

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

DragonCon

September 1–4, 2017
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.

Archon 41

September 9 – October 1, 2017
#38 Gateway Center Drive
Collinsville, Illinois USA
<http://www.archonstl.org/>

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

Convolution 2017

October 6–9, 2017
San Ramon Marriott
San Ramon California USA
<http://con-volution.com/>

Annual three-day science fiction, fantasy, and media convention featuring guests, performers and vendors from a speculative fiction. Includes costuming related panels and masquerade costume competition.

FaerieCon 2017

November 3-5, 2017
Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn
Hunt Valley, Maryland USA
<http://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.

Windycon 44

November 10-12, 2017
Westin Yorktown
Lombard, Illinois USA
<http://www.windycon.org/>

Chicago's oldest sci-fi convention has a literary theme. Programming covers a wide range of topics from astrophysics, to costuming techniques, to pop culture. The conference includes hall costuming and a costume masquerade.

Philcon 2017

November 10-12, 2017
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Cherry Hill, New Jersey USA
<http://www.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 18 – December 17, 2017
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.

Loscon 44

November 24-26, 2017
LAX Marriott Hotel
Los Angeles, California USA
<http://loscon.org/44/>

Los Angeles science-fiction.convention includes both adult and young adult programming, and a full

masquerade for all skill levels that follows the ICG Guidelines run by Dorothy O'Hare. Guests include author Douglas Adams.

Anime USA

December 8-10 2017
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

Further Confusion 2018

January 11-15 2018
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 13-15 2017
Seattle AirPort Marriott,
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, prop-maker Bill Doran of Punished Props.

Arisia 2018

January 12-15 2018
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 2018

February 16-18, 2018
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.

Estrella War XXXIII

February 20-26, 2018
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.

Gaslight Gathering 7

April 6-8, 2018
Handley 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.

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

(Multiple locations in the 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.