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- Message of the ICG President herself!
- All the latest on Guild activities
- Costume Collegium V (You don't want to miss this!)

Guild President, Michael Bruno wearing a houpelande in the High Gothic Style.

LOCAL NEWS

BY MICHAEL BRUNO, PRESIDENT

Well, I've got a new scanner and the newsletter has a great new cover. Hopefully, people will get me more pictures to use, so I won't be on the cover every month. If you're scanning a picture to send me for the cover, please be sure to scan it so that the output size is close to 8 x 11 inches. If the pictures are too big, I can always make it smaller, but if the picture is too small, it's really hard to make it bigger and still have it look good. That's why there were 3 pictures on the cover last month. I just couldn't make any one picture big enough.

But, on to business . . .

We attendance at the February meeting was par for the course with 5 people. Those attending were Michael, Gypsy, Denise, Amanda and Andrea. The top item of discussion was results of voting on increasing dues to cover the cost of the newsletter. The proposition passed unanimously with a total of 12 votes received. Beginning with the February meeting dues are now \$20/year. This will take effect for current members when you renew. Those currently up for renewal are Steward and Rose.

We also discussed a new book which Gypsy brought to share, called Costumes and Chemistry: A Comprehensive Guide to Materials and Applications, by Sylvia Moss. I didn't get a chance to look at it at the meeting, but I've sent for it from ILL. Cover price is \$75, but it is available from Amazon.com for \$52.50.

We also discussed an interesting garment that I found for sale in the local paper. Look for a scan of the ad later in this issue.

I've also included a flyer to order a new costuming magazine "American Costumer/Cosplayer Magazine" that is being published by a guy in CA. Reports from Bruce and Nora Mai of the St Louis guild say that it is worth the \$8 despite being color laser printed. If anyone else would like to order a copy, let me know, it'll save on shipping if we order several at a time.

I've included in this issue a new questionnaire. I hope that by having people respond it will help to plan future activities that people will be interested in attending. Please fill it out and return it to me. Thanks!

We also discussed the schedule for upcoming Meeting and Activities. Here's what we came up with:

March 2—Vandy's hosting. Shopping trip to Ornamental Resources. More details later in this issue.

April 6—No Meeting in lieu of attend SCA Costume Collegium being organized by Mary Denise, one of our members.

May 4—Denise hosting at her home in Colorado Springs, no activity planned as of yet.

June 1—Andrea hosting in Aurora. No activity planned as yet.

July 6— Scheduled meeting day, but weekend after 4th of July, many people will probably have other plans. Suggested moving meeting to July 13. Idea was to hold my "Mythic Heroes" picnic at the Garden of the Gods in Springs. However, I did some scouting around the Garden this weekend and it's not a nice place for a picnic. There are 2 very public areas nearish to bathrooms. But there's not much grass to be found and practically no shade. Also, they do not reserve picnic table, so I'd

have to get there really early and hang out to save the tables all day. So while I think the theme is still sound, just not at GoG, no matter how appropriate. Are there any parks in Denver that have Greek looking buildings or columns. I know where there's one in Austin, TX.

It seems that I misunderstood Vandy regarding the website. She didn't lose the site, she still has the files, she just lost the webspace. So, we can put the old site, up at the new address if people would like or we can start from scratch. If anyone would like to work on the website, please let me know.

I've also set up an email address specifically for the Guild, in the event that future points of contact don't want their email address on flyers and stuff. Since the email is web based, any future officers with web access will be able to check the Guild email.

The email address is millenniumcgm@lycos.com

Speaking of future officers, we really need to start thinking about officer elections. The last elections/appointments we had were in May 2000. We are taking nominations for all positions. Presidential candidates should be organized, creative leaders. Same for Vice-Presidents. The Secretary should be available to take notes in meetings. Goodness knows I can barely run a meeting and take notes! The Treasurer should be honest, reliable and good with money, responsible for filing quarterly reports to the ICG Treasurer. We currently only have a President and Treasurer. We could maybe do with a Newsletter Editor or at least some regular contributors :) If you're interested in any office, please let me know! A 2 year tenure is getting a bit long.

