

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

VancouFur 2015

March 3–6, 2016
Executive Hotel and Conference Center
Burnaby BC, Canada
<http://www.vancoufur.ca>

VancouFur, Vancouver's first furry convention, is in its third year, striving to educate as well as entertain in the fields of arts, crafts, culture and other aspects of the furry fandom. Includes a costume parade.

Minami Con 21

March 4-6, 2016
Novotel Hotel Southampton
South Hampton, England
<http://www.minamicon.org.uk/>

Anime and cosplay convention includes costuming related programming, a cosplay photo shoot, a cosplay parade, a masquerade, and an “Iron Cosplay” competition.

Norwescon 39

March 24-27, 2016
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 2016

March 25-27, 2016
Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, California USA
<http://www.comic-con.org/wc/>

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

entries, and 62 costumes.

Monsterpalooza

April 22-24, 2016
Pasadena Convention Center
Pasadena, California USA
<http://www.monsterpalooza.com/>

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

Costume-Con 34

May 6-9, 2016
Marriott West Hotel
Madison, Wisconsin USA
<http://www.costumecon34.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.

Baycon 2016

May 27-30, 2016
Hayatt Santa Clara
Santa Clara, California USA
<http://www.baycon.org/2016/>

The SF Bay Area's largest sci-fi and fantasy convention, with costume panels, and a Masquerade.

Anime North 2016

May 27-29, 2016
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.

Balticon 50

May 27-30, 2016
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland USA
<http://balticon.org/wp50/>

Guests include George R. R. Martin. Numerous panels on costuming, makeup, effects, and cosplay, hall costume contest, and a one of the oldest masquerade balls on the U.S. east coast.

Westercon 68

July 1-4, 2016
Portland Doubletree Inn
Portland, Oregon USA
<http://westercon68.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.

Comic-Con International 2016

July 21-24, 2016
San Diego Convention Center
San Diego, California USA
<http://www.comic-con.org/cci/>

World's largest comic book convention with over 125,00 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 2016

July 28-31, 2016
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 74: MidAmeriCon II

August 17-21, 2016
Kansas City, Missouri USA
<http://midamericon2.org>

The catwalk style Masquerade is rivaled only by the Hugo Award Ceremony. Costuming-related panels and events.

DragonCon

September 2–5, 2016
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 40

September 30 – October 2, 2016
#38 Gateway Center Drive
Collinsville, Illinois USA
<http://www.archonstl.org/>

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

Convolution 2016

September 30 – October 2, 2016
Hyatt Regency SFO
Burlingame California USA
<http://con-volution.com/2015/>

Annual three-day science fiction, fantasy, and media convention featuring guests, performers and vendors from a wide spectrum of the speculative fiction industry and community. Includes some costuming related panels and masquerade costume competition.

Gaslight Gathering 6

October 7-9, 2016
Town and Country Resort & Conference Center
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.

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

Sponsors events, classes, and living history perform <http://www.peers.org/mances>. 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.