

# Costume-Con 30

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## Cactus Puppet Exhibition

Costume-Con has a long history of helping out causes. From food and clothing, to toys, we are a kindly bunch. So for CC30 it seemed a fine idea to have fun, help children and sew something.



Welcome to Costume-Con 30's soft-sculpture Cactus Drive and Exhibition, where cactus puppets are a specialty. *(It started as a cactus puppet zone, but expanded.)* The objective is to provide toys for Arizona children's hospitals. Think soft and non-toxic. Hand puppets can help to bring shy children into bloom. And puppets can help communicate things children might be unwilling to say.

So maybe you've always wanted to express yourself in a Jim Henson kind of way. Here's your chance. Anyone who makes a donated toy (cactus, desert, coyote, roadrunner, whatever) can exhibit their own toy or puppet (thus avoiding the soft & non-toxic constraints) for fun, adoration, media preservation (photo & video) and maybe a little something to take home. And, consider getting your kids involved in making puppets, too!



I don't need to lecture costumers on creativity... or ingenuity. Instead, a few words on puppets and cactus. Small is... nice. Suggested maximum height is 24" – really, and 8-12" cactus puppet seems a good objective (nice use for that leftover green sequin fabric, a quarter-yard project). Electronics are... not necessary. Cool, impressive, but primitive plants don't require 21st Century technology. (Not ruling it out... just sayin'.)

This will primarily be a table show – thus the stands. However, a puppet theatre will be available as well as a camera to film your puppet in action.



Saguaro Cactus



Barrel Cactus



Toe Sock Cactus



Ocotillo Cactus  
(glove adaptation)



Cactus  
(sock adaptation)



Rod Puppet variety

### HAND PUPPET STANDS (also for socks) for hand puppet display – cardboard or foamcore board

We will have some stands on site, however it is helpful to possess one or two yourself as it reduces paint stains and hot glue burns to the hands.

side view



front view

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front view

side view



front view



paper towel  
tube adaptation



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