

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

WonderCon 2012

March 16-18, 2012
Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, California USA
<http://www.comic-con.org/wc/>

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

Norwescon 35

April 5-8, 2012
SeaTac Washington Doubletree Hotel
Seattle, Washington USA
<http://www.norwescon.org/>

Pacific Northwest's premier sci-fi and fantasy convention. Features single-pattern contest and a full masquerade.

Monsterpalooza

April 13-15, 2012
Marriott Burbank Hotel & Convention Center
Burbank, California USA
<http://www.monsterpalooza.com/april2012/>

The premier convention on the art of the monster. Includes numerous sessions on monster making and prothetic makeup techniques for costumers.

Creation Salute to Star Trek

May 4-6, 2012
Crown Plaza Cherry Hill
Cherry Hill, New Jersey USA
<http://creationent.com/cal/stsan.htm>

With Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes, and Brent Spiner of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, and many more. Costume parade with prizes for all entrants, gift certificate for winner.

Gaslight Gathering II

May 11-13, 2012
Town and Country Hotel
San Diego, California USA
<http://www.gaslightgathering.org/>

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

Costume-Con 30

May 11-14, 2012
Tempe Mission Palms Hotel
Tempe, Arizona USA
<http://costumecon30.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.

Phoenix Comic-Con 2012

May 24-27, 2012
Phoenix Convention Center and Hyatt Regency
Phoenix, Arizona USA
<http://www.phoenixcomiccon.com/>

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

Anime North 2012

May 25-27, 2012
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.

Baycon 2012

May 25-28, 2012
Hayatt Santa Clara
Santa Clara, California USA
<http://baycon.org/2012>

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

FanimeCon 2012

May 25-28, 2012
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.

Steampunk Industrial Revolution

June 8-10, 2012
Holiday Inn Nashua
Nashua, New Hampshire USA
<http://www.fanime.com/>

Steampunk related costuming events, plus a costume Masquerade.

Westercon 65

July 5-8, 2011
Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport
Seattle, Washington USA
<http://www.westercon65.org/>

This venerable sci-fi convention features a full costume masquerade and numerous costuming-related panels and tracks.

Comic-Con International 2012

July 12-15, 2012
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 2012

August 2-6, 2012
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: Chicon 7

August 30 – September 3, 2011
Hyatt Regency Chicago
Chicago, Illinois USA
<http://www.chicon.org/>

The catwalk style Masquerade is rivaled only by the Hugo Award Ceremony. Costuming-related panels and events. Theme honors Mercury space program.

DragonCon

August 31 – September 3, 2012
Atlanta, Georgia USA
<http://www.dragoncon.org/>

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

Archon 36

October 12–14, 2012
Doubletree Collinsville
St. Louis, Missouri USA
<http://www.archonstl.org/36/>

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

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.

National Civil War Association (NCWA)

Various Northern California locations
Many re-enactment and educational events – see their schedule <http://www.ncwa.org/>

The NCWA presents living history for the public in many forms, including military and civilian encampments, battles, and lectures.

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.