

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

Anime USA 2013

September 13-15 , 2013
Washington Marriott Wardman Park
Washington, D.C. USA
<http://www.archonstl.org/37/>

The convention's mission is to educate the public about and promote Japanese arts and popular culture. Includes a Cosplay craftsmanship competition and masquerade.

Klingon Fest 2013

September 27-29 , 2013
LaPlaya RResort
Daytona Beach, Florida, USA
http://www.klingonfeast.com/Klingon_Feast_Florida.html

This is a Science Fiction Star Trek weekend event by the fans for the fans. No dealers or guest stars – just fans being Klingon, games, contests, including a costume contest.

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

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.

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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.

Her Majesty's Steampunk Symposium

January 10-12 2014
The Queen Mary
Long Beach, California USA
<http://www.hrmsteam.com>

A SteamPunk convention aboard the legendary Queen Mary, includes entertainment, games, Gala Festivities and the Queen's Masquerade Ball. Registration includes a room onboard!

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.

VancouFur 2014

February 27 – March 2, 2014
Executive Hotel and Conference Center
Burnaby BC, Canada
<http://www.vancoufur.ca>

VancouFur, Vancouver's first furry convention, is in its third year, striving to educate as well as entertain in the fields of arts, crafts, culture and other aspects of the furry fandom. Includes a costume parade.

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

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.