

Myths and Legends Con 2017



5th Anniversary!

August 4-6, 2017

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2017 Guests of Honor

Jacqueline Carey



New York Times bestseller Jacqueline Carey is the author of the critically acclaimed and award-winning *Kushiel's Legacy* series of historical fantasy novels, *The Sundering* epic fantasy duology, postmodern fables *Santa Olivia* and *Saints Astray*, and the *Agent of Hel* contemporary fantasy series. Her most recent novel, *Miranda and Caliban*, is a retelling of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

Website: www.jacquelinecarey.com

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Jim Humble

Some people think Jim was born with a pencil in one hand and some clay in the other. It's pretty much true. Jim's life experience has shaped his art in particular a three year stay in Germany and Europe. There, his love of art (the human form, gargoyles, grotesques, and mythology, in particular) was intensified. He has been pursuing his vision and passion to create now for more than 20 years. He is constantly striving to adapt novel and unexpected techniques with unusual media to produce fine art.

Website: www.humblestudios.com



Marian Call



Singer-songwriter Marian Call is grounded in Alaska, though she spends a lot of the year on the road. She has released nine albums since 2007. Call's sound is soulful, honest, and clever, by turns humorous and heartbreaking. She sounds a little like Joni Mitchell & Ani DiFranco raising the love child of Jason Mraz & Regina Spektor. She can often be found on the road singing and working hard, yet despite her frequent travels she stays rooted at home in Alaska for inspiration.

Website: www.mariancall.com

Welcome to Myths & Legends!



LETTER FROM THE ORGANIZER

This is our fifth MALCon and oh, how we've grown! The convention has more than doubled in size since our first year and I've seen wonderful things happen in our space: friendships forged and renewed, creative projects taking root, and people discovering new fandoms to love.

MALCon has always been about providing a place for people to find each other and form a community. With the formation of our new non-profit organization, Shiny Garden (see page 4), we will be able to take these dreams to a new level by creating more spaces, adding to our overall community, and finding those geeky people who are still looking to find where they belong.

Harry Potter, Firefly, Kushiel. These stories have become part of the fabric of our world, all because someone said: I will create a thing! I'm sure they didn't turn out exactly as the creators envisioned them, but they still became something we love. A wizard once said, "It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door." Let us learn from those creators; let us be nervous and hesitant, and yet make the choice to pursue our endeavors anyway.

Or in other words: Yay community, yay fandoms! You do you and we will accept you! Go do the thing; I believe in you!

Your cheerleader,

Nikki Ebright

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CONVENTION	REGISTRATION	VENDOR ROOM
FRIDAY: 5:00 PM – MIDNIGHT	FRIDAY: 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM	FRIDAY: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
SATURDAY: 9:00 AM – MIDNIGHT	SATURDAY: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM	SATURDAY: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
SUNDAY: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM	SUNDAY: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	SUNDAY: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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WhimsyCon



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SHINY GARDEN

Shiny Garden, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, was founded in 2016 with a mission to create inclusive fan events and celebrate the diversity that makes our community so amazing. We host three annual conventions: MALCon, HexaCon, and WhimsyCon. For more information, or to make a donation:

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David Gerrold

Andrew Mayne

Rebecca Moesta

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Kristoff Klover

Mem Morman &

Kent Bloom

ADULTS: \$60 CHILDREN: \$30

Shiny Garden is offering a \$20 scholarship to help 2017 MALCon patrons attend the 2018 convention. Visit the registration desk for an application.

Safe Space & Anti-Harassment

Myths and Legends Convention is proud to provide a safe space for everyone on site, including, but not limited to, guests, attendees, volunteers, hotel staff, and members of the public passing through. We gather together to support each other in the love and expression of our fandoms, also known as geeking out.

Being a safe space means that our attendees are free express themselves and their interests without fear of being attacked for their love of their fandom or for being themselves. It is an inclusive space for all people regardless of gender, gender presentation, pronoun choice, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, age, or affiliation.

No harassment of any kind will be tolerated. Our friends Merriam and Webster tell us that harassment is any activity or behavior that annoys persistently, bothers, creates an unpleasant or hostile situation or threatens another person or group of people.

If you wish to not harass or threaten, here are some guidelines you can follow:

- Before you touch (for example: hug, glomp, touch a cosplayer's costume), ask permission. "May I give you a hug?" "May I touch that fabric?"
- Clarify if permission is single-use, or if it extends longer (that day, that weekend, etc.).
- Ask before taking anyone's picture.
- Accept "no" as a reasonable answer without follow-up questions. Their reasons are not your business unless they choose to share them with you.
- If you find someone's outfit interesting, it is acceptable to tell them so, but do not expect further interaction after giving your compliment.
- Appropriate compliments include "Nice craftsmanship," "You captured the character really well," or "Thank you for representing my favorite character."
- Inappropriate comments can include (depending on context) "You look sexy," "Here's my number," "My cosplay is better than yours." If you are unsure, ask a friend to help you phrase your compliment.
- We recommend you avoid comparisons. (For example: "Your outfit is much better constructed compared to his.") Let each person's work stand for itself.
- Absolutely inappropriate behavior includes groping, looking up skirts/kilts, positioning yourself to look down shirts/dresses, coercing someone to do or say anything, hate speech (using words that purposely offend or insult).

If you are being harassed, or if you witness harassment at the convention, please report the situation to any convention staff member, visit the registration desk, or email harassment@malcondenver.org.

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Clothing & Weapons Policy

Costuming and cosplay are encouraged at Myths & Legends Convention. Please feel free to dress up as your favorite character(s) during the convention. (We sure plan to!) When planning your costume, please mind the following guidelines, which are always in effect:

- Keep it PG: This is a family-friendly convention, and we want to maintain the goodwill of the hotel, so please keep your bits covered.
- Be nice to strangers and to your friends.
- No real weapons (including, but not limited to firearms), even if you have a permit or a license.
- No realistic-looking weapons: If security (ours or the hotel's) can't tell from a distance that it is a fake weapon, then it is too real. We applaud your authenticity, but must ask that you leave it at home.
- Specifically: Metal weapons and working projectiles are not permitted.

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Faerie Treasure Game

The popular trading game returns! Pick up a bag or three at registration, and then follow these rules:

- Dig through your new magical trinkets and decide what to keep and what to trade away. Want more to trade? Purchase more Faerie bags at Registration throughout the weekend (while supplies last).
- Find other collectors and trade treasures with them to gather up the best collection of sparklies.
- Barter, bargain, tinker and trade to gather up the best collection of your chosen item or items.
- Visit the Faeries at 3 pm on Sunday to trade your treasures for prizes to benefit the game!

D&D Adventure League

Dungeons & Dragons Adventure League can be found in the Atrium. See separate gaming schedule for details.

Play to Win Games

Come play games that have been donated for attendees to take home! Play a game and let a Gaming Room volunteer know. You'll be entered into a drawing to win that game!

You can enter as many times as you like, and you can enter to win as many games as you like.

Drawings will be Sunday afternoon in the gaming room. You do not need to be present to win, however make sure we have your contact information if you will not be at the drawing.

Check out the Gaming Room to see what titles are available and have fun!

Art & Adventures

Green Screen Adventures

Green Screen Adventures puts you into the action. With a daily variety of backgrounds, you can put yourself with the Blue Beetle, get into the Tardis, walk the hallowed halls of Hogwarts, cruise the 'Verse with the shiniest of rogues, and many more. Brought you by DH-P/FX and benefiting the Make-A-Wish Colorado (through voluntary donations), Green Screen Adventures is a returning feature of MALCon we hope you will enjoy.

Silent Auction

Bid in the silent auction and ensure a shiny future for all of us. All proceeds benefit Shiny Garden, our host non-profit whose mission is to ensure all fans have a safe place to meet, share their interests, and connect with each other.

Art Show

**Friday 5-9pm | Saturday 10am-8pm
Sunday 10am-2pm**

The Myths and Legends Art Show is returning for 2017! Located in the vendor room, the art show will showcase pieces in a variety of media from local artists. These pieces will be available to bid on or buy outright, depending on your level of patience!



Westercon 72

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Westercon 72

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Jim Butcher



Kitty Krell



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Panelists (By First Name)

A.M. BURNS

A.M. Burns lives in the Colorado Rockies with his partner, several dogs, cats, horses, and birds. As of January 2013 he is the president of the Colorado Springs Fiction Writers Group.



AMY GRISWOLD

Griswold is a professional seamstress with 30+ years of experience in clothing construction and industrial sewing. Her body of work includes wedding gowns, costuming, boat covers, custom reupholstery, etc.



AARON MICHAEL RITCHEY

Aaron Michael Ritchey is the author of five young adult novels and numerous pieces of short fiction. He lives in Colorado with his wife and two stormy daughters.



BILLY VAN ARK

Billy has been helping out behind the scenes since the very first MALCon. Contributing part tech support, part treasurer, part teacher of chainmaille, he does his best to make everything run smoothly.



AARON SPRIGGS

Scientist by day, rock star by night. I'm the poor man's Buckaroo Banzai. I go to Burning Man every summer as as a band tour. I've worked at Superfund Sites as well as natural history museums.



BRETT J. BAKER

Brett Baker is an independent author and publisher, and a graduate of the University of Colorado. He lives in Denver. For more information about Brett or his books, please visit <http://www.brettbaker.ws>.



AMALIE HOWARD

Howard is the best selling, award winning author of several young adult novels acclaimed by Kirkus, Publishers Weekly, VOYA, and Booklist, including *Waterfell*, *The Almost Girl*, and *Alpha Goddess*.



BRIAN ZIMAN

Brian Ziman is a software engineer at Google and a member of the Shiny Garden board, helping to create inclusive events that celebrate diversity and bring all fans together, including Myths & Legends Con.



AMITY GREEN

Green is an award-winning author of urban fantasy novels and horror stories. Her debut novel, *SCALES*, was published in 2013, and her short stories appear in numerous anthologies and publications.



