Hello everyone!

It's December again and by the time you get this issue the new year will be upon us. This is always the hardest message to write. The holidays are here and we are looking back on the old year while trying to foresee the new one.

As always I would like to thank all the people who made this year as trouble free as we could, and without whose help this job would be the pits. The Board had a light year and with luck will not have any real problems before the annual meeting at CC-23.

Even as we write Dora is hard at work with the 2005 budget, Betsy is busy with the newsletter, and last but never least Jeff and the web site are resting. Special thanks to John O for all his help with moving the web site and saving us some money as a result.

The archivist tells me he has started on two new collections that were donated recently. The remastering of videotapes to DVD is coming along nicely. He promises a full report at CC-23 and some nice surprises on display.

Speaking of CC-23, all of you know this is also our annual meeting and a chance to meet members of other guilds. It would be nice to see many of you there. I mention this not only because of the meeting but also for other reasons. Each year there are two events that should be on your must go list. They are Costume-Con and Costume College. Yes, I know there are other events, but these two are geared to us more than most.

Every year somewhere between February and May we have Costume-Con: a chance to meet other members and see new and wonderful things close-up. Starting three years before, the committee works very hard to bring you the best they can. They plan and plot programming to die for. But these hard working people need something else - they need you: your memberships, your help at the Con and your support. In return, you will get a long weekend filled with sharing and fun. Oh yes, did I mention three wonderful events? Two masquerades and a fashion show. This year the Friday night social’s theme is Stargate, based on the series airing on the Sci Fi Channel. So make plans to go.

The other special place to visit is Costume College, held in California each year in July. Want to learn costuming from the ground up, and the undergarments out? Then here is where you should be. Whether you are a novice or a master, there is something here for you.

Both of these events make it a point to make us happy, but they are there only if we support them each year. So while making plans for the new year check the Web, get the date here in the newsletter and make plans to go. You won’t be disappointed, and these two wonderful events will keep going.

Speaking of wonderful events, this year our newsletter will be turning out six issues to help keep you informed on what's going on in our world. Betsy works very hard to turn out a very fine newsletter. The newsletter is a part of being a guild member, so the next time you see her tell her thanks. She deserves it.

Well, I have rambled on way too long so, until the next newsletter or maybe at CC-23, here is hoping you had a wonderful holiday season and a good start on a brand new year.

--C. D. Mami, President
I CAME, I SAW, I DRANK
By Darla Kruger, CGW

On November 6, 2004, I ascended into a small plane and flew due Nor-East to Ogden, Utah (about two hours from L.A.) to see the location the Costume-Con23 (CC23) committee picked for their Crossroads of Space and Time Costume-Con. The primary reason for my trip was to scope out the theater where the Masquerades are taking place. Since I’m the Historical Masquerade director, I thought it was a good idea to see our theater. This advance foray allowed me to take a list of questions from my fellow director (Henry Osier – Science Fiction Masquerade), our tech crew, our greenroom director, and our assorted assistants. Besides the theater, this gave me an opportunity to see the hotel, the surroundings, and a variety of other things that impact our fun at a Costume-Con. So, here’s what I discovered.

Getting There:
When I arrived, I found Salt Lake City Airport very easy to navigate. It wasn’t an expensive flight coming from the West Coast and people were very friendly and helpful. The airport is small and laid out in an easy-to-maneuver pattern. Once on the road, getting to Ogden is incredibly simple. It’s basically almost one line straight north from the airport with easily read signage. The hotel itself is a short couple of miles from the highway and again, very easy to find.

The Ogden Marriott Hotel:
My first impression was an airy open lobby with a very friendly staff. While there’s no telling what the hotel will be like with a crowd of over-luggage-burdened, tired, in-a-hurry costumers in their lobby, there was a convention going on the weekend of my visit (specifically, an Alaskan Malamute dog convention – beautiful animals but those stinky owners wouldn’t let me play with their doggies). This led to some confusion in parking, but I’m sure it had to do with the dog show rather than the hotel. The hotel itself is very comfortable with a fireplace in the lobby and a view of snow covered mountains.

