

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 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, URL, and brief description highlighting costume-related activities.