

# Upcoming Events

## Calendar of Events

### **Great Dickens Christmas Faire**

November 25 – December 18, 2011  
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.

### **Creation Twilight Convention**

December 3-4, 2011  
Westin Park Central Hotel  
Dallas Texas USA  
[http://twilightconvention.com/cal/twilight\\_dallas.htm](http://twilightconvention.com/cal/twilight_dallas.htm)

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

### **Further Confusion 2012**

January 12-16 2012  
San Jose Convention Center,  
San Jose Marriott, and San Jose Hilton  
San Jose, California USA  
<http://www.furtherconfusion.org/fc2012>

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 2012**

January 13-16 2012  
Westin Waterfront Boston Hotel  
Boston, Massachusetts USA  
<http://2012.arasia.org/>

New England's largest and most diverse sci-fi and

fantasy convention. Many costuming events including a Masquerade.

### **RustyCon**

January 20-22 2012  
Seattle Airport Marriott  
Seattle, Washington USA  
<http://www.rustycon.com/>

Focus on literature, science, art, costumes, and gaming. Masquerade and virtual hall costuming contest. Costumer guest of honor.

### **Con Nooga**

February 17-19, 2012  
Historical Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel  
Chattanooga, Tennessee USA  
<http://www.connooga.com>

Multi-fandom convention. Features costuming parade, a costume masquerade, and an extensive costuming track.

### **Gallifrey One: Network 23**

February 17-19, 2012  
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.

### **Creation Salute to Star Trek**

May 4-6, 2012  
Crown Plaza Cherry Hill  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey USA  
<http://creationent.com/cal/stsan.htm>

With Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes, and Brent Spiner of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, and many

more. Costume parade with prizes for all entrants, gift certificate for winner.

### **WonderCon 2011**

March 16-18, 2012  
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.

### **Gaslight Gathering II**

May 11-13, 2012  
Town and Country 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.

### **Costume-Con 29**

May 11-14, 2012  
Tempe Mission Palms Hotel  
Tempe, Arizona USA  
<http://costumecon30.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.

### **Phoenix Comic-Con 2011**

May 24-27, 2012  
Phoenix Convention Center and Hyatt Regency  
Phoenix, Arizona USA  
<http://www.phoenixcomiccon.com/>

Guests to be announced. Numerous panels on costuming, makeup, effects, and cosplay, a costume

doll contest, hall costume contest, and a masquerade ball.

### **Anime North 2012**

May 25-27, 2012  
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.

### **Baycon 2012**

May 25-28, 2012  
Hayatt Santa Clara  
Santa Clara, California USA  
<http://baycon.org/2012>

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

### **FanimeCon 2012**

May 25-28, 2012  
San Jose 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 2011**

July 12-15, 2012  
San Diego Convention Center  
San Diego, California USA  
<http://www.comic-con.org/>

World's largest comic book convention with over 125,000 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 *now!*

## 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.

### **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  
<http://www.peers.org/>

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, vaccuforming, 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.