

✿ A PRINTABLE COMPENDIUM OF ✿ STEAMPUNK RESOURCES IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA

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GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

STARBURNER GALACTIC COURIER SERVICE

A collection of unique individuals that enjoy steampunk and delight in experimenting with the steampunk design and development. These are agents who are passionate about using their imagination to create what could have been in the world of steampunk, from time travel devices and weaponry to elaborate Victoriana costuming. We cover all the bases and love to work with others who are as passionate about steampunk.
www.starburnercouriers.com

L.O.S.E.R.

The League of Supremely Evil Revolutionaries is a group of Evil Geniuses, Femme Fatales, Mad Scientists, Rogues, Pirates, Thugs, and general Evil Doers bent on taking over the world. Hire or join this loveable, fun-loving cosplay and performance troupe (who also play pirates and Klingons!). Heroes need not apply.
www.hmsstranglehold.org/loser

PENNYFARTHING RIDERS

A pennyfarthing is a beautiful bicycle from the mid 1800's featuring a large front wheel and a much smaller back wheel and is a challenge to ride. There are two wonderful clubs in our area for pennyfarthing enthusiasts to ride with:
So Cal Pennyfarthings: www.Facebook.com/SoCalPennyfarthings
San Diego Pennyfarthing Club: www.Facebook.com/pennyfarthingclub

SAN DIEGO COSTUME GUILD

We're a fun group of costume enthusiasts who dress in many different eras, including Georgian, Regency, Victorian, Edwardian and Vintage style, as well as Medieval, Renaissance, SciFi, Fantasy, & more. All skill levels from beginner to experienced are welcome to join us as we costume in and around San Diego, Orange and Los Angeles Counties.
www.sandiegocostumeguild.org

DREADFULLY PUNK

Dreadfully Punk is more than just science fiction! It's a #DreadfullyGood crew of artists, writers, and innovators. You can find them telling new tales every Friday, podcasting their DreadWaves every Saturday, and servicing your tedium every day via social media.
www.dreadfullypunk.com

SOCALSTEAM GROUP

A Yahoo! forum group for steampunks in southern California who want to share ideas, news, and local gatherings. Feel free to browse or post details about meet-ups and topics of interest for steampunks in all of Southern California.
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/socalsteam

SAN DIEGO TEA DUELISTS

The most dangerous sport of gentle folk has made it to the west coast. Can you outlast your opponent in a deadly game of wits, balance, and deliciousness? Whether you merely watch a duel or dunk your biscuits - tea dueling is a sport that inspires passion in all its participants. If you brew it, they will come.
www.facebook.com/groups/71718328494954 - group page
www.facebook.com/sdteaduel - community page

GRAND PACIFIC STEAM

Our mission: Promote steampunk for the broadest community, inclusive of all interested parties. We continuously build a creative and collaborative environment "of steampunks for all steampunks," nurturing locally while engaging globally. To achieve this mission, we will provide venues and opportunities for active promotion of steampunk creativity in making, costuming, literature, art, entertainment, athletics, food, and adventure; nurture burgeoning steampunk talent; educate the public about steampunk; and engage steampunk thought

leaders and practitioners to envision and enable the future of steampunk beyond its currently recognized boundaries.
www.grandpacificsteam.com

SAN DIEGO STEAMPUNK MEETUP.COM

For those without Facebook or those who are looking for ways to connect to the San Diego community and new people outside the community, Meetup.com is for you! The San Diego Steampunk social hub will post meet-ups and other events here. Organize an event of your own and the community will come.
www.meetup.com/San-Diego-Steampunk

RECURRING ACTIVITIES

STEAMPUNK PUB CRAWLS

Dress in your steampunk best, gather at a fanciful pub, then promenade from pub to pub, stopping to pose for pictures or answer questions about our costumes and props. Bring flyers or cards to distribute to who want to learn more about steampunk or upcoming events. These adventures are usually organized by Max Metzler or Jeb Haight, so please look for them on Facebook or check the SDSteampunk.com calendar for upcoming crawls.

CAROUSEL RIDES

The Victorian carnival carousel and steampunks go well together. There are more working carousels in San Diego than you may know! Jack Wizafr plans outings to ride these carousels in costume. It's a fun and photogenic opportunity for steampunks of all ages to represent our hobby to the community while also generating awareness of these lovely historic carousels. Contact Jack on his Facebook page or check our Meetup and SDSteampunk.com calendars for information.