I just received the registration form for Stafest, coming up April 19-21. We've been hosting costuming panels there for many years and a costume display since 1999. It's great outreach into the local costuming community (remember we are a non-profit organization) and we've gotten at least 4 new members as a result of being there. I need to send in the registration form ASAP. The sooner we send it in, the better slot we get for the panel and the better spot we get for our table/display. The only thing holding me up on sending in the registration form is the panel topic. We also need to start thinking about who would like to staff the table and run the panel. There are 4 slots available. You should be able to interact with people and answer a variety of costuming questions, no matter how inane. We usually get a lot of requests to commission work, so if you'd like to pick up some costuming work, it's a good place to meet people. For those interested in the convention, confirmed guest so far are Cmdr Tripp from Enterprise, Rev Bem from Andromeda, and Dr. Frasier from Stargate SG-1.

On the topic of Stafest, I'm looking at getting together a group to do either the Scooby Doo gang or a group of Scooby Doo Villians. Many of the costumes are fairly simple. I'm planning to do the Witch Doctor. If you're interested in participating, let me know.

Well, I've nearly filled my allotted amount of space and I think that I've covered everything. Although, I'm sure I'll remember something the day after I mail this. I hope to see many of you at the next meeting on March 2. Details on the back cover.

ICG PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY

BY DARLA KRUGER, ICG PRESIDENT

International Costumers' Guild
President's Message
February 1, 2002

Hello everyone:

I have enclosed the Agenda for this month's Annual Meeting in Australia. Unfortunately, I won't be attending. However, Carl Mami, our present Vice President will be standing in for me.

First, I would like to talk about the past year of my presidency. Well, as I suspected, I would not be able to get everything done that I wanted to. However, that doesn't daunt me at all. I never expect to get everything done that I have on my plate because it would not be possible for anyone to do so. There have been disappointments, such as the CGUK leaving the ICG. I do believe, though, I tried my hardest to make the situation work and it just wasn't possible. Since, that was off my plate, I've been able to get other things done. Also unfortunately, we had the terrible occurrence on September 11. This seemed to put a stop to all non-essential functioning for many of us and we're just starting to get back on our feet (me included). Finally, it has been a very short year. I've had three months less than the average term in office which has really put a crimp in things.

Now that I've listed some of the down things of my year, I'd like to list some of the positives of what's occurred over the past nine months. First, I was able to make arrangements for a special discount with a publisher for ICG members. This was the first of what I hope to be many direct perks of being a member of the ICG. Additionally, I was able to lower the printing costs for our CQ. Not by much on each issue (I believe the figure was 50 cents), but it's a start.

Now for a few announcements of some other good things.

For the last several months, Bruce and Nora Mai, Carl Mami, and I have been discussing melding the ICG annual into an issue of the CQ. When approached, the Mais thought it was a win/win situation as did Carl. The Mais have agreed to produce the fourth quarter issue of the CQ as the ICG Annual issue. The purpose of this joining of forces was being we felt there was a split in focus having two ICG publications. As everyone knows, the CQ has a troubled history and now with it nearing the point of being fully on track (thanks to Carl Mami and Dora Buck), we didn't want to water down our energies. We felt unifying the publications could only strengthen them. So our

chapter presidents can expect to be contacted by the Mais within the next month or so asking for information about their chapters. I hope that everyone cooperates since this is for all us. The only issue that remains is this. If you want a copy of the annual, you will have to subscribe to the CQ. We hope this gives more people motivation for becoming part of the CQ family.

I would also like to announce that the ICG webmaster position will be changing hands. For the past several years, John O'Halloran has been our webmaster. He is the one who designed Costume.Org and has maintained it. As with many of us though, after many years of dedicated service to the website, John is ready to move on to something else. As difficult as it is to hand off his baby, John has decided it's time to pass the torch. In light of that, Jeffrey Morris of the SLUTS has agreed to take over the duties of webmaster. Jeffrey is experienced in this area and John himself said he's comfortable and has confidence in Jeff taking over. I think Jeff is going to do a great job and it will be exciting to see what new visions Jeff has for our website. He will be taking over all duties from John including maintaining and monitoring the D lists. He will begin full force after February (he has to get out his last SLUTS newsletter first).

