

BRCG Meeting Minutes August 2003

The August meeting of the Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild took place at Olympia Pizza and Spaghetti House on August 19, 2003, despite the fact that Arnold is running for Governor of California. Vicki passed around a signup sheet for our upcoming Fall Event, which is Saturday September 27th at the Queen Anne Christian Church Rec Hall. The theme is Carpe Nocturne, and Vicki pointed out that all vampires attending should be able to enter the building since it's not inside the church itself. Sunlight is your problem.

Vicki also reminded the group that JoAnne's corset workshop is the first two Sunday's in September, and costs \$75. Also, the Duct Tape Dummy demonstration that was to take place after this meeting was postponed to a future event. Tentatively, Trixie has offered to make her space available for a Duct Tape Dummy workshop on Sunday, November 9th. Richard, the guild's Lesser Pooh Bah is seeking article and art submissions for the next issue of "Notions" which he is putting together. This will be our annual "Monster" issue, most likely referring to the content and not the size, but one can never be too sure.

Much of the meeting was devoted to event planning for the fall event. Vicki is requesting decorations in either purple, red silver or black, with an image towards Elegant Vampire/Chic. The idea of arrangements of dead flowers was proposed. It's possible that there will be a table decorating contest at this event, just like the new Discovery Channel series "Trading Graves". O.K. I made that last part up.

The annual guild officer elections will take place at the fall event as well. Audrey has said she will offer to continue as Treasurer, and Erik has said he will run again for Secretary on the "I own a pen" platform. Kate is making the plum position of Notions Editor available for the taking next year. Nominations for the other positions (Grand Pooh Bah, Lesser Pooh Bah) can be made online, and a ballot will also go out in the next issue of Notions.

Vicki has ordered some teeth casting supplies from her dentist, and is trying to organize a Vampire Teeth Casting Party before the fall event. The event could possibly happen on the 21st of September, but the official announcement will be made on the Topica message list. Contact Vicki if you're interested in attending, or offering your workspace.

A few other future events were discussed, including a group screening of "The Two Towers" on DVD in November in preparation for the "Return of the King" movie in December. Also in November, Vicki suggested another "Sari Safari" to Little India in Vancouver, B.C. JoAnne might possibly be able to provide the transportation in her van, and the tentative date for that is November 5th. Even further out in 2004, Kate is going to speak with the Seattle Asian Art Museum about hosting our group for a "Festival of Broken Needles" event. The BeyondCon committee reports that they are starting to get calls back from hotels wishing to host our get together sometime next year, but no hotel contract has yet been signed.

A few odds and ends...Portland is having their Somewhere in Time event at the Portland Doubletree Hotel (don't know which of the two) October 11th and 12th. The theme is costumes from the 1600's-1700's. The Northwest Fabric and Notions show is September 19th-21st at the Seattle Center "Northwest" Rooms. Pacific Fabrics and Crafts Stores is currently having a "Silk Challenge", and our own Julia has already had an item of hers declared a winner. Entries are still being accepted, and winning pieces will tour the Seattle area stores in a Silk Trunk Show.

The next guild meeting is Tuesday, September 16 at Olympia Pizza, despite the fact that Arnold is running for Governor of California. Bring your Green Flashy Card creation to show off (see July meeting minutes if confused).