FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone!

By the time you get this many of you will be packing and getting ready for Costume-Con 23, so I will make this very short - one word in fact.

VOTE

As a Guild member you (the general member) get only one opportunity each year to vote as an individual.

The rest of the time, your Board member votes for your Chapter, but at the Annual Meeting you speak up for yourself. Not going to CC-23? Don’t forget to send your proxy to someone who will be attending. Best choice: Give it to the person representing your Chapter. [You’ll find the proxy form on Page 4 of this newsletter. —Ed.]

This is your chance to speak up. As President I would like very much to meet you at the meeting, but if that is not possible the next best thing is seeing your vote.

It does not matter to me for whom you vote or what; just vote!

--C. D. Mami, President

FROM THE EDITOR

It's that time of year again. On Friday, April 29, 2005 the ICG holds its Annual Meeting at Costume-Con 23. Enclosed you will find our official Proxy form. If you wish to make your voice heard, be sure to pass your signed form on to your Board rep or to another ICG member in good standing.

How do you know if your membership is current? Have a look at your mailing label(s). As long as your membership is listed as current through 4/05 or later, you may vote, assuming we have your proper mailing address on file. If you see a name you recognize on page 8 under Lost Souls, please ask the member in question to contact his/her Chapter treasurer and update our records.

Remember: Membership information must be received by the ICG Treasurer NO LATER THAN two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. In this case, the deadline is April 15, 2005. Treasurers must send their membership information in prior to this date to ensure their members’ votes may be counted. Members who join after this date may not vote at the Annual Meeting, and proxies received for such members will not be counted.

The next issue of this newsletter will arrive at the beginning of June. Why the skipped month? We’re adjusting our publication schedule so we don’t coincide with the New Year’s Holiday. Please don’t be surprised that we’re skipping a month. We meant to do that!

See you in June!

--Betsy R. Delaney, Editor
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!

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SLCG ANIME “CRASH COURSE” MARATHON
Submitted by Bruce & Nora Mai, SLCG

SLCG members gathered at Casa Mai (Bruce and Nora Mai’s house) on Saturday, January 22, 2005 for what was touted as a “Anime Crash Course”.

The huge Japanese anime costuming/cosplay fandom is mostly unaware of our general community. We’re starting to see a few of these costumers at our big regional SF venue, Archon.

Now, St. Louis’ first anime convention, Kunicon (stl.kunicon.com) is coming to town March 4 - 6. With this in mind, we thought it was a good idea to have at least a passing familiarity with some of the shows that are the most popular with those costumers, and to get a sampling of the wide variety of genres.

To get everyone into the proper mood, Casa Mai was festooned with Japanese/Asian decorations. Various Asian snacks and sushi were brought by members to try while watching shows, and for dinner we all sought out Chinese takeout to bring back and eat while watching interviews of Japanese cosplayers. The whole event lasted approximately 9 hours.

Here’s what we saw:

1. “Chobits” Episode 4 - In a world closely resembling our own, where personal computers look like walking and talking people, Boy finds beautiful girl-computer (persocom) in the trash. He takes her home to teach her everything about life because her operating system software is not complete.

2. “Full Metal Alchemist” Episode 7 - In a world where alchemy exists, the State’s youngest Alchemist and his brother (the former has a mechanical arm and leg - the latter’s soul is trapped in a suit of armor) search for the Philosopher’s Stone to attempt to bring their dead mother back to life.

3. “Inuyasha” Episode 7 - 15 year-old Kagome falls into a magical well and ends up in the mythical world of ancient Japan! Now, as the descendant of a great priestess, Kagome must gather the shards of the Shikon Jewel before they fall into the hands of evil demons - but can she even do it when she’s arguing with her partner, half-cat demon Inu-Yasha?

4. A selection of fan-produced music videos - These turned out to be more entertaining than expected. Clever editing of various clips, sometimes deftly synching characters’ mouths with lyrics from other songs to comedic effect (including one from “Spectacular! Spectacular!” from ‘Moulin Rouge!’).

