

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

Zombie-O-Rama IV

August 30, 2012
322 S. Market Street
San Jose, California USA
<http://www.zombieorama.com/crawlinfo/>

Zombie-O-Rama returns to downtown San Jose. Bring a canned food item for donation to Second Harvest Food Bank, walk through the town then view a showing of the feature film *Shaun of the Dead*.

Worldcon: Chicon 7

August 30-September 3, 2012
Hyatt Regency
Chicago, Illinois USA
<http://www.chicon.org/>

The catwalk style Masquerade is rivaled only by the Hugo Award Ceremony. This year's event honors the men and women of the Mercury 7 Program who helped put the first Americans in orbit

CopperCon 32

August 31-September 3, 2012
Phoenix, 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.

Dragon*Con

August 31-September 3, 2012
Atlanta, Georgia USA
<http://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.

SteamCon IV

October 26-28, 2012
Hyatt Regency Bellevue
Bellevue Washington USA
<http://www.steamcon.org/>

A Victorian Monsters themed event is a nod to the huge number of classic monsters from the Victorian era, features costume events and a costume parade.

AlbaCon

October 18-21, 2012
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.

Convolution

November 2-4, 2012
Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport
Burlingame, California USA
<http://www.con-volution.com>

A three-day science fiction, fantasy, and media convention, Includes hall costuming and a costumed fantasy dance.

FaerieCon

November 9-11, 2012
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 9-11, 2012
Washington Marriott Wardman Park
Washington D.C. 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 2012

November 9-11, 2012
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 23 – December 23, 2012
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 2013

January 17-21 2013
San Jose Convention Center,

San Jose Marriott, and San Jose Hilton
San Jose, California USA
<http://www.furtherconfusion.org/fc2013>

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 2013

January 18-21 2013
Westin Waterfront Boston Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts USA
<http://2013.arisia.org/>

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

Gallifrey One 2013

February 15-17, 2013
Marriott 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.

BeyondCon 2013

February 23-24, 2013
Inn at Gig Harbor
Gig Harbor, Washington USA
<http://www.brcg.org/events/beyondcon/>

Sponsored by the Beyond Reality Costumers Guild, BeyondCon is a costuming relaxation event where you can learn new costuming techniques, share techniques you have developed, and hang out for the weekend with other insane people costumers.

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.