

CALENDAR

NOTE: Information in this calendar is provided as a service to our guild please contact the individual organizations for verification of information.

Celtic Shirts **April 25, 1999**

Guild meeting at Debbie's place. Frances will demonstrate how to build an elaborately gathered Leine Croitch. Bring about five yards of a 36 to 45-inch wide lightweight fabric that drapes well.

LepreCon 25 **May 14-16, 1999**

One of Arizona's three annual fan-run Science Fiction conventions. This year's con will be held at the Sunspree Resort in Scottsdale. Guests of honor include author Larry Niven, artist Michael Whelan, artist Robert Peacock and filker Lynn Gold. E-mail Mike Willmoth for more information.

Chainmail **May 23, 1999**

Guild meeting at Jean's place. A demonstration on the basics of chainmail for armor and ornamentation. If you've made chainmail yourself, bring along some of your work to show off.

DarkCon 1999 **June 25-27, 1999**

San Marcos Hotel, Chandler, Arizona Special Writer Guests of Honor: George Clayton Johnson and William F. Nolan, Music GoH: Gary Siler. Memberships \$25 until 1/1/99, \$30 until 4/1/99, \$35 at the door. VIP memberships \$199 (includes room). Rooms \$55 S/D, \$65 T, \$75 Q (800) 528-8071; Info: DarkCon, PO Box 5833, Glendale, AZ. 85312, phone: (602) 978-9314, Email: DarkCon@darkones.org

Costume College 1999 **July 23-25, 1999**

Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys, CA Two full days lectures, workshops and demonstrations on costuming techniques and topics, taught by experienced costumers, including class series on the following subjects: Our Focus, Science Fiction and Fantasy Costuming, Regency and Victorian Costuming, General Techniques and more. Attendance limited to 250 Memberships \$40 for ICG members, \$60 for non-ICG members thru 6/1/99 Contact Costumer's Guild West, PO Box 3052, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 or Email to msjess@earthlink.net

CopperCon 19 **September 10-12, 1999**

Another one of Arizona's three annual fan-run Science Fiction conventions. This year's con will be held at the Sunspree Resort in Scottsdale. Guests of honor include author David Weber and artist Brett Bass. The con will include a masquerade directed by SWCG member Randall Whitlock. Watch this space for more information. A masquerade information web page should be up on the SWCG site in January, 1999. E-mail cucon@casfs.org for more convention information or visit the CopperCon 19 web page at www.casfs.org/cucon.



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the Guild to spend \$5,390.00 of a projected \$5,650.00 in revenue. That includes \$3,680.00 in expenditures for the Quarterly against a projected \$3,900 in subscriptions and other Quarterly revenues. The general fund projects \$1,705.00 in expenditures against \$1,750.00 in revenues. Overall, the 1999 budget projects a \$ 265.00 surplus of revenues over expenditures for the year.

This is the first formal budget the ICG has ever adopted. For the first time, we have budgeted funds to support such on going Guild activities as our Archives. The budget also includes authorized expenditures for publicity, correspondence, the Lifetime Achievement Award, and such planned undertakings as a Costume Calendar and an ICG Yearbook (see below). In both accounts, we're maintaining a ten percent reserve fund to cover unforeseen costs. These projected expenditures do not touch the \$3,500 the Guild has in the bank as of the beginning of 1999. They're based solely on projected 1999 revenues.

What happens if revenues fall short of projections? If they do, the money doesn't get spent. A budget is only a plan, not a guarantee. The Board adopted it and the Board will modify it if needed to keep expenditures in line with revenues.

At the Annual Meeting, the members also adopted a new Standing Rule that created a new Budget and Finance Committee for the Guild. It will be responsible for recommending an annual budget to the Board of Directors. The Board may either adopt the budget, defeat it, or forward it to the Annual Meeting for a decision by the members. The Standing Rule requires the Treasurer to report our revenues and expenditures to the Board at least four times a year. The President may increase or decrease any expenditure item by up to 15 percent; the Board may vote to increase or decrease any item by amounts over 15 percent. This will permit us to keep budgeted expenditures in line with revenues as they are realized during the year. It is my intention as President that the ICG will generate a surplus of revenues over expenditures each year. (U.S. members might almost mistake me for a Republican!)

I will send you the exact language of this new Standing Rule in my next message. The members approved language somewhat amended from the draft I sent you last month.

ICG Calendar and Yearbook Projects.

As you'll recall, members have proposed that the Guild publish both an annual costume calendar and a yearbook. The Board of Directors has authorized the [poor demented fools] volunteers to pursue both projects.

