

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

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.

Minami Con 20

March 6-8, 2015
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.

Monsterpalooza

March 27-29, 2015
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.

Norwescon 38

April 2-5, 2015
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 2015

April 3-5, 2015
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.

Costume-Con 33

May 15-18, 2015
Charleston Plaza Hotel
North Charleston, South Carolina
<http://cc33charleston.org/wp/>

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.

Baycon 2015

May 22-25, 2015
Hayatt Santa Clara
Santa Clara, California USA
<http://www.baycon.org/2015/>

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

Anime North 2015

May 22-24, 2015
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 2015

May 28-31, 2015
Phoenix Convention Center and Hyatt Regency
Phoenix, Arizona USA
<http://www.phoenixcomicon.com>

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

Westercon 68

July 2-5, 2015
Town and Country Resort & Conference Center
San Diego, California USA
<http://westercon68.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.

Gaslight Gathering 5

September 18-20, 2015
Town and Country Resort & Conference Center
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.

Worldcon 73: Sasquan

September 19-23, 2015

Spokane, Washington USA
<http://www.sasquan.org>

The catwalk style Masquerade is rivaled only by the Hugo Award Ceremony. Costuming-related panels and events.

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, 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.