Editor’s Message

So honey, does this format make my butt look big? (Don’t answer that.) So there I sat, after the last issue of the newsletter went out, staring myopically at the text. Squinting, really. “Geez honey,” I said to my loving husband, “This 9-point type sure is getting hard to read!” “Hmph!” he replied eloquently, “You noticed.” Hence a format change. A slightly larger type size. A different cover format, one that makes the mailings go just a little faster (and actually saves a little budget money as well - Rio, here I come!). What I’m hoping for from you in response is input on same. Nothing is cast in stone. Like this format so much you’ve decided to pursue newsletter publishing with me as your idol? Groovy. Hate this format so much you’ve decided to pursue newsletter publishing to run me out of town on a rail? Not so groovy. But I would like to know. Send me messages to newsletter@costume.org, or post to the ICG-D list. Any maybe I’ll have (another) wild idea next issue, and the format will change again. Or not.

Meanwhile, while I’m not expending creative energy on header and footer styles, I’m off hunting for new article ideas and people to write them for the newsletter. Deb Salisbury is our new best friend. We have a wonderful article from her on the research that goes into creating historical costuming, which article includes a number of her favorite research sources. I hope you enjoy Deb’s well-written article as I much as I did.

Special thanks in that regard also go to Lisa Ashton and Susan Eisenhour, who so kindly sent in photos of their own historical costuming creations for use with this article, and to Steve Houle who responded to my “many” pestering emails for permission to use his photos.

In addition, as far as ICG business goes, we have many money figures (say that three times fast!) from Bruce MacDermott, the ICG Treasurer. The new year’s budget has been voted on and passed, and here are number figures on how the ICG finances are working. There are also minutes here from the Board of Directors meetings from December 2006 - February 2007. At the risk of sounding like your 7th grade Civics teacher, let me remind you that the minutes are there for your convenience in following what your duly-elected Board of Directors is up to, and your Board Reps stand waiting to hear from you if you have questions or concerns.

Ok everyone, say it with me: Submit early, submit often! And I’ll look forward to seeing seeing and meeting some of you at the next science-fiction convention or historical re-enactment event we attend!

(Incidentally, for those wondering, that cool [albeit slightly fuzzy] graphic above is the heraldic symbol for the Optometrists Association Australia (Victorian Division)).

ICG NEWSLETTER 2007 DEADLINES
(aka Don’t Say We Didn’t Tell You!)
(aaka The Reminder You Asked For!)
(aaaka What Was That Deadline Again? ...)

May 1!
July 1!
September 1!
November 1!
SUBMIT EARLY!
SUBMIT OFTEN!

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c/o Susan Smith
1 Glen Meadow Road
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DOCUMENTING HISTORICAL COSTUMES
by Deb Salisbury - The Mantua Maker

Documentation is an important part of a historical costume, not just for the judges, but for the costume designer. Researching and documenting a garment clarifies what you are creating - and what you need to avoid. This article will explain some of the basics of documenting historical costumes, and explain what to look for, as well as warn what to avoid.

Levels of Documentation

There are three basic types of documentation for you to consider: Primary, Secondary, and Rumor.

Primary documentation consists of actual garments and photos of garments from any given era. Descriptions of garments from costume scholars such as Janet Arnold (Patterns of Fashion) and Nancy Bradfield (Costume in Detail: 1730-1930) also count as primary documentation. Patterns of clothing that were published in many Victorian women's magazines and tailor's books from the 1500's have been republished; such books are good sources. I also include engravings from catalogues of stores which sold the garments. Those engravings may be slightly idealized, but people bought the clothing with the expectation of wearing what they saw in the catalogue.

Secondary documentation can be found in fashion plates, which are very idealized, in engravings found in stories printed in the time period (if they refer to that time, not to history), in portraits and paintings of living (at the time) subjects, and in some post-era books devoted to clothing and paintings. Each of these sources have a distinct bias, but that bias can be determined and compensated for.

Unfortunately, the bias may not be easy to see unless you have studied the clothing involved. A bustle on a medieval dress will show you the Victorian influence, but mild Georgian panniers on a Victorian dress were a real Victorian fashion. With a bustle. So, drawings of earlier clothing done during the later Victorian era tend to look corseted with curves (pre-1800 corsets look stiff and straight), and often have a bit of a bustle. The Edwardians liked to add the pouder pigeon bust. The Roaring Twenties artists often "simplified" the lines of the clothing into straight, flapper-like frocks. Redrawings of clothing done in the 1960's tended to be lithe and willowy. These are all generalities, but they give you points to watch for.

