

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

Great Dickens Christmas Faire

November 26 – December 19, 2010
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.

Further Confusion 2011

January 13-17 2011
Fairmont Hotel
San Jose, California USA
<http://www.furtherconfusion.org/fc2011>

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.

Arasia 2011

January 14-17 2011
Boston Waterfront Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts USA
<http://2011.ariasia.org/>

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

Creation Twilight Convention

February 4-6, 2011
Hyatt Regency SF Airport
San Francisco, California USA

For fans of the Twilight books and movies, this is the convention. Includes the Volturi Vampire Ball, with prizes for best costumes.

Gallifrey One: Catch 22

February 18-20, 2011
Los Angeles Airport Marriot
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.

Wild West Steampunk Convention

March 4-6, 2011
Old Tucson Studios
Tucson, Arizona USA
<http://www.wildwildwestcon.com/>

Breaking the barriers of the standard hotel-based convention by placing the core of the event within Old Tucson Studios, built in 1939. Includes many costuming events and the Tesla Masquerade Ball.

Creation Salute to Star Trek

March 11-13, 2011
Hyatt Regency SF Airport
San Francisco, California USA
<http://creationent.com/cal/stsan.htm>

With Leonard Nemoj, Connor Trinner of "Star Trek: Enterprise", and many more. Costume parade with prizes for all entrants, gift certificate for winner.

Nova Albion Steampunk Exhibition

March 25-27, 2011
Hyatt Regency Santa Clara
Santa Clara, California USA
<http://steampunkexhibition.com/>

Features the best elements of traditional science fiction and fantasy conventions, in a steam-powered, neo-Victorian setting. Includes costuming panels and a costumed masquerade ball and competition..

WonderCon 2011

April 1-3, 2011
Moscone Center South
San Francisco, California USA
<http://www.comic-con.org/wc/>

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

Costume-Con 29

April 29 – May 2, 2011
Hilton Hasbrouck Heights/Meadowlands
Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey USA
<http://cc29nj.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.

Gaslight Gathering

May 6-8, 2011
Town and Country Hotel
San Diego, California USA
<http://www.gaslightgathering.org/>

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

Anime North 2011

May 27-29, 2011
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.

Phoenix Comic-Con 2011

May 26-29, 2011
Phoenix Convention Center and Hyatt Regency
Phoenix, Arizona USA
<http://www.phoenixcomiccon.com/>

Guests include Stan Lee and Billy Dee Williams (Star Wars) Numerous panels on costuming, makeup, effects, and cosplay, a costume doll contest, hall costume contest, and a masquerade ball.

Baycon 2011

May 27-30, 2011
Hayatt Santa Clara
Santa Clara, California USA
<http://baycon.org/2011>

The SF Bay Area's largest sci-fi and fantasy convention, with 2,000+ members. Includes costume panels, and a Masquerade.

FanimeCon 2011

May 27-30, 2011
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.

Comic-Con International 2011

July 21-24, 2011
San Diego Convention Center
San Diego, California USA
<http://www.comic-con.org/>

World's largest comic book convention with over 125,00 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 *now!*

Costume College 2011

July 29-August 1, 2011
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!

Worldcon: Renovation

August 17-21, 2011
Reno-Sparks Convention Center
Reno, Nevada USA
<http://www.renovationsf.org/>

The catwalk style Masquerade is rivaled only by the Hugo Award Ceremony. This year's masquerade will be run by the dynamic duo of Kevin Roche and Andy Trembley.

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.