In looking at the hotel for programming and function space purposes, it’s laid out very conveniently. The function rooms are nicely decorated and spacious. They’ll make a very good place to comfortably sit during a class and get to for partying. I didn’t get a chance to see the Hospitality Suite, but I did see the balcony that overlooks the indoor heated pool and jacuzzi off the suite. Additionally, the hotel has a work-out room with equipment. (Not like I’d actually have time during the convention to use it, but it’s a good option to have.)

Parking is another good feature of this hotel. The lot is huge and there’s no charge. Very unusual in today’s market.

There’s a very nice amenities shop in the lobby of the hotel where you can get a quick cup of Starbucks coffee if you need a little extra energy during the day. There’s an ATM available right outside the door and while I didn’t go into the shop, it looked like it has lots of emergency things we might need (and fun little giffies, too).

On top of everything else, there is a bar in the lobby. Again, while I didn’t go in and test the waters (to use an euphemism), it looked like a fun place with pool tables. Its only flaw is that it won’t be open on Sunday (BYOB on Sunday).

The coffee shop in the hotel had very good food, though a little pricey (even by my California standards, but standard for hotels). I didn’t think the prices were unreasonable, but we are a frugal group. The staff was friendly, albeit a little slow. On Sunday morning there was a breakfast buffet with an omelet chef.

If they can pick up the pace for us, and cycle us efficiently, this should be a very convenient place to grab a quick snack.

The only two criticisms I had of the hotel were in the restaurant and bell service. They were both a little slow, which is problematic at a Costume-Con, but the Con Chairs are going to communicate with the hotel to make sure there’s enough staff to take care of us once we get there. Because of everything I saw while I was there in terms of the friendly staff, I’m sure the problem will be resolved long before we arrive.

The Rooms:
Let me say the room I stayed in was WONDERFUL. Roomy, full mirrors, great and comfortable bed (trust me, this is very important and very unusual), nice view. Lots of amenities – coffee, internet connection, a large space in front of full mirrored closet doors that’s perfect for getting dressed in costume, and iron and ironing board. My ONLY complaint about the room was the proximity of the toilet to the bathroom door. Made it rather tight for taking care of those bodily functions (unfortunately, even in costume). But other than that, the room itself was, really nice.

Ogden Itself:
One of the great things about this location is its proximity to bunches of little shops and restaurants right behind the hotel. All of these are within a half a block. They’re set on a quaint little street that’s very “old town” feeling. There are surprisingly quite a range of restaurants with quite a range of prices. Everything from a fast food sort of Mexican place (very cheap) to a high end bistro (not very cheap, but actually very, very reasonable considering its apparent “snootiness”). We did stop there and have drinks and an appetizer (be aware that in Utah you cannot order alcoholic drinks without food). From there we popped next door to the fish restaurant which had really excellent food with really excellent prices. All in all, I was very impressed with this whole area.

The Theater (oh, THE THEATER):
Wowwy, wow, WOW! What a theater! Originally a 1920s movie house, it was renovated in the 90s into a full state-of-the-art stage theater. It’s about a five minute walk from the hotel. With a full stage, a huge rehearsal room (our greenroom), high tech sound, high tech lighting, approximately six to eight real dressing rooms, and so much more, it’s going to provide the best venue EVER for masquerades. I believe, with enough contestants for both shows, you are going to see the best staged – no, let me rephrase that – the best Masquerades EVER! And then there’s the front of the house. It’s an Art Deco Egyptian revival building (inside and out). Paintings of pharaohs and pyramids, hieroglyphs and sphinx abound. It’s breathtaking! Can you tell I’m excited? I truly mean it that if you come for no other reason than the theater, it’ll be worth it. And even more so if you choose (hint, hint, hint) to compete.

