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Recent Events

SWCG Fall Activities Misremembered by Randall

Wednesdays evenings are "Pay what you Wish" days at the Phoenix Art Museum. Paula and Randall visited on September 25, 2024. The second floor usually features a display from the Arizona Costume Institute (Arizonacomstumeinstitute.org) on the second floor mezzanine, but our timing was imperfect and that level was closed for construction of the next exhibit. No biggie, the rest of the museum is well worth a visit anytime. Paula particularly enjoyed the displays of Chinese ceramics and enriched her collection with some books about past costume displays. Afterwards, we repaired to a local Panera for a light supper.

On Saturday, October 26, Paula, Mahala and Randall gathered at Papa Ed's Ice Cream in downtown Glendale for a snack in costume. The hostess was amused, apparently having said "Beeetljuice" three times just before Randall arrived. Paula had her decorated and lighted witchy hat. Mahala had her gown with kinsale cloak.

We mini-celebrated Mahala's birthday, then headed down to the Velma Teague Library to walk "Halloween ComicFest," a gathering of artists and cosplayers with free comic books to boot. Afterwards, we crossed the street to "Flavors in the Park," home of most excellent fish tacos. At the restaurant, we discussed our upcoming meet & greet at LibCon West. We set the best date for our November meeting as 11/16/24, but did not settle on the topic.

	<p>This is a not-very-good photo from my phone. Paula has much better pictures on her professional quality camera, featuring all three of us.</p>
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With Halloween falling in the middle of the week, both the weekend before and the weekend after were cosplay time for grown-ups.

Anna invited me out to Pho Cao in Scottsdale on November 1 to hear excellent local band The Bad Cactus Brass Band (New Orleans party jazz along with rapper DJ LB) and visitors from Sacramento, The Gold Souls (70s style funk and soul).

Check out both bands on Youtube, particularly local anthem "Rockin in the Valley of the Sun" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=4p6uCTcP5NI>.

There was a costume contest, of course. Anna took first prize with her re-creation of the Fairy Godmother from Disney's Cinderella. I reinforced her performance by getting out my old "Fairy Godfather" getup and took second place. (He'll grant you a wish you can't refuse.)

Randall



Briefs

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Hello, all you fabulous cosplayers,

Thank you so much for attending Halloween ComicFest! We were so pleased to see so many of you on Saturday. We even had a few groups make it who originally thought they couldn't!

On a personal note, it's always a joy to see you all. This year's highlight for me was cheering on Velma Teague Library's own inflatable Pikachu in an epic lightsaber battle with one of the members of Syndicate Saber. 😊

Thanks again – we know we couldn't do it without you! I hope many of you can also attend this year's LIBCON West on Saturday, December 7, from 12-5 PM at the Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.).

Happy Halloween (and hope to see you at LIBCON West),

Anna

Registration is now open for the third "Silicon Web Costumers' Guild Presents" webinar of the 2024-2025 season. There is no cost but space is limited, so be sure to register soon!

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ocO-uqz8sG9I2UKHFFBjactpZqI_F96bE

See the [Calendar](#) page of the SiW website for information about future webinars in the series.

Guild members may do an informal visit to the Pearson House in December to see the holiday exhibits. Contact Paula for when, she's coordinating.

The Silicon Web Costumers' Guild Presents webinar "Laser Cutters for Costumers" with Taylor Pope took place on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024. A recording of the webinar is now available to view at <https://siwcostumers.org/webinars.html#webinar-2024-11-03>

Minutes

This is running late, so no minutes

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.*

Nov 16 – Saturday - Guild lunch and business meeting

December 7 – Saturday



This is just a reminder that LIBCON West will be held at the Main Library again this year. We are located at [5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale, AZ 85302](#)

Vendor setup starts at 10 AM, and parking will be available in the library lot on the west side of the building. Check-in at the registration tables and event staff will give you your spot assignment. If you requested a table and chairs from us, you can also pick them up at registration.

While the Glendale Library offers free Wi-Fi, access outside the building could be better.

Updates on the event, lists of vendors, the programming schedule and more can all be found at www.libconwest.org

December 8 – Sunday (Silicon Web event) 1pm PT, 4pm ET

"The C2E2 Cosplay Central Crown Championships " with Maral Agnerian

The Cosplay Central Crown Championships is a major costuming competition with regional, national, and international rounds. Maral Agnerian ("Sarcasm-himé Cosplay") who was the 2024 National Title winner will talk about the competition, her experience participating, and the costume that she created.

Addicted to anything shiny, Maral has a deep love for embroidery, beading, and goldwork. She loves the challenge of bringing something 2D to life, as well as flexing her creative muscles by interpreting fandom characters through the lens of historical fashion.

Philip Gust Silicon Web Costumers' Guild Webinar Coordinator

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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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