

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

American Woman: Fashioning a National Identity

May 5 to August 15, 2010
Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York City, New York, USA
<http://www.metmuseum.org/special>

Drawn from the newly established Brooklyn Museum Costume Collection at the Met, it explores developing perceptions of the modern American woman from 1890 to 1940. Includes extensive on-line resources.

Phoenix ComicCon 10

May 27-30, 2010
Phoenix Convention Center and Hyatt Regency
Phoenix, Arizona, USA
<http://www.phoenixcomicon.com/>

Numerous panels on costuming, makeup, effects, and cosplay, a costume doll contest, hall costume contest, and a masquerade ball.

Anime North 2010

May 28-30, 2010
Toronto Congress Center
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
<http://www.animenorth.com/>

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

BayCon 2010

May 28-31, 2010
The Hyatt Regency
Santa Clara, California, USA
<http://www.baycon.org/>

The SF Bay Area sci-fi/fantasy convention, with 2,000+ members. Includes costume panels, regency dance, and costume parade.

FanimeCon 2010

May 28-31, 2010
McEnery 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.

Steampunk Costumes and Accessories

June 12, 2010
Diablo Valley College
Pleasant Hill California, USA
<http://www.gbacg.org/current/metallic-finishes-steampunk-workshop.html>

Learn metallic finishes for Steampunk costumes and accessories from Dr. Tara Maginnis. Workshop participants will learn the techniques she used to create costumes and props for DVC's Steampunk themed Othello production.

WesterCon 63: Confirmation

July 1-4, 2010
Pasadena Hilton Hotel
Pasadena, California, USA
<http://www.westercon63.org/>

Held annually since 1948 in the Western half of North America Includes costuming panels, a masquerade and a Regency dance.

Draping the Worth Gown, 1892

July 17-18, 2010
Napa Valley College, UpValley Campus
St. Helena, California, USA

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

Taught by Center for Pattern Design's Sandra Ericson, based on the book, *Draping, the Art and Craftmanship in Fashion Design*. Learn to proportionally translate this classic Victorian design to the contemporary figure

The Great Pan-Kinetic Exposition

July 31 – August 1 2010
Vallejo Waterfront
Vallejo, California, USA
<http://www.pankineticexpo.com/>

A recreation of the might World's Fairs at the beginning of the 20th Century. Costumes from 1895-1905. Environmental areas and props should incorporate aspects and materials that could be found before 1905. Steampunk friendly, but historical preferred.

San Diego ComicCon International 2010

July 22-25, 2010
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 *immediately!*

Costume College

August 6-9, 2010
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!

Star Wars Celebration V

August 12-15 2010
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida USA
<http://www.starwarscelebration.com/>

Star Wars Celebration is the official Lucasfilm event for all things *Star Wars*. Includes costuming workshops and costumed volunteers.

Worldcon: Aussiecon Four

September 2-6, 2010
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
<http://www.aussiecon4.org.au/>

The 68th World Science Fiction Convention, The catwalk style Masquerade is rivaled only by the Hugo Award Ceremony.

DragonCon

September 3-6, 2010
Reno Sparks Convention Center
Atlanta, Georgia USA
<http://www.dragoncon.org/>

Multi-media, popular culture convention for science fiction and fantasy, gaming, comics, literature, art, music, and film. Includes a masquerade, cosplay and costume contests.

San Francisco Bay Area Hobbit Picnic

September 18, 2010
Stafford Lake (Area 3)
Novato, California USA
<http://silivren.net/ba/>

A celebration of Bilbo and Frodo's birthday, as well as a time to generally discuss Tolkien's works. Both book and movie fans are welcome. Tolkien themed costumes strongly encouraged.

AlbaCon

October 8-10, 2010
Best Western Sovereign Hotel
Albany, New York USA
<http://www.albacon.org/>

Weekend gathering of fans and creators of Science Fiction or Fantasy. Includes hall costuming, fantasy dance and 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.

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, a URL, and brief description highlighting costume-related activities for the event.