5. “Sailor Moon” Episode 1 - “14-year old Usagi Tsukino is supposedly a normal, clutzy teenager - that is, until she uses a magic wand and turns into the hero Sailor Moon! With the help of her friends who all have similar powers, Usagi is determined to put an end to the Negaverse and its minions, which are bent on taking over the world.”

6. “Trigun” Episode 1 - “Vash, the Stampede” has the biggest bounty in the galaxy on his head. He’s actually a big goofball. Insurance agents are trying to prevent further destruction left in his wake by people trying to collect the bounty. (In each episode there are also random appearances of a black cat for no logical reason.)

7. “Rozen Maiden” Episode 1 - Boy with emotional trauma orders lots of “supernatural” stuff off eBay but then sends them back before the return policy deadline. He purchases a mysterious Victorian doll that comes to life. He must swear to become her servant or she will not protect him from an evil clown doll which appears to threaten his life.

8. “Tenchi Muyo” Episode 2-3 - A boy finds an old sword that releases a beautiful female extraterrestrial “demon.” Other female ETs wind up on Earth looking for her, want him for various reasons, and they all come to live with him and his “peeping tom” father.

9. Japanese cosplayers Interview TV show (shown while we're chowing down on Chinese takeout).

10. “Gundam” Episode 1 - Probably the most venerable “giant robot” shows of the genre. Even though this was produced in the late 1970s (complete with characters in the future still sporting leisure suits and Greg Brady haircuts), the show still holds up. Spinoffs of this show are still being produced to this day.

11. “Hellsing” Episode 6-7 - Secret British organization fights vampires, and their secret weapon is the greatest vampire of all - Alucard.

12. “Kaleido Star” Episode 1 - Girl wants to join a Cirque du Soleil-type of circus. Conflicts ensue from a jealous diva, and romance possibilities bloom in the future with a cute guy who has a bad ticker but nonetheless can seemingly run after her.

13. “My Neighbor Totoro” - Possibly Hiyao Miyazaki’s finest film. Two young girls discover fantastic creatures invisible to adults, including a 2 story-tall rabbit-like spirit and a Cheshire cat-bus.

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PATTERN-MAKING IDEA
By Carolyn Kayta Barrows, CGW

I do Dickens’ Faire, a hoop-skirt Victorian event held in the San Francisco area every year. I want to make a fussy little breakfast cap (most people use beribboned doilies for these, but I’m a historical purist, so I need to make things difficult for myself). I found an image of the perfect original to copy, but, of course, it didn’t come with a pattern. This cap is sufficiently fussy that it will take time to deduce the original pattern, and figure out where all the bits are attached.

So I set the image as wallpaper on my computer. Now every time I sit down at my computer I see the cap I want. If I get an idea and want to make a little muslin to try something out, I can use tissues from the box I keep next to the computer, assembling it with Scotch tape.

It occurred to me that I could use this trick for figuring out any difficult costume bit.
COSTUME CALENDAR
CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES/GATHERINGS/ETC.

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

2005
Lunacon 2005
March 18-20, 2005
Secaucus, NJ (USA)
www.lunacon.org

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

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

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

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

Otakon
August 19-21, 2005
Baltimore, MD (USA)
www.otakon.com

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

Pennsic 34
August 5-21, 2005
Slippery Rock, PA (USA)
www.PennisclWar.Org

CasadiaCon 2005:  
2005 NASFIC Site  
September 1-5, 2005  
Seattle, WA (USA)
www.casadiaccon.org

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

Archon
September 29-October 2, 2005
Collinsville, IL (USA)  
(near St. Louis, MO)
www.stf.org/archon

