FROM THE EDITOR

First and foremost, a quick correction from the last issue. As an oversight on my part, I neglected to mention that Randall Whitlock’s articles were reprinted from Cactus Needles, the SWCG chapter newsletter. My apologies, Randall!

Secondly, we’re getting a gangbuster response from readers who are just throwing articles in our direction. THANK YOU!!! We very much appreciate all the current info - please do keep it coming! Contact us using the info on Page 6, and we’ll be happy to include your contribution in an upcoming issue.

In the interest of keeping it short, so we can fit everything in, that’s all I’ve got to say this issue. Onward!

EMOTIONS AND SEWING
By Tonya Lehman, CGW

When I approach a new costume project for myself, my husband braces himself for an emotional roller coaster ride. Here’s a list of what I experience from inception to completion, and beyond!

**Enthusiasm:** I get to create something beautiful for myself, and take a break from other mundane tasks, at least for a little bit each day.

**Excitement:** I pour through all my costume books, movie books, costume calendars, saved costume articles, museum exhibit catalogues, shoe books, pattern catalogues, etc, to decided what to make.

**Indecision:** What am I capable of completing in time? Which gown is at just the right difficulty level for me? Which would I look best in? Which would I enjoy wearing? What kind of person will I want to portray?

**Conviction:** This is the gown for me!

**Guilt:** This perfect fabric costs that much?!?

**Resignation:** My least favorite part is cutting out the fabric, especially those huge swaths of fabric needed for full skirts.

**Pride:** My little girls calling me “princess” each time I try the gown on throughout the process. My friends commenting on my progress.

**Frustration:** Retreading the serger, bodices that don’t fit right no matter how many muslins made, bobbin thread that runs out too soon, buying ½ yard too little trim, working and living for weeks around a half-naked dress form in our tiny living room.

**Glee:** When the skirt lays beautifully, the bodice fits well.

**Anxiety:** Am I doing this right? Will everyone know I’m not good enough? What if all this work creates only a mediocre dress with poor color choices and crooked seams?

**Relief:** It is finished!

**Anticipation:** Will I look fabulous at the event? Will it wear well? I can’t wait!

**Joy:** I did it, it’s fun to wear, and I can’t wait to create my next gown!

I am currently deep in the Frustration/Anxiety stage of my 1859 gown. Hopefully by Costume College my emotional ride will have reached it’s Joyful conclusion!

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A Regular Feature by Karen Dick, GCFCG

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NEXT ISSUE: LEATHER WORK
## Costume Calendar

**2004**

### Conventions/Conferences/Gatherings/etc.

- **Lunacon 2005**
  - March 18-20, 2005
  - Rutherford, NJ (USA)
  - (LOCATION CHANGE)
  - www.lunacon.org

- **Norwescon 28**
  - March 24-27, 2005
  - Seattle, WA (USA)
  - www.norwescon.org

- **Anime Mid-Atlantic**
  - June 17-19, 2005
  - Richmond, VA (USA)
  - www.anime.midatlantic.com

- **Due North: Westercon 58**
  - July 1-4, 2005
  - Calgary, Alberta (Canada)
  - calgaryin2005.org

- **Otakon**
  - July/August 2005
  - Unconfirmed
  - Baltimore, MD (USA)
  - www.otakon.com

- **ShowMeCon 2**
  - July 22 - 24, 2005
  - St. Louis, MO (USA)
  - www.showmecon.com

- **Anime Expo 2005**
  - July 1-4, 2005
  - Anaheim, CA (USA)
  - www.anime-expo.org

- **Shore Leave 28**
  - July 8-10, 2005
  - Hunt Valley, MD (USA)
  - www.shore-leave.com

- **Pennsic 34**
  - August 5-21, 2005
  - Slippery Rock, PA (USA)
  - www.PennsicWar.org

- **Interaction: 63rd World Science Fiction Convention**
  - August 4-8, 2005
  - Glasgow, Scotland (UK)
  - www.interaction.worldcon.org.uk

- **Costume College**
  - July 29-31, 2005
  - Los Angeles, CA (USA)
  - www.costumecollege.org

