween imports!

Rick is unable to get to most of until time of sale (a one-way trip down from the attic, in light of being so ill).

He has created a [Google Doc](#) with his stuff, and he is adding more to it all the time as he is able.

I know it's haunt season and you are in full -tilt crazy mode.

BUT - you want great, unique props. Rick has great, unique props. You interested in pneumatics but not sure where to start? Rick has some already made - you just need to add a compressor and power. It doesn't get easier than that. But them now to have them ready for next season. Hell, his props may even inspire you to take your haunt in a whole new direction!

At least check it out. If you want to ask anything he is selling, or about other stuff he may have that is not yet listed, email him at richardrowen@gmail.com

Happy haunting!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CBRpVuEWzCsfqaYpE2-97iGcTxhg9k3Q4D46oRIOPwY/edit>

From John Autore



A private and his dog



Muppet Drummer

I was looking at my hard drive looking for my costume photos. Knowing that some of you may be looking for HALLOWEEN fillers for your windows or as fillers for your newsletters, I thought I would email [some photos] (Also see the last page of this news letter for John's Halloween adlib – it looks like great fun at a party.)

Minutes

Since ye editor has not SWCG minutes, here are some minutes of humor.

What fish lives to play in a band? A sea-bass

Why were the little blue blueberries crying? Their friends were in a jam.

What is the worst season? Tax season.

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.*

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, 2024 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

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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Every _____ as the _____ starts to chill
(noun) (noun)
the Halloween _____ bring children a thrill.
(noun)

Witches and _____, _____ and Ghosts
(noun) (noun)
but that's not what _____ focus on most!
(people)

They all want to _____ how much _____ they can eat,
(verb) (food/snack)
the most important part of _____ is a good trick-or-treat!
(holiday)

Each Halloween kids _____ all of their pockets
(verb)
with _____ n' _____ and _____ n' chocolates.
(noun) (noun) (noun)

The _____ just take over, it's like they can't stop it
(noun)
so each and every _____ we have a skeleton in the closet.
(noun)



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