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TEMPE FAN CON DATE CHANGE

From: Brenner, Jill <jill_brenner@tempe.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 12:05:40 PM MST
Subject: Change of Date for 2026 Tempe FanCon

Hello 2026 Tempe FanCon Exhibitors,

I hope you are doing well. The reason for this email is that **we have changed the date of the 2026 Tempe FanCon to January 31, 2026** (same time 10 a.m.-3 p.m.). Please email me as soon as possible and let me know if you can participate on the new date. I will be opening applications to the public on July, 31, 2025. If I don't hear from you by then, your space may not be guaranteed.

I apologize for the inconvenience.

Regards,
Jill

Randall has answered Jill that we are okay with the date change to Jan 31 for Tempe FanCon. At least he can still be there with the tent. Please update your personal calendars. (

A new community issue of *The Virtual Costumer* is online!

"Diane Von Furstenberg: Woman Before Fashion" Covers Myrtle Douglas, Diane Von Furstenberg and more.
To read the issue go to: http://www.siwcostumers.org/vc_current-issue.html Select the Community Issue on the lower half of the page and answer the confirmation question.

Want to read the current member's issue? Join Silicon Web Costumers now at: <http://www.siwcostumers.org/join.html>

Enjoy!
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Recent Events



SWCG Activity July 2025
Remembered by Randall

We visited the Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park on July 12, 2025. Present were Tracy, Paula and Randall.

This is a museum operated by the Arizona Historical Society located on College Avenue in Tempe, just north of Curry Road on the edge of Papago Park. It features displays about native cultures, the pioneer experience, the growth of cities, Arizonans' experiences in the World War II, persons of interest, civil rights, minerals, natural history and some pop culture items including a display about the Wallace and Ladmo Show. The interpretive displays are highly detailed and it will take more than one visit to properly absorb them. The docent at the front counter was so friendly we spent a solid hour conversing with him.

Afterward, we headed down to McAlister's Deli for a late lunch/early supper.

Welcome to Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park!



ARIZONA
HERITAGE
CENTER

An Arizona Historical Society Museum

azhs.org/tempe



Minutes

“Recent events” are the minutes – we just had fun

But her is a minute of humor

I used to have an unhealthy obsession with Thanksgiving leftovers. I finally had to quit cold turkey.

Why are bank tellers not allowed to ride bicycles? They tend to lose their balance.

Where do couples go in the mall to argue? The feud court.

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.*

August 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Demented Dolls 7: New Blood – an AZ Haunters event OR

August 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. NIGHT of the Demented Dolls – an AZ Haunters event

HeatSync Labs 108 W Main St Mesa AZ 85201

\$15 gets you a vinyl baby doll or a delicate porcelain doll, and a the materials to do unspeakable things to them.

NEW! Add sound to your creations with a Recordable Sound Module - \$12.50 (Subject to change based on availability) Registration ends Monday, August 11 at 8PM AZ time.

Other Az Haunters sponsored events

Gathering of the Ghouls

Sept 20-21

Rawhide Event Center

5700 W. North Loop Rd. Chandler, AZ 85226

Show Hours:

Saturday, September 20, 2025 | 11am - 7pm

Sunday, September 21, 2025 | 11am - 5pm

Tickets start at \$20:

<https://gatheringoftheghouls.com/tickets>

Horror Fest 2025

Fri, Oct 3rd, 2025, 4:00 PM - Sun, Oct 5th, 2025, 5:00 PM MST

Double Tree Hilton Tempe Conference Center, Tempe, AZ

Tickets start at \$21.40

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/horror-fest/horror-fest-2025>

TusCon 2025 – Nov 7-9 2025 – Doubletree by Hilton – Tucson Airport <https://tusconscificon.com/>

Full Event (3-Day) Membership/Tickets Adult (Age 16 and above): \$60 Child (Age 6 to 15): \$30

One-day memberships will be available at the door only.

Friday – \$30 Saturday – \$45 Sunday- \$20

Hotel info: <https://book.passkey.com/event/51018510/owner/50954/home>

Hello, fellow fans. Welcome to TusCon, Arizona! More specifically, welcome to TusCon 52, our 52nd 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 literary-forward convention run 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.

Nov 28-30 Loscon – Hilton, Los Angeles Airport <https://loscon.org/>

Adult - \$65 thru Aug 31, \$75 thru Nov 20th Child 3-11 \$25

Hotel info - <https://book.passkey.com/event/51018510/owner/50954/home>

Saturday, January 31, 2026, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Tempe Public Library is hosting its 2026 Tempe FanCon

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. There is no table fee for exhibitors and the event is free and open to the public.

The event will be held outdoors in the Library Plaza. All exhibitors are required to supply their own tables, chairs, and optional canopy with weights. The library will supply a 10' x 10' space for each exhibitor. External gas generators are prohibited. Battery packs are fine. Please leave all pets at home or you will be asked to remove them from the event.

Responding to Jill Brenner's invitation, your veep has reserved a space at Tempe FanCon, to be held on the Tempe Public Library grounds at SWC Rural Road and Southern Avenue on January 17, 2026.

We'll put up a canopy and table as a meet and greet booth, as we have done for the past several years. Last year's presence was a great success, gaining us three new members. Please join in!

I suggest you bring a project to work on and demonstrate while hanging at the booth. These always draw welcome attention.

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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