

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

Westercon 65

July 5-8 2012

Doubletree Seattle Airport Hotel
Seattle, Washington USA

<http://www.westercon65.org/>

This venerable sci-fi convention features a full costume masquerade and numerous costuming-related panels and tracks.

Combat Con 2012

July 6-8, 2012

Tuscany Suites
Las Vegas, Nevada USA

<http://thecombatcon.com/>

This convention and training symposium for stage and screen martial artists and fight choreographers also features a costume contest and fashion show.

Comic-Con International 2012

July 12-15, 2012

San Diego Convention Center
San Diego, California USA

<http://www.comic-con.org/>

World's largest comic book convention with over 125,000 attendees. Masquerade attracted over 10,000 people, 43 entrants, and 150 costumes, with presentation, workmanship, and industry awards. If it isn't sold out yet, get your tickets and hotel *now!*

Costume College 2012

August 2-6, 2012

Warner Center Marriott
Woodland Hills, California USA

<http://www.costumecollege.org/>

Three-day educational conference on all costuming and clothing subjects, produced by Costumer's Guild West. Didn't inherit tickets? Try anyway: you might

get lucky!

Worldcon: Chicon 7

August 30-September 3, 2012

Hyatt Regency
Chicago, Illinois USA

<http://www.chicon.org/>

The catwalk style Masquerade is rivaled only by the Hugo Award Ceremony. This year's event honors the men and women of the Mercury 7 Program who helped put the first Americans in orbit

CopperCon 32

August 31-September 3, 2012

Phoenix, Arizona USA

<http://www.casfs.org/cucon/>

This regional sci-fi/fantasy convention features vampires, werewolves and daemons. A costume parade on Saturday night features prizes, and includes a Gothic Masked Ball.

Dragon*Con

August 31-September 3, 2012

Atlanta, Georgia USA

<http://dragoncon.org/>

Multi-media popular culture convention on sci-fi, fantasy, gaming, and comics. Features costuming track, and a plethora of costuming contests.

Archon 36

October 12-14, 2012

Doubletree Collinsville
St. Louis, Missouri USA

<http://www.archonstl.org/36/>

This sci-fi and fantasy convention returns to Collinsville with a full costume masquerade and costume related panels.

SteamCon IV

October 26-28, 2012

Hyatt Regency Bellevue
Bellevue Washington USA

<http://www.steamcon.org/>

A Victorian Monsters themed event is a nod to the huge number of classic monsters from the Victorian era, features costume events and a costume parade.

AlbaCon

October 18-21, 2012

Best Western Sovereign Hotel
Albany New York USA

<http://www.albacon.org/>

Weekend gathering of fans and creators of Fiction or Fantasy. Includes hall costuming and a fantasy dance and masquerade.

FaerieCon

November 9-11, 2012

Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn
Baltimore Maryland USA

<http://www.faeriecon.com/>

Celebrating the Magical Life, features the Good Faeries & Bad Faeries Masquerade Ball with a costume competition, hall costuming, and many faerie related costuming panels.

Anime USA

November 9-11, 2012

Washington Marriott Wardman Park
Washington D.C. USA

<http://www.animeusa.org/>

Started by fans in 2004, this convention promotes Japanese arts and popular culture. Includes a Masquerade/cosplay competition, hall cosplay, and a hall cosplay contest

Philcon 2012

November 9-11, 2012

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Cherry Hill, New Jersey USA
<http://2011.philcon.org/>

Hosted by the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, features author Cory Dockorow and artist Boris Vallejo, sci-fi costume panels, and a costume masquerade.

Great Dickens Christmas Faire

November 23 – December 23, 2012
Cow Palace Exhibition Hall
San Francisco, California USA
<http://www.dickensfair.com/>

Living history re-creation of Christmas in Dickens' 1860's London. See web site for costuming opportunities. Runs 4 weekends.

Further Confusion 2013

January 17-21 2013
San Jose Convention Center,
San Jose Marriott, and San Jose Hilton
San Jose, California USA
<http://www.furtherconfusion.org/fc2013>

Further Confusion is one of the world's largest anthropomorphic (or "furry") conventions. It features eminent guests, educational panels, and world-class costuming, including a masquerade.

Arisia 2013

January 18-21 2013
Westin Waterfront Boston Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts USA
<http://2013.arisia.org/>

New England's largest and most diverse sci-fi and fantasy convention. Many costuming events including a Masquerade.

Gallifrey One 2013

February 15-17, 2013
Marriott Los Angeles Airport
Los Angeles, California USA
<http://www.gallifreyone.com/>

All things Dr. Who are at this annual convention that hosts stars from the series, along with many costuming events including hall costuming and a costume masquerade.

Ongoing Events

Bay Area English Regency Society (BAERS)

Various San Francisco Bay Area locations
Numerous dance parties – see their schedule
<http://www.baers.org/>

Early 19th c. English Regency with dances from English Country tradition. Second-Friday dance parties, and fancy-dress balls throughout the year. Period dress admired but not required.

Gaskell Occasional Dance Society

Scottish Rite Tempe
Oakland, California USA
<http://www.gaskellball.com/>

Victorian Ballroom dances with live music, and a fancy Victorian dress ball. Semi-formal clothing required. Period formal dress of the 19th- 21st century admired but not required.

Greater Bay Area Costumers' Guild (GBACG)

Various San Francisco Bay locations
Many themed events – see their schedule
<http://www.gbacg.org/>

For recreational costumers in the SF Bay Area. Activities include workshops, costume salons, a costuming academy and many costumed events.

National Civil War Association (NCWA)

Various Northern California locations
Many re-enactment and educational events – see their schedule <http://www.ncwa.org/>

The NCWA presents living history for the public in many forms, including military and civilian

encampments, battles, and lectures.

Peninsula Wearable Arts Guild (PenWAG)

Campbell Community Center
Campbell, California USA
Second Saturday of each month
<http://www.penwag.org/>

Members embellish garments with machine and hand appliqué, patchwork, fabric painting and dyeing, stenciling and stamping, machine and hand embroidery, beading, and more.

Period Events and Entertainment Society (PEERS)

Masonic Lodge of San Mateo,
San Mateo, California USA
Ongoing monthly period dance events
<http://www.peers.org/>

Sponsors events, classes, and living history performances. Activities include historic dance, drama, music, literature and costume. Period dress admired but not required

Tech Shop

120 Independence Drive
Menlo Park, CA, USA
Ongoing classes monthly
<http://www.techshop.ws/>

Classes on the shop's computerized embroidery, industrial, and conventional sewing machines, and serger. Also molding, vacuforming, cutting, and machining classes.

Editors Note

Send calendar or ongoing costume-related events to vc@siwcostumers.org. Include event name, location, dates, URL, and brief description highlighting costume-related activities.