BRIANNA SHRUM

Brianna Shrum is the author of YA fantasy, *Never Never*, and YA rom-com, *How to Make Out*. She lives in Denver, CO with her high school sweetheart-turned-husband, two boys, and a puppy named Sevro.



Panelists

BRYAN FIELDS



By day, I'm a mild-mannered IT tech; by night, a writer who spends too much time in online games. I live in Denver with my wife Noelle and our daughter Alissa.

CHAZ KEMP



Chaz Kemp is an Art Nouveau illustrator specializing in Steampunk, Fantasy & Sci-Fi. He's also a drummer, singer and Art Muppet Supreme! Check out his tarot deck too... www.Patreon.com/ChazKemp

CAROLYN KAY



Carolyn Kay is a fae changeling struggling to make it in the mortal realms. Her stories often involve the inanimate, which only she seems able to see as living, breathing creatures. Catch her at bewitchinghips.com.

CHRISTOPHER M. SALAS



Born and raised in Pueblo, CO., Christopher M. Salas developed a penchant for science fiction and the paranormal from his grandmother and uncle.

CATHERINE WINTERS



Catherine Winters writes urban fantasy, women's fiction, and literary fiction.

COLIN HEINTZE



Colin Heintze is a Colorado fantasy author whose developing young mind was warped by the likes of Ray Harryhausen, Frank Frazetta, Neil Gaiman, and Joe Bob Briggs

CERSILLA WOLF



Cersilla is a Scifi/fantasy author working her first novel.

CORIE WEAVER



Corie Weaver is co-editor of The Young Explorer's Adventure Guide series, a yearly anthology of science fiction for middle grade readers with a focus on diversity and representation.

CHARLES & TAUNI ORNDORFF



With over 20 years experience, Charles and Tauni are master costumers, skilled in numerous techniques for making costume parts including vac-forming, casting, 3D printing, sewing and more.

COURTNEY FARRELL



Courtney is a biologist and full time author. She mostly writes science fiction and YA science fiction/romance, but her latest project is a children's book about sea turtles.

Panelists

CYNTHIA SETTJE

Cynthia Settje is the owner of Redthreaded, a costume studio in Louisville, CO. Her clients range from Broadway to individual costume enthusiasts. She specializes in historical corsetry and theatrical costuming.



EMILY GODHAND

Emily is a dark paranormal thriller author who lives in Denver with her three rats, Chaos, Order, and Illuminati. She often writes queer characters who kill Lovecraftian monsters and manage mental illness.



DAME URSULA WHIFFENPOTT

Region Rep for the American Tea Duelling Society and professional opinion-giver/costumer. Always ready for a cup of tea and a great conversation!



ENEASZ BRODSKI

Podcaster and author, with short stories published in Asimov's and Analog magazines.



DYLAN EDWARDS

Dylan Edwards is the award-winning creator of Transposes, Politically InQueerect, and Valley of the Silk Sky. His work has appeared in the anthologies QU33R, No Straight Lines, and the Beyond Anthology.



ERIN CARD

Erin Card is a designer - couture fashion, costume, theatre. Her costume, textile and fashion designs stem from her love of everything sci-fi, fantasy and tech. She works mostly in replica costumes.



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Panelists

GALEN PEREIRA



Galen has been practicing martial arts for over twenty years, including kombatan, silat, and tai chi. He has been teaching tai chi for about five years.

J.D. HARPLEY



J.D. Harpley is a dedicated word ingester and producer. A past laden with science fiction books led her to follow in the footsteps of those she found great to create vivid, brain-tantalizing works.

IAN BRAZEE-CANNON



Ian Brazee-Cannon a writer, film maker, game designer, podcaster. His short stories have been in The Fifth Di..., Wondrous Web Worlds, Forgotten Worlds, Tales of the Talisman, and various anthologies.

J.D. HARRISON



J.D. Harrison is a lifelong horsewoman, often in the uncommonly intelligent company of her horse, Smoke. She believes in soul satisfying relationships with animals, and reading voraciously.

IAN THOMAS HEALY



Ian Thomas Healy writes superhero and speculative fiction and the creator of the Just Cause Universe of superhero novels. Local Hero Press focuses upon high-quality crossgenre speculative fiction.

J.L. FORREST



J.L. Forrest writes short fiction and novels for the likes of Analog Science Fiction and Fact, Crossed Genres, the Robot Cowgirl Press, and others. His work ranges from science fiction to the deeply mythopoetic.



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Panelists

JACQUELINE KOYANAGI

Koyanagi's debut novel, *Ascension*, was released from Masque/Prime books in 2013 and landed on the 2014 James Tiptree Jr. Honor List. Her short fiction has appeared in *Haikasoru* and *Candlemark & Gleam*.



LAYMAN KINGSFORD

Layman Kingsford is the progenitor of Cheeky Dingo Games and has been designing and publishing since 2008, including: *ElfQuest® Adventure Game*, *Living Starship*, *7 Sign Circle*, and *Rankaree*.



JAMES A. HUNTER

Hunter is a Colorado native, an active member of SFWA, and a full-time ink-slinger with ten titles currently out. He's the author of the *Yancy Lazarus* series, the *Golem Chronicles*, and the *Viridian Gate Online Archives*.



LOSING LARA

Losing Lara is a singer/songwriter with a focus on nerdy music. Fandoms highlighted in her songs/work include *Harry Potter* and *Firefly*. She posts weekly on her YouTube channel.



JASON HENRY EVANS

Jason always wanted to be a writer, he just didn't know it. He grew up in Pasadena, Ca. in the 1980s & watched way too much tv. He went to college, then met his wife and moved to Colorado. He's now a writer & educator.



LOU J. BERGER

Lou J. Berger lives in Denver, Colorado with his high-school crush. A member of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, he is currently working on his first novel. His website is www.LouJBerger.com



KAL SPRIGGS

Kal Spriggs is a science fiction and fantasy author. He currently has four series in print. Kal is a US Army combat veteran who has been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. He lives in Colorado with his family.



MASON J. TORALL

A Colorado native, Mason lives by nerding out and hobbying his time away. His first novel, *The Dark Element*, is available on Amazon, and he is working on the sequel.



KIM KLIMEK

Dr. Klimek is currently working on a textbook, *The Global Middle Ages*, a comparative work surrounding medieval concepts on a world stage.



MELANIE UNRUH

Melanie is an artist and maker of decorative and functional pottery, and historical and fantasy sartorial arts, ranging from historical to fantasy, Viking to Victorian, and hats to spats.



Panelists

MELISSA KOONS



Melissa Koons is a former English teacher who now works as a writer and editor. She has published one novel, four short stories, and has ghostwritten over 60 novellas.

PAUL LELL



Sci-fi/fantasy writer, game designer, costumer, science enthusiast, father, and so much more!

MIKE CERVANTES



Mike Cervantes is a humorist, cartoonist, steampunk enthusiast, regular contributor to Denver's local steampunk convention, AnomalyCon. He writes and publishes stories on TheScarletDerby.com.

PERI CHARLIFU



Peri Charlifu is an artist potter working out of Lakewood CO, where he lives with his husband. Peri has been making and selling art professionally for 37 years and makes his living on the convention art show circuit.

NANCY KAY CLARK



Nancy Kay Clark is a member of the Board of Directors for Shiny Garden, the organization that brings you MALCon and Whimsy Con. www.shinygarden.org

RICHARD E. FRIESEN



Richard Friesen is a science fiction and fantasy author, whose first series is The Dreaming King Saga. Look for the first book, The Tower of Dreams. The fifth and final book will be out in October.

NIKKI EBRIGHT



Executive Director for Shiny Garden and convention chair for Myths and Legends Con, WhimsyCon, HexaCon, and Westercon 71. Nikki founded Myths & Legends Convention in 2013.

SANDRA WHEELER



Sandra works professionally as a technical writer, editor, and designer. She is also Shiny Garden's Publications Director.

NOELLE ALLADANIA MEADE



Noelle is a dabbler in many things. When she's not busy writing, reading, playing with yarn, or crafting jewelry, she can be found on Azeroth in the realm of Proudmoore, killing things and taking their stuff.

SARIN TATROE



Sarin is a local artist living in Colorado. She's a native Coloradoan and of course, doesn't know how to ski. Her art style is a mix of realism and anime/manga style. Sarin loves to use most art mediums.

Panelists

SCOTT BECKMAN

Scott Beckman is a self-published author of several high epic fantasy novels that explore themes of youth, friendship, and resilience. A lifelong Coloradan, he is a frequent panelist at local cons.



STANT LITORE

Stant Litore is The Zombie Bible (retelling the Bible as a series of encounters with the restless dead), Ansible (a series about 25th-c. Islamic interstellar explorers), and The Running of the Tyrannosaurs.



SEAN PATRICK FANNON

Fannon is the Brand Manager and Lead Writer/Designer for the Savage Rifts product line for Pinnacle Entertainment, and founder of Evil Beagle Games. He's written and designed for RPGs for over 30 years.



TAWNY FRITZ

Tawny Fritz is a local fantasy RPG illustrator who has worked on properties such as Lord of the Rings, Game of Thrones, and Pathfinder RPG.



SETH PHILLIPS

Seth Phillips is Colorado's own geek songwriter. Every couple of weeks when he runs out of Fritos and Mountain Dew, he straps on a guitar and emerges from his basement with tales of love, loss, and science fiction.



THOMAS A. FOWLER

Thomas A. Fowler is the author of nerdy things. He loves writing sci-fi, but writes whatever inspires him. He helps authors market & publish themselves with Spine Press & Post. thomasafowler.com



STACE JOHNSON

Stace Johnson is a Colorado writer, musician, and IT guy. He has been published in cream city review and Tales of the Talisman, and won an Apex Book Company poetry contest in 2013. lytspeedconsulting.com



TOMAS O'DREAMS & NISSA LAFETE

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Panelists

TONYA L. DE MARCO



Tonya L. De Marco is a local author, model, and a cosplayer and costume designer. She attends conventions around the country each year and enjoys talking with the public about her interests.

