

# Upcoming Events

## Calendar of Events

### **CopperCon 31**

September 2-5, 2011  
Avondale, Arizona USA

<http://www.casfs.org/cucon/>

This regional sci-fi/fantasy convention features vampires, werewolves and daemons. A costume parade on Saturday night features prizes, and includes a Gothic Masked Ball.

### **DragonCon**

September 2-5, 2011  
Atlanta, Georgia USA

<http://www.renovationsf.org/>

Multi-media popular culture convention on sci-fi, fantasy, gaming, and comics. Features costuming track, and a plethora of costuming contests.

### **FenCon VIII**

September 23-25, 2011  
Crowne Plaza Hotel North Dallas  
Dallas / Ft. Worth, Texas USA

<http://www.fencon.org>

Fan-operated science fiction, fantasy, literary, and filk convention. Masquerade with sci-fi, fantasy, and horror costumes. Pre-masquerade catwalk for costumers to discuss their creations.

### **Archon 35**

September 30 – October 1, 2011  
Doubletree Collinsville  
St. Louis, Missouri USA

<http://www.archonstl.org/35/>

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

### **SteamCon III**

October 14-16, 2011  
Hyatt Regency Bellevue  
Bellevue Washington USA

<http://www.steamcon.org/>

A 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea themed event .celebration and exploration of the briny deep as seen through the imaginative eyes of Victorian science fiction features costume events and a costume parade.

### **AlbaCon**

October 21-30, 2011  
Best Western Sovereign Hotel  
Albany New York USA

<http://www.albacon.org/>

Weekend gathering of fans and creators of Fiction or Fantasy. Includes hall costuming and a fantasy dance and masquerade.

### **Necronomicon:20100**

October 21-23, 2011  
Hilton Bayfront St. Petersburg  
St. Petersburg, Florida USA

<http://stonehill.org/necro.htm>

Florida's science fiction, fantasy, & horror convention. Includes Grandiose Masquerade, hall costume contest, and costuming panels.

### **FaerieCon**

November 4-6, 2011  
Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn  
Baltimore Maryland USA

<http://www.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.

### **Anime USA**

November 18-20, 2011  
Hyatt Regency  
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

### **Philcon 2011**

November 18-20, 2011  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey USA

<http://2011.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 25 – December 18, 2011  
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 2012**

January 12-16 2012  
San Jose Convention Center,  
San Jose Marriott, and San Jose Hilton  
San Jose, California USA

<http://www.furtherconfusion.org/fc2012>

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.

### **Arisia 2012**

January 13-16 2012  
Westin Waterfront Boston Hotel  
Boston, Massachusetts USA  
<http://2012.arisia.org/>

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

### **RustyCon**

January 20-22 2012  
Seattle Airport Marriott  
Seattle, Washington USA  
<http://www.rustycon.com/>

Focus on literature, science, art, costumes, and gaming. Masquerade and virtual hall costuming contest. Costumer guest of honor.

### **Con Nooga**

February 17-19, 2012  
Historical Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel  
Chattanooga, Tennessee USA  
<http://www.connooga.com>

Multi-fandom convention. Features costuming parade, a costume masquerade, and an extensive costuming track.

### **Gallifrey One: Network 23**

February 17-19, 2012  
Marriot 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.

### **Nova Albion Steampunk Exhibition**

March 16-18, 2012  
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.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:vc@siwcostumers.org). Include event name, location, dates, URL, and brief description highlighting costume-related activities.