COSTUME WALKABOUTS

Since 2005, Lady Mari's Costume Walkabout has been providing themed atmosphere and ambiance to events and venues of all stripes. From the Del Mar Fair to the San Diego Symphony, Walkabout participants get to experience community activities and entertain the locals. We are always open to new participants from all ages, eras, and walks of life, from historically-accurate costumes to fantasy, sci-fi, steampunk, and beyond! Join us, or schedule us to come to your event.
www.costumewalkabout.weebly.com

STEAMPUNK PICNICS

Because this is San Diego, it almost never gets too cold to have a picnic, so what more excuse do we need? Fun for the whole family, relax and eat in the leafy shade of Old Poway Park or other outdoor venues. For more information about these occasional picnics, watch the Facebook and Meetup.com pages of Jeb Haight, Lisa Vaca, and SDSteampunk.com.

EVENTS

STARBURNER AWARDS

Presented by House of Hutsell and held annually on the Saturday of Comic Con, we publicly recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the steampunk community in areas ranging from leadership, events coordination, gadgetry, costuming, music, art, and general support of the community.
www.starburnercouriers.com

MAKER FAIRE

A family-friendly festival of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker movement. Part science fair, part county fair, and part something entirely new, Maker Faire is an all-ages gathering of tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkers, hobbyists, artists and more.
sandiegomakerfaire.com

TRAINSONG & THE AGE OF STEAM

Adventure back in time to the age of steam. Explore the train yard of the Poway Midland Railroad or board the 1907 Baldwin Steam Engine as it chugs through the Wild West avoiding showdowns with western gunslingers. Hear the songs and stories of the rails as musicians and story tellers share their accounts of railroad life. Meet fictional characters of an alternative Victorian Era who are consumers of fancy inventions, gadgets and armory (a.k.a. steampunks).
www.powaymidlandrr.org

FALL BACK FESTIVAL

Take a step back in time at the annual Fall Back Festival in the heart of the Gaslamp Quarter. Each year, as we set our clocks back an hour to end Daylight Savings, San Diego's historic neighborhood is transformed into a western town of yesteryear, falling back in time to the 1880s when Bum the Dog and Alonzo Horton roamed the streets.
www.gaslamp.org/fall-back-festival

VINTAGE FLEA MARKET

A great way for folks to sell and purchase interesting vintage or vintage-inspired treasures. All vintage pieces are true to their era, from the turn of the century to midcentury modern.
www.sdvintagefleamarket.com

GOBLIN MARKET

The Goblin Market is a dark craft fair that brings together people from differing subcultures and backgrounds to find fun and unusual hand-crafted items from around southern California.
www.thegoblinmarketsd.com

DEL MAR ANTIQUE SHOW AND FAIR

Everything from tin to Tiffany is on sale at this huge market. Get your valuables appraised or consult with repair and restoration people to help you make your damaged treasures as good as new. They are able to repair all types of glass & crystal, pottery & porcelain, furniture, jewelry, art and much more. Peruse the hundreds of booths of old furniture, books, clothing, accessories, art, ephemera, and more.
calendarshows.com

CONVENTIONS**GASLIGHT GATHERING**

San Diego's own Steampunk and Victoriana convention has moved from May to September. Mingle, buy art, admire the craftsmanship of the local community, or attend panels, academies, fashion shows, and performances during this three-day convention.
www.gaslightgathering.org

HRM STEAMPUNK SYMPOSIUM

Stroll the historic decks of the Queen Mary, a permanent hotel and venue in Long Beach. Elegant balls, creative performers, panels, haunted tours and murder mysteries add to the ambiance.
<http://hrmsteam.com>

SAN DIEGO COMIC-CON

Everyone knows about Comic-Con, but not everyone knows that there is a large steampunk presence at Comic-Con every year. The steampunk meet-up and photo shoot happens just prior to the Starburner Awards Ceremony on Saturday. There are also many off-site steampunk events during the week that do not require a convention badge.
www.comic-con.org

CONDOR

ConDor is an annual science fiction/fantasy convention with a heavy steampunk presence, among other enjoyable things. If your interest in steampunk is rooted in science fiction, you can't miss this one!
www.condorcon.org

ENTERTAINERS**STEAM POWERED GIRAFFE**

Steampunk and Futurism mesh with mime and music to create a truly unique and imaginative act. SPG combines robot

pantomime with sketches, pop culture references, comedic dialogue, and of course, original music. From their nostalgic melodies to their funky cabaret rock, Steam Powered Giraffe's songs are as memorable as the robots themselves.
www.steampoweredgiraffe.com