VERONICA R. CALISTO



Masseur of people and plot lines. Singer of songs inside her own head. Author of *Diary of a Mad Black Witch*, *A Griffin Scorned*, and the first in *SparkleTits Chronicles: Starfish & Coffee*.

TRAVIS HEERMANN



Travis Heermann is the author of seven novels, including *Death Wind* and *The Ronin Trilogy*, plus short fiction in *Apex Magazine*, *Alembical*, and others, plus work on the *Firefly Roleplaying Game*, and more.

VIVIAN CAETHE



When not fighting crime or tinkering with Tarot spreads, Vivian Caethe writes weird fiction, science fiction, fantasy, quirky nonfiction and everything in between. She lives in CO with her supervillain cat.

Also Appearing

ANA MACDONELL

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Fantastical themes with heavy lines and abstractions define Gathering Splinters' style. His woodworking focus is gaming accessories, emphasizing creative designs and rugged construction.

MAD TATTER

The Mad Tatter creates lace designs incorporated into jewelry. I take the Victorian art of tatting and bring it back in the present for people to enjoy.

OUT IN COLORADO FICTION

Out In Colorado is a group of Colorado-based authors of GLBT fiction.

PSYCHIC HEALERS OF AVALON

Psychic Healers of Avalon is a psychic business located in Broomfield, Colorado, and contains healers who perform tarot, rune, and other psychic readings, as well as Reiki sessions.

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Semper Fi Design features handcrafted jewelry, specializing in unique glass bead woven and wire work pieces, plus a large selection of sci-fi/fantasy fandom themed designs.

STRAY WOLF STUDIOS

Heather's background in biology and animal sciences has contributed to her fantasy illustration career where she specializes in creature design

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Made-to-order custom charm bracelets, necklaces and other jewelry. You choose the charms, chain, etc.!

Vendors & Authors

Entrance	Psychic Healers of Avalon		Witchcraft's Gifts and Collectibles		Entrance	Winterhaven Jewelry		Frontier Millinery & Redthreaded		Revive Gifts		Beauty and the Beads / Rockhound Studio	
	Wings, Charms & Things		Gathering Splinters			Brannan Bath Soaps		Thrifty Gryphon		Vendor Coordinator			
	Semper Fi Design		Brianna Strum & Start Libre Noelle Allendina Masde & Bryan Fields			Canlyn Kay & Chz Kemp James A. Hunter & ColinHeintze & Ian Thomas Healy		Thomas A Fowler & Catherine Winters Jason Henry Evans & Scott Beckman					
	Charming Little Foxes		Clockwork Dragon			2 Wyrd Sisters & Chronohoard		Ian Brace-Cannon & Paul Leil Travis Heerman & Aaron Spriggs			8-Bit Body Scrub		Mad Tatter
Entrance	Dozing Gnome Massage		Out in Colorado Fiction		Black Becomes Her		J.D. Harrison & Tonya L. De Marco Aaron Michael Ritchey & Veronica R. Calisto		Blue Jasmine & Whimsical Whiskers		Two Old Bears		Art Show
	Stray Wolf Studios & Danae Fidler		Dreaming Robot Press		Dryad Tea		Time Well Spent		Astral Scribe & Ashley Stoddard				

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ATRIUM EVENTS

SCULPTING DEMOS BY JIM HUMBLE, ARTIST GOH

Friday, 8:00 PM-9:50 PM

Sunday, 1:00 PM-2:50 PM

Artist Guest of Honor Jim Humble demonstrates his sculpting prowess.

PAINTING DEMOS

Saturday, 11:00 AM, J. Carey Inspired

Saturday, 3:30 PM, Exploding Tardis

Check with the registration desk onsite to register for these interactive sessions.

COLOR IN

Friday, 9:00 PM-10:50 PM

Join fellow con-goers for a coloring session in the atrium. Bring pages or books to color and tools to color with, or use the provided materials! Enjoy some quiet coloring time after a long day.

KNITTING CIRCLE

All days, convention hours

Drop in for some time with your needles! Knit, crochet, and newbies welcome.

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3D PRINTING IN COSTUMING

Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Terre d'Ange

Charles Orndorff, Tauni Orndorff

Demonstration and discussion of how to design and 3D print costume pieces. We will talk about materials, software and devices.

ALLIANCE LARP

Saturday, 12:00 PM-3:50 PM, Terre d'Ange

Cory Williamsen

Alliance Denver Live Action Role-playing is a live action role-playing game set in the medieval/fantasy world of Acarthia.

AMERICAN HORROR STORY

Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Nevernever

Ana MacDonell, Eddie Cross

Breaking down each season of AHS. The places, characters, and stories. How seasons inter-relate.

ANCIENT INVENTIONS

Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, The Shire

Aaron Spriggs, Paul Lell,

Veronica R. Calisto

Archimedes, all around amazing Greek guy, invented the lever and fulcrum about 2400 years ago. Besides these simple tools, what, more advanced inventions did they have back then? Steam powered toys? Electroplating? Are you kidding me? Tell me more!

ASK A CHARACTER

Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Helms Deep

Janet Rose, Brian Ziman, Carolyn Kay, Chaz Kemp

Ever wanted to ask Harry Dresden's brother Thomas Raith, Harry Potter's teacher Snape, or Kushiel's Phaedra a question? Our panelists will embody these characters while the audience asks them questions.

AUTHOR AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS

Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:55 PM, Terre d'Ange

Brianna Shrum, Catherine Winters, Colin Heintze, Eneasz Brodski, Ian Thomas Healy, Paul Lell, Sean Patrick Fannon, Stant Litore, Thomas A Fowler

Authors will be available to sell their books, provide autographs, and visit with fans.

AUTHOR READINGS – 15 MIN

Friday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Kings Landing

Aaron Michael Ritchey, Owen Wears, Travis Heermann

Friday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Kings Landing

Cersilla Wolf, J.D. Harpley, Stant Litore

Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Serenity

Ian Thomas Healy, Paul Lell, Scott Beckman

Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, The Shire

Amalie Howard, Melissa Koons, Scott Beckman

Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Aaron Spriggs, Colin Heintze, Veronica R. Calisto

Saturday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Kings Landing

Courtney Farrell, Jason Henry Evans, Richard E. Friesen

BETTER HALVES:

SPOTLIGHTING THE SIDEKICKS

Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Kings Landing

James A. Hunter, Christopher M. Salas, E. Godhand

Who are the best sidekicks and why do they work so well? What is the sidekick's role in a story? How to write them well, give them moments to shine without upstaging the protagonist.

BLANKET FORTS (ADULTS)

Friday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, The Shire

Saturday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Room of Requirement
Blankets, coloring books, and stuffed animals. Wind down the night, make a fort, and relax. Adults and calm teens only please.

BLANKET FORTS (ALL AGES)

Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, The Shire

Remember how much fun it was to make forts in the livingroom with couch cushions? Let's do it again! This time we'll be using blankets and tables to take us on our imagination journey to the ocean or stars – wherever we want to go!

NOTE: Moderators listed first, where applicable.

Sessions & Panels

BODY IMAGE: SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY

Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Serenity

**J.D. Harrison, Jacqueline Koyanagi,
Kim Klimek**

Delve into body image and how sci-fi and fantasy have paved the way and also hindered progress.

BRICK BUILDING BLAST (LEGOS)

Sunday, 10:00 AM-11:50 AM, Serenity

Willm Ryan

Hundreds of bricks will be available for the brave builder. Adults and attended kids are welcome to come and create with us, but they should be old enough to not choke on small parts.

BUILDING & CULTIVATING YOUR CREATIVE COMMUNITY

Friday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Helms Deep

**Melanie Unruh, Sarin Tatroe,
Stace Johnson, Veronica R. Calisto**

How do you find people with shared creative energies to build community that helps you grow as an artist, author, musician, crafter, etc? Learn how others have found and built safe, creative communities and helped one another thrive.

BUILDING THE PERFECT PLOT

Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Room of Requirement

**James A. Hunter, Colin Heintze,
Jacqueline Koyanagi, Scott Beckman**

Want to write a great story with a killer plot? Learn how authors compose a great plot. We'll discuss the Hero's Journey and other tropes.

CATASTROPHIC SEASONAL CLIMATES IN GAME OF THRONES

Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Kings Landing

Aaron Michael Ritchey, Jason Henry Evans

If "winter is coming" just when will it arrive? How do the maesters predict the seasons and how long they will last. Modern science knows, do you?

CHAINMAILLE 101

Saturday, 12:00 PM-1:50 PM, Gallifrey

Billy Van Ark

Learn the basics of making chainmaille. We'll cover the tools of the trade (pliers, rings, and patterns), and learn how to make a simple piece of maille that you'll take home with you!

CHAINMAILLE 102

Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Room of Requirement

Billy Van Ark

Chainmaille harder. If you have prior experience, or attended Chainmaille 101, this class is for you!

CHARACTER FOCUSED STORYTELLING

Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, The Shire

**Eneaszb Brodski, Aaron Michael Ritchey,
Brianna Shrum, Catherine Winters,
Melissa Koons**

Theme, action, plot, or character driven; what do these mean, and what does character focused storytelling look like?

CHARACTERS: WHO, NOT WHAT

Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Kings Landing

**Vivian Caethe, A.M. Burns, Amalie
Howard, E. Godhand**

When writing characters not like ourselves, we can mistakenly think that stereotypes represent the diversity they are striving for. Learn what stereotypes and tropes exist, and how they can be challenged to write better diverse characters!

CHEWIE, WE'RE HOME: SEQUELS AND REMAKES

Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Kings Landing

Andrew Hallam, Ian Brazee-Cannon

Can sequels/remakes ever be as good as the original? From Avengers to Star Trek to Star Wars we've been let down over and over again. What does it take to supersede the original?

