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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Ann Catelli**

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The International Costumer's Guild presents a Lifetime Achievement Award each year to someone who has made great contributions to the costuming community. Nominations for the ICG Lifetime Achievement Award are accepted from any ICG member in good standing or any chapter. The award is chosen by a vote of chapter presidents.

Write up a description and send your nominations to me at [icg-president@costume.org](mailto:icg-president@costume.org). Check out our past winners at <http://www.costume.org/lifetime/index.html>.

**Help Wanted**

The Annual Meeting is coming up soon! Elections are to be held, as they are every year. The offices are president, vice president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, and treasurer. Nominations for all offices are most welcome. I will not be running for president at the Annual Meeting.

We do have candidates for:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer

Both secretarial offices are in need of candidates:

- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary

Several appointed positions are also open, and need qualified candidates to fill them. They are critical for the running of our organization.

- Webmaster
- Newsletter Editor
- Finance and Budget committee has several openings.

**Business Wanted**

Please submit items for the Annual Meeting Agenda. The last day for items for the Board of Directors to resolve before the Annual Meeting is March 9, 2012.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ann Catelli  
President, International Costumers Guild

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**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CRITERIA**

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Any ICG member in good standing (or any chapter) may nominate a person for the ICG Lifetime Achievement Award.

Please send me the name and a brief costuming biography of the person.

The nominations must be in my hands by February 17, 2012, in order to have enough time for the voting. Tell your chapters, please! Here are the rules, as shown at: <http://www.costume.org/lifetime/index.html>.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes "a body of achievement in the costuming art and service to the costuming community."

Candidates for the award:

1. Shall have been active in the costuming community for at least 10 years.
2. Shall have achieved significant recognition for their costuming skills, which may be in the form of, but not restricted to, competitive awards, professional accomplishments, teaching of skills, and/or media recognition.
3. Shall have made significant contributions in service to the costuming community.

**IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE ANNUAL ICG MEETING IN TEMPE, AZ:**

PROXY FORM: Copy and give to a member who is attending CC 30 in Arizona.

***This Proxy Statement is for ICG members who will not be attending the Annual Meeting at Costume-Con. If you want to vote, complete the form and give it to someone who will be attending.***

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**International Costumers' Guild 2012 Annual Meeting Proxy Assignment Form**

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, I, \_\_\_\_\_, assign my vote to \_\_\_\_\_

and authorize the above- named member of the International Costumers' Guild, belonging to \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, to represent me in all business coming before the 2012 Annual Meeting of the International Costumers' Guild.

Assignee Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigner Name\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Who you are authorizing to vote on your behalf. \*\*Your name.

**Your Vote Counts! Check the ICG Web Site/ Yahoo Group for latest slate of Officers**

## ICG Treasurer's Year-End Report, 2011

### Membership

We began 2011 with 353 members in good standing in 17 chapters, the T-Chapter is currently inactive. Current chapters are: Armed Costumers' Guild, Beyond Reality Costumers' Guild, Chicagoland Costumers' Guild, Fiber Fantasy Artists, Greater Columbia Fantasy Costumers Guild, Greater Delaware Valley, Kansas City Costumers' Guild, Madison Area Costumers' Society, Minnesota Society of Costumers, New Jersey/New York Costumers' Guild, Northern Lights Costumers' Guild, Oklahomaesque, Silicon Web Costumers' Guild, Southwest Costumers' Guild, St. Louis Costumers' Guild, and Utah Costumer's Guild. We ended 2011 with 324 active members.

### Chapter membership count as of December 31, 2011

Chapter	Total Members	Non-Primary Members	Last Report Received
Armed Costumers' Guild	9	9	December 2011
<b>Beyond Reality CG</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>February 2010</b>
Chicagoland CG	24	1	November 2011
Denver Costume & Cosplay Society	3		December 2011
Fiber Fantasy Artists	17		November 2011
Greater Columbia Fantasy CG	34	5	November 2011
Greater Delaware Valley CG	11	2	September 2011
Kansas City CG	12	1	May 2011
Madison Area CS	18		November 2011
Minnesota Society of Costumers	14		November 2011
New Jersey/New York	21		November 2011
Northern Lights CG	56	1	December 2011
Oklahomaesque	3		August 2011
Silicon Web CG	62	5	December 2011
Southwest CG	23	3	November 2011
St Louis CG	42	6	November 2011
<b>Utah CG</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>January 2011</b>

### Financial Reports (unaudited)

The Corporation began 2011 with Assets of \$8,548.72. We ended the year with Assets of \$10,564.79 and no Liabilities for a net income of \$2,010.07. See the "Balance Sheet" for all of the numbers.