THE ATLANTIAN FOUNDATION

The Atlantean Foundation being a Society for the Exploration of Fabled Locales, Discovery of Legendary Antiquities, & Research of Assorted Unexplained Phenomena. They follow in the bardic tradition, roaming the land sharing their adventures as songs and stories. If you're lucky enough to encounter them be sure to ask them to share a tale.
www.facebook.com/atlanteanfoundation

THE ADVENTURES OF DRAKE & MCTROWELL

Suffering from lackluster Penny Dreadfuls? Hoping to acquire more exhilaration in your serialized fiction? Look no further. You can read the delightful and dangerous adventures of Dr. Sparky McTrowell and Chief Inspector Erasmus Drake online or in their new book, and listen to audio drama performances of that book on Krypton Radio.
www.drakeandmctrowell.com

POPLOCK HOLMES

Catchy, danceable tunes and multi-talented musicians are taking over the Americas with Steam Powered Rap and Chap Hop driven by a Steampunk Chap. The perfect mood music for hunting yeti, taming wild beats, and drinking tea, Poplock Holmes is fun for the whole steampunk family with his quirky, Victorian-flavored hip-hop.
www.poplockholmes.com

CIRQUE DES BÊTES

Steampunk Cirque Extraordinaire. Buskers, burlesque and bamboozling feats of art & athleticism! Featured at the 2015 Steampunk Symposium on the Queen Mary, Ringleader Eve Riot, Nikolai and their troupe have wowed audiences with their comedy prowess, as well as their feats of physics and defying gravity.
www.cirquedesbetes.com

VERONIQUE CHEVALIER

An award-winning mistress of ceremonies, singer-songwriter, music producer and popular comedienne. She produces live cabaret in Southern California and is an emcee of steampunk events nationwide.
www.weirdval.com

GRAMOPHONE GREGORY

Dressed in a shiny top hat & tails, he peers through round spectacles at a modern world that moves far too fast. His time machine is a pair of portable 1920's Gramophones displayed on top of an antique mahogany wooden radio console. His listeners instantly rewind back to a joyful innocent time where guys were Gentleman and gals were Ladies.
www.gramophonegregory.com

MAKE THINGS**JUNTO ACADEMY**

Runs workshops and demos and maker classes around San Diego, including at Gaslight Gathering. We are a roving group of craftsmen focused on education and creation. Prop fabrication, metalworking, leather working, sewing, millinery, and jewelry making are just some of the hands-on workshops we offer. If you have a request or want to teach a class, let us know!
www.pinterest.com/juntoacademy

SAN DIEGO LAPIDARY SOCIETY

SDLS is dedicated to the advancement of earth science by stimulating interest in and encouraging the study of geological and mineral science, and lapidary related arts including classes in Lost Wax Casting, Silversmithing, Faceting Cabochon, Stained Glass, etc. Classes are expanding into special steampunk-related projects such as corsetry, medal-making, and more.
www.sandiegolapidarysociety.org

MAKER PLACE

We'll provide the tools, software and space. You bring the

creativity, innovation and imagination. With complete metal, wood, and electronic shops, plus classrooms and large work areas, Maker Place is your place to make it. Think of it as your dream shop - the one you'd build if you had a really big garage and a large number of expensive tools.
www.makerplace.com

BUY AND ADMIRE

THE IRON TAILOR

Bob Mogg is a maker/costumer extraordinaire and president of Grand Pacific Steam. Creating some of the most impressive (and large) Steampunk costumes and props in San Diego, he also posts helpful tutorials to his blog so you can make your own creations come to life.
www.theirontailor.blogspot.com

RAE WOLF DESIGNS

Lindsay Wagner makes funky cool hat pins, steampunk accessories, vintage-inspired jewelry, knitted goods, and sculpture. Her art is a mixture of vintage, reclaimed, repurposed, fibers, and awesomeness all rolled into one.
www.raewolfdesigns.com

GEARS AND ROEBUCK

A small-time purveyor of one-of-a-kind vintage costumes and props. Most of their products are specially "re-made" from various unique sources and are all original creations, ranging from props and jewelry to re-made corsets and goggles. christopherhoage@yahoo.com
www.facebook.com/shannon.hoage or
www.facebook.com/christopher.hoage

TINKERBOTS

A self-proclaimed "junkaholic" and all around geek enthusiast, Dan Jones is one of San Diego's premier found object and assemblage sculptors and has been a tinkerer for as long as he can remember. From his backyard lab and studio, Dan takes great joy in creating whimsical robots, ray guns and steampunk themed sculptures.
www.flickr.com/people/tinkerbots