CLOSING CEREMONIES

Sunday, 4:00 PM-4:30 PM, Terre d'Ange

**Jacqueline Carey, Jim Humble,
Nikki Ebright**

Come recap the weekend, relive the highlights, hear a few closing words from some of our guests, and say goodbye.

COMMISSION WORK: DESIGNING OTHERS' VISIONS

Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Kings Landing

Tawny Fritz, Owen Wears

Why is it so hard to design for someone else's vision? Why have some of us given up on commission work all together?

Sessions & Panels

COPING WITH CHARACTER DEATHS

Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Thomas A Fowler, Losing Lara

Do you watch movies and TV shows, or read books, comics, etc, only to have your heart ripped out when your favorite character DIES? This panel is for you! Bring your own tissues.

CORSETS Q&A: TIGHTLACING, WAIST TRAINING, AND MYTHS

Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Cynthia Settje, Amy Griswold,

Jason Henry Evans

We'll answer questions about corsets, materials, fit, construction, what to look for when buying, as well as addressing common myths.

COSTUME CONTEST

Saturday, 7:30 PM-8:20 PM, Terre d'Ange

Erin Card, Cynthia Settje,

Dame Ursula Whiffenpott

Join host as entrants show off their fabulous and creative costumes and are judged by our panel of special guests.

COSTUMING 101

Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Jason Henry Evans, Ana MacDonell,

Charles Orndorff, Melanie Unruh,

Tauni Orndorff

How do you get into costuming and cosplay? How to decide what to make, how to make it, and how to take care of yourself and others while in costume. Great for beginners and those in a rut that need a little push back into the hobby!

COSTUMING FOR EVERYBODY

Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Amy Griswold, J.D. Harpley

A detailed look into proper proportioning of your costume to fit any and all body types. If you are lost at how to take your costume from "eh" to "Wow!" the hidden secret is proper proportion!

CREATING A WRITING SYSTEM

Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, The Shire

Jacqueline Koyanagi, Lou J Berger,

Noelle Alladania Meade

Few authors have the luxury of a full-time writing income. Discover ways to establish a writing life that works for your lifestyle.

CREATING MULTI-CULTURAL STEAMPUNK CHARACTERS

Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Nevernever

Corie Weaver, Carolyn Kay, Chaz Kemp

Brainstorm a steampunk character that steps outside the normal upper-class British box. Audience participation is welcomed.

CREATING THE ANTI-HERO

Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Serenity

Owen Wears, Brianna Shrum,

Melissa Koons

Discussion group on creating anti-heroes, dark vigilantes, and others with super powers. Ages 18+

CREATIVITY ROUNDTABLE

Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Serenity

Chaz Kemp, Owen Wears, Sarin Tatroe

How do creatives do what we do? What drives us, inspires us, keeps us going when the muse has gone out for pizza and left us sitting at our desks... alone...in the dark.

CRITIQUE GROUPS: CARE & FEEDING W/O GETTING YOUR HAND BITTEN

Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Serenity

Aaron Spriggs, A.M. Burns, Amity Green

Many established authors recommend "the right" critique group for aspiring writers. What to look for and pitfalls to avoid. Be wary and wise by learning how to get yourself into the right company.

CROSSPLAY & GENDERBENDING: CROSS-GENDER COSTUMING

Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Helms Deep

Erin Card, Ana MacDonell,

Charles Orndorff, Tauni Orndorff

How do you approach cosplay when the character you love is a different gender or sex? Join the discussion on techniques for manipulating your body, or the character's look to fit yours.

DISCUSSING COMBAT IN SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY

Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Eneasz Brodski, Kal Spriggs, Paul Lell,

Vivian Caethe

The good, the bad, and the ugly scenes of combat and action in sci-fi and Fantasy, including the differences between games, movies, and literature.

Sessions & Panels

DISTOPIA RISING LARP

Saturday, 9:00 AM-10:50 AM, Terre d'Ange

Cory Williamsen

An introduction to the post-apocalypse setting for live action role playing.

DIVERSITY IN FANDOM

Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Serenity

Corie Weaver, Chaz Kemp,

Jason Henry Evans

Diversity is a buzzword, but what does it mean practically? How do Supernatural, Doctor Who, and Firefly work toward greater representation?

DOCTOR WHO DISCUSSION

Friday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, The Shire

Ian Brazee-Cannon, Andrew Hallam,

Tomas O'Dreams

Doctors, Companions, and TARDISEs, oh my! Discuss some of your favorite memories and moments from Doctor Who.

DRAW OFF (ART TRACK)

Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, The Shire

Jim Humble, Noelle Alladania Meade,

Sarin Tatroe

Artists are given a prompt from the audience and a time limit to draw a masterpiece. Ready, set, go!

ELECTRONICS IN COSTUMES & PROPS

Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Gallifrey

Paul Lell, Charles Orndorff, Erin Card,

Tauni Orndorff

See the possibilities of costume electronics and how to get started on your own projects!

EPIC RAP BATTLES OF LITERATURE!

Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Helms Deep

Thomas A Fowler, Jason Henry Evans,

Stace Johnson

Two teams go head to head in a rap battle where the topics are Harry Potter, Harry Dresden, Lord of the Rings, and more. Fight!

ESTABLISH YOUR BRAND

Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Helms Deep

Cynthia Settje, Peri Charlifu

Creating a brand can be a difficult yet crucial step. What marketing steps do you have to take to establish a brand? Learn how to research the market, develop a strategy, and create an actionable advertising plan.

ETHICS AND ART

Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Helms Deep

Peri Charlifu, Dame Ursula Whiffenpott,

Sarin Tatroe

How do ethics affect artists? We'll talk about pricing, copyright, idea theft, borrowing themes, payment, taxes, and how we treat each other!

FAERY TREASURE BAG – COLLECTION PRIZES

Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Kings Landing

Tomas O'Dreams, Nissa LaFete

Time to find out which treasures the Faeries treasure the most! Bring your Faerie bags and turn in your collections to win prizes!

FEEDING THE BEAST

Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Kings Landing

Scott Beckman, Amity Green,

Colin Heintze, Noelle Alladania Meade

Creating stories involves a lot of time seeing possibilities when you're not writing, drawing or working on your craft. Where do find ideas and how to you collect and refine ideas for story-telling

FEMINISM AND INCLUSIVENESS IN SCI-FI, FANTASY, & FANDOM

Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Terre d'Ange

Vivian Caethe, Jacqueline Carey,

Losing Lara, Veronica R. Calisto

SF/F has grown to be incredibly inclusive in some ways in the past five years or more. But there is still work to be done. What does that work look like and how can we personally make a difference?

Sessions & Panels

FIREFLY RPG: BROWNCOAT BREAKOUT

Friday, 9:00 PM-11:50 PM, Nevernever

Willm Ryan

Fair coin for a simple haul to help an old war buddy seemed too good to be true. Captain Clever Moran and the crew of former-Browncoats aboard the Plausible D couldn't afford to ask too many questions. Now they're catalyzer deep in conspiracy theories and Alliance-sized trouble. What is the secret of Station 88 and how is it tied to a lost patrol of Browncoat marines. The war is long over? Isn't it?

FREEDOM SQUADRON: THE NEW LEGENDS

Saturday, 9:00 AM-12:50 PM, Nevernever

Sean Patrick Fannon

Sean Patrick Fannon presents his latest Savage Worlds setting: Freedom Squadron. The forces of VENOM threaten the whole world, will you stand against them? Features the new Plans & Operations rules for global missions with all characters and all their skills. Rules taught, characters provided.

GAME OF THRONES: BEYOND THE BOOKS

Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Kings Landing

**Thomas A Fowler, Jason Henry Evans,
Tawny Fritz**

While TV show creators say they're still following major plot points from GRRM, they've deviated and condensed a lot. A general, audience-involved discussion by GoT lovers for GoT lovers to gossip about where the books and the series are heading.

GAMES AND FANDOM TIE-INS

Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Kings Landing

Layman Kingsford, Brett J Baker

More and more people are doing Kickstarters to fund the next brilliant game idea. Discuss game and module design, game mechanics, GMing, and media tie-in writing.

GEEK CRAFTS

Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Peri Charlifu, Noelle Alladania Meade

The panelists discuss what geeky crafts they have made and how they made them, like Jayne hats, stuffed TARDISes, and chainmaille shirts. Please bring things you've made to share with everyone!

GENDER REPRESENTATION IN FANDOM

Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Helms Deep

**Vivian Caethe, Aaron Michael Ritchey,
Melanie Unruh, Veronica R. Calisto**

People of all genders enjoy fandoms, but books, movies, and video games are generally not representative. What can we do?

GENRE MASH-UPS

Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Room of Requirement

**Colin Heintze, Ian Thomas Healy,
Richard E. Friesen**

Genres are not easily cut and dried. Where do genres collide, and what happens when they do?

GENTLE SUGGESTION: A THOUGHTFUL ART CRITIQUE

Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Kings Landing

Owen Wears, Chaz Kemp, Peri Charlifu

Come in for a rare opportunity to have your work critiqued in a safe and encouraging environment. No charge, but space is limited. Afterward artists are encouraged to view the art show and shmooze!

GET UP OFF THAT FLOOR

Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Helms Deep

Cynthia Settje, Erin Card

Tired of cutting on the floor? We'll show you clever ways to improve your costuming set up. Bring your questions and space challenges.

GET'R DONE: FIGHTING DAY JOBS

Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Kings Landing

**Amity Green, Aaron Spriggs,
Mason J. Torall, Scott Beckman**

How do writers and artists do it? The running joke about being starving artists isn't a joke. Finding time to write/do art and still have a day job, family, and manage working to pay the bills.

GOD MADE THE DEVIL TOO: VILLAINS

Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Helms Deep

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Carolyn Kay,
Paul Lell, Veronica R. Calisto**

What would Star Wars be without Darth Vader, Superman without Lex Luthor? A good villain is vital to an interesting conflict. The more evil and nefarious, the better!

