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SouthWest Costumers Guild

meets generally on the last Sunday of the month, 1:00PM at members homes or someplace fun. The Guild dues for our chapter are \$10 per year, an optional additional \$1 for membership in the International Costumer's Guild, and \$8 to receive the International Costumer's Quarterly. \$8 to receive only our chapter newsletter. Send money to Frances Burns, she will notify the Editor. SWCG Webpage:

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**April Meeting - 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. More info contact Debbie at 788-3628 or Frances at 944-0160

**MacNare Trimmings
 Tea and Trim**

Sorry we missed you at Estrella War XV

Mistresses Rowen and Catriona invite you to have Tea with duchess Sedalia MacNare on Saturday April 24th at Catriona's house, from Noon till Nine PM.

On **April 23-25**, we will be at Mistress Catriona's house with our trim. Including a full line of Celtic Trim in new colors. (14228 N 45th Drive, Glendale AZ (602)938-4169) Please call for directions.

Prices range from \$1.00 to \$15.00 a yard.
 Checks and Credit Cards accepted.

Come browse, sip and graze, bring your trim and garb questions to the Duchess. She received a Laurel for costuming and will be happy to share her knowledge with you.

CALENDAR

International Costumers' Guild News

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

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.



Guildsters,

This just arrived through the ICG Board of Directors listserve. I voted yes on behalf of SWCG. Now maybe ICG will actually deposit the checks we keep sending them.

Randall

To the Officers and Directors of the ICG:

Sharon Trembley has been asked by the bank to provide an ICG resolution authorizing her to open the account on behalf of the Corporation. The text of a resolution to do so follows. I also will send it to all members of the Board by USPS. Please vote on the resolution, as indicated, either by e-mail (preferably) or by regular mail by April 14.

Thanks, Byron

International Costumers' Guild

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International Costumers' Guild, Inc., through its Board of Directors, hereby authorizes Sharon Trembley (398 Prospect Street, South Amboy, New Jersey 08879-1942), Treasurer of the Corporation, to open the official bank account of the International Costumers' Guild, Inc.

I [insert Director's/Officer's name] vote:

Yes No Abstain Date

Another Stupid Laundry Trick

I just found a stupid laundry trick with potential costuming applications.

I make berets, glengarries and other hats out of the thick, felt-like woolen material they use in pea jackets and other heavy winter coats. Unfortunately this material is hard to find reliably when you need it, especially in the color you want. I tend to hoard it when I find remnant pieces at SAS.

To make a substitute for the beret material, buy a garment-weight 100 percent woolen in the color of your choice. Before cutting the garment, wash the material in hot water and dry it on your dryer's hottest setting. Wash & dry the material a second time. You will find that the material has shrunk to a great extent and thickened to the degree that it is suitable for hat making. You can often get the fabric up to a quarter-inch thickness this way. A little starch or sizing might help to stiffen the over washed material.

Randall

Note From the Editor

Hello everyone,

I am enjoying doing this newsletter, but.... I'd like to see more articles and info. Please, please, send me any information you think other members might be interested in. I'd like to try to do at least one fairly large issue each quarter,

Also, a couple of quick notes:

1. If there is a big **LI** on your mailing label this month it means this is your last issue. To keep receiving this newsletter please submit your 1999 dues to Frances Burns.

2. We will soon need the area code to phone each other within the greater Phoenix area, please let me know what your area code is so I can update the list.

Thanks, Stephanie