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Recent Events

We offer our profound condolences to our member Randal on the recent loss of his mother.

	It seems to be a summer for ice cream! This month it was at Tempe ZoYo's Yogurt, on June 13th. We even got our old friend and guild member Frances to come along. (Left to right – Randal, Paula, Frances, Tasha)
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Briefs

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Ye editor got a grab bar installed in her pool. Now she just has to get at least a *little* more unpacking done. Maybe by September we can have a poll party. Does anybody have photos of some of our past themed parties?

Minutes

Ice cream. Planning for July – See below. Agreeing that Phoenix is too hot to do much in the summer.

The obligatory minute of humor

What does a storm cloud wear under his raincoat? Thunderwear.

What do you call an ant who fights crime? A vigilANTE!

What is fast, loud and crunchy? A rocket chip.

How does the ocean say hi? It waves!

What do you call a couple of chimpanzees sharing an Amazon account? PRIME-mates.

Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert? Because she was stuffed.

Name the kind of tree you can hold in your hand? A palm tree!

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
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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

July 12 , 2026 – Guild get together

Sunday, July 12 we are meet Tempe Historical Society which is at the site of the Tempe Public Library on Southern & Rural in Tempe. They are having an exhibit called "Time Machine". I was there a couple of weeks ago for their Junteenth celebration which had a lot of Black History items including a great display about the Buffalo Soldiers; included were pictures and bios of 4 Buffalo Soldiers who'd been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Some of these may still be in place but the museum itself although small packs a lot of exhibits from clothing, accessories, vehicles, pictures and a whole range of various other things.

After we visit the museum, the idea is to head over to VooDoo Doughnuts not far from the museum. Their doughnuts are deadly! They are huge but so good!

July 18-Jul 19 - Falstaff Celtic Festival <https://www.flagstaffarizona.org/events/festivals/celtic-festival/>

Hours will run from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, as well as 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The event will be held at [Fort Tuthill County Park](#), which is located on Fairgrounds Road.

Admission

Adult - \$20 - \$30, Child (ages 5 - 12) - \$5, Child (age 5 or under) – Free, Military - \$15 - \$25, Senior (60+) - \$15 - \$25

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

9/27-9/28 Prescott Highland Games & Celtic Faire

<https://www.lake.com/events/prescott-highland-games-celtic-faire/>

The Prescott Highland Games and Celtic Faire has been held at Watson Lake Park — known to Scots in attendance as Loch Watson — in Prescott, Arizona, for nearly two decades, organized by the Prescott Area Celtic Society, a 501(c)(3) dedicated to keeping Celtic heritage visible and accessible in the American Southwest. The 2026 event runs Saturday, September 27, and Sunday, September 28, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday. Watson Lake itself, a reservoir held against the granite boulders of the Granite Dells at the north edge of Prescott, provides one of the most dramatic festival settings in the American West: massive, rounded pink granite formations rise directly from the water's edge, and the combination of lake surface, desert sky, and Celtic pipe music is jarring in the best possible way. Admission is \$15 for adults; children under five enter free. Free parking is available at the adjacent Loch Watson lot.

Heavy Athletics, Highland Dance, and the Pipe Bands

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

11/27-11/29 Loscon 52 - <https://loscon.org/> LA Airport Hilton

Traditional Science fiction Convention. Last year they did not have a masquerade, which was disappointing

Rates:

May 1st to August 31st, 2026 – \$65.00

September 1st, – November 20, 2025 – \$75.00

November 20th – at the door – \$85.00

Child (ages 3-11) \$25.00 all year and at the door.

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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