- **Known World Costume Symposium**
  - September 25-26, 2004
  - North Canton, OH (SCA Middle Kingdom)
  - sca.4th.com/alderford/events/kwcs2004

### Costumes in the News

- **The Lord of the Rings Motion Picture Trilogy—The Exhibition**
  - August 1 - October 24, 2004
  - Museum of Science, Boston, MA (USA)
  - www.mos.org/lotr/

### Other Costume Events/Exhibits

- **FarPoint**
  - February 11-13, 2005
  - Hunt Valley, MD (USA)
  - www.farpointcon.com

- **Arisia '05**
  - January 21-23, 2005
  - DATE CHANGE
  - Boston, MA (USA)
  - www.arisia.org

- **Fanime Con**
  - May 27-30, 2005
  - Santa Clara, CA (USA)
  - www.fanime.com

- **BayCon 2005**
  - May 2005
  - Unconfirmed
  - San Jose, CA (USA)
  - www.baycon.org

**2005**

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**2006**

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  - Boston, MA (USA)
  - www.arisia.org

- **Fanime Con**
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  - Santa Clara, CA (USA)
  - www.fanime.com

- **BayCon 2005**
  - May 2005
  - Unconfirmed
  - San Jose, CA (USA)
  - www.baycon.org

- **L.A. Con IV**
  - 64th World Science Fiction Convention
  - August 23-27, 2006
  - Los Angeles, CA (USA)
  - www.laconiv.com

**2007**

- **Arisia '05**
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To add or change event listings, send your event info to the address on Page 10 of this newsletter.

Calendar items are listed courtesy of the following: The ICG Web Site: www.costume.org, the GBACG Conventions, Seminars & Symposiums page, at: www.gbacg.org/conventions.htm, Adequate Anime, at: www.adequate.com/anime/events/calendar.html and the SF Lovers Convention List, at: www.sflovers.org/Reference/fandom/conlist/cons-bydate.html
ICG CHAPTERS AND DUES

All ICG members receive The ICG Newsletter, which is included in the ICG membership fee.

**ICG Dues per year (per individual): As of July 1, 2004, US$6.00.**

Full “Individual” chapter members receive the chapter’s newsletter, when published, and may also offer additional amenities as well. Some chapters offer “Household” memberships to members of a household in which there is at least one full “Individual” chapter member. Generally speaking, household members also receive ICG memberships. Such memberships generally don’t include additional copies of chapter publications.

Contact each Chapter directly for more information on becoming a member.

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San Francisco, CA 94131 USA
www.gbacg.org

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aka NoeL Costumers
c/o Dina Flockhart
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www.northernlights.pothole.com

**St. Louis Costumers Guild (SLCG)**
aka St. Louis Ubiquitous Tailor Society (SLUTS)
c/o Bruce Mai
7835 Milan
University City, MO 63130 USA
www.casamai.com/slcg/

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www.southwestcostumersguild.org

**Utah Costumers Guild (UCG)**
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Orem, UT 84058 USA

**How Cool Is That?!?**

USITT Survey of Costume Programs in the United States

Dana MacDermott, ICG Corresponding Secretary, has discovered online that the USITT has done a survey of Costume Programs. Since she periodically receives inquiries on the ICG-D mailing list or by mail concerning where to go to school to study Costuming, she thought she would mention it.

You can find the survey online at: www.usitt.org/costume/survey

**Procedural Stuff**

*For Your Information:*

Current working committees include:
- **The ICG Guidelines Committee** - For more information on the committee and this project visit: www.costume.org/guidelines-committee/
- **The ICG Membership Committee** - The members of this committee are attempting to hammer out a resolution to the ongoing issues of household membership, redundant memberships and member related issues in relation to this newsletter. This committee was formed post-Annual Meeting, and will report directly to the ICG Board of Directors.

For more information on the work being undertaken by the ICG, please contact your Chapter representative!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

...returns next issue...
CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here's your opportunity to let the rest of the ICG know what's going on in your chapter! Submit your announcements by the 15th of the month prior to publication for inclusion in the next issue!

