

Upcoming Events

Send calendar and ongoing event announcements to: vc@siwcostumers.org

Calendar of Events

Great Dickens Christmas Faire

November 27 – December 20 2009
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.

Arisia 2010

January 15-18 2010
Hyatt Regency Cambridge Hotel
Cambridge, Massachusetts USA
<http://2010.arisia.org/>

New England's largest and most diverse sci-fi and fantasy convention. Many costuming events including a Masquerade. SiW's own **Kevin Roche** is Fan Guest of Honor.

Creation Salute to Star Trek

January 23-24 2010
Westin S. Francis Hotel
San Francisco, California USA
<http://www.creationent.com/cal/stsan.htm>

With William Shatner, Patrick Stewart, and many more. Costume parade with prizes for all entrants, \$250 gift certificate for winner.

Creation Twilight Convention

February 12-14 2010
Hyatt Regency Airport
Burlingame, California USA
<http://www.creationent.com/cal/twilight.htm>

For fans of the Twilight books and movies, this is *the* convention. Includes the Volturi Vampire Ball, with prizes for best costumes.

Gallifrey One

February 26-28 2010
LAX Marriott
Los Angeles, California USA
<http://www.gallifreyone.com/>

The most Doctor Who related guests in the history of the convention. *Masquerade of Mandragora* is the convention showpiece.

Costume Academy

March 14th, 2010
Berkeley, California USA
<http://www.gbacg.org/gbacg-calendar.html>

The Greater Bay Area Costumers' Guild offers multiple 1-1/2 hour classes in three sessions, for a full day of classes.

WonderCon 2010

April 2-4, 2010
Moscone Center South
San Francisco, California, USA
<http://www.comic-con.org/wc/>

The biggest stars in the world of comics come to the Bay area. Masquerade attracted 2,400 people, 28 entries, and 62 costumes.

CostumeCon 28

May 7-10, 2010
Hilton Milwaukee City Center
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
<http://www.cc28.org/>

All costuming all the time. Sci-fi/fantasy, historical, video Masquerades; doll, single pattern, future fashion show contests.

Anime North 2010

May 28-30, 2010
Toronto Congress Center
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
<http://www.animenorth.com/>

One of the 10 biggest anime conventions, includes anime/manga costuming events, plus both skit and costume Masquerades.

BayCon 2010

May 28-31, 2010

The Hyatt Regency
Santa Clara, California, USA
<http://www.baycon.org/>

The SF Bay Area's largest sci-fi and fantasy convention, with 2,000+ members. Includes costume panels, and a Masquerade.

FanimeCon 2010
May 28-31, 2010
McEnery Convention Center
San Jose California, USA
<http://www.fanime.com/>

One of the 10 biggest anime conventions, includes anime/manga costuming events, plus a costume Masquerade.

Comic-Con International 2010
July 22-25, 2010
San Diego Convention Center
San Diego, California, USA
<http://www.comic-con.org/>

World's largest comic book convention with over 125,00 attendees. Masquerade attracted over 10,000 people, 43 entrants, and 150 costumes, with presentation, workmanship, and industry awards. If it isn't sold out yet, get your tickets and hotel *immediately!*

Costume College
August 6-9, 2010
Warner Center Marriott
Woodland Hills, California USA
<http://www.costumecollege.org/>

Three-day educational conference on all costuming and clothing subjects, produced by Costumer's Guild West. Didn't inherit tickets? Try anyway: you might get lucky!

Ongoing Events

Bay Area English Regency Society (BAERS)
Various San Francisco Bay Area locations
Numerous dance parties – see their schedule
<http://www.baers.org/>

Celebrates early nineteenth century English Regency with dances from English Country tradition. Second-Friday dance parties, and 3-4 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, including 6 balls with live music, and a fancy Victorian dress ball. Semi-formal clothing, with gentlemen in jacket and tie and ladies dressed appropriately. 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 (see Calendar of Events), and many costumed events.

Peninsula Wearable Arts Guild (PENWAG)
Campbell Community Center
Campbell, California USA
Second Saturday of each month
<http://www.penwag.org>

Learn new art-to-wear techniques. Discover how others are experimenting. See creations of fellow enthusiasts. 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
Monthly period dance events
<http://www.peers.org/>

Dedicated to remembering, researching, and re-creating performing arts of the past. Sponsors events, classes, and living history performances. Activities include historic dance, drama, music, literature and costume. Period dress admired but not required