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President's Message by Nora Mai

WELCOME TO 2009!

A New Year means different things to different people. To Costumers, it usually means anticipating a new round of events that you'll need new outfits for. Each new outfit has its new list of materials, procedures, accessories and assorted bits and bobs to complete the look.

January is a great time to spend looking for materials in your stash to complete these outfits, and maybe get rid of some extra fabric/trim/supplies you don't need. Unfortunately, it also means finding out you don't actually have everything you need (or can't find it, though you swear it's in there somewhere) which means you'll have to actually buy more fabric/trim/supplies.

A New Year for the ICG means changing faces. First, we have a new newsletter editor (hopefully you noticed that last issue). Cat Robinson took over from Denisen Hartlove this year (thank you Cat; thank you Denisen). I'd like to encourage you all to contribute to the newsletter, more content from more people = a better newsletter.

Second, we have a new website guy. After more years than I can remember, Jeff Morris has handed the reins over to Deech Mestel. Deech is another of

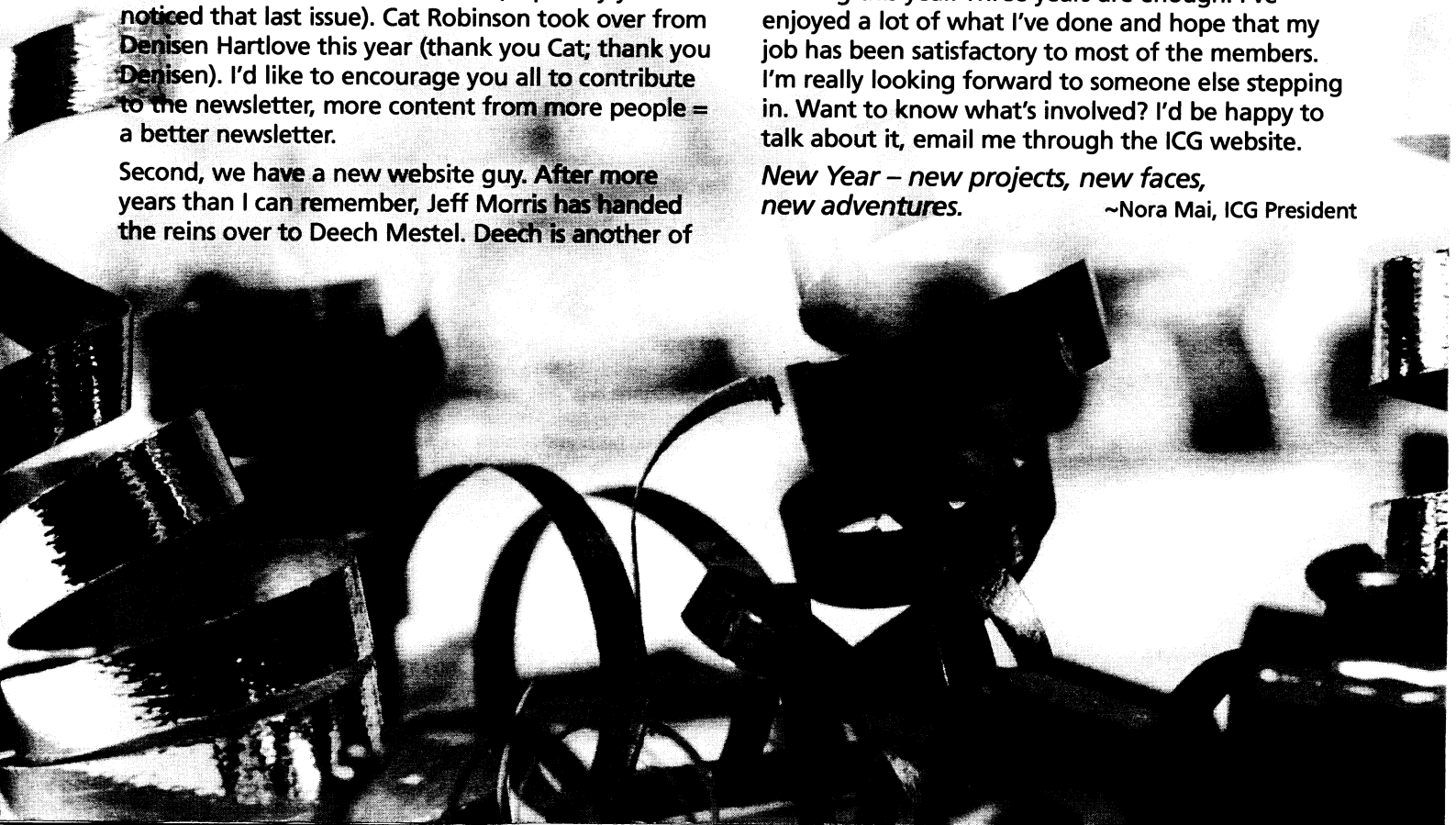
my pals here in St. Louis; theory is he'll be at CC27 so walk up and say "Hi!". Another big thank you to Jeff and welcome aboard to Deech.

