

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

Montreal Comiccon

September 12-14, 2014
Montreal, Quebec Canada
<http://www.montrealcomiccon.com/>

Sci-fi, fantasy, comics, and media convention, with major stars of TV and movies. Includes cosplay costuming tracks, and a large masquerade.

DragonCon

August 29 – September 1, 2014
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.

Convolution 2014

September 26-28, 2014
Hyatt Regency SFO
Burlingame, California USA
<http://con-volution.com/2014/>

Exploring the world of science and science fiction, what the world will be like, and how recent advance bring us closer to it. Features cosplay and costuming programming track, workshops, and presentations.

Anime USA

October 3-5, 2014
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

Archon 38

October 3-5, 2014

#38 Gateway Center Drive
St. Louis, Missouri USA
<http://www.archonstl.org/38/>

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

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Time of Angels (Dr. Who)

October 10-12, 2014
Radisson Edwardian Hotel,
Heathrow, UK.
<http://www.archonstl.org/38/>

This sci-fi and fantasy convention celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Dr. Who TV series. Features guests from the series. Includes a costume parade and competitions.

MileHiCon 46

October 24-26, 2014
Hyatt Regency Hotel – Tech Center
Denver, Colorado USA
<http://www.milehicon.org/>

Largest Science-Fiction Fantasy Literary Convention in the Rocky Mountain Region. Includes tracks on costuming and a masquerade.

FaerieCon

November 7-19, 2014
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.

Philcon 2014

November 21-23, 2014
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 22 – December 21, 2014
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 2015

January 15-19 2015
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 2015

January 16-19 2015
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.

Her Royal Majesty's Steampunk Symposium

January 16-19 2015
Aboard the Queen Mary
Long Beach, California USA
<http://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!

Gallifrey One 2015

February 13-15, 2015
Marriott Los Angeles Airport
Los Angeles, California USA
<http://www.gallifreyone.com/>

All things *Doctor Who* are at this annual convention that hosts stars from the series, along with many costuming events including hall costuming and a costume masquerade.

VancouFur 2015

March 5-8, 2015
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.