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Recent Events

What goes up, must come down.

SpaceX, for the first time, successfully landed a Starship module. The debris from a Chinese Long March booster uncontrollably landed in the Indian Ocean

Interesting, but nothing to do with costuming.

But, your editor needed to *something* in here.

Minutes

Still no Minutes

But – have a minute of humor ..(courtesy of laughoutloud@thinkandlaughdaily.net)

What do cars do at the disco? Brake dance... Can you just imagine a corvette spinning on one wheel. Or a Volkswagen in a miniskirt?

How does a baby Wookiee get around? Ewoks. (because most of us are Star Wars fans – to some extent)

How do trees feel when winter is finally over? Released. . Think of it as getting a new wardrobe.

What did Venus say to Saturn? Give me a ring sometime! But, she was married to Vulcan (and we're Star Trek fans)

Why are ghosts such bad liars? You can see right through them. – No matter what kind of interesting outfits they're wearing



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!

Cajal Embroidery Project 2020 at the University of Edinburgh

<https://www.edinburghneuroscience.ed.ac.uk/cajal-embroidery-project-2020>

Spanish neuroscientist and pathologist Santiago Ramón y Cajal is famous for his beautiful, detailed, beautiful illustrations of the central nervous system. The idea is a homage to Cajal's beautiful illustrations of neurons. In March 2020 the University invited people to contribute to the project. They have received 81 embroidery panels, each recreating one of Cajal's illustrations. The project helped the embroiderers during the a difficult, and often isolating, Covid pandemic.

Aegean Dyes – Unearthing the Colors of Ancient Minoan Textiles

(Article in Expedition, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology magazine)

The authors did an analysis (gas-chromatography) of dye pots to verify that the colors depicted in wall painting were possible to achieve. Blacks, Blues, Reds and Yellows are still vibrant, but purples have faded to grey.

Both wool and Liner were used. Linen was less amenable to dying than wool. Many of the fabrics were patterned, which is readily done of a warp -weighted loom. (MANY loom-weights have been found.) Frescos also show black and blue clothing,

Probably dyes include: deep purple from murex shells, red madder from one plants, yellow from another plant,. Mixing urine with murex yielded a pale purple. Black and blue dyes were not identified at the site analyzed (Alatzomouri-Pefka). Black dye may have been produced by boiling carob pads. It is not know how Minoans might have produced blue dye.

(If you want something a little less esoteric – send it to me!)

Calendar

Do you know an event of interest to Arizona costumers? Please contact your editor with the details. **Red text and an asterisk*** designate an SWCG-sponsored event. *Unless otherwise noted, our monthly meetings start at 1PM.*

Westercon 2021/2022 - <https://westercon73.org/> - *Westercon 73 will NOT be in-person*

Virtual Westercon 73 will be held on the originally planned weekend of July 1-4, 2021. Westercon 73 will be offering a film festival, filking, and all the programming that can be managed effectively in an online format. The cost of a full attending membership has been dropped to \$35 for the weekend to reflect the online nature of the convention.

CoKoCon. September 3-6, 2021

We've been monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely over the past year and, while there's a lot of hope right now with dropping numbers, multiple vaccines and a scientific approach to ending this pandemic, we're not where we need to be yet for a physical convention to happen. In particular, attendance limitations are still in effect and, while we do expect that to change, we don't know how or when it will. Right now, a physical convention is non-viable for us.

Rather than skip two CoKoCons in a row, because we're aching to bring you an event as much as you're aching to attend one, we've made the decision to hold CoKoCon 2021 as a virtual event.

As our costs are primarily tied to hosting a physical event and don't apply to a virtual one, we're setting the price for attending virtual CoKoCon 2021 at zero dollars. It won't cost you a dime and, if you've already bought a membership, we'll automatically roll that to next year, when we expect CoKoCon 2022 to be physical.

Website: <http://www.cokocon.org/>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CoKoCon/>
Twitter: <https://www.twitter.com/cokocon1/>
Address: PO Box 67457, Phoenix, AZ 85081

Tuscon 48 Nov 12-14 2021 <https://tusconscificon.com/>

Tuscon appears to be planning an on-site con – registration is open

<https://tusconscificon.com/tuscon-registration/>

Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites
5151 East Grant Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712
Registration is now OPEN!
[Register Here](#)

Loscon Nov26-28 2021 <http://loscon.org/47/>

At this point, Loscon appears to be coming back to on-site - Marriott Los Angeles Airport Hotel

FanCon – Saturday January 29 10am – 4pm

The Tempe Public Library is hosting the 2022 Tempe FanCon

Note: Due to Covid-19 the event may look a little different than previous years. Our plans will be fluid and may need adjusting depending on CDC and City of Tempe health guidelines at that time.

Comic and cosplay fans grab your capes and superpowers and come to the Tempe Public Library for a celebration of comics and pop culture. Join us for free family fun including costume contests, authors and artists, entertainment, activities for the kids, photo ops with characters, fandom related items for sale, and food trucks. There is no table fee and the event is free and open to the public.

The event will be held outdoors in the Library plaza.

Ye editor does not want to speculate further out

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