

# Myths and Legends Con 2019



There & Back Again

# 2019 Guests of Honor

## David J. Peterson



David J. Peterson is a language creator, writer, and author. He is best known for creating the Dothraki and Valyrian languages for HBO's *Game of Thrones*, but has also created languages for the CW's *The 100*, Syfy's *Defiance*, Marvel's *Thor: The Dark World*, Marvel's *Doctor Strange*, Netflix's *Bright*, and many others. He's the author of *Living Language Dothraki* and *The Art of Language Invention*, both from Penguin Random House, and he has a number of new projects on the horizon.

## Leslie Hudson

Leslie Hudson sings modern retellings of women's stories from ancient times to the present. Drawing on myth, folklore, spiritual and cultural traditions, pop culture, family history and a lifetime of personal growth, she gives multi-genred voice to the synaesthetic spectrum of divinities and denizens, mortals and mysteries, the queens and querents who tell *Her Stories*. Hudson is bringing her unique brand of powerful piano-centric performance to communities, venues and events supporting women's voices and the strength of diversity. Find out more at [lesliehudson.com](http://lesliehudson.com).



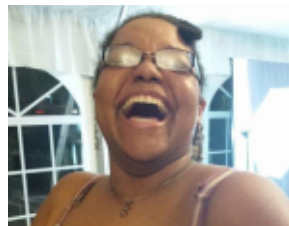
## Chaz Kemp

Bram Stoker Award finalist Chaz Kemp embraces an Art Nouveau style that incorporates vibrancy and color into fantasy and steampunk art. The influence of Alphonse Mucha is evident in his award-winning illustrations that combine the artistic energy of the Roaring 20s with the untamed diversity of steampunk and fantasy. His latest pieces have been featured in the work that he and his wife, award-winning author Carolyn Kay, created for the *World of Ashelon*. You can find his work at [www.ChazKemp.com](http://www.ChazKemp.com).



## Veronica Calisto

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



# Welcome to Myths & Legends!

## Letter from the Organizer

"Words are, in my not-so-humble opinion, our most inexhaustible source of magic. Capable of both inflicting injury, and remedying it."

— Albus Dumbledore, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Words have such power! They create the books, movies, and TV shows we adore. They can bring people together as a community. People coming together under a common love: supporting each other, respecting each other, seeing and recognizing our differences and embracing each other.

When we come together, remember to make sure everyone knows they are welcome. We get into our own heads and think, well of course they know they can be there, it's for all fans. But remember that your experience is not their experience. Sometimes a friendly face or some encouragement can mean more than you know.

This is MALCon's final year, but we "malcontents" remain. Let's continue to work every day toward creating spaces of inclusion, acceptance, and community. Let others know that they are seen, heard, and accepted.

Yours in friendship and fellowship,

*Nikki Elbright*

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## Convention Hours

- Friday: 5 PM - Midnight
- Saturday: 9 AM - Midnight
- Sunday: 9 AM - 4:30 PM

## Registration Hours

- Friday: 3 PM - 9 PM
- Saturday: 8:30 AM - 8 PM
- Sunday: 8:30 AM - 5 PM

## Vendor Room Hours

- Friday: 5 PM - 9 PM
- Saturday: 10 AM - 8 PM
- Sunday: 10 AM - 4 PM

## Art Show Hours

- Friday: 5 PM - 9 PM
- Saturday: 10 AM - 8 PM
- Sunday: 10 AM - noon
- Pick up & Pay:  
Sunday, 1 PM - 4 PM

# Shiny Garden Policies

Myths and Legends Convention is hosted by Shiny Garden, and we strive to provide a safe space for everyone at the convention. This includes, but is not limited to, attendees, guests, panelists, vendors, volunteers, hotel staff, and members of the public passing through.

All attendees of Shiny Garden events must follow our policies. You can find the full text online at [shinygarden.org/events/policies](http://shinygarden.org/events/policies), and at our Registration desk in the upper lobby. If you have any questions about these policies, or believe someone is violating them, please find a convention volunteer at the Registration desk, in our Operations (Ops) room downstairs, or email [harassment@shinygarden.org](mailto:harassment@shinygarden.org).