CopperCon 25
September 9-11, 2005
Phoenix, AZ (USA)
www.coppercon.org

Albaco
October 7-9, 2005
Albany, NY (USA)
www.albaco.org

Conjecture
October 7-9, 2005
San Diego, CA (USA)
www.conjecture.org

Yaoi-Con
October 2005
San Jose, CA (USA)
www.yaoicon.com

Windyccon XXXII
November 11-13, 2005
Chicago, IL (USA)
www.windycon.org

2006
Arisia '06
January 13-15, 2006  
Boston, MA (USA)
www.arisia.org

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

Costume-Con 24
May 26-29, 2006
Des Moines, IA (USA)
www.costume-con.com

L.A. Con IV
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

Nippon 2007
65th World Science Fiction Convention
August 30 - September 3, 2007
Yokohama (Japan)
www.nippon2007.org

OTHER COSTUME EVENTS/EXHIBITS

Chicago Historical Society Research Center
Chicago, IL (USA)
Coming of Age: An Ongoing Exhibit
www.chicagohistory.org

Fashion Institute of Technology
New York, NY (USA)
Several exhibits available - visit the url below for more information
fitnyc.edu/aspx/Content.aspx?menu=FutureGlobal:Museum

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.adequate.com/anime/events/calendar.html and the SF Lovers Convention List, at: www.sflovers.org/Reference/fandom/conlist/cons-bydate.html
ICG Annual Meeting Proxy

This Proxy Statement is for ICG members who will not be attending the Annual Meeting at Costume-Con. If you want to vote, complete the form and give it to someone who will be attending. [This form may be reproduced for use at ICG Annual Meetings. Note that proxy votes are only valid for members of the ICG in good standing. Standing Rule 19 states: “In order to establish voting privileges at any meeting, membership dues must be received by the Treasurer no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting date.]

International Costumers' Guild, Inc.  
20___ Annual Meeting Proxy Assignment Form

On this _____________ day of __________________, 20___, I, ________________________________, assign my vote to and authorize the below named member of the International Costumers' Guild, belonging to ____________________________Chapter, to represent me in all business coming before the 20___ Annual Meeting of the International Costumers' Guild, Inc.

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Signature:

* Who you are authorizing to vote on your behalf.
** Your name.
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.

Beyond Reality Costumers Guild (BRCG)
650 NW 76th St
Seattle, WA 98117-4044 USA
www.brcg.org

Chicagoland Costumers’ Guild (CCG)
aka The Chicago M.O.B.
1926 N. Maple Lane
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-3562 USA
www.ChiCostume.org

Costumer’s Guild West (CGW)
Post Office Box 3052
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670-3052 USA
www.costumersguildwest.org

Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild (GBACG)
aka Dreamers of Decadence
PMB #320
5214-F Diamond Heights Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94131 USA
www.gbacg.org

Greater Columbia Fantasy Costumers’ Guild, Inc. (GFCG)
aka The Founders
Post Office Box 683
Columbia, MD 21045 USA
www.gfcg.org

Greater Delaware Valley Costumers’ Society (GDVCS)
aka The Lunatic Phrynge
c/o 246 W. Upsal St, Apt F-303
Philadelphia, PA 19119 USA
lunaticphrynge.nstemp.org

Greater Sacramento Area Costumers Guild (GSACG)
aka The Fashioners of Fancy
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Millenium Costumers Guild (MCG)
c/o Vandy Vandervort
2854 Tincup Circle
Boulder, CO 80303-7143 USA
millenniumcg.tripod.com

NJ/NY Costumers Guild (NJ/NYCG)
aka The Sick Pups
c/o Elaine Mami
85 West McClellan Ave.
Livingston, NJ 07039 USA
www.sickpups.org

Northern Lights Costumers Guild (NLCG)
aka NoeL Costumers
c/o Dina Flockhart
61 Gilson Road
Littleton, MA 01460-1300 USA
www.northernlights.pothole.com

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c/o Bruce Mai
7835 Milan
University City, MO 63130 USA
www.casamai.com/slcg/

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c/o Carole Parker
630 Barnsley Way
Sunnyvale, CA 94087-3421
www.siwcostumers.org (UPDATED)

Southwest Costumers Guild (SWCG)
PO Box 39504
Phoenix AZ 85069-9504 USA
www.southwestcostumersguild.org

Utah Costumers Guild (UCG)
aka The Sew-and-Sewz
289 West Hidden Hollow Drive
Orem, UT 84058 USA

GUIDELINES COMMITTEE
A Status Report:

The Guidelines Project Committee has closed the last round of comments on the new draft of the ICG masquerade guidelines.

