

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

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.

Costume in the American West Symposium

September 25-26, 2010
California State Railroad Museum
Sacramento, California USA
<http://www.costumesocietyamerica.com/RegionV/SacramentoSymposiumRegistration.pdf>

A two-day symposium held in Old Town Sacramento, California. Lectures and exhibits on costuming in the west, from historic to modern times. Keynote on "What is California Costume?" Features Delta King paddlewheel boat and railroad museum tours

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.

Anime USA

November 12-14, 2010
Hayatt Regency Crystal City
Arlington, Virginia 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

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, vaccuforming, 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.