The International Costumers' Guild, Inc. (ICG), is an affiliation of amateur, hobbyist, and professional costumers dedicated to the promotion and education of costuming as an art form in all its aspects.

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From the Editor

The ICG board has authorized an online edition as well as a printed edition of the newsletter. Your newsletter delivery preference is part of your ICG membership record. If you want to change or verify your delivery preference, contact your local chapter. As editor, I rely on these records to determine who receives a newsletter.

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Readers--I need some of you to become first-time writers! This July-August issue is thin because no members sent me something for this issue by its June 15 deadline--or even by July 15! I need at least three or four pages of text and/or pictures to get out an issue like the ones that have previously published this year. More would be better...

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ICG-D is open to everyone, including non-members. Everyone can read message archives of the other groups, but only members can submit messages.

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- Issue 1 – January/February 15 December
- Issue 2 – March/April 15 February
- Issue 3 – May/June 15 April
- Issue 4 – July/August 15 June
- Issue 5 – September/October 15 August
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The Editor

Please send corrections to icg-newsletter@costume.org.
RECENT NEWSLETTER AND EZINE UPDATES:

**CACTUS NEEDLES, JULY 2011**
Southwest Costumers’ Guild (SWCG)

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Silicon Web Costumers’ Guild (SiW)

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Explore the influence of Eastern clothing on the West, from Samurai Films to Bollywood and beyond. Articles on Philippine Dance Attire, Belly Dance Costuming, and Chairman Mao, with the added plus of Virtual Postcards from WorldCon Renovation.

SiW members can access the current issue of VC three months in advance. The most recent “community issue,” Volume 9, Issue 2 on “Military Costuming” is available free to the entire costuming community.

http://www.siwcostumers.org/vc_current-issue.html

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http://www.yipezine.com/

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