As for the ICG Board, look for fresh faces there as well. Elections aren't until May (at the annual meeting at CC27), but start thinking about running for a Board position now. I know Bruce MacDermott is looking to retire as Treasurer. He even has someone lined up to take over, which is great. I suspect some others on the Board might be looking to shift around or rotate off this year, so consider whether you might be interested in being President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary or Recording Secretary.

Most especially, President; I am definitely NOT running this year. Three years are enough. I've enjoyed a lot of what I've done and hope that my job has been satisfactory to most of the members. I'm really looking forward to someone else stepping in. Want to know what's involved? I'd be happy to talk about it, email me through the ICG website.

*New Year – new projects, new faces,
new adventures.*

~Nora Mai, ICG President



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Membership Report

as of January 1, 2009

Below is a chart showing the Primary Membership count for each chapter since May, 2008.

CHAPTER:	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Last Rpt
ACG:	10	10	8	8	8	8	8	7	04/25/08
BRCC:	40	40	40	1	1	1	1	0	02/20/08
CCG:	10	13	13	13	13	13	12	3	06/14/08
CGWP:	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	03/13/07
DFWCG:	20	20	20	19	13	6	11	12	12/04/08
DCCS:	17	17	17	17	18	18	18	8	12/08/08
FFA:	6	6	0	0	10	10	10	10	12/08/08
GCFCG:	10	8	8	21	21	21	21	21	07/28/08
GDVCG:	9	9	11	11	11	11	11	11	11/09/08
KCCG:	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	02/08/08
MTCG:	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	02/20/08
NJNY:	18	18	18	18	18	20	24	26	11/01/08
NLCG:	44	44	44	44	44	44	45	44	12/08/08
SIW:	38	41	43	41	41	41	42	44	12/31/08
SECS:	15	15	18	18	18	18	18	18	07/08/08
SWCG:	27	27	27	27	27	28	28	26	11/01/08
SLCG:	41	41	39	39	40	40	40	38	12/31/08
UCG:	0	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	06/30/08
TOTAL:	330	331	337	295	300	297	302	282	
Newsletters:	265	275	281	268	244	236	249	234	

The membership "sales" for 2008 were: (I=Individual; HH=Head of Household; MH=Member of Household)

New I/HH	63
New MH	16
Total New Memberships	79
Renewing I/HH	156
Renewing MH	55
Total Renewing Memberships	211

ICG Membership Information

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.

ICG via Email or the Net

- ICG-D@yahoogroups.com (General Discussion)
- ICG-BOD@yahoogroups.com (Board and Officers)

ICG-D is open to everyone, including non-members. Instructions for subscribing to any of the ICG email mailing lists can be found at this URL: help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/groups-19.html

- ICG Web Site: www.costume.org

The ICG Newsletter

The International Costumers' Guild, Inc. (ICG) publishes The ICG Newsletter as a benefit for its members. The newsletter contains chapter contact information, articles, a costume event calendar and other regular features of interest to ICG members. The ICG Newsletter is delivered to all members in good standing with the ICG. Subscription is included in ICG membership.

Publication Specifications/Advertising

Deadline to receive materials or advertising for print is the FIFTEENTH of the month prior to publication. PUBLICATION SCHEDULE:

- Issue 1 – January/February MATERIAL DEADLINE: 15 December
- Issue 2 – March/April MATERIAL DEADLINE: 15 February
- Issue 3 – May/June MATERIAL DEADLINE: 15 April
- Issue 4 – July/August MATERIAL DEADLINE: 15 June
- Issue 5 – September/October MATERIAL DEADLINE: 15 August
- Issue 6 – November/December MATERIAL DEADLINE: 15 October

Electronic Submissions

Material MUST be formatted as follows:

- For articles, text (ASCII text), .TXT, Word .DOC, and Excel .XLS files are accepted. PowerPoint files are not accepted.
 - Art or Photography MUST be submitted at 300 dpi resolution in .JPG or .TIF format. Also, accepted and preferred for ads, documents created in Adobe Illustrator saved no higher than CS2, with your fonts turned to outlines and placed photography embedded. Your ad can also be designed for the newsletter if needed. Please email the editor for a quote.
- Email to newsletter@costume.org or send CD-R or DVD to The ICG Newsletter mailing address previously listed. If needed, an FTP site login can be provided for large materials. If you have not received a confirmation that your materials have been received, please email immediately. If there are any issues with your submissions, you will be contacted.

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Send by snail mail to The ICG Newsletter address previously listed. We reserve the right to retain all hard copy unless accompanied by a SASE.

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