When you get redrawings of redrawings ... at that point you are in trouble. With each "interpretation," new inaccuracies creep in. The Victorian and Edwardian costume historians were firm believers in using redrawings to create their new works, probably because it was so hard for them to get access to the original work. I'm told John Peacock's drawings are of that genre, but I don't own any of his works to double check for you. Whenever I find I am dealing with a redrawing, I add it to the Rumor category unless I can compare it to the original source.

Rumor, more politely known as tertiary documentation, consists of poorly researched or heavily biased redrawings of old portraits and statues.

Victorian versions of medieval clothing can be (Continued on Page 4)
everything you read, but there are a lot of dedicated researchers on the web.

Dealers in antique clothing have photos on their sites - amazing, wonderful photos! But beware, often the clothing is misdated.

Visit your local history museum. Many small museums have a few items of historical clothing. They often have newspapers and magazines - check out the advertisement sections. Take along a digital camera, because many museums will not take photocopies of antique paper, but they usually will permit photographs.

Start your own library. I suggest you get a couple of overview books first, and then specialize in a favorite period. Branch out later as finances permit - books are expensive. Dover has published a series of reasonably priced books, but you still want to look them over before buying them. They have a few editors, such as Carol Belanger Grafton, who put out books full of wonderful engravings without a single date or identifying feature! Pure frustration to a costume historian.

Many costume resource sites also have bookshops, and also look for bookshops that specialize in costume. **Presentation of your documentation.**

Be concise! The judges have very little time to go over your documentation, but they need to see enough to show that you know a great deal about your project.

Use photocopies of a few pictures - original engravings or photographs of garments - to illustrate your point. Point out how your outfit matches - or deviates from - the original. Briefly show the techniques you used, if they are different from modern methods, and where you found documentation of those techniques.

Use fabric from your costume in your documentation. Describe how this fabric may be different than the original and why you chose to use it. For example: You used rayon instead of silk due to the cost of that weight of silk. If the look and hand (or general hang and feel) of the fabric is close, judges will not hold it against you that you didn't

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buy the $75 / yard brocade. Try to use natural fabrics when you can, though. Polyester rarely looks quite right.

**Have fun ...**

Be a little different. Write the introduction to your documentation in the form of a letter, or as the preface of a novel. Keep the joke short, but give a bit of flavor to your character.

Remember to consider the person wearing this costume. Who wore this type of outfit, where, and why? No one wore a ball gown to a skating rink — unless it was a masquerade on ice! Don’t look foolish or ignorant by wearing velvet in a drudgery situation — unless your character is wearing worn-out fourth hand clothing. There is an exception to every rule, and if you are aware of the rules, you can have fun breaking them. Just document it!

*Deb Salisbury is the genius behind The Mantua Maker patterns. A costumer since at least 1986, Deb has competed in (and won) historical masquerades in Costume-Con, and started the The Mantua Maker, her pattern company, in 1995. The Mantua Maker patterns (and some incredibly cute hats for babies!) can be found at www.Mantua-Maker.com.***

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**ICG Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - December '06 - February '07**

**December 2006:** Poll: Do you/your chapter accept the UGI (a restating of our by-laws) passed with 9 yes votes/0 no votes.

Poll: Do you approve of spending the $900 for the IRS fee with the money coming from the ICG's resources augmented by Chapter donations? — passed with 10 yes votes/0 no votes.

Every chapter, technically speaking, is required to have an Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) under which all income (over $500) would be reported to the IRS. If a chapter does not apply for an EIN, then its income is supposed to be reported on the Social Security Number of its Treasurer or President. If a chapter wishes to avoid the issues of obtaining an EIN and wants to be Exempt from Taxes, they can join in the "Group Exemption" and be covered by the ICG's EIN and tax-exempt status.

Chapters covered by the GEL and the ICG's EIN, will have to be consistently responsive to the financial reporting requirements for income and expenses, which will be reported by the ICG in its annual filing. At a minimum, Quarterly reports of all financial activities would be required. This should not a difficult requirement or a burden. The report need only indicate income from membership dues, income from other sources (donations, sales), expenses for member services, and expenses for non-member services. No detail is required, just the totals. For reporting purposes, these will be aggregated with those of the ICG and reported to the IRS on Form 990.

Motion 12-06-01 that the Southeastern Chapter be accepted to the ICG moved by Bruce MacDermott and seconded by Bruce Mai (14 Dec 2006). The new chapter is the Southeastern Costumers' Society, representing the southeastern United States & centralized around Atlanta, GA. Their nickname is the “SECS Fiends.”