As you will see by the attached Agenda, we have a slate of candidates for the ICG officer positions. You will note I have decided to run for office again. Like I said above, there are many things I'd still like to do for the ICG and I can best serve you all as president. I hope you will all agree.

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On a final note. As you all know, the annual meeting is not only taking place very early this year, but very far away. As a result, many of you are not going to be attending the annual meeting. It is therefore VERY important that you send in your proxies to someone who is going. If you need a proxy form please go to our website, Costume.org. There should be an updated version there (don't forget to refresh if you haven't been on the site in awhile). If you don't have web access, your chapter president or ICG representative has a copy. I know this because I sent one to all of them several days ago.

Sincerely,

Darla W. Kruger, President International Costumers' Guild, Inc.



April 6th, 2002 - Trinidad State Junior College - Trinidad, Colorado

I have included a large space for this announcement as it is being organized by one of our members, Mary Denise Smith. As it is being held on the first Saturday in April, we will not have a meeting that day in lieu of attending. For more information check out the website at <http://www.caerthe.org/ccv/ccv.html> [I've already made my hotel reservations. \$50/night at the Best Western. I'm sure they'll fill up fast, there aren't that many hotels in Trinidad. — Michael]

For those not familiar with the SCA, it is an historical society focused on Western Europe from 900 AD to 1600 AD, and the countries the Europeans had contact with. As with all SCA events, an attempt at clothing appropriate to the time period should be worn at the event. For more information on the event contact Mary Denise at costume-mag@costumemag.com

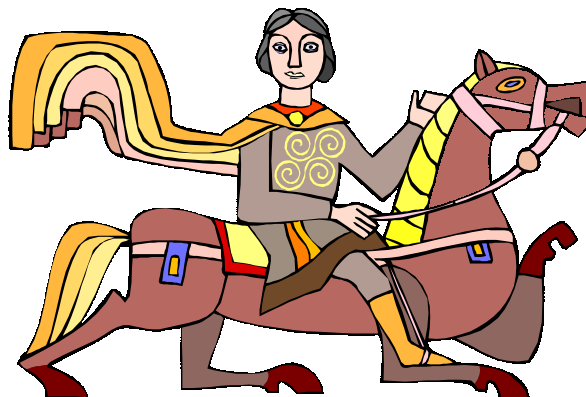
This year's Outlands Costume Collegium promises to be a fine event. Our featured presenter is Robin Netherton, known to mundane and SCA costumers alike for her thoughtful research and wonderful commentary. Some folks may remember her several presentations at Known World Costume Symposium. Her article on a proposed cutting method for a 12th century Norman gown appeared in the Winter 2002 Tournaments Illuminated. At Costume Collegium V she will be presenting on 14th Century gothic gowns.

This year's collegium will have all the things you have come to expect: merchants, The Walk Through History, an exhibition of costume, merchants, the finest teachers

the Outlands and its neighbors have to offer, and did I mention merchants? As in previous years, the Proceedings will be available. You can pre-order the Proceedings, or buy them at the event.

Classes will begin bright and early at 8 am (hence the coffee and bagels on site!). Box lunches will be served, and munchies will be available all day. There will be a reception Saturday evening in a wonderful historic house on campus. A light dinner will be served. Feel free to bring mugs or other drinking vessels, but feast gear will not be necessary.

The \$12 site fee covers morning coffee and bagels, luncheon and evening reception. Reserve early because the fee goes to \$15 after March 15!



Take a look at the web site for the most current information, and for a teacher sign up sheet. Be sure to check the site often, as classes are added and some of them will be pre-registration only!

Trinidad is in the center of the Outlands, so it is within reach of everyone. We eagerly look forward to seeing you there!

Site Information:

Classes will be in Berg Hall. The evening reception will be in the nearby Daugherty House (a very cool house, indeed!). Housing is available in the dorms, or in local motels.