COGNATIVE ENTERPRISES/JEB HAUGHT

Jeb is a freelance artist and sculptor working mostly within the Steampunk and vintage genres. He is known for unique jewelry pieces as well as fabulous wearable props. His creations can be found in consignment shops such as Simply Local.
www.Facebook.com/jeb.haught

SQUISHYKUMA/BARBARA LEKES

With her experience in fashion and merchandising, Barbara is a very talented costumer. She sews original items and can piece together brilliant Steampunk outfits from found pieces. Visit her webstore or Simply Local in North Park.
www.Facebook.com/squishykuma, www.squishykuma.com

WILLIAM SWANSON / SIDEREAL WORKSHOP

Turning out crazy-cool contraptions with a Victorian flair that steampunks adore, William is a maker and woodworker extraordinaire with a background in electrical engineering which he uses to astound the local Steampunk community with works like the Gravity Floccinaucinihiliplicationator.
www.siderealworkshop.com

STITCH TRICKERY

Michelle Peoples is a talented custom costume maker and teacher. Look for her at the Lapidary Society, teaching corset making, pattern drafting, and other sewing essentials. She is also available to create custom pieces for your steampunk wardrobe. Email her at stitchtrickery@gmail.com

WYNG'D LYON

Bring your imagination to fruition through specialty clothes and accessories, from steampunk outfits to Halloween costumes. We have absinthe supplies, replica skeleton keys, stuffed animals, hand-carved and painted boxes as well as a wide assortment of beads for the crafty among you. Clothing comes in all sizes for men, women and children.
www.wyngdlyon.com

THE ELEGANT HARLOT

Lady Mari specializes in hand-made Perky Little Hats, Exotic Hand Fans, Gently Worn Costumes and Gentle Severity Neckwear using new, old, recycled, upcycled and mixed media with a steampunk, glamorous, or vampire twist.
www.etsy.com/shop/theelegantharlot

WINONA COOKIE CREATIONS

Ramona Sczcerba is a visual artist who describes her work thusly: "I make things I would like to wear, look at, own or give as gifts." Whimsical collage and found-art pieces from the wee to the giant will delight the eye.
www.winonacookieillustration.com

ARGENT FOX ARTIFACTS

You may have seen Triona's gorgeous custom parasols at a steampunk picnic or event; she can make you one, too. She also does leatherwork, woodburning, jewelry, and other fabrication and customizations.
www.facebook.com/argentfoxartifacts

ANDY CAMERON THEATRICAL DESIGN

Andy Cameron's intricately detailed creations make people smile. Although he specializes in lighting design for theater, concerts, and private parties, etc., he is a steampunk maker through and through.
andycam@cox.net

PERPETUAL MOTION CREATIONS

Paula Cameron is owner/designer of Perpetual Motion Creations. Her tag line is "Always Moving Art" and she specializes in all things steampunk, including unique jewelry design, upcycled arts and crafts, hand-painted vintage signs, and much more.
www.perpetualmotioncreations.com

WHALEY HOUSE GIFT SHOPPE

After you tour the most haunted house in America, step into the Museum Shop to pick up some Victorian, steampunk, or gothic goodies! Whaley House would love to work with local artisans to expand their offerings. From housewares, Oz books, jewelry, and novelties to books and absinthe kits, this hidden gem is a fun source for you to explore.
whaleyhouse.org/shop.htm

THE GRAND ARTIQUE

The hardware store for steampunks, as well as providing interactive art installations with skits and audience participation. Bona fide trading post - buy, sell, or trade and explore this new meld of artistry and commerce, craft and bartering.
www.thegrandartique.com

DRESS YOURSELF!

HIRE A COSTUMER OR SHOP OUR VENDORS

Reaching out to the San Diego community can connect you with cool people who are willing to help you realize your vision from design to execution. The October Costume Guild Garage Sale is a great place to pick up some amazing handmade pieces at great prices!

THE LABYRINTH

An apothecary, natural magic, steampunk shop specializing in handmade items by local artisans. They carry a variety of gifts from candles to books, cards to steampunk clothing and accessories. The store hosts a variety of arts, crafts and instructional classes including beading, up-cycled jewelry making, candle making etc., along with a venue to showcase the work of local artists.
plus.google.com/101568435988893142114/

WILD BILL'S MERCANTILE

"Where the West is dressed!" Old west clothing by Wah Maker, Wrangler, Lariat and Scully. Also vests, boots, suspenders, dusters, western hats, Australian clothing, western decor, and many more things a steampunk can wear.
www.shopwildbills.com

JOHNSON HOUSE HABERDASHERY

There aren't many brick and mortar places to get Victorian-era reproduction clothing in San Diego, but lots of great items are packed into this little store. Gentleman's clothing includes: vests, coats, trousers, walking sticks, and lots of great hats! Women will appreciate the finely-crafted dresses, corsets, and of course, gorgeous hats! There's also a huge selection of women's jewelry, fans, and frippery to choose from.