The final draft incorporates many suggested changes. The committee is preparing the final draft and suggestions for the ICG Board.

For more information, please see: www.costume.org/guidelines-committee/

PROCEDURAL STUFF
For Your Information:

Nominations for officers of the corporation must be made in writing to the President of the corporation at least 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting. (Standing Rule 2)

Nominations must be made in writing, though the delivery method is not restricted. Email may be used to submit this information.

The deadlines for 2005 nominations is March 30, 2005.

ICG BOARD ACTIVITIES

As of publication, the ICG Board of Directors is discussing or voting on the following:

1. The inactive status two Chapters: Greater Sacramento and Millenium Costumers’ Guilds.
2. The 2005 ICG Budget
3. The non-profit mailing permit
4. Membership benefits (pending receipt of the non-profit mailing permit)

Note: If you are a current member of either of the above Chapters, your membership with the ICG may be in jeopardy. Please contact either your Chapter president or treasurer ASAP for more information.
2005 NYC Tea Society Sewing Workshops

These are the New York City Tea Society’s public events for 2005. They are particularly interested in sharing the news about the Victorian Fair at Ringwood Manor, May 21-22, where they need as many people as possible who fit into their costuming needs (fairies, mourners, plein air artists, suffragettes, teetotalers, etc.).

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 the NYC Tea Society’s 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 <victoriandiva@aol.com>.

NYC Tea Society 2005 Workshop Calendar

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
11/19: 4th Annual Armistice Ball, Clifton, NJ
12/2-4: Christmas at Acorn Hall
12/10: Victorian Christmas - Ringwood Manor, Ringwood, NJ

HOW COOL IS THAT?

The exhibit Fashion in Film: Period Costumes for the Screen is on the road. See the schedule below:

Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY
April 2 - May 29, 2005
www.everson.org

The Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach, FL
November 18 2005 - January 6, 2006
www.fourarts.org

Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
January 26 - March 26, 2006
www.gramonline.org

Avampato Discovery Museum, Charleston, WV
April 13 - June 11, 2006
www.avampatodiscoverymuseum.org

Sioux City Art Center, Sioux City, IA
July 1 - September 10, 2006
www.siouxcityartcenter.org

Winterthur Museum, Winterthur, DE
September 28, 2006 - January 7, 2007:
www.winterthur.org

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Please feel free to call with specific requests and questions. We’ll do our best to hunt it down or recommend another resource.

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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:

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- Linda Breidemann (CGW)
- Maureen Brown (BRCG)
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- Egan Carlos (SWCG)
- Christina Dixon (CGW)
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- Helen Westerlund (UGC)
- Paula Lary (SWCG)
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- Meilin Wong (BRCG)

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  help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/groups-19.html

PUBLICATION SPECIFICATIONS/ADVERTISING
The ICG Newsletter 2005 printing schedule is as follows: May (special post-meeting issue), June, August, October and December. Deadline to receive materials or advertising for print:

- The 15th of the month prior to publication. Page size: 8.5 x 11” with .5” margins. Subscription is included in each ICG membership.
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Electronic submissions: Electronic submissions must be at least 300 dpi resolution. Material may be formatted as follows: text, RTF, MS Word or Corel WordPerfect. Graphics at 300 dpi resolution in GIF, JPG or TIF. Email to newsletter@costume.org, or send CD/disk to The ICG Newsletter address above. Contact us first before sending attachments in email - we’re sensitive to viruses!

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