

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

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 2016
San Jose Convention Center,
San Jose Marriott, and San Jose Hilton
San Jose, California USA
<http://www.furtherconfusion.org>

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.

RustyCon 33

January 15-17 2016
Hilton Seattle Conference Center,
Seattle, Washington USA
<http://www.rustycon.com>

Science fiction and fantasy convention has multi-track programming, a dealer's room, an art show, and a hospitality room. Includes Costuming Guest of Honor and ICG board member Julie Zetterberg.

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.]*

Estrella War XXXII

February 23-29, 2016
Schnepf Farms
Queen Creek, AZ USA
<http://estrellawar.org>

Put on by the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), attendees dress in the clothing and armor of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and have the opportunity to take part in activities that feature middle ages style tournaments, arts exhibits, classes, workshops, dancing, feasts, and more.

VancouFur 2015

March 3-6, 2016
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 21

March 4-6, 2016
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 39

March 24-27, 2016
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 2016

March 25-27, 2016
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 22-24, 2016
Pasadena Convention Center
Pasadena, 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 34

May 6-9, 2016
Charleston Plaza Hotel
North Charleston, South Carolina
<http://www.costumecon34.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.

Baycon 2016

May 27-30, 2015
Hayatt Santa Clara
Santa Clara, California USA
<http://www.baycon.org/2016/>

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

Anime North 2016

May 27-29, 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.

Balticon 50

May 27-30, 2016
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland USA
<http://balticon.org/wp50/>

Guests include George R. R. Martin. Numerous panels on costuming, makeup, effects, and cosplay, hall costume contest, and a one of the oldest masquerade balls on the U.S. east coast.

Westercon 68

July 1-4, 2016
Portland Doubletree Inn
Portland, Oregon 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.

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.