Sessions & Panels

GOING DOWN THE RESEARCH RABBIT HOLE

Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Room of Requirement

Aaron Spriggs, Amalie Howard, Jacqueline Koyanagi

Researching for a story or novel can be a Wonderland rabbit hole with no bottom. New writers often ask, how much research is enough? When should I stop? Should I stop?

GOING WITH THE FLOW

Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Serenity

Cersilla Wolf, Kim Klimek

Finding inspiration and balancing your job as a writer with your mundane job or other muggle responsibilities.

GRIMM AFTER DARK

Saturday, 8:30 PM-9:20 PM, Terre d'Ange

Tomas O'Dreams, Nissa LaFete

The darker side of fairytales. The early works of the Brothers Grimm often illustrate the harshness of life and how not all the endings are happy. PG-13

HARRY POTTER HOUSE FEUD

Friday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Ana MacDonell, Eddie Cross, Pam Walker

A Harry Potter twist on the TV show Family Feud. Bring your House team, and be ready to win points for your Hourglass. Never tickle a sleeping dragon!

HATS TO SPATS

Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, The Shire

Melanie Unruh, Amy Griswold, Mike Cervantes

Dress accessories make the Genteel Steampunk. Ideas and resources for adding authenticity to your Neo-Victorian attire.

HEROES AND MONSTERS: WHAT SEPARATES THE TWO?

Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Helms Deep

Thomas A Fowler, Carolyn Kay, Corie Weaver, Travis Heermann

In modern and ancient times, there are figures who straddle the lines, being both monstrous and heroic. What separates the two; is monstrousness something characters are born to or do they have a choice; and are heroes those who are born to it or do they transcend their own monstrousness to become great.

HOW MUCH IS THAT DRAGON IN THE WINDOW?

Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Nevernever

Melanie Unruh, Chaz Kemp, Peri Charlifu

How do you come up with a price for your work? Pricing strategies, marketing tools and tricks, and secrets from artists you love.

HOW NOT TO GET PUBLISHED

Friday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Serenity

J.D. Harpley, J.L. Forrest, Lou J Berger

What are some of the pitfalls involved in the pursuit of a writing career; what are some of the gotchas and consequences? Authors talk about their experiences and, in some cases, how they've shot themselves in the foot.

HOW TO BE A BETTER ROLEPLAYER

Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Nevernever

Jason Henry Evans, Brett J Baker

How to be a better roleplayer. Humorously covering everything from being an active player, to types of gamers, to not being a jerk.

HOW TO EFFECTIVELY RUN AN RPG

Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Nevernever

Mason J. Torall, Layman Kingsford, Sean Patrick Fannon

Have you ever run a game that fell apart or left folks wanting? Have you had players arguing during combat about rules? Or just curious about how to run a great campaign? We can help!

HOW TO KILL YOUR BEST FRIENDS (AND GET AWAY WITH IT)

Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Helms Deep

Catherine Winters, Melissa Koons, Paul Lell, Scott Beckman

GRRM isn't the first to kill beloved characters, but arguably he made it fashionable. When is it ok to drop a piano on protagonists and their sidekicks? How can you do it so it draws your fans in instead of pushing them away?

HOW TO WRITE CIRCULAR GALLIFREYAN

Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Nevernever

Billy Van Ark

Come learn how to write like a Time Lord using the fan-created Circular Gallifreyan.

Sessions & Panels

I WROTE SOMETHING! NOW WHAT?

Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Serenity

**Catherine Winters, A.M. Burns,
Amalie Howard, J.D. Harrison**

Writing isn't the only skill a writer needs in this day and age. We need to understand business, presentation, and sales. Once the book is finished and ready to sell, how do you get the word out?

INSIDE MIDDLE EARTH

Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, The Shire

Brian Ziman, Andrew Hallam

Dig deep into the details of the books by JRR Tolkien, including why the eagles didn't just fly the Hobbits to Mt. Doom.

INVENT IMAGINARY RELIGIONS FOR AN IMAGINARY WORLD

Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Helms Deep

Stant Litore

In your imaginary world, what do people worship and why, and how does this drive your characters and your story? Come invent some religions!

IS DIGITAL ART CHEATING?

Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Gallifrey

Jim Humble, Peri Charlifu, Tawny Fritz

Art trends seem to be in the digital medium. Is push-button art cheating, or is there more to it? Can a monkey do digital art, or does it still take skill, knowledge, and creativity?

IS IT TRUE YOU ALWAYS HAVE STORY IDEAS?

Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, The Shire

**Brianna Shrum, Colin Heintze,
Mike Cervantes**

Panelists quickly come up with story based on audience suggestions.

IT AIN'T THE WRITING, IT'S THE REWRITING: POWER OF REVISION

Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Helms Deep

Stant Litore, Colin Heintze, Dylan Edwards

Few first drafts are gold dripped upon the page, so how do we make them so?

IT'S ALIVE!

Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Kings Landing

Courtney Farrell, Richard E. Friesen

Bringing fantastical creatures to life in your urban fantasy story. What are the challenges, and how do you match the fantasy with a real urban setting?

JACQUELINE CAREY Q & A

Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Terre d'Ange

Jacqueline Carey

Question and answer session with Jacqueline Carey. Ask her questions, and she may or may not answer them!

KARAOKE ROULETTE

Friday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Serenity

**Sean Patrick Fannon, Brianna Shrum,
Dame Ursula Whiffenpott**

The machine has a mind of its own! Come and see what song pops up and jump in!

LEARN TO LOVE YOUR WRITING

Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Room of Requirement

**Catherine Winters, Bryan Fields,
Mike Cervantes**

Everyone is their own worst critic. Stop worrying and love your writing: a motivational panel. How to stop hesitating because you feel your work isn't "good enough" and put words on the paper.

LEGO BUILD JUDGING

Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Serenity

How did they do? Come see the results of the 2 hour Brick Building Blast! (page 22)

LINKING PRO AND FAN

Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Kings Landing

Sean Patrick Fannon, Scott Crosson

Creator, Content, Community, and Consumer - the Four C's. We'll discuss the fluid and dynamic nature of today's creative world, and how these changes impact professional creators and the fans.

LIVING A CREATIVE LIFE WITH A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, The Shire

Noelle Alladania Meade

Any child is a full time commitment, but raising a child with special needs requires something extra. How do you balance your child's needs with feeding your creative soul?

Sessions & Panels

LOTR: DIGGING DEEPER

Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, The Shire

**Andrew Hallam, Brian Ziman,
Jason Henry Evans**

Discussion about various themes in Lord of the Rings, including: orphans, Entwives, anti-heroes and the roles of the children of Elrond.

LOTR: MYTH OR MYTHOPOETIC

Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Helms Deep

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Andrew Hallam,
Stace Johnson**

Tolkien's works are often referred to as modern myth, but are actually mythopoetic. Our panelists explain the difference and how Tolkien fits in.

LOSING LARA PERFORMANCE

Friday, 5:30 PM-6:30 PM, Terre d'Ange

Losing Lara

Come get lost in listening to wizard rock (Harry Potter), Firefly, and other nerdy themed music performed by Losing Lara!

MAGICAL ABILITIES IN FICTION

Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Brian Ziman, Courtney Farrell

Discussion concerning various fantasy fiction, and the reality of the magical abilities presented, such as crystal ball readings, tarot, and magical wands.

MAKE & TAKE: BROOMSTICK PENCIL

Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Nevernever

Sarin Tatroe

Learn how to make your own pencil-sized broomstick in this hands-on session. (Materials provided by Shiny Garden).

MAKE & TAKE: WAND, STAFF, & ROD

Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Kings Landing

Sarin Tatroe

Make your own wizard wand, short staff or blasting rod. No cost; materials provided by Shiny Garden. (Magic not included.)

MAKING HEROINES EVEN BETTER

Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Terre d'Ange

**Thomas A Fowler, Carolyn Kay,
Corie Weaver, Tawny Fritz**

Jupiter Rising, Mad Max: Fury Road, and the new Ghostbusters. What did they get right and how they could have been done better.

MARIAN CALL PERFORMANCES – MUSICAL GUEST OF HONOR

Friday, 8:30 PM-9:30 PM, Terre d'Ange

Saturday, 10:00 PM-11:00 PM, Terre d'Ange

Sunday, 1:30 PM-2:20 PM, Terre d'Ange

Marian Call

Come see live performances by our Music Guest of Honor! Marian Call's sound has been described as soulful, honest, and clever, by turns humorous and heartbreaking.

MARKETING FOR WRITERS

Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Thomas A Fowler, Dylan Edwards

Don't publishers handle all that marketing mumbo jumbo? In this booming era of indie authors, hybrids, and small presses, what does it take to get your name out there? How does a writer market him or herself?

MERGING STEAMPUNK & FANTASY

Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, The Shire

**Jason Henry Evans, Bryan Fields,
Chaz Kemp, Tonya L. De Marco**

A discussion on laying the ground work for creating a believable world using the elements of both Steampunk and fantasy.

MIXED GENRE AUTHORS & WRITING

Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, The Shire

A.M. Burns, Cersilla Wolf, J.L. Forrest

What are the ups and downs of being a cross-genre author? It's not all roses, but its also not eating the same burger day after day after day.

MODESTY IN COSPLAY: DON'T HAVE TO SHOW A LOT OF SKIN

Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Room of Requirement

Amy Griswold, Carolyn Kay, Cynthia Settje

A discussion on ways to modify your costumes for your comfort level.

MOMENTS ONLY AN ARTIST CAN RELATE TO

Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Helms Deep

Melanie Unruh, Jim Humble, Tawny Fritz

We all have moments that only artists can really relate to, let's air some dirty laundry for an audience and talk about the worst, the best, and the weirdest things that have happened to us.

Sessions & Panels

MY LITTLE PONY FASHION

Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Serenity

Tonya L. De Marco, J.D. Harpley

What will you wear for the Grand Galloping Gala? We'll show you creative ways to create the perfect My Little Pony costume for adults and children.

