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Recent Events

No official meetings since LibCon West and the Peterson House walk. We just chilled out and enjoyed the holidays.



Briefs

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Ran across this on Facebook – How to remove stains. Seems useful for costumers

<https://www.facebook.com/share/wLP7t2p59GjHGe31/?mibextid=xfxF2i>

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.

Minutes

A minute of humor

What is a rabbit's favorite cake – Carrot cake

Did you hear about the antisocial fish – he hated to be in school

What instrument does a locksmith play – a key-tar

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.*

Jan 18, 2025 Packing Tape Ghosts by AZ Haunters 10am – 1pm

HeatSync Labs 108 W Main St Mesa AZ 85201

We're starting 2025 off cheap & easy - just like you like it!

Packing Tape ghosts are fun, lightweight, easy to make and can be used in all kinds of haunts.

You can also use the same techniques to make a mannequin for costume building and display.

\$20 gets you all the tape you need - this is the biggest expense of the project. You'll also get some other clear plastic and of course we'll walk you through the process.

If you have a mannequin or dress form, bring it along! If you have a dummy, I mean friend, who is willing to let you make a copy of them, that is great too. It's not easy to make a copy of yourself.

REGISTER HERE---> <https://guestlist.co/events/777378>

AZ Haunters cannot provide refunds. If for some reason you register for this event and are unable to attend, you have two weeks from the date of the event to arrange to pick up the materials. Delivery is not available.

*Jan 25, 2025 10am – 3pm – **Guild meet and greet table at Tempe FanCon***

3500 S. Rural Rd., Tempe, AZ 85282 (Rural and Southern).

January 25, 2025 - **Tempe FanCon** at Tempe Public Library, SWC Rural Road & Southern Avenue. "Comic and cosplay fans grab your capes and superpowers and come to the Tempe Public Library for a celebration of comics and pop culture. Join us for free family fun including costume contests, authors and artists, entertainment, activities for the kids, photo ops with characters, fandom related items for sale, and food trucks." <https://www.tempepubliclibrary.org/event-calendar/tempe-fancon>

January 31-February 2, 2025 - **Two Rivers Renaissance Faire** at Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, Arizona.

<https://www.tworiversfaire.com/>

February 1- March 30, 2025 (Weekends plus Presidents' Day) - **Arizona Renaissance Festival** near Gold Canyon, Arizona. <https://arizona.renfestinfo.com/>

Feb. 9, 2025 at 1pm PT, 4pm ET – **Silicon Web Webinar: "Working with Faux Fur" with Daren Bost**

Please join us for our next webinar, "Working with Faux Fur" with Daren Bost on Feb. 9, 2025. Registration is now open at https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpD0CpzwjGddHGR6QyWZV2_M2Dj14UYdQ.

Costumer and professional mascot Daren Bost will provide an introduction to faux fur, the many types that are available, sources, and how to select ones that are right for your costume. He will also discuss working with faux fur, including cutting and sewing techniques. Daren will share his decades of experience and provide invaluable advice to help ensure the success of your next project.

Feb 11-17 – **War of the Phoenix** (SCA) (\$95 for the week, \$85 for the weekend, 17 and under free

Location Phoenix International Raceway 7602 Jimmie Johnson Dr, Avondale, AZ 85323

February 15, 2025 1PM – **SWCG Lunch*** Meet us at New Hong Kong restaurant, 2328 East Indian School Road in Phoenix, for conversation over food.

February 24th – March 2nd, 2025 **End of Trail** (<https://endoftrail.org/>) --

Ben Avery Shooting Range (4044 W Black Canyon Blvd) Hosted by Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders – Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) Cowboy Action and Wild Bunch Shooting Competition. There will be a mercantile Row. (Not much info on the website – in previous years the event has been free but there has been a minimal parking fee as a fundraiser for local charity.)

March 7-9, 2025 - **Kikori Con** at Little America Hotels, 2515 E. Butler Avenue, Flagstaff AZ <https://www.kikoricon.com/>

March 15-16, 2025 - **Tucson Festival of Books** on the University of Arizona Mall. <https://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/>

March 20-23 - **Tucson Wild West Steampunk Convention** (<https://www.wildwestcon.com/>) -
The convention begins Thursday evening and runs through Sunday at Casino Del Sol in Tucson, Arizona!

Step into the shadows of Steampunk and Halloween at our grand event! Explore a Vendor Hall and Artist Alley teeming with mysterious treasures. Absorb the esoteric knowledge in Panels and Workshops, then lose yourself in the allure of the Drag & Burlesque Show. For thrill-seekers, the NERF dueling grounds offer glory from the misty darkness! Indulge in the elegance of Tea Dueling, where strategy and poise combine. Marvel at the creativity of our Makers & Experts in action. Unwind in the Free Con Suite, a sanctuary of refreshments and relaxation! *...and so much more!*

We offer discounted passes for kids, 8-14 years old! (Kids 7 and below get in free!)

So you can bring your entire group – and we have exciting kid-friendly events, games, N.E.R.F. Dueling, and more!
(Standard - \$85 +\$5 fee) , kids (\$10 +\$3 fee) – special events extra

Most of our panels and events are kid-friendly — *18+ events are clearly labeled* on the website and program guide as well as generally being scheduled at night.

Online sales end Wednesday, March 19th, 2025 at 8pm

March 22, 2025 - **Photo Shoot*** and Personal Projects at Tasha's place. Bring a favorite costume and/or a camera. Tasha's yard has a variety of interesting backgrounds.

April 4-5, 2025 - **Arizona Fan Fest** in Safford, Arizona. <https://gilavalleycentral.net/arizona-fan-fest/>

April 19, 2025 - **Personal Projects*** at Mahala's place. Bring something to work on while we converse. Randall will demonstrate his smartphone pouch pattern.

May 24, 2024 - **Plaster of Perils*** at Tasha's place. We'll experiment with doing foot and leg casts using plaster gauze to help design fitted shoes and stockings.

June 6-8, 2025 - **Phoenix Fan Fusion** at the Phoenix Convention Center.

<https://www.phoenixfanfusion.com/> Memberships are only sold online, starting Jan 6th (\$89 early bird)

July 11-13 Phoenix Mad Monster Horror con –(<https://madmonster.com/az25/>) Err on the side of creepy -
Renaissance Phoenix hotel, Glendale 9495 W. Entertainment Blvd., Glendale, AZ 85305
\$80 for 3 days. FRI 6PM-11PM, SAT 11AM-7PM, SUN 11AM-5PM

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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