To Sum it All Up:
I think (not just lip service here) that this is a great location for Costume-Con 23. I believe the Con-Chairs have done a wonderful job thinking out and choosing just the right venue for us. It has everything we need to have fun and then some. (And for the ladies, to top it all off, they had some really, REALLY cute guys there – and they made a fine martini! What more could you [or I] want or need?) To be honest, I was quite happily surprised by this because (to tell the truth) considering how far off the beaten track Ogden seemed, I really didn’t expect to find so much to be excited about. I’m hoping that this entices many of you to come to Utah and attend what I think has the potential of being a really excellent and exciting Costume-Con.
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www.arisia.org
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February 11-13, 2005
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www.farpointcon.com

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March 18-20, 2005
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www.lunacon.org

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

Penguincon 3.0
April 22-24, 2005
Novi, MI (USA)
www.penguicon.org

Costume-Con 23
April 29-May 2, 2005
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www.crossroadsutah.org

Anime North
May 27-29, 2005
Toronto, Ontario (CANADA)
www.animenorth.com

Marcon 40
May 27-29, 2005
Columbus, OH (USA)
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Baltimore, MD (USA)
www.balticon.org

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May 27-30, 2005
Santa Clara, CA (USA)
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calgaryjn2005.org

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Baltimore, MD (USA)
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August 4-8, 2005
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www.PennisicWar.Org

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September 1-5, 2005
Seattle, WA (USA)
www.cascadiacon.org

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September 2-5, 2005
Atlanta, GA (USA)
www.dragoncon.org

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www.stlf.org/archon

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www.coppercon.org

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October 7-9, 2005
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www.albacocon.org

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San Jose, CA (USA)
www.siliconventions.com

Association of Southern California Handweavers Conference
March 9-13, 2005, Escondido, CA (USA)
www.aschsite.org/2005

To add or change event listings, send your event info to the address on Page 8 of this newsletter.

Calendar items are listed courtesy of the following: The ICG Web Site: www.costume.org/conventions.html, the GBACG Conventions, Seminars & Symposiums page, at: www.gbacg.org/conventions.htm, Adequate Anime, at: www.adquate.com/anime/events/fandom/conlist/cons-bydate.html

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Chicago Historical Society Research Center, Chicago, IL (USA)
www.chicagohistory.org

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S. San Francisco, CA (USA)
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www.windyccon.org

Philcon 2005
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Costume-Con 24
May 26-29, 2006
Des Moines, IA (USA)
epicmovies.org

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

2007

Costume-Con 25
March 29 - April 2, 2007
St. Louis, MO (USA)
www.cc25.net
(UPDATED)

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August 30 - September 3, 2007
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www.nippon2007.org
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ICG Dues per year (per individual): As of July 1, 2004, US$6.00.

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The Guidelines project committee has closed the first round of comments on the new draft of the ICG Masquerade Guidelines.

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The workshops are open to all; nonmember cost is $40/workshop - you must register in advance; competitions are customarily free to enter, but you must be present to compete. All events take place in Morristown, New Jersey unless noted otherwise. Please see their web site at: www.nycteasociety.com/calendar05.html

For more information on any of these functions, people are welcome to contact Shenlei Winkler, Executive Director of the NYC Tea Society at 347-427-2669 or better at <victoriantiav@aol.com>.

NYC Tea Society 2005 Workshop Calendar

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3/19: Vintage Sewing Workshop
4/17: Heritage Golf Exhibit Opening at Acorn Hall
4/30: 2nd Annual A Stitch in Time
4/30 - 5/1: 2nd Annual Victorian Days
5/21-22: Victorian Festival at Ringwood Manor, Ringwood, NJ
5/23: Men’s Shirt Workshop
6/5: Rose Day at Maculough Hall
6/13: Handmade Silk Atelier Flower Workshop
6/27: Bustle Hat Workshop
7/11: Trimming Techniques I
7/25: Trimming Techniques II
8/28: Garden Party at Acorn Hall
9/3-4: Virgo Birthday Party, Wilkes-Barre, PA
9/10-11: Victorian Days, Belvidere, NJ
9/26: Trimming Techniques III
10/1: Men’s Neckwear Workshop
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