NEW AUTHORS ANONYMOUS

Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Nevernever

Cersilla Wolf, J.D. Harrison

Talk about what it's like as a newbie in this crazy publishing world.

NOTABLE HISTORICAL WOMEN AUTHORS

Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Nevernever

Corie Weaver, Kim Klimek

Learn about great historical women authors - some you may know and love, and some who may be new to you.

OPEN FILKING

Saturday, 8:00 PM-12:00 AM, Nevernever

Folk music, often with a sci fi or fantasy theme, played casually in a round-robin style. Bring an instrument if you have one, your voice as well, and a good sense of humor doesn't hurt.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Friday, 6:30 PM-6:55 PM, Terre d'Ange

Jacqueline Carey, Jim Humble, Marian Call, Nikki Ebright

Organizer Nikki Ebright welcomes everyone and introduces this year's Guests of Honor.

OVERCOMING CREATIVE FEARS

Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, The Shire

Sarin Tatroe, James A. Hunter, Travis Heermann

There is a time when you have to introduce your work to the world; learn to overcome a common, harrowing experience for every creative person.

OW, MY SPLEEN!

Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, The Shire

Dylan Edwards, Courtney Farrell, Lou J Berger

Too often in stories, characters undergo severe physical trauma, only to undertake heroic acts in the following scenes. How do you write realistic fiction where your characters are injured?

PITCHING TO THE EDITOR

Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Nevernever

Dylan Edwards, Brett J Baker, Christopher M. Salas

Want to pitch your next great novel in a flash? Learn how from pros who have been there.

PITFALLS OF THE STRONG FEMALE CHARACTER

Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Serenity

Veronica R. Calisto, Amity Green, Catherine Winters, Noelle Meade

Feminine strength is more than the assassin or the Chosen One built to kill all of the vampires. We will explore tropes and stereotypes of the way strength and females intertwine in our stories and media.

POLYAMORY & NON-MONOGAMY IN SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Terre d'Ange

Jacqueline Koyanagi, Stace Johnson, Vivian Caethe

Panelists will review SFF genre fiction throughout the decades with non-monogamous and polyamorous themes and how they have influenced current lifestyle trends.

PURSUING YOUR DREAMS IN WRITING, ART & EVERYTHING ELSE

Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Sarin Tatroe, J.L. Forrest, Mike Cervantes

How to go for your dreams despite all of the good advice that wants to stop you. Move beyond the pit falls and deal with discouragement. Learn to put your dreams into action and stay happy.

QUILTBAG CHARACTERS & STORIES

Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Helms Deep

A.M. Burns, J.D. Harpley, J.L. Forrest

Write diverse character genders and sexualities that readers and viewers can connect with.

RELATABLE AND INTERESTING CHARACTERS

Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Serenity

J.D. Harpley, Christopher M. Salas

Writing fictional worlds means creating characters and situations to keep the reader engaged, but where is the balance between larger-than-life characters that are relatable yet interesting.

Sessions & Panels

RELATIONSHIP, SEXUAL, AND GENDER DIVERSITY IN FANDOMS

Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Helms Deep

Veronica R. Calisto, Catherine Winters, Layman Kingsford, Stace Johnson, Tawny Fritz

Sometimes representation of diverse relationships styles, sexualities, and genders is overt in fandoms, and other times they are fan created. What are some examples of non-cis/heterosexual/monoamorous relationships we see and are these characters authentic and fairly represented?

RELIGION IN SCI-FI & FANTASY OUTSIDE THE WESTERN WORLD

Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Gallifrey

Jacqueline Carey, Kim Klimek, Stant Litore

What if the galaxy was explored by Islamic researchers? What if the next epic fantasy you read is set in Aztec Mexico? Speculative fiction is our chance to explore the cosmos through very different eyes than our own -- and not just extraterrestrial or elven ones!

REWRITING HISTORY WITH THE LIVING DEAD

Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Helms Deep

Stant Litore, Christopher M. Salas

What if the zombie plague has been a recurring phenomenon throughout the centuries? Alternate history gurus will lead you through an interactive imaginative exercise based on that premise!

RPG WORLD-BUILDING

Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Serenity

Brett J Baker, J.D. Harpley

Covering everything from how to craft your own gameworld and where your player characters fit into it, to the dos and don'ts of world-building to common tropes that appear across genres.

SCIENCE FICTION V. SCIENCE FACT

Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Kings Landing

Brian Ziman, Mason J. Torall, Richard E. Friesen

Discussion of how sci-fi influences real world tech; and how real world tech is incorporated into fiction; and how to keep your science and tech plausible, or at least believable.

SELF DEFENSE AGAINST THE DARK ARTS

Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Terre d'Ange

Galen Pereira, Courtney Farrell

Learn some self defense moves to keep in your back pocket in case you're attacked by dementors, werewolves, or ministry officials.

SELF PUBLISHING (PRINT & EBOOK)

Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Serenity

A.M. Burns, Mason J. Torall, Travis Heermann

So many options! How do you choose the best company to work with and how do you actually make it happen, in physical form and electronically?

SERENITY V. FIREFLY: THE AUDIENCE QUIZ BOWL GAME

Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Helms Deep

Ana MacDonell, Pam Walker, Stace Johnson

Do you know more about Serenity and Firefly than your friends? Now is your chance to find out how much you know in this fun, family-friendly game where knowledge is pitted against recall speed.

SEVERUS SNAPE: IT'S ALL ABOUT ME

Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Kings Landing

Losing Lara

People debate if Snape was good or bad, but what if he didn't care about Dumbledore or The Dark Lord. What if it was just all about his personal interests, and the rest was just window dressing?

SEXY IN SCIENCE FICTION

Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Kings Landing

Catherine Winters, Eneaszi Brodski, Vivian Caethe

Love and sex are essential elements in any story. How these scenes in popular science fiction and fantasy can help you create more robust stories with fully fleshed-out characters.

SHINY GARDEN AND NEW EVENTS

Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, The Shire

Shiny Garden Board & Staff

Learn about Shiny Garden and our new events: WhimsyCon: our steampunk and costuming convention. HexaCon: our tabletop gaming convention. Plus Westercon: a traveling convention that we are hosting in Denver in 2018.

Sessions & Panels

SO CHARMING, NOT CREEPY

Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Layman Kingsford, Sandra Wheeler

Make your convention experience better by learning how to approach people without being a creep. A discussion on etiquette, consent, common sense and enjoying fandom with respect. Share your experiences with good and bad interactions.

SO YOU WANT TO TURN YOUR HOBBY INTO A BUSINESS?

Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Helms Deep

Lou J Berger, Brett J Baker, Sean Patrick Fannon

There are plenty of hobbies in fiction fandom, from costumes to artwork to tea to writing to pretty much everything. How does one go about making a living or at least creating income with a hobby?

SPIRIT OF THE STEAMPUNK ERA

Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Serenity

Melanie Unruh, Scott Crosson

Absinthe rose and fell in the Belle Epoch, so it is naturally the favored refreshment of Steampunks. Discussions for writers and imbibers.

STEVEN UNIVERSE PANEL

Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, The Shire

Vivian Caethe, Losing Lara

Steven Universe is awesome and we should all talk about it! Come join the discussion.

STICKING THE LANDING: HOW TO END YOUR

Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Room of Requirement

Scott Beckman, Brianna Shrum, James A. Hunter, Travis Heermann

Why do some endings leave a lasting impact and others just fizzle?

STORY IN AN HOUR

Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Helms Deep

Richard E. Friesen, Courtney Farrell, Ian Brazee-Cannon

Panelists and the audience will collaborate in a one-hour fun adventure, outlining a new story together.

STORYTELLING VIA SONGWRITING

Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Helms Deep

Losing Lara, Seth Phillips

Sometimes the muse hits us with tunes and lyrics, and our geeky and musical sides combine. Let's talk about geek-themed music, including specific genres such as wizard rock/wrock.

STORYTELLING WITH TOMAS O'DREAMS & NISSA LAFETE

Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Kings Landing

Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Kings Landing

Tomas O'Dreams, Nissa LaFete

Tomas O'Dreams and Nissa Of LaFete and their faerie friends brought stories from near and far to the Faerie Court. Now let them treat you! Be sure to catch this leprechaun and his faerie companions for myths, magic, and merriment for all ages!

STRONG FEMALE CHARACTERS IN HARRY POTTER

Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Nevernever

Losing Lara, Corie Weaver

Let's investigate how the female characters at Hogwarts uniquely frame, shape, and drive the story based on their unique perspective on the way women interact with the world.

SUPERHEROES: MYTHS & LEGENDS OF THE MODERN AGE

Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Kings Landing

Andrew Hallam, Veronica R. Calisto

From Hercules and Coyote to Batman and Deadpool, the superhero has always existed in some form in the cultural roots of the world. Discussion to include why humans need these characters in our collective consciousness.

SYMPATHETIC VILLAINS

Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Serenity

Travis Heermann, Carolyn Kay, Eneasz Brodski, Kal Spriggs

The old Master was patently evil, a nasty curmudgeon with nefarious design while the new Masters were made into sympathetic villains of galactic proportions. We root for Doctor Horrible over the good guy Captain Hammer. How does this change our view of villains?

Sessions & Panels

TAI CHI SESSIONS

Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Kings Landing

Saturday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Serenity

Galen Pereira

Tai chi is known for both defense training as well as its health benefits. All ages and abilities.

TEA DUELING

Saturday, 10:00 AM-11:50 AM, Gallifrey

Melanie Unruh

Hoist your biscuits and prepare to duel in the spirited Sudden Death Tea Dueling Tournament.

Host: the Denver Victorian & Steampunk Society.

THE MUSE AND THE DEVIL

Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, The Shire

Melanie Unruh, Jim Humble, Kal Spriggs, Sarin Tatroe

Where do artists get their inspiration and ideas? Why don't some of our best ideas sell? How does inspiration hit and how do you ignite that spark?

