

BRCG Meeting Minutes October 2003

The October meeting of the Beyond Reality Costumers Guild took place October 21st at 7:41 PM, and there was much rejoicing. No minstrels were eaten however.

Vicki, the Grand Pooh Bah, opened the meeting with a vote for next year's guild officers. Members in attendance voted, and re-elected the current officers to another term. Kate is still offering the position of "Newsletter Editor" to anyone who wants it, and is upping the offer with a free section of purple silk. Interested? Have an artistic flair and/or a pulse? Contact Vicki or Kate for more information.

Vicki reminded the group that memberships for everyone are now due every October, so if you'd like to renew it's \$15 for individuals and \$21 for two people living in the same household. Contact Audrey or Vicki to renew, and their e-mails can be found on BRCG.org. You can also renew at the next meeting.

The guild next discussed the successful Fall Event, Carpe Nocturne. The event showed a profit for the group, as well as a good turnout. Next year's theme will be Science Fiction, and Vicki proposed coordinating it in conjunction with the Sci-Fi museum which will open at EMP next summer. Holly officially proposed we investigate the possibility of having our Fall Event at the museum, and Erik seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vicki reported that the "Teeth Casting Party" was held last month. She feels they learned a lot, and made some very functional vampire teeth for the Fall Event. The next casting party will be finishing the Elf Ears from last year.

The Beyond Con committee, headed by Don, reported that a hotel has been selected for the event. It will take place at the Everett Holiday Inn on February 7th and 8th, 2004. Richard, the Lesser Pooh Bah, is helping coordinate programming, and is accepting volunteers who wish to join in that effort and provide panels for the convention. It's my flowery way of saying, "Get off your butt and give something back." Thanks! ☺

Julia and JoAnn have offered to conduct a panel on "20's and 30's Hair Styles". Kate is planning a panel on "Graceful Movement in Difficult Clothing". Lisa has said she'd give a panel on "Knitting Chainmail".

Don has added a page to our website, BRCG.org, which will list the convention details, as well as ways to purchase memberships. Currently, there is no PayPal account set up to purchase memberships, but that might be changing soon. Memberships can also be mailed in to the treasurer, and remember there will be an attendance limit on this convention, so get your memberships soon. The hotel is also offering a special room rate if you mention the convention. Details are on the website.

Lisa reported that she is very close to submitting the Articles of Incorporation for our guild. This would mean as a corporation we'd be able to obtain a business bank account in the guild's name.

Anita next told us that the pattern for next year's "Norwescon Single Pattern contest" has been selected. It's a Jacket or Vest, and the pattern is Simplicity #5907. Keep in mind that the overall Norwescon theme is "Putting the SCIENCE in Science Fiction."

Future guild events include, a Pannier and Bustle workshop conducted by JoAnne. Details and discussion are presently continuing on the Topica message list. A possible Sari Safari trip might be coordinated in November if enough interested parties step forward. A Duct Tape Dummy workshop will take place on Sunday, November 9th, around 1 o'clock-ish at Trixie's costume store. E-mail Vicki for directions, and bring lots of duct tape if you're planning to participate (like 5 or 6 rolls). Winning the award for longest event title, a combined "Two Tower's Screening/Elf Ear Casting Revisited Party" will take place Sunday November 23rd at Erik's house around 1 PM.

A few loose ends...Holly mentioned that the Snohomish County Rainbow Girls group is accepting donations of "party dresses" to give to young women who cannot afford them at full price. Their event is in the spring, so if you'd like to donate contact Holly... Kate reminded the group to send good wishes to a fellow costumer, Guy, who was recently in a car accident...The guild is planning on trying to attend the Sunday, the 21st of December, matinee screening of "The Return of the King" in Lord of the Rings costume...Rustycon is January 15-18 at a new hotel this year, the Seatac Raddison...

Finally, three guild members, Kate, Julia and Erik rose to the challenge of the Green Flashy Card, and brought their props for display. Kate made a hat and both Julia and Erik decorated masks with their flashy card.

The meeting ended at 8:45 PM with a banging of the ceremonial water glass. The next meeting will be November 18th at Olympia Pizza in Wallingford.