

# Upcoming Events

## Calendar of Events

### **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 <http://fancylopedia.wikidot.com/albacon-2013> costume masquerade and numerous costuming-related panels and tracks, and staged masquerades and other costuming events. Features con chairs Kevin Roche and Andy Trembley.

### **Comic-Con International 2013**

July 18-21, 2013  
San Diego Convention Center  
San Diego, California USA  
<http://www.comic-con.org/ccl/>

World's largest comic book convention with over 125,000 attendees. Masquerade attracted over 10,000 people, 40+ 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 2013**

August 1-5, 2013  
Warner Center Marriott  
Woodland Hills, California USA  
<http://www.costumecollege.net/>

Three-day educational conference on costuming and clothing, produced by Costumer's Guild West. Didn't inherit tickets? Try anyway: you might get lucky!

### **Worldcon: Lone Star Con 3**

August 29 – September 2, 2013  
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
San Antonio, Texas USA  
<http://www.lonestarcon3.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 30 – September 2, 2013  
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 37**

October 5–6, 2013  
#1 Gateway Center Drive  
St. Louis, Missouri USA  
<http://www.archonstl.org/37/>

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

### **SteamCon IV**

October 25-27, 2013  
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, 2013  
Residence Inn Hotel  
Saratoga Springs, New York USA

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

### **FaerieCon**

November 8-10, 2013  
Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn  
Hunt Valley, 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 13-15, 2013  
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 2013**

November 8-10, 2013  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey USA  
<http://2013.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 22, 2013  
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 2014**

January 16-20 2013

San Jose Convention Center,  
San Jose Marriott, and San Jose Hilton  
San Jose, California USA

<http://www.furtherconfusion.org/2014/>

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 2014**

January 17-20 2014

Westin Waterfront Boston Hotel  
Boston, Massachusetts USA

<http://2014.arisia.org/>

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

### **Gallifrey One 2014**

February 16-14, 2014

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 2014**

February 21-23, 2014

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 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 Temple  
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.

### **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

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](mailto:vc@siwcostumers.org). Include event name, location, dates, URL, and brief description highlighting costume-related activities.