Please review the following abbreviated Safe Space & Anti-Harassment, and Clothing and Weapons Policies.

## Safe Space & Anti-Harassment

Safe space means that our attendees are free express themselves and their interests without fear of being attacked for their love or passion for the subject material. 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 political affiliation.

Harassment will not be tolerated. Harassment is any activity or behavior that annoys persistently, bothers, creates an unpleasant or hostile situation or threatens another person or group of people. For example: unwanted or uninvited physical contact, unwelcome verbal conduct, following someone around (also known as stalking), or making threats against their person. Here are some guidelines you can follow:

- Before you touch, ask permission. “May I give you a hug?” “May I touch that fabric?” Also clarify if this is a one-time permission or if it extends longer (that day, that weekend, etc.).
- Accept no as a reasonable answer without follow-up questions. Someone's reasons are not your business unless they choose to share them with you.
- Absolutely inappropriate behavior includes groping, looking up skirts/kilts, positioning yourself to look down shirts/up dresses, coercing someone to do or say anything, hate speech (using words that purposely offend or insult).

# Clothing & Weapons Policy

Please feel free to dress up as your favorite character(s) during the convention. 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 event location, so please keep your bits covered.
- No real weapons (including, but not limited to firearms), even if you have a permit or a license. Specifically: metal weapons are not permitted. Working projectiles are not permitted.
- No realistic-looking weapons: If security 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.
- If there is a costume contest at the event, do not point non-realistic-looking weapons at any attendee as part of your presentation. In a darkened room, all weapons can look realistic.



**WhimsyCon**  
A Shiny Garden Event  
February 28-  
March 1, 2020

A Steampunk & Costuming Convention

[www.WhimsyCon.org](http://www.WhimsyCon.org)

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# Games & RPG Sessions

## Scavenger Hunt

Here's your excuse for seeing all parts of the convention!

Pick up your Scavenger Hunt page at the Faerie's Garden, identify where the pictures are at the con, and return to the Faeries with your answers.

Fun, random prizes including dice, Faerie treasure, and even passes to WhimsyCon 2020!

(One entry per person, please.)

## D&D Adventure League

Dungeons & Dragons Adventure League can be found in Helm's Deep, on the lower level.

Advanced sign-up is not required, but tables are filled first-come, first served. You'll find the on-site signups near the D&D AL tables.

## Board Games

You'll also find a board game library (open until 10 PM) and gaming space in Helm's Deep. It's free to check out and play as much as you want!

# Art & Acquisitions

## Art Show

The Art Show is returning for 2019!

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!

## Silent Auction

You can find the silent auction tables outside Main Events and the Vendor Room on the upper level lobby.

Bid as much as you want. If your bid is the highest at the end of bidding, you win! Too impatient? If no one else has bid yet, you can purchase it outright at the Buy It Now Price! All proceeds benefit Shiny Garden.

# Panelists (By First Name)

## A.M. Burns

A.M. Burns lives in the Colorado Rockies with his partner, several dogs, cats, horses, and birds. He is a former president of the Colorado Springs Fiction Writers Group.



## Aaron Michael Ritchey

As Aaron Crash, his adult sci-fi/fantasy novels have broken into Amazon's Top 100 Paid Store. As Aaron Michael Ritchey, he is the author of seven young adult novels including *The Juniper Wars*.



## Aaron Spriggs

Scientist by day, rock star by night. Aaron is the poor man's Buckaroo Banzai. Aaron goes to Burning Man every summer, and usually a band tour. As an author, he has published poetry, short stories, and one novel.



## Alastair Mayer

Alastair Mayer has been writing about space and computers since the late 1980s, his first SF sale was in 2009. He's a scuba diver and has both flown and jumped out of planes, but not the same ones!



## Ana MacDonell

Born and raised in Spain, Ana came here 25 years ago. After attending cons for 30+ years, she is a pirate, trekkie, shieldmaiden, companion, Sith, Stark, Gryffindor, Asha'man, and all around pun lover.



## Andarta

Andarta is a professional psychic who performs tarot and oracle card readings, past life regressions, shamanic journey work, and Reiki healing. She is an Empath, a Clairvoyant and a Clairaudient.