THE NEW WHO

Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Scott Crosson

Dr Who is going to change in the next few years, not only with a new Doctor, but the leadership of the show is changing. How will this affect the longest running Science Fiction show in history?

THE PRICE OF MAGIC

Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Serenity

Amity Green, Kal Spriggs, Mason J. Torall, Veronica R. Calisto

For magic to mean anything, it has to cost something. What happens when the price must be paid? What happens if there is no cost for magic?

THINGS YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE

Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Room of Requirement

Stant Litore, Bryan Fields

True stories about writing gaffs, fan interactions, con experiences, and anything else we'll admit to. Names changed to protect the (guilty, innocent)

TIME FOR A FEMALE WHO!

Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Gallifrey

Ian Brazee-Cannon

The BBC announced Jodie Whittaker as the new Doctor. The Mistress/Master is a living legend; what will be some of the impacts to Whovians?

TO SELF PUBLISH OR NOT: HOW HARD IS IT, REALLY?

Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Serenity

Thomas A Fowler, Aaron Michael Ritchey, Dylan Edwards, Ian Thomas Healy, James A. Hunter, Melissa Koons

What does it take to transform your beloved manuscript from a standard manuscript to print and eBooks formats and get it out for purchase?

TOLKIEN'S INFLUENCE ON ART AND IMAGINATION

Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, The Shire

Aaron Michael Ritchey, Andrew Hallam

How/why Tolkien became inspiration for artists and fans alike. Audience participation encouraged.

TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS OF SHORT FICTION

Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Kings Landing

Owen Wears, J.D. Harpley,

Tonya L. De Marco

Discuss what it's like to work the short fiction market, from getting into Gratis Anthologies all the way up to Pro sales. How do you climb that ladder, and what's the fastest route into the big leagues?

TRIVIA FOR GEEKS!

Saturday, 8:00 PM-9:50 PM, Room of Requirement

Peri Charlifu

Join Peri Charlifu and Lee Moody as they put you through the ringer, testing your knowledge of various fandoms in all its various forms. Compete with other self-proclaimed fans for prizes and the chance to show them who the real fan is!

TROPE IF YOU WANT TO

Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, The Shire

Amalie Howard, Bryan Fields, Kal Spriggs

So you want to write about pirates? Or aliens? Superheroes? Wizards? Secret agents? Just because a genre has already been beaten to death doesn't mean you can't offer something unique.

TWIN PEAKS

Saturday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Helms Deep

Aaron Michael Ritchey, Tonya L. De Marco

After over 25 years, Season 3 is in production. A lively discussion of this surreal masterpiece, its cultural significance, and its enduring appeal.

Sessions & Panels

UNDERSTANDING AMAZON

Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Room of Requirement

James A. Hunter

Amazon is the largest distribution platform for independent authors. How do you get discovered, stand out, and make a profit?

UNSUNG VILLAINESSES & HERIONES OF FANDOM

Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Serenity

Bryan Fields, Stace Johnson,

Tonya L. De Marco

Starting with Professor McGonagall, who are the great unsung heroines and villainesses of fandom?

VERSE IN THE 'VERSE: FIREFLY UNIVERSE POETRY

Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Kings Landing

Stace Johnson, Bryan Fields

Readings of fan poetry, impromptu Firefly poetry, and any poetry based on Firefly topics. Bring one to share or provide prompts to the panelists.

VIP SPEED DATING

Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Terre d'Ange

Jacqueline Carey, Jim Humble, Losing Lara, Marian Call, Nissa LaFete, Seth Phillips, Tomas O'Dreams

A FREE gathering of fans where the VIP and special guests visit YOUR tables just to meet YOU. Meet Jacqueline Carey, Jim Humble, Marian Call, and many more!

WATTPAD 101

Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Serenity

E. Godhand

Wattpad is the largest reading and writing app where authors can publish their works (for free) to gain visibility, feedback, a connection with fans, and a sense of community with other creatives.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY FIRST MANUSCRIPT?

Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, The Shire

Lou J Berger, Ian Thomas Healy,

J.D. Harrison

Once written, what should I do with my book? Where do I start, what decisions need to be made, and what are some common pitfalls to newbies?

WHEN THEY TELL YOU THEY'RE TOO OLD OR TOO YOUNG

Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Kings Landing

Corie Weaver, Melissa Koons,

Mike Cervantes

Some YA literature addresses topics beyond the YA audience (Hunger Games, Twilight), but does this mean they aren't for adult readers?

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE WHO?

Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Serenity

Ian Brazee-Cannon

With a new Doctor on the loose, let's look at the ones who came before. Who are your favorites?

WISH YOU WERE THERE: WORLDBUILDING

Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, The Shire

Veronica R. Calisto, Amalie Howard,

Sean Patrick Fannon, Stace Johnson

There are two kinds of worldbuilding: the kind that describes the story's world, and the kind that makes you wish you were there. Authors discuss the difference, and offer tips and techniques to help you bring your own fictional worlds to life.

WRITE CHARACTERS YOUR READERS WON'T FORGET – PART I

Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Helms Deep

Stant Litore

Unbury your character's history.

WRITE CHARACTERS YOUR READERS WON'T FORGET – PART II

Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Helms Deep

Stant Litore

Write unforgettable dialogue.

WRITE CHARACTERS YOUR READERS WON'T FORGET – PART III

Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Helms Deep

Stant Litore

Explore the character arc tool.



Sessions & Panels

WRITING ANIMALS IN FICTION

Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Helms Deep

J.D. Harrison, A.M. Burns, Nancy Kay Clark

How far can a horse really travel? Does a rider really guide a horse with her knees? Do dogs and cats think like us, or do they even like us? How do we portray animal movement and behavior realistically in fiction?

WRITING COMBAT IN SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY

Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Room of Requirement

**Owen Wears, Amalie Howard,
James A. Hunter, Kal Spriggs,
Travis Heermann**

What works (and doesn't) in books and media. A friendly discussion about violence, bloodshed, what makes a fight scene realistic, and examples.

WRITING FROM LIFE'S LESSONS

Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Serenity

Amity Green, E. Godhand, Melissa Koons

How does life experience impact your craft?

WRITING HISTORICALLY: MEDIEVAL & ANCIENT CULTURES

Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Terre d'Ange

**Jacqueline Carey, Stant Litore,
Vivian Caethe**

We weren't there, but we want to make our readers feel like they are. How do we manage that to accurately and adequately set the stage? Learn how much research is necessary, how much is too much, and where to go to get the best sources.

WRITING IN THE 21ST CENTURY: WHAT CAN WE DO NOW THAT WE COULDN'T DO BEFORE?

Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, The Shire

**Richard E. Friesen, Cersilla Wolf,
Courtney Farrell, Lou J Berger**

Are there topics, characters, or situations that we can write about now that were taboo or forbidden in the past?

WRITING JOBS THAT AREN'T WRITING FICTION

Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Serenity

**Sandra Wheeler, Courtney Farrell,
Lou J Berger, Thomas A Fowler,
Vivian Caethe**

Learn about growing fields of writing outside of writing fiction that will grow your skills as a writer and pay above minimum wage.

WRITING SYSTEMS OF GALLIFREY

Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Nevernever

Scott Crosson, Billy Van Ark

Gallifreyan writing systems have appeared on screen many times over the years. When do we see them, and what do they look like?

WRITING THE STORY IS THE EASIEST PART!

Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Kings Landing

**James A. Hunter, J.D. Harpley,
Mason J. Torall, Richard E. Friesen**

Panelists discuss tales and compare the indie and traditional publishing worlds.

WRITING THE SUPERNATURAL

Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, The Shire

**E. Godhand, Christopher M. Salas,
James A. Hunter**

How can we make tropes like ghosts, vampires, and werewolves appeal to audiences who have had their fill? What constitutes writing about the supernatural and what can authors do to pep up the characters and brighten up the tropes?

YULE BALL IN THE FALL

Saturday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Terre d'Ange

After enjoying the gorgeous warm, whimsical, and wonderful repertoire of Marian Call, it's time to get on your feet! Put your wands in the air like you just don't care! Dress up or down while we dream of cooler winter weather. Friendly to witches and wizards of all ages.

ZERO DAY EXPLOITS BAND

Friday, 10:00 PM-11:00 PM, Terre d'Ange

Zero Day Exploits, Seth Phillips

Longmont geek-band, Zero Day Exploits, performs their original fun and geeky music!



