

Upcoming Events

Calendar of 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.

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.

Archon 40

September 30 – October 2, 2016
Gateway Convention Center and DoubleTree Hotel
Collinsville, IL (outside St. Louis, Missouri), USA
<http://www.archonstl.org/>

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

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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.

Anime USA

October 21–23, 2016
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

FaerieCon 2016

November 4-6, 2016
Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn
Hunt Valley, Maryland USA
<http://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.

Windycon 43

November 11-13, 2016
Westin Yorktown
Lombard, Illinois USA
<http://www.windycon.org/>

Chicago's oldest sci-fi convention has a literary

theme. Programming covers a wide range of topics from astrophysics, to costuming techniques, to pop culture. The conference includes hall costuming and a costume masquerade.

Philcon 2016

November 18-20, 2016
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Cherry Hill, New Jersey USA
<http://www.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 19 – December 18, 2016
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.

Loscon 43

November 25-27, 2016
LAX Marriott Hotel
Los Angeles, California USA
<http://loscon.org/43/>

Los Angeles science-fiction.convention includes both adult and young adult programming, and a full masquerade for all skill levels that follows the ICG Guidelines run by Dorothy O'Hare. Guests include author Douglas Adams.

Further Confusion 2017

January 12-16 2017
San Jose Convention Center,
San Jose Marriott, and San Jose Hilton

San Jose, California USA
<http://www.furtherconfusion.org/>

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.

RustyCon 33

January 13-15 2017
Seattle AirPort Marriott,
Seattle, Washington USA
<http://www.rustycon.com>

Science fiction and fantasy convention has multi-track programming, a dealer's room, an art show, and a hospitality room. Includes Costuming Guest of Honor, prop-maker Bill Doran of Punished Props.

Arisia 2017

January 13-16 2017
Westin Waterfront Boston Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts USA
<http://www.arisia.org/>

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

Gallifrey One 2017

February 17-19, 2017
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.

Estrella War XXXIII

February 21-27, 2017
Schnepf Farms
Queen Creek, AZ USA
<http://estrellawar.org>

Put on by the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), attendees dress in the clothing and armor of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and have the opportunity to take part in activities that feature middle ages style tournaments, arts exhibits, classes, workshops, dancing, feasts, and more.

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

(Multiple locations in the 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.