Expenses for 2011 were budgeted at \$1,202.00. The final total for expenses came to \$878.63 for the year ending it with an income of \$2,010.07. See the "Surplus & Loss to Budget Report" for all of the numbers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanine E. Swick, ICG Treasurer



**International Costumers' Guild**  
**Surplus & Loss Budget Overview**  
 January through December 2012

	Jan - Mar 12	Apr - Jun 12	Jul - Sep 12	Oct - Dec 12	TOTAL Jan - Dec 12
<b>Income</b>					
4000 · Earned Revenues					
4020 · Membership Dues					
4021 · General Funds Dues	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	1,800.00
4025 · Archive Funds Dues	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	720.00
Total 4020 · Membership Dues	630.00	630.00	630.00	630.00	2,520.00
4030 · Miscellaneous Revenues	0.00				0.00
4070 · Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 4000 · Earned Revenues	630.00	630.00	630.00	630.00	2,520.00
<b>Total Income</b>	630.00	630.00	630.00	630.00	2,520.00
<b>Expense</b>					
5000 · General Business Expenses					
5010 · Awards		59.49			59.49
5040 · Printing and Reproduction		20.00			20.00
5060 · Postage and Delivery	10.00				10.00
5090 · Web Site	35.97	35.97	35.97	35.97	143.88
Total 5000 · General Business Expenses	45.97	115.46	35.97	35.97	233.37
5100 · Archives Expenses					
5110 · Acquisitions	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	600.00
5120 · Shipping and Handling	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
5130 · Supplies	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Total 5100 · Archives Expenses	210.00	210.00	210.00	210.00	840.00
5200 · Newsletter					
5210 · Printing and Reproduction	12.00	6.00	12.00	6.00	36.00
5220 · Postage and Delivery	18.00	9.00	18.00	9.00	54.00
5230 · Supplies	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	30.00
Total 5200 · Newsletter	40.00	20.00	40.00	20.00	120.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	295.97	345.46	285.97	265.97	1,193.37
<b>Net Income</b>	334.03	284.54	344.03	364.03	1,326.63

**International Costumers' Guild  
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison  
As of December 31, 2011**

	Dec 31, 11	Dec 31, 10	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Checking/Savings</b>			
1130 · DCU Checking			
1131 · General Funds	817.58	929.14	-111.56
1135 · Archive Funds	234.00	897.47	-663.47
1130 · DCU Checking - Other	942.86	987.63	-44.77
<b>Total 1130 · DCU Checking</b>	<u>1,994.44</u>	<u>2,814.24</u>	<u>-819.80</u>
1140 · PayPal	0.00	27.77	-27.77
1320 · DCU Savings			
1321 · General Funds	2,678.37	727.60	1,950.77
1325 · Archive Funds	1,658.79	462.00	1,196.79
1320 · DCU Savings - Other	4,204.19	4,201.11	3.08
<b>Total 1320 · DCU Savings</b>	<u>8,541.35</u>	<u>5,390.71</u>	<u>3,150.64</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>10,535.79</u>	<u>8,232.72</u>	<u>2,303.07</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>			
1210 · Accounts Receivable	11.00	-48.00	59.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>11.00</u>	<u>-48.00</u>	<u>59.00</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
1499 · Undeposited Funds	18.00	370.00	-352.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>18.00</u>	<u>370.00</u>	<u>-352.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>10,564.79</u>	<u>8,554.72</u>	<u>2,010.07</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>10,564.79</b></u>	<u><b>8,554.72</b></u>	<u><b>2,010.07</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
3000 · Opening Bal Equity (May 2004)	4,285.81	4,285.81	0.00
3900 · Retained Earnings	4,268.91	4,226.79	42.12
Net Income	2,010.07	42.12	1,967.95
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>10,564.79</u>	<u>8,554.72</u>	<u>2,010.07</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>10,564.79</b></u>	<u><b>8,554.72</b></u>	<u><b>2,010.07</b></u>