Friday Sessions & Panels

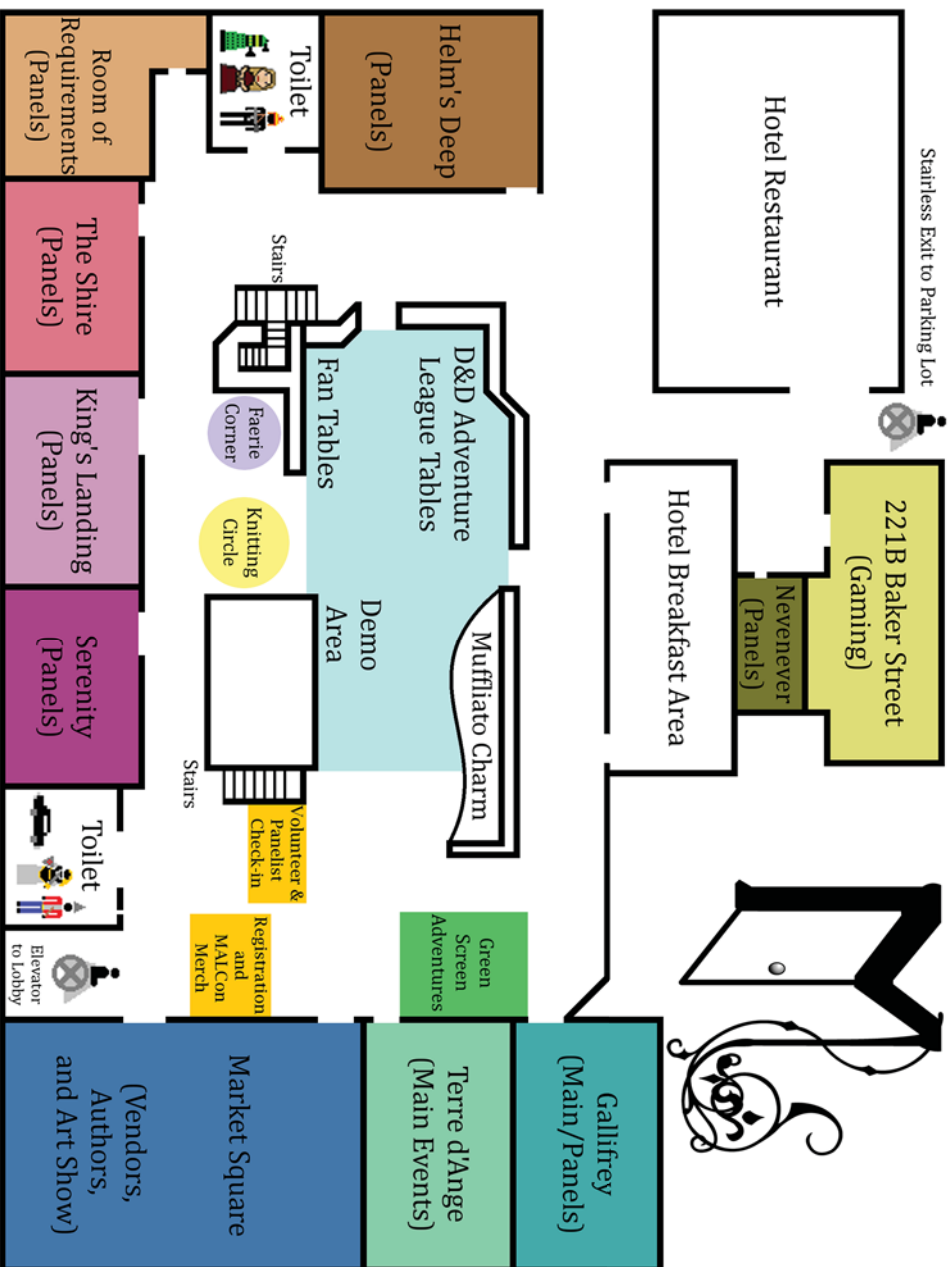
	Terre d'Ange	Serenity	Kings Landing	The Shire	Room of Requirement	Holms Deep	Nevernever
5:00 pm		Unsung Villainesses and Heroines of Fandom	Writing the story is the easiest part!	Tolkien's Influence on Art and Imagination	So Charming, Not Creepy	So You Want to Turn Your Hobby Into a Business	
5:30 pm	Losing Lara Performance						
6:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies						
6:30 pm							
7:00 pm	VIP Speed Dating	RPG World-Building	Gentle Suggestion: A Thoughtful Art Critique	What to Do With That First Manuscript	Building the Perfect Plot	God Made the Devil Too: Williams	
7:30 pm							
8:00 pm		Creativity Roundtable	Superheroes: Myths and Legends of the Modern Age	Character Focused Storytelling	Geek Crafts	Rewriting History with the Living Dead	How to be a better Roleplayer
8:30 pm	Marian Call - Musical GOH						
9:00 pm	The Spirit of the Steampunk Era		Chewie, We're Home: Sequels and Remakes	Writing the Supernatural	Magical Abilities in Fiction: Fact or Fiction	Invent Imaginary Religions for an Imaginary World	
9:30 pm							
10:00 pm	Zero Day Exploits band	How Not to Get Published	Author Readings (15 min each)	Doctor Who Discussion	Harry Potter House Feud	Building and Cultivating Your Creative Community	Firefly RPG: Browncoat Breakout
10:30 pm							
11:00 pm		Karaoke Roulette	Author Readings (15 min each)	Blanket Forts (adult session)			
11:30 pm							

Saturday Sessions & Panels

	Gallifrey	Terre d'Ange	Serenity	Kings Landing	The Shire	Room of Requirement	Holms Deep	Nevernever
9:00 am	Time for a Female Who?		To Self Pub or Not: Is It Really Easy?	Tai Chi Session	Merging Steampunk and Fantasy	Going Down the Research Rabbit Hole	Write Characters Your Readers Won't Forget - Part I	
9:30 am		Distopia Rising LARP						
10:00 am			Who's Your Favorite Who?	Trials and Triumphs of Short Fiction	Blanket Forts (all ages)	Modesty in Cosplay: Don't Have to Show a Lot of Skin	It Ain't the Writing, It's the Rewriting: The Power...	Freedom Squadron: The New Legends
10:30 am	Tea Dueling							
11:00 am		3D Printing in Costuming	Diversity in Fandom	Characters Are Who, Not What	Inside Middle Earth	Sticking the Landing: How to End Your	Storytelling via Songwriting	
11:30 am								
12:00 pm			Writing from Life's Lessons	It's Alive!	Mixed Genre Authors and Writing	Costuming 101	Heroes and Monsters: What Separates the Two?	
12:30 pm	Chainsmille 101							
1:00 pm			Going with the Flow	Storytelling with Tomas O'Dreams	Lord of the Rings: Digging Deeper	Writing Combat in Science Fiction & Fantasy	Moments Only an Artist Can Relate To	Pitching to the Editor
1:30 pm		Alliance LARP						
2:00 pm	Electronics in Costumes & Props		Sympathetic Villains	Feeding the Beast	Wish You Were There: Worldbuilding	Coping with Character Deaths	Write Characters Your Readers Won't Forget - Part II	New Authors Anonymous
2:30 pm								
3:00 pm	Is Digital Art Cheating?		I Wrote Something! Now What?	Science Fiction vs Science Fact	Living a Creative Life with a Child with Special Needs	Cosplay Q&A: Tightlacing, Waist Training, and...	Gender Representation in Fandom	Creating Multi-Cultural Steampunk Characters
3:30 pm								
4:00 pm	Religion in SFF Outside the Western World	Self Defense Against the Dark Arts	Author Readings (15 min each)	Game Of Thrones: The TV Show Beyond the Books	Trope if You Want To	Costuming for Every BODY	Serenity vs. Firefly: The Audience Quiz Bowl Game	Make a Broomstick Pencil Make-and-Take
4:30 pm								
5:00 pm			Pitfalls of the Strong Female Character	Severus Snape: It's all about Me	Author Readings (15 min each)	Discussing Combat in Science Fiction & Fantasy	Ask a Character	Writing Systems of Gallifrey
5:30 pm								
6:00 pm		Author Autograph Session	My Little Pony Fashion	Verses in the 'Verse: Poetry and the Firefly Universe	Draw Off (Art Track)	Understanding Amazon	Get Up Off That Floor	
6:30 pm								
7:00 pm			Critique Groups: Care and Feeding Without Getting...	Better Halves: Spotlighting the Sidekicks	Writing in the 21st Century: What can we do now that...	Pursuing Your Dreams in Writing, Art and everything...	Relationship, Sexual, and Gender Diversity in Fandoms	How to Write Circular Gallifreyan
7:30 pm		Costume Contest						
8:00 pm			Writing Jobs That Aren't Writing Fiction	Get's done: Fighting the Day Job	The Muse and the Devil	Trivia for Geeks!	Write Characters Your Readers Won't Forget - Part III	
8:30 pm		Grimm After Dark						
9:00 pm			The Price of Magic	Commission Work: Designing Others' Visions	Is It True You Always Have Story Ideas?		Epic Rap Battles of Literature!	Open Filking
9:30 pm								
10:00 pm		Music Guest of Honor Marian Call	Creating the Anti-Hero	Sexy in Science Fiction	Ow, My Spleen!	Author Readings (15 min each)	QUILT BAG Characters and Stories	
10:30 pm								
11:00 pm		Yule Ball in the Fall	Tai Chi Session - Relax before Bed	Author Readings (15 min each)		Blanket Forts (adult session)	Twin Peaks	
11:30 pm								

Sunday Sessions & Panels

	Terre d'Ange	Serenity	Kings Landing	The Shire	Room of Requirement	Holms Deep	Nevernever
9:00 am	Writing Historically - Medieval and Ancient Cultures	Wattpad 101: How to create fans before you publish...	Make a Wizard Wand, staff, blasting rod, etc...	Creating a Writing System	Learn to Love Your Writing	Establish Your Brand	Notable Historical Women Authors
9:30 am							
10:00 am	Polyamory and Non-monogamy in Science Fiction and...	Brick Building Blast (Legos etc)	Linking Pro and Fan	Ancient Inventions	Things You Wouldn't Believe	Writing Animals in Fiction	How Much is that Dragon in the Window
10:30 am							
11:00 am	Feminism and Inclusiveness in SFF and Fandom		Storytelling with Tomas O'Dreams	Hats to Spats	Chainsmille 102	Lord of the Rings: Myth or Mythopoeic	How to Effectively Run a Role Playing Game
11:30 am							
12:00 pm	Making Heroines Even Better	Lego Build Judging	Games and Fandom Tie Ins	Shirley Garden and New Events	Genre Mash-Ups	How to Kill Your Best Friends (And Get Away With It)	American Horror Story - deconstructing each season
12:30 pm							
1:00 pm			Catastrophic Seasonal Climates in Game of Thrones	Overcoming Creative Fears	Marketing for Writers	Crossplay & Genderbending: The Art of...	Strong Female Characters in Harry Potter
1:30 pm	Marian Call Concert	Body Image and Science Fiction & Fantasy					
2:00 pm		Relatable AND Interesting Characters	When They Tell You They're Too Old or Too Young	Steven Universe Panel	The New Who	Story in an Hour	
2:30 pm							
3:00 pm	Jacqueline Carey Q & A	Self publishing (Print and eBook)	Fairy Treasure Bag - Collection Prizes			Ethics and Art	
3:30 pm							
4:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies						
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