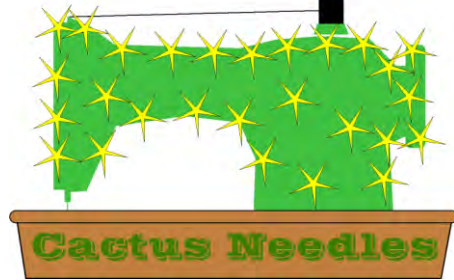


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Recent Events

We (Randal, Paula and Tasha) had a costumed get together for ice-cream last month. (more ice-cream this month. It seems to be a summer for ice cream!)



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!

Randal recedntly got an email inquiry

I am a member of the Saguaro Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

I'm trying to find an affordable costume to wear in parades, color guard and so forth.

I have a 3 corner ha t and long socks. Wondered if you could give me some advice or other help.

I have 2 patriots in my lineage, and both were common militiamen, I believe.

Any help would be appreciated.

Thank you. Very Sincerely Yours,

Brian Eichelberger

Sun City West

217-417-5802

Randal pointed hi to some ideas

You might try Historical Emporium online. (historicaemporium.com) They have mostly Victorian and Regency, but they may have something for American Revolution. I've bought boots from them, but not full costumes.

There used to be a company called "Smoke and Fire" that was very much into that period with some very good buckle shoes and the like. I bought a couple pairs of Ben Franklin glasses from them that I still wear. I think their proprietor has retired, but some of their sewing patterns are still available from Etsy and other stores.

If anyone has dome other suggestions, please pass them on the SWCG and We'll forward them to Brian

[ICG Press Publishes First Audiobook](#)

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The International Costumers' Guild Press has just published its first audiobook, "Jules Verne and the First Science Fiction Masquerade" by ICG member Kathe Gust. The book is available in hardcover, paperback, ebook, and now audiobook versions.

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Rus/Viking clothing

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19wku44Kqe/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BKz9JnJhC/>

Pattern ad

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1NtqgNksTv/>

Reconstructed Beaker culture male outfit

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Drfwc7jA/>

High Status Viking Male outfit

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1HQK4nW65/>

Thanks to Randal for this one

11 Arizona Fabric Stores Every Creative Person Should Definitely Visit

https://everafterinthewoods.com/arizona-fabric-stores-every-creative-person-should-definitely-visit/?utm_source=ari

Comment by ye editor: Includes 2 of my favorites – SAS and 35th Avene Sew and Vac
Some of the others are east valley, and I live west, plus two in Tucson.

Minutes

We met in May in costume – for ice-cream,

The obligatory minute of humor

What did the police charge the devil with? Possession
Why did the vet prescribe birth-control pills to dogs? The city had an anti-litter campaign.
Why don't anteaters get sick? The anty-bodies keep them healthy

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.*

Greater Bay Area Costumers' Guild – proposed 2026 calendar

As usual, we hope to stick to this schedule, but events may change dates or themes based on availability of venues. More details will be coming soon! Additional events may also be added later. Watch for announcements in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.

- August 30 - Cable Car Day in San Francisco
- September 27 - Count of Monte Cristo
- October 25 - Steampunk/Gaslamp Zoo Safari

Local events

July 10-12, 2026 – Mad Monster Party <https://madmonster.com/arizona-2026/>

RENAISSANCE PHOENIX GLENDALE HOTEL FRI 6PM-11PM SAT 11AM-7PM SUN 11AM-5PM

9/4 - 9/7 2026 Saboten Con 2026 info@sabotencon.com

Anime con – the year of transformation Sheraton Phoenix Downtown 340 N 3rd Street Phoenix AZ 85004

9/5-9/6 Tucson Comic Con - <https://tucsoncomic-con.com/>

Tucson Convention Center 260 S Church Avenue, Tucson, Az

11/13-11/25 TUSCON -*The longest-running science fiction, fantasy, and horror convention in Arizona*

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Tucson Airport 7051 S Tucson Blvd, Tucson, AZ 8575

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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