**International Costumers' Guild  
Surplus & Loss Budget vs. Actual  
January through December 2011**

	Jan - Dec 11	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Income</b>			
4000 · Earned Revenues			
4010 · Advertising Revenues	10.00		
4020 · Membership Dues			
4021 · General Funds Dues	1,697.47	1,752.00	-54.53
4025 · Archive Funds Dues	653.53	672.00	-18.47
<b>Total 4020 · Membership Dues</b>	<u>2,351.00</u>	<u>2,424.00</u>	<u>-73.00</u>
4070 · Interest	3.61		
<b>Total 4000 · Earned Revenues</b>	<u>2,364.61</u>	<u>2,424.00</u>	<u>-59.39</u>
4510 · Contributed Support			
4511 · Archives	490.94		
4515 · General Funds	24.15		
<b>Total 4510 · Contributed Support</b>	<u>515.09</u>		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>2,879.70</u>	<u>2,424.00</u>	<u>455.70</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
4001 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.53		
5000 · General Business Expenses			
5010 · Awards	59.49	60.00	-0.51
5030 · Bank Fees	0.30		
5040 · Printing and Reproduction	0.00	30.00	-30.00
5060 · Postage and Delivery	8.80	15.00	-6.20
5090 · Web Site	143.88	144.00	-0.12
<b>Total 5000 · General Business Expenses</b>	<u>212.47</u>	<u>249.00</u>	<u>-36.53</u>
5100 · Archives Expenses			
5110 · Acquisitions	195.00	450.00	-255.00
5120 · Shipping and Handling	18.64	150.00	-131.36
5130 · Supplies	404.34	150.00	254.34
<b>Total 5100 · Archives Expenses</b>	<u>617.98</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>-132.02</u>
5200 · Newsletter			
5210 · Printing and Reproduction	33.60	90.00	-56.40
5220 · Postage and Delivery	9.80	60.00	-50.20
5230 · Supplies	4.25	60.00	-55.75
<b>Total 5200 · Newsletter</b>	<u>47.65</u>	<u>210.00</u>	<u>-162.35</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>878.63</u>	<u>1,209.00</u>	<u>-330.37</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>2,001.07</b></u>	<u><b>1,215.00</b></u>	<u><b>786.07</b></u>

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**FROM THE ACTING WEB MASTER**  
Philip Gust

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The web team recently received a message from a fifth grade teacher on behalf of one of her students. I thought that members would enjoy reading the exchange between the teacher and assistant web master Susan Toker.

One of our primary missions as a non-profit organization is education. We can feel good knowing that our on-line resources benefit not only members, but also a certain educator and her student. Who knows what impact Susan's exchange with this teacher will have on her student in the years to come?

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Hi There!

I hope it's ok that I'm contacting you. I just wanted to send a quick note on behalf of one of my 5<sup>th</sup> graders. I've been using your Commercial Links page, <http://www.costume.org/links/commercial.html>, quite a bit lately while teaching my class about Medieval Times and culture. It's been super helpful!

As a Thank You, I wanted to pass along another resource that one of my students (Mia) found that has a nice section on fashion in the Middle Ages: <http://www.ooshirts.com/guides/Fashion-Through-Time.html>. As a favor to her, would you mind possibly including it on your Commercial Links page?

I would love to surprise Mia and show her before we finish the unit next week, that her suggestion was beneficial for someone else. She has gotten off to a slow start this year and this would be a huge confidence boost for her! If not, no biggie, I just thought it would be the perfect opportunity for me to give her some extra credit!

Thanks again!  
-Bonnie

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Hi Bonnie,

The <http://www.costume.org/links/commercial.html> page has been updated.

First of all, a big thank you to Mia for such a great find! Not only did the ooshirts site have a great article on Fashions through Time, but it also had one on the History of Zippers. Both of these articles have rich and accurate information that would be of real help to anyone doing research for an historical costume!

Secondly, it is really wonderful that our site was helpful with your class on the Middle Ages. Mia's find is also a reminder that our Resources page, <http://www.costume.org/links/resources.html>, could use some additions (including Mia's articles) as there are a number of websites that would be good for both costumers and researchers of all ages.