**January 2007:** Welcome to Marissa Wronka from the Southeast Costumers Guild (SECS Fiends) to the BoD Motion 01.07.01 to accept the 2007 Budget moved by Bruce Mai, SLCG and seconded by Betsy Delaney, SiW ICG Budget 2007 Presented by Bruce MacDermott, ICG Treasurer. Note that extraordinary expenses not relative to normal running of the ICG are not included as they (Continued on Page 7)
Ed. Note: I can’t say I haven’t visited another costumer’s home or studio without sneaking at least a quick peek at their bookshelves - what do they work from, what fabulous picture books do they have that I haven’t spotted at a bookstore yet. Deb Salisbury, the writer of the above article on documentation, was kind enough to share a peek at her bookshelf (and her Internet favorites list) with us! Thanks, Deb!

Deb’s Recommended Websites for Historical Costume Research

Costume Con/Exeptions: www.costume-con.org
The Costumer’s Manifesto: www.costumes.org
Dame Helen’s Penssic classes: www.damehelen.com
Cynthia Virtue’s Medieval Clothing Pages: www.virtue.to/articles/
Drea Leeds Elizabethan Costuming Page: http://costume.dm.net/
Costume Gallery: www.costumegallery.com
Regency Clothing Notes: www.pemberley.com/janeinfo/ppbrokil.html
La Couturiere Parisiense: www.marquise.de
Antique and Vintage Dress Gallery: www.antiquedress.com
Woodland Farms Antiques: www.woodlandfarmsantiques.com/enter.html

Costume Resource Sites with Bookshops and Bookstores with Associated Websites

Lacis - www.lacis.com - has a huge bookstore.
Grannad Garb - www.grannd.com
Hedgehog Handiworks - www.hedgehoghandworks.com
Poison Pen Press - www.poisonpenpress.com
R. L. Shep - www.rlshep.com
Quite Specific Media - www.quitespecificmedia.com
Sally Queen & Associates - www.sallyqueenassociates.com

Books I Recommend for Your Library

The Books I Use Most

Bloomingdale’s Illustrated 1886 Catalog (My most worn costume book), Bloomingdale Brothers, Dover, 1988
Costume in Detail: 1730-1930 (A must have!), Nancy Bradfield, Plays Inc., 1993
Eighteenth-Century Clothing at Williamsburg, Linda Baumgarten, Colonial Williamsburg, 1986
Englishwomen's Clothing in the Nineteenth Century (My second most worn costume book), C. Cunningham, Dover, 1990
Fashion in Detail: From the 17th and 18th Centuries, Avril Hart and Susan North, Rizzoli, 1998
Garment Patterns 1889, Jules & Kaethe Kliot, Lacis, 1996
History of Costume, Blanche Payne, Harper, 1965
Jordan, Marsh Illustrated Catalog of 1891, Jordan & Marsh, Dover, 1991
Patterns of Fashion, c.1560-1620 (This series is a must!), Janet Arnold, Quite Specific Media Group, 1985
Patterns of Fashion 1, 1660-1800, Janet Arnold, Drama Books, 1977 / 1993
Patterns of Fashion 2, 1860-1940, Janet Arnold, Drama Books, 1990
Queen Elizabeth's Wardrobe Unlock'd (Expensive, but worth it!), Janet Arnold, W. S. Maney & Son Ltd., 1988
Tailor's Pattern Book: 1589 (A must for 1500's), Juan de Alcega, Costume & Fashion Press, 1970/1999
Victorian Fashions & Costumes from Harper's Bazaar: 1867-1898, Stella Blum, Dover, 1974
Motion 02-07-01 by Jan Price VP, ICG, Second. Rob Himmelsbach, DVCG and Bruce MacDermott, Treasurer. Over the past months, the Committee of the Whole has discussed the requirements of the IRS Form 8718 filing to extend the umbrella of our corporate 501(c)(3) non-profit, (federal) tax-exempt status to our chapters. This included informal polling regarding general support for the filing, acceptance of language in the Uniform Governing Instrument (UGI), chapter interest in participating as "subordinate," and willingness to use existing ICG funds to cover the IRS filing fee. The result of each poll was an affirmative majority. Therefore, it is moved that:

1. The ICG make the appropriate filing(s) with the IRS to ensure that our corporate 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt (federal) status also includes any ICG chapter in good standing that chooses to qualify as a "subordinate" of the parent corporation. And,

2. that the Board of Directors approve the allocation of $900.00 from the ICG's reserve funds to be used for the required, associated IRS filing fee.

Motion passed with 12 yes votes/ 0 no votes/1 abstain from Fibre Fantasy Artists of Canada.

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