## Andrew Hallam

Andrew earned his PhD at the University of Denver. His dissertation was an analysis of the interplay between myth and allegory in *The Lord of the Rings*. He is a scholar of sci-fi and fantasy, superheroes, and *Beowulf*.



## Ashley M Vasquez

Ashley M Vasquez is a Denver based writer, movie fan, and all-around nerd who loves to play in the world of make-believe. She is currently published in 4 anthologies.



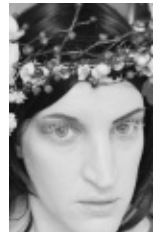
## Betsy Dornbusch

Betsy is the author of several fantasy short stories, novellas, and novels, including *Exile* and *The Silver Scar*. When she's not writing, she reads, snowboards, and goes to punk rock concerts.



## Beverly Warner

Beverly of Charmedseed Costuming has created dozens of costumes in various genres, played SCA, run costume contests & judged costuming events like WorldCon, Nan Desu Kan & Denver Comic Con.



# Panelists

## Dr. Bill Farrand



Dr. Bill Farrand is a Planetary Geologist with the Space Science Institute and is a member of the Mars Exploration Rover science team. He is the first author of over 20 peer-reviewed publications.

## Bret Carter



Bret is an English teacher. His fiction has appeared in publications such as *Future Visions*, *Perihelion*, *Mysterion*, and *Boston Literary Magazine*. He was a panelist at Westercon 71.

## Billy Van Ark



Billy has been helping out behind the scenes at Denver conventions since early 2013. Contributing part tech support, part treasurer, part teacher of chainmaille, he does his best to make everything run smoothly.

## Brian Ziman



Brian has studied Physics, Computer Science, and Linguistics. For fun, he translated the *Tales of Beedle the Bard* back into Ancient Runes. He is a board member of Shiny Garden, MALCon's host nonprofit.

## Blair Bartlett



Blair has been doing photographic art of one type or another since the 4th grade. Blair also does all his own matting, and photographs his wife Mitzi's sculptures. They live in Colorado with their cats.

## Calvin Studzinski



Rocket scientist, game developer, aspiring author, and avid amateur historian. His kickstarter for *Age of Aether*, the historical steampunk fantasy RPG, has just been funded, so he'll be publishing soon!

## Bonnie Lass Cosplay



Bonnie Lass Cosplay is swimming in as a mermaid to share her love of folklore and mythical sea creatures from around the world.

## Carolyn Kay



Carolyn is a fae changeling struggling to make it in the mortal realms as a meager scientist and writer. Her stories often involve the inanimate, which only she seems able to see as living, breathing creatures.

## Brenna Deutchman



Brenna finds great joy in creating stuffed animals for "kids" of all ages. She's done fiber art of every type - weaving, threadpainting, sewing, quilting, and more. She travels to conventions around the country.

## Catherine Winters



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



# Panelists

## Charles and Tauni Orndorff

With over 20 years experience Charles and Tauni are considered master costumers. They are skilled in making costume parts by vac-forming, casting, 3D printing, sewing and more.



## Erin Card

Erin is an award-winning aficionado and advocate of all things costume and couture. A seamstress, designer, and costumier 20 years in the making, she loves to bring her wealth of knowledge to the table.



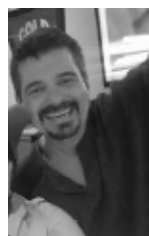
## Chris "Gilly" Gilbert

Gilly is a space scientist and futurist, working at the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics and the Fiske Planetarium in Boulder.



## Gregory R. Hyde

Greg Hyde is a Writers of the Future Honorable Mention and Finalist. He has seven honorable mentions in the St. Martin's Years Best Horror and Fantasy anthology.



## Clockwork Rose Cosplay

Magnus Rose is an award winning cosplay craftsman and disability inclusion advocate for the con community. They specialize in original designs and budget oriented creation.



## Guro/Sifu Raul DeLay

Raul is a huge extended Star Wars universe fan. His favorite author is Steven Erickson. He spends all available free time study and teaching Muay Thai, boxing, JKD, Silat, and Kali.



