

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

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.

RustyCon

January 18-20 2013
Seattle Airport Marriott
Seattle, Washington USA
<http://www.rustycon.com/>

Focus on literature, science, art, costumes, and gaming. Features a Virtual 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. Costuming events & 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.

Con Nooga

March 1-3, 2013
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.

Norwescon 36

March 28-31, 2013
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.

WonderCon 2013

March 29-31, 2013
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.

Monsterpalooza

April 12-14, 2013
Marriott Burbank Hotel & Convention Center
Burbank, California USA
<http://www.monsterpalooza.com/april2013/>

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

Gaslight Gathering III

May 3-5, 2013
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 31

May 17-20, 2013
Red Lion Denver SE
Aurora, Colorado USA
<http://cc31denver.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 2013

May 23-26, 2013

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 2013

May 24-26, 2013

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 2013

May 24-27, 2012

Hayatt Santa Clara
Santa Clara, California USA

<http://baycon.org/2013>

The SF Bay Area's largest sci-fi and fantasy convention, with costume panels, and a Masquerade. Features Fan Guests of Honor Chris and John O'Halloran.

FanimeCon 2013

May 24-27, 2013

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.

Westercon 66

July 4-7, 2013

Hilton Arden West Hotel
Sacramento, California USA

<http://www.westercon66.org/>

This venerable sci-fi convention features a full costume masquerade and numerous costuming-related panels and tracks, and staged masquerades and other costuming events. Features con chairs 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.

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.