

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

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 2014
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.

Con Nooga

February 21-23, 2014
Chattanooga Convention Center
Chattanooga, Tennessee USA
<http://www.connooga.com>

Multi-fandom convention. Features costuming parade, a costume masquerade, and an extensive costuming track.

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.

Minami Con 20

March 7-9, 2014
Novotel Hotel Southampton
Southampton, England
<http://www.minamicon.org.uk/>

Anime and cosplay convention includes costuming related programming, a cosplay photo shoot, a cosplay parade, a masquerade, and an "Iron Cosplay" competition.

Norwescon 37

April 17-20, 2014
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 2014

April 18-20, 2014
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 28-30, 2014
Marriott Burbank Hotel & Convention Center
Burbank, California USA



<http://www.monsterpalooza.com/>

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

Costume-Con 32

April 25-28, 2014

Sheraton Hotel

Toronto, ON, Canada

<http://costumecon32.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.

Gaslight Gathering 4

May 2-4, 2014

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.

Baycon 2013

May 23-26, 2014

Hayatt Santa Clara

Santa Clara, California USA

<http://baycon.org/2014>

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

Anime North 2014

May 24-26, 2014

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.

Phoenix Comic-Con 2014

June 5-8, 2014

Phoenix Convention Center and Hyatt Regency
Phoenix, Arizona USA

<http://www.phoenixcomicon.com>

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

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 perform <http://www.peers.org/mances>. 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.