GENTLEMAN'S EMPORIUM (ALSO FOR LADIES!)

Civilized fashion - wear your manners on your sleeve. Uncommon products and great service for period-purists and steampunks alike, the Emporium has great base pieces for men and women with a huge selection of accessories and inspiration.

www.gentlemansemporium.com

www.facebook.com/Steampunk.Emporium

MAD.GIRL CLOTHING

Purveyors of quality historical and fantasy clothing for men and women for over 20 years. Designs in leather and cloth bring styles both bold and demure to fashionistas of the Neo-Victorian era. The Mad.Girl line specializes in steampunk and neo-Victorian couture, offering a wide variety of custom items to complete or compliment your steamy ensembles.

pendragoncostumes.squarespace.com/madgirl-clothing

VILLAGE HAT SHOP

Quality hats in every style, color and size imaginable, a mad hatter's dream-come-true, with a wide selection of steampunk, Victorian and Americana styles. They offer re-sizing and stretching, too.

Three store locations and a website!

www.villagehatshop.com

GYPSY TREASURE

In addition to selling a broad selection of costume accessories, wigs, eyelashes, belts, feathers, swords, masks, stage make-up and more, this store also offers a variety of rental costumes for themed events.

www.gipsytreasure.com

DAMSEL IN THIS DRESS

Damsel in this Dress-High Quality Steampunk, Renaissance, and Fantasy Costumes for Adventurous ladies! Affordable corsets and coordinating skirts, jackets, vests, and more, Michelle can garb you comfortably from head to toe in steampunk and other alternative styles in a thousand colors.

<http://damseldress.com/>

ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE

Inspire creativity. Touch history. Since 1985, designers, builders, collectors and creatives have made us a "natural resource" in their quest for the unique, the unusual, and the hard-to-find. Makers and re-purpose-crafters will be right at home when looking for something with which to embellish a hat, add to your home furnishings, or attach to your next prop.

www.architecturalsalvagesd.com

GET YOUR PHOTO TAKEN!

JERRY ABUAN PHOTOGRAPHY/TOBIAS EASTMAN

Official portrait photographer of Gaslight Gathering and many local events, Jerry is "a Steampunk photographer, a purveyor of captured images, and a bellydance admirer." For a good idea of what Steampunk looks like in San Diego, visit Jerry's page, Agezinder Arts. Buy prints and keep him shooting!

www.jerryabuan.zenfolio.com

KELLY VARNER PHOTOGRAPHY

"Eclectic creation is my passion. Capturing the special moments in your life is my joy." Kelly specializes in wedding, boudoir, and portrait photography, is based out of San Diego and covering the So. California area. She also participates in and photographs many Steampunk events.

www.facebook.com/varnerphotography

OTHER RESOURCES

MYSTERIOUS GALAXY

"Books of Martians, Murder, Magic and Mayhem." Find steampunk literature or inspire yourself in either genres. One of the best places to find these and other unique works is Mysterious Galaxy. This bookstore is supportive of local authors and has author events as well as a huge selection of titles and a reader rewards program!

www.mystgalaxy.com

STEAMPUNK RADIO SHOW

Did you know Krypton Radio has a special Steampunk show? From 7-9pm Saturdays, Willow Leafstorm spins her favorite steampunk music.

If your musical tastes lean a couple of decades later, she has a Dieselpunk/swing show on Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Nerd-friendly tunes 24-7!

www.kryptonradio.com

PROFESSOR GREYSHADE

The first DJ in southern California to dedicate himself to finding the anachronistic yet contemporary music needed to give steampunk a sound of its own. He now blogs about DIY living which is pretty darn steampunk at greyscaleestate.blogspot.com

AUBREY ROSE TEA ROOM

Fine gifts and collectibles reminiscent of the Victorian era and early Americana. They also offer a lovely formal tea, which you should attend in your finest Steampunk/Victorian attire.

www.theaureyrosetearoom.com

TEA UPON CHATSWORTH

Find the essence of an English tea room right here in San Diego. Experience the art of great food and fine teas served on a beautiful three-tiered platter while you sip your selection of tea from a vintage English tea cup. Afternoon and high teas and larger tea parties accommodated.

<http://teauponchatsworth.com/>

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- welcometosteampunk.com
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