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE GREATER BAY AREA COSTUMERS' GUILD
By Kendra Van Cleave, GBACG

As the relatively new (as of February of this year) president of the GBACG (based in the San Francisco Bay Area), I wanted to share with ICG members some of our recent and upcoming events.

Earlier this year we held our first ever Costume Academy, developed by GBACG Workshops Coordinator Lynne Taylor-Seavers. This was an all day series of workshops with a total of nine classes offered in three time slots (attendees could choose one class for each time slot). The best aspect was the wide range of classes offered: from embroidery, ribbon work, and buttons to hair pieces, redesigning vintage patterns, and a demo of molding prosthetic ears.

One of our most popular events so far this year was the Gibson Girls, an Edwardian picnic held on the grounds of Shinn House (built in the 1870s and located in Fremont, Calif.). We had a tour of the home, played croquet, explored the Japanese garden, and picnicked on the lawn under beautiful trees. The costumes were gorgeous and we took some great photos of all the ladies with their beautiful parasols.

GBACG's official charity project is called Costumers Care, in which we make comfort caps for chemotherapy patients. For four years we've gotten together to make beautiful, artistic caps, and at this year's event we made about 65 hats.

Our costume clinics are a great informal opportunity for our members to learn and socialize - members bring costumes they've made for show and tell, and get a chance to ask questions and get advice. So far this year our Costume Clinics Coordinator Jwihyfer de Winter has organized clinics focusing on the Edwardian and Renaissance eras as well as the Harry Potter movies. Upcoming clinics will focus on the Queen Elizabeth effigy corset and the Victorian era (just in time for the Dickens Fair!).

The next few months will continue to be busy for us: in Sept. we'll be going as a group to the Gatsby picnic (a 1920s event put on by the Art Deco Society of California); conducting our planning meeting where we decide what events, workshops, and clinics we'll be holding next year; holding our effigy corset costume clinic; and offering a hands on workshop on molding prosthetic ears. In October, we'll have our Victorian costume clinic, offer a workshop on making men's Victorian vests, and go to "Regency Ireland" (the Marin coast) for a walk to the beach, picnic, and dancing.

If you're interested in getting information about the GBACG's activities (including pictures from past events and info on upcoming workshops, clinics, and events), please check out our website at www.gbacg.org.

And finally, two invitations! Anyone who is interested in chatting about costuming is welcome to join our open email list "GBACG Costume Connections" via Yahoo Groups: groups.yahoo.com/group/gbacg_connections. And if you're ever in the San Francisco Bay Area, please feel free to join us in any of our activities! We'd love to see members from other ICG chapters, and I know you'll get a warm welcome.

AMATEUR DRESSMAKERS, THREAD YOUR NEEDLES!
"A STITCH IN TIME" DRESSMAKING COMPETITION KICKS OFF

August 4, 2004; Riverdale, NY – The New York City Tea Society invites amateur dressmakers in the metropolitan area to enter its "A Stitch in Time" historical dressmaking competition. The Society has selected a single pattern upon which all entered dresses must be based. Completed garments will be judged on Saturday, December 4, at Acorn Hall in Morristown, NJ, during the 2004 Holly Walk. Judging will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. The snow date for judging is Sunday, January 9, 2005, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. There is no entry fee.

The contest grew out of a discussion of how certain patterns are used by many Tea Society members to create the vintage outfits they wear to Society activities. Initially, the Society planned to hold an event where every woman wore a dress from the same pattern, but uniquely customized to each wearer's taste. They later decided to invite the public to show off their designs as well in an open competition.

All dresses must be based on Rocking Horse Farm's 1915 New Empire Day Dress pattern. Dressmakers must use the skirt and bodice sections of that pattern, but may make any other modifications they choose, as well as using any materials they choose. Imagination is encouraged! Entrants may enter either the Novice or Master class. A ribbon in each class will be awarded in each of the following categories: workmanship/finish, historical accuracy, creative use of materials, and trimming. An award for overall excellence will also be conferred in each class. A wild card award for "Most Fanciful" will be granted, which allows free creative use of any material(s) an entrant deems appropriate. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

Competition judges will be Shenlei Winkler, executive director of the New York Tea Society; Sue Fischer, curator of Material Culture at the Louisiana State Museum.; and Debra Westmoreland, Acorn Hall curator and vice president of the Costume and Textile Group of New Jersey.