ISDC FUTURE FASHION FOLIO

BY MICHAEL

I'm organizing a Future Fashion Folio (FFF) for the International Space Development Conference being held in Denver over Memorial Weekend. I'm seeking fashion designs for wearable clothing for humans to be used in the future exploration, development and colonization of

space. For more information on what an FFF is see <http://www.alleycatscratch.com/FFashion/> or ask me. Send me your designs by May 1st. You know the address.

For full rules and information on the ISDC Folio go to <http://www.alleycatscratch.com/FFashion/Contest/ISDC02.htm>

WOULD YOU BUY THIS DRESS?

TAKEN FROM THE COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE, SUNDAY JANUARY 27, 2002

A Superstitious Shroud Style!!!!



This uniquely designed dress design is to be worn above the knee for self confidence for daily duties and the detachable button bottom can be added at free will for formal attire and for appearances which should be worn below the knee for a spoken woman in public.

The back above Ear Hood can be attached at will and is in gold to represent the "Golden Rule" of due unto others as you would like them to do unto you and the silver side is worn out to represent free will and the "Laissez Faire" attitude of Anything goes Anytime. "ALPHA" represents the beginning of the Life Spiritual entry and the "OMEGA" represent the end of physical life and the beginning of Spiritual Eternity. The seven sided black Stitching of the circumference which leans to the left at the top is to represent "Lucky Lady Life" and also is the way the Earth was shifted on it's Axis by Man Made Methods and the Earth Rock Shift is a technical report that will

be soon released in a Blind "Braille" Booklet. The free attachment, Ear Hood, can be raised over the individuals head to cover the ears and natural or coiffared hair when the wind whistles in your ear and blows the individuals hair and can also be secured in the front of the dress with white pure nylon rope tie.

The dress design comes in sizes of 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and if any modifications are needed there will be a needle and thread spool included. There will also be three (3) inches of extra material on each seam for possible weight maturation which is a total of twelve (12) inches of additional sizes. The suggested price for this dress is Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and a discount of ten percent (10%) may be offered for your help in the completion of the Superstitious Shroud Style dress design.

This church is offering Silk as choice one for dry cleaning and for clinging female figure form flattering wearing and choice two if from

Man Made material for hand washing. The shade of the material used may vary due to market supplies and personal delivery will be by Davidson in Colorado and this may be possible and is conditional because of time constraints and weather situations. If personal delivery is requested, please FAX a picture of yourself, choices chosen and direction to your delivery destination to 1-719-327-2180. Also, orders for this dress design can be shipped around the world by the U.S. Postal Service.

If anyone thinks there is any individual in the Whole World that can control the Eternal Life Spirit, you can E-Mail this person at ribgood@earthlink.net and the dress pattern and number will be released so that any individual can design and sew up THEIR OWN Superstitious Shroud Style dress design. My dress design is Trade Mark Registered...May The Blessing Of The Life Spirit Be With You Always and Look Over You...Mr. GARGOLA

FROM THE EDITOR

BY MICHAEL

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Contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Just imagine what the newsletter could be like if more people contributed.

BY DARLA KRUGER, ICG PRESIDENT

Agenda

- ## V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- ## VII. Selection of Officers

- ## VIII. Adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Members

- X. Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Directors

- ## XI. Adjournment of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

2002 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COS-
TUMERS' GUILD, INC.

Selection of Officers

The following members in good standing have been nominated for the offices indicated:

President: Darla Kruger (Costumer's Guild West)

Vice President: Carl Mami (New Jersey/New York Costumers' Guild)

Treasurer: Sharon Trembley (New Jersey/New York Costumers' Guild)

Corresponding Secretary: Jess Miller (Costumer's Guild West)

Recording Secretary: Dora Buck (New Jersey/New York
Costumers' Guild)

Members in good standing may make additional nominations from the floor.