Oh, just in case a student (or teacher) would like to reach out to others interested in clothing, costumes, sewing or similar creative projects the following email lists are age friendly and free to join:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ICG-D/>  
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Take care and thank you again!  
-Susan Toker

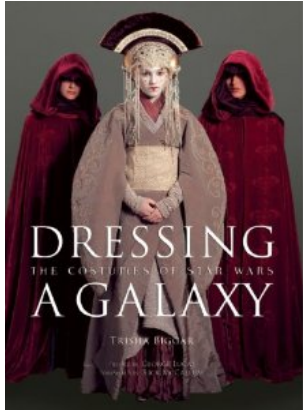
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Susan,

Thank you so much for getting back to me and for including the resource that my student passed along! I showed her first thing this morning when she got in, and it totally made her day. Also, I appreciate the extra resources that you provided and I will definitely be sure to go over them with the class!

Thanks again!  
-Bonnie



**BOOK REVIEW:*****DRESSING THE GALAXY: THE COSTUMES OF STAR WARS***

*Dressing a Galaxy: The Costumes of Star Wars* Limited Edition by Star Wars prequel costumer Trisha Biggar is one the finest reference works on costumes for a movie series ever published. The book is available by itself, or in a deluxe Limited Edition boxed set with many extras. The book was offered in a limited quantity of 2,500 copies.

The Limited Edition features a hardcover, detailed book, encased in a cloth-wrapped, clamshell box wrapped in Japanese silk, and includes:

- 1,000 copies are autographed by Biggar
- 500 full-color illustrations
- Fabric swatches from the Lucasfilm Archives
- Special Insert: "Behind the Seams" depicting costume evolution inside Trisha Biggar's workshop
- Special Edition Lucasfilm DVD with backstage actor commentaries
- Features eight bound-in booklets: Headdresses, Classic Star Wars characters, CG costume, Footwear, "Dressing Bail Organa"
- Costume breakdowns with transparent overlays, Jewelry, Darth Vader
- Six Additional Gatefolds: Jedi Council, Fabric details, Military, Senators, Rogue's Gallery, Padme outfit
- Wookiee belt-buckle replica

Trisha Biggar was Costume Designer for the Star Wars prequel trilogy.

Regardless of how you regard the prequels, the designs and craftsmanship that went into the costuming for the films are spectacular. The book is primarily about the prequels, but it also includes some references to the original series via photos. The Limited Edition also includes a small booklet about the virtual costumes worn by the cast of computer-generated characters, like Yoda and Jar Jar Binks.

Dressing a Galaxy offers not only staged costume photos, but it also includes photos of the costumes modeled by the actors who wore them and features close-up details of the fabrics, cuts, and designs to give you an unprecedented look at how a costume designer creates the look of different cultures, planets, and alien races spanning a fictional time and place. This book offers fans a close-up and hands on experience, including interviews with actors and production members.

The boxed set also includes:

- A large piece of material used for Darth Vader's cape
- Seven swatches of fabric used for various dresses worn by Natalie Portman's Padme/Queen/Senator Amidala
- A large swatch of fabric used for Ewan MacGregor's Obi-Wan Kenobi tan robes
- All four different fabric and leather swatches used for Anakin Skywalker's Jedi robes from Revenge of the Sith
- Three swatches of different fabrics used for Senator Palpatine's senate robes
- Four swatches of fabric used for Jimmy Smits' Bail Organa emerald senate robes

The book, available by itself, has none of the extra features listed and none of the swatches were from the actual costumes worn

Both are relatively expensive: the book by itself is about \$200 and the boxed set is about \$300. If you add up the cost of just half a dozen costume cards from LOTR, Harry Potter, or Star Trek, however, you will easily get to these prices just for the swatches of fabric



*Dressing the Galaxy: The Costumes of Star Wars* (Limited Edition) by Trisha Biggar was published by Palace Press in 2005. ISBN-13: 978-0810959644. As of February 2012, the book was still available from Amazon and several other booksellers – a great companion to the re-release of *The Phantom Menace* in 3D!

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As "clothes make the man" they also define the heroes and villains of history, literature and our own imaginations. Includes Real Life Costumed Crusaders, making the original Godzilla costume, and a lesson on costuming for heroes and villains.



This "community issue" is available to the entire costuming community. SiW members can read the most recent "Americana" issue of VC three months in advance.

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## YIPE!, Volume 3, Issue 10, October 2011

A privately published costuming ezine



Do you love video games? No? Boy, this isn't the issue for you, then...

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