"At a time when ready-to-wear clothing is becoming less distinctive and frankly often less attractive," said Winkler, "homemade has shed its connotations of "home ec class project. We're celebrating the creativity and skill that goes into these made-by-hand garments."

Contestants will be able to view Acorn Hall's Holly Walk decorations for free on the day of the competition.

For more information, complete rules, and an entry form, please visit the NYC Tea Society's website, http://www.nycteasociety.com/stitch.

About the New York City Tea Society

Since 1995, members of the New York City Tea Society have been appearing in 19th and early 20th century attire at private and public events. The Tea Society exists to provide a playful outlet for its members' love of creative historical re-enactment. It also assists various non-profit organizations by providing costumed re-enactors at their public events. For-profit organizations may arrange to have costumed Tea Society members appear at their functions to help create a media event. NYC Tea Society members reside in the five boroughs of New York; Morris, Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, and Monmouth counties in New Jersey; and in eastern Pennsylvania. For more information about the NYC Tea Society, contact Shenlei Winkler, Executive Director, at 917-604-0500 or visit www.nycteasociety.com. The New York City Tea Society: Service Through Playfulness™.
**COSTUME COLLEGE™ 2005**

Costume College is a three-day educational conference on every imaginable subject relating to costuming and clothing, including Science Fiction, Fantasy and Historical topics! Costume College, which is produced by the Costumer’s Guild West, will be held July 29 – July 31, 2005, at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys, California. Costume College presents classes, programs, and tours covering all aspects of costuming.

Costume College presents over 100 classes offered by over 65 teachers, all in three days time. Here are some of the course subjects we offer:

- Corsetry;
- Lectures on historical clothing;
- Mask making;
- Millinery;
- Needlework and embellishment;
- Theatrical costuming;
- Museum techniques and topics;
- Basic sewing classes;
- Pattern drafting and draping techniques;
- Make-up and hair styling courses;
- Fitting and tailoring methods
- Ethnic clothing; and
- Much, much more!

In addition, you can shop in our Marketplace featuring books, patterns, trims, buttons, masks, and many other items to satisfy your hunger for hard-to-find costuming supplies. On Saturday night, feast your eyes and your appetite at the Time Traveler’s Gala – our costume-encouraged fancy dinner dance, and on Sunday attend the Sunday Fantasy Tea. On top of all this, you will meet hundreds of costuming enthusiasts, both professional and amateur, just like you – all eager to learn and share.

For more information, write to: Darla Kruger c/o CGW, P.O. Box 3052, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670-3052, call (626) 449-0665 or e-mail devinedwk@aol.com

Visit our website: www.costumecollege.org

Memberships for Costume College 2005 are on sale now.

**Be sure and buy your 2005 memberships early before we sell out!**

Admission to Costume College, Time Traveler’s Gala, and Sunday Fantasy Tea are by pre-registration only.

Memberships and tickets are NOT sold at the door and attendance is limited

These rates are good until June 20, 2004.

Memberships/tickets may sell out before the deadline.

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**Sunday Fantasy Tea**

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ICG TREASURER’S REPORT

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Your ICG membership benefits include voting rights and a subscription to this newsletter. Chapters that fail to report their members and submit their dues run the risk of being deactivated. Members of deactivated chapters who wish to participate in activities as ICG members must join an active chapter of the ICG.

LOST SOULS

ICG members must provide their correct mailing addresses to remain in good standing. Voting proxies are valid only when the ICG Treasurer has correct addresses. The addresses of the members below are not correct in our records. Please contact us to update the information we have on file for the following:

- Kelly J. Blackler  (BRCG)
- W. Lynne Brown (CGW)
- Samantha Gallardo  (CGW)
- Sarah Goodman  (GBACG)
- Christi Pachen  (CCG)
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