Lisa Ashton has taken charge of the ICG Calendar. She will shortly be contacting chapters, members, and other costumers for photos of costumes for possible inclusion in the first (or subsequent) calendars. Lisa will be looking for a lot of advice and assistance from Guild members; please don't fail her.

Bruce and Nora Mai are in charge of the ICG Yearbook project. This will seek photos for the year from each chapter, together with information on the chapter and its activities over the year. They'll be in touch with all of you about the project and what they hoe you will provide. They, too, are looking for all the help you can provide.

These are important new projects for the International Costumers' Guild. Their success depends on you. Please don't disappoint your fellow costumers. Especially for the many ICG members whose interests lie outside the area of costume competitions, this is a new opportunity to let other Guild members — and other costumers — see what you are doing. I certainly want to see your stuff in both the calendar and the yearbook.

Standing Rules 13 and 14.

The members at the Annual Meeting voted to refer to the Board of Directors action on the proposed amendments to Standing Rules 13 and 14, concerning Costume-Con, to permit consultation with Karen Dick and Kelly Turner, the Costume-Con service-mark holders on the precise

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language proposed. Karen and Kelly, not the ICG, own the service mark, "Costume-Con." Upon agreement with them of the language to be used to update Standing Rules 13 and 14, the Board will adopt the amendments. I will send the amended rules to you as soon as they have been adopted. The Standing Rules may be amended either by the members at the Annual Meeting or by the Board of Directors.

New Officers.

At the Annual Meeting, the members selected, and the Board elected, the following members to be the Officers of the International Costumers' Guild for 1999:

President: Byron P. Connell

Vice-President: Ken Warren

Treasurer: Sharon Trembley

Corresponding Secretary: Jess Miller

Recording Secretary: Steve Swope

I know that you will extend your condolences to your officers for 1999.

Other Actions.

There were other actions that either by the Board or the members at the Annual Meeting took, but I think I've covered all the more important ones. The others include such things as extending the life of several committees and creating a few more. I'll fill you in on those in the next message. Let me close, therefore, with the following request:

Standing Committee on Budget and Finance. The new Standing Rule authorizes and requires the President to appoint to this committee four ICG members in good standing who are not Officers of the Corporation or members of the Board of Directors. The President will appoint members to serve for two-year terms, with two of the first four members appointed to two-year terms and two appointed to one-year terms, to provide overlap. I would like to appoint Guild members with experience in budgets and finances to the Committee, preferable members with experience in the budgets and finances of not-for-profit corporations.

Here's your opportunity to serve, guys! I don't have the kind of experience/expertise I'm looking for — my budgetary experience is in governments, not in not-for-profit organizations — so, don't be shy! I hope that several of you will put your names (or those of your fellow costumers) forward to serve on this very important ICG committee.

Lifetime Achievement Award.

Saving the best for last, I am delighted to announce that the International Costumers' Guild has bestowed its Lifetime Achievement Award, for service to the costuming community on Carl Mami.

Carl certainly deserves the award, for making so many costumers look so good. Please join me in congratulating him.

Thanks for putting up with all this bureaucratic stuff. I'll try to keep it to a minimum (but not exclude it entirely) for the rest of the year.

Members may contact me at:

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or by e-mail at bconnell@mail.nysed.gov.

Sincerely,

Byron P. Connell, President

International Costumers' Guild

A Note From Our President

Dear Guildsters,

I have just built a web page for the Coppercon 19 Masquerade. Please take a look at

<http://members.aol.com/cumask/>

Please pass this address along to anyone who might be interested, especially if you follow costume or convention-related newsgroups.

Let me know if you can access the page okay, if it loads right, and if it makes sense. I'm also open to suggestions for how it might be improved. What do you as potential contestants and volunteers want to know? How could I best convince you to enter the masquerade?

Randall

SWCG President

Coppercon 19 Masquerade Director

**Bits & Pieces**

Kim Martin thought this event might interest some of our guild members:

AUNT GRACE'S TEA PARTY

11am-1pm, Saturday, April 17 --- \$6.00

Come attired in 1930's hat & gloves

*Take Home: -Packet of newest 20's-30's reproduction fabric - 1930's pattern

*Bring To Share: -1930's quilts

*Enjoy: -Refreshing teas -Yummy treats -Circa 1930's exhibit Redwork-Bluework

*Stitchin' Time: -2pm-4pm -Stitch your own sewing machine cover made from newest reproduction fabrics -\$7.50 Tuition - \$9.50 kit

The Quilted Apple is located at 3043 N 24th St, Phoenix 85016.

Their phone number is 602-956-0904. They are also accessible by web:

<http://www.quilted.apple.com> Email: q-apple@swlink.net.