Calendar of Upcoming Costumed Events

March

- 2 - March Guild Meeting
2-3 - Carnivale, SCA Event in Boulder.
9-10 - Crown Tournament, SCA Event in Santa Fe
16 - Dance College, SCA Event in Ft. Collins

April

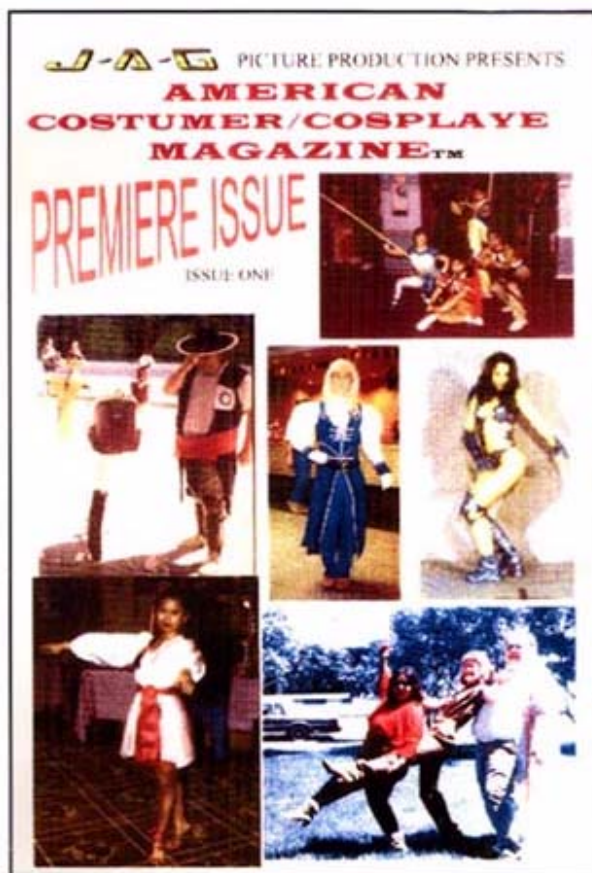
- ## 6 - Costume Collegium, SCA Event in Trinidad

May

- 4 – May Guild meeting at Denise's house in Springs.

SCA Events are provided as a point of information of other costume oriented events that members may be interested in attending. Certain events offer classes on various topics of Medieval and Renaissance costuming.

Contact Michael, Dave or Mary Denise (see your phone list) for more information on SCA events.



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THE MARCH MEETING, SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2002 SHOPPING TRIP TO ORNAMENTAL RESOURCES

BY MICHAEL

Well, this is an event that Vandy suggested a while back and we're finally doing it. The March Gathering will be a shopping trip to Ornamental Resources in Idaho Springs. For those not familiar with OR, here's a clip from their website.

Ornamental Resources offers an exceptionally broad range of decorative materials to jewelry designers and crafters, artists, sculptors and costumers. We continually seek to refresh this palette with new offerings. We sell in quantities suitable for one-of-a-kind designs as well as for large production runs.

A large part of our collection consists of rare, old or unusual pieces that provide unique opportunities and inspiration for the creative designer. We also stock all of the standard materials such as seed, pony, bugle, druk, and faceted beads, pendants, etc. We also have a wide selection of jewelry findings and basic tools and supplies.

For more information and to view their online catalog, check out their website <http://www.ornabead.com> I strongly recommend checking the catalog on the website

if you're looking for anything specific or would like to make a shopping list.

They have asked that I let them know how many people will be descending upon them as they normally have a very light staff on Saturdays. So please RSVP to Michael by February 27, if you are planning to attend.

Here's the plan. The caravan will leave from Vandy's house in Boulder at 10:00 am. If you are in Springs, the caravan leaves Michael's house at 8:30 am. Arrive about 11:00 am, shop until we drop or they close at 1:00. Then maybe Lunch in Idaho Springs and back to Vandy's for show and tell and a short business meeting.

If you would like to meet us there, Idaho Springs is about 1 hour west of Boulder. Here's the address for OR:

Ornamental Resources
1427 Miner St.
Idaho Springs, CO 80452
303-567-2222

I know we're all broke, but it's worth the trip just to see what they have. I hope to see everyone there.