

# Upcoming Events

## Calendar of Events

### **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.

### **Comic-Con International 2015**

July 8-12, 2015

San Diego Convention Center  
San Diego, California USA

<http://www.comic-con.org/cc/>

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 2015**

July 30-August 2, 2015

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 73: Sasquan**

August 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.

### **DragonCon**

September 4-7, 2015

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.

### **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.

### **Archon 39**

October 2-4, 2015

#38 Gateway Center Drive  
St. Louis, Missouri USA

<http://www.archonstl.org/39/>

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

### **Convolution 2015**

October 2-4, 2015

Hyatt Regency SFO  
Burlingame California USA

<http://con-volution.com/2015/>

Annual three-day science fiction, fantasy, and media convention featuring guests, performers and vendors from a wide spectrum of the speculative fiction

industry and community. Includes some costuming related panels and masquerade costume competition.

### **Archon 39**

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Gageway Convention Center / DoubleTree Hotel  
StCollinsville, Illinois USA

<http://www.archonstl.org/39/>

This sci-fi and fantasy convention returns to Collinsville with a full costume masquerade and costume related panels. <http://www.fairiecon.com/>

### **Anime USA**

October 30 – November 1, 2015

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

### **FaerieCon 2015**

November 6-8, 2015

Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn  
Hunt Valley, Maryland USA

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 2015**

November 20-22, 2015

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey USA

<http://2015.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 21 – December 20, 2015  
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 2016**

January 14-18 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 2016**

January 15-18 2016  
Westin Waterfront Boston Hotel  
Boston, Massachusetts USA  
<http://www.arisia.org/>

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

### **Gallifrey One 2016**

February 12-14, 2016  
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. *Note: currently sold out, but individual tickets may become available later or offered for resale by someone who cannot attend.*

## 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 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 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.