

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

Con Nooga

March 1-3, 2013
Historical Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel
Chattanooga, Tennessee USA
<http://www.connooga.com>

Multi-fandom convention. Features costuming parade, a costume masquerade, and an extensive costuming track.

Norwescon 36

March 28-31, 2013
SeaTac Washington Doubletree Hotel
Seattle, Washington USA
<http://www.norwescon.org/>

Pacific Northwest's premier sci-fi and fantasy convention. Features single-pattern contest and a full masquerade.

WonderCon 2013

March 29-31, 2013
Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, California USA
<http://www.comic-con.org/wca/>

The biggest stars in the comics world come to Anaheim. Masquerade attracted 2,400 people, 28 entries, and 62 costumes.

Monsterpalooza

April 12-14, 2013
Marriott Burbank Hotel & Convention Center
Burbank, California USA
<http://www.monsterpalooza.com/april2013/>

The premier convention on the art of the monster. Includes numerous sessions on monster making and prothetic makeup techniques for costumers.

Nova Albion Steampunk Exhibition

April 26-28, 2013
Hyatt Regency Santa Clara
Santa Clara, California USA
<http://steampunkexhibition.com>

A convention about all things Steampunk, featuring many steampunk costuming related events. Maker Guest of Honor Thomas Willeford, whose work blurs the line between art and engineering.

Gaslight Gathering III

May 3-5, 2013
Town and Country Hotel
San Diego, California USA
<http://www.gaslightgathering.org/>

Southern California's first dedicated Steampunk & Victoriana Convention, features many costuming events, and a Steampunk Grand Tea.

Costume-Con 31

May 17-20, 2013
Red Lion Denver SE
Aurora, Colorado USA
<http://cc31denver.com>

The premier costuming convention of the year features panels, classes, historical and sci-fi/fantasy masquerades, a future fashion folio design contest and other costuming related activities.

Phoenix Comic-Con 2013

May 23-26, 2013
Phoenix Convention Center and Hyatt Regency
Phoenix, Arizona USA
<http://www.phoenixcomiccon.com/>

Guests to be announced. Panels on costuming, makeup, effects, and cosplay, a costume doll contest, hall costume contest, and a masquerade ball.

Anime North 2013

May 24-26, 2013
Toronto Congress Center
Toronto, Ontario CA
<http://www.animenorth.com/>

One of the 10 biggest anime conventions, includes anime/manga costuming events, plus both skit and costume Masquerades.

Baycon 2013

May 24-27, 2012
Hayatt Santa Clara
Santa Clara, California USA
<http://baycon.org/2013>

The SF Bay Area's largest sci-fi and fantasy convention, with costume panels, and a Masquerade. Fan Guests of Honor are Chris and John O'Halloran.

FanimeCon 2013

May 24-27, 2013
San Jose Convention Center
San Jose, California USA
<http://www.fanime.com/>

One of the 10 biggest anime conventions, includes anime/manga costuming events, plus a costume Masquerade.

Westercon 66

July 4-7, 2013
Hilton Arden West Hotel
Sacramento, California USA
<http://www.westercon66.org/>

This venerable sci-fi convention features a full costume masquerade and numerous costuming-related panels and tracks, and staged masquerades and other costuming events. Features con chairs Kevin Roche and Andy Trembley.

Comic-Con International 2011

July 12-15, 2012

San Diego Convention Center

San Diego, California USA

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

World's largest comic book convention with over 125,000 attendees. Masquerade attracted over 10,000 people, 40+ 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 1-5, 2013

Warner Center Marriott

Woodland Hills, California USA

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

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

Worldcon: Lone Star Con 3

August 29 – September 2, 2013

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

San Antonio, Texas USA

<http://www.lonestarcon3.org/>

The catwalk style Masquerade is rivaled only by the Hugo Award Ceremony. Costuming-related panels and events. Theme honors Mercury space program.

DragonCon

August 30 – September 2, 2013

Atlanta, Georgia USA

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

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

Archon 37

October 5–6, 2013

#1 Gateway Center Drive

St. Louis, Missouri USA

<http://www.archonstl.org/37/>

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

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.