## 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.



## Guy Anthony De Marco

Guy (MFA) is a speculative fiction author; a finalist for the Scribe and Bram Stoker Awards; winner of the HWA Silver Hammer Award; a disabled US Navy veteran, a prolific short story crafter; a novelist and a game writer.



## Dana Bell

Dana enjoys writing regional Colorado tales and has lived many places. Her works include her novels *Winter Awakening* and *God's Gift* and a cat vampire series.



## HopeFully Cosplay

Hope began cosplaying in 2013 & mermaiding in 2016. She tends to create cosplays from existing pieces, & placed 1st in the Creative Division of the costume contest at AnomalyCon 2017.



# Panelists

## IA Mullin



IA Mullin gave up her career as a vet tech in order to raise her children and pursue her writing. Now, she is proud to have founded Avio Publishing and published three fantasy novels.

## J.L. Forrest



J.L. is the author of short fiction and novels for the likes of *Analog Science Fiction and Fact*, *Crossed Genres*, & *The Robot Cowgirl Press*. His fiction cross hard science, dark fantasy, adventure, and literature.

## Ian Brazee-Cannon



Ian is a writer, film maker, game designer, and pod-caster. His short stories have been in *Divided States of America*, *The Fifth Di...*, *Wondrous Web Worlds*, *Forgotten Worlds*, and various anthologies.

## James Van Pelt



James's short fiction has appeared in *Asimov's*, *Analog*, *Clarkesworld* and many other publications. He has been a finalist for the Nebula, the Sturgeon Award and others. He loves to talk about crafting fiction.

## Ian Thomas Healy



Ian is an author of superhero and speculative fiction and the creator of the Just Cause Universe of superhero novels. His publishing company focuses on cross-genre speculative fiction.

## Jan Scott-Frazier



Jan is a public speaker, storyteller, multimedia artist, and art/creativity educator who has been an invited industry guest speaker at over 250 anime, sci-fi, and comics conventions.

## J.D. Harpley



J.D. Harpley is Astral Scribe, 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.

## Jason Henry Evans



Jason always wanted to be a writer. His short stories and essays have been published in several anthologies. His debut novel, *The Gallowglass*, was released July 10th. Stop buy the author snook to meet him.

## J.D. Harrison



J.D. is a lifelong horse-woman, often in the company of her horse, Smoke. She believes in soul satisfying relationships with animals, conversation with genuine people, and reading voraciously.

## Jason Philip



Jason Philip is (yet another) aspiring writer. He is one of the co-administrators of the Facebook group "Dino Punk", and assists in the fossil preparation lab at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

# Panelists

## Jessica Lauren Gabarron

Jessica, Slytherin, movie quoter, and book enthusiast, once failed creative writing in high school, but that hasn't stopped her from writing and getting published. She's owned by a cat and a dog.



Ken lives in Oregon with his wife, daughter, books, home brewing gear, and antique weapons. And a cat. When he's not lawyering he writes fiction. His novels include *Thick As Thieves* and *Under Strange Suns*.



## Jim Humble

James lives in Colorado and attends or mails artwork to shows across the country. He paints mostly digitally and sculpts in clay. James' art is mythically themed and was heavily influenced by a three year stay in Europe.



Kevin is the lead editor of the retro-punk short story zine *Curiosities* and was a Parsec Award finalist for the companion podcast, *Gallery of Curiosities*, in 2018. When the weather is fine, he works on his house.



## Kevin Frost

## Jo Fontana

Jo Fontana lives in Denver, Colorado. She is the author of the *Turtle Monkey* series, *The Egg Quest*, *Approaching Darkness*, and her new upcoming novel, *Gods of the Bay*.



Dr Klimek is currently working on a textbook, *The Global Middle Ages*. Her other projects include the use of graphic novels in history classrooms, and PTSD and medieval Crusade veterans.



## Kim Klimek

## Karina Scott

Karina started *Freedom Inside* as a means to help her friends and family reach their dreams. Now she is growing it to help as many people as possible find the freedom they need to live their lives.



Kimberly lives a secret life of writing speculative fiction, playing with data sets, and answering questions for her adult children like: "How do taxes work?" She longs for the days she spent too much of time in coffee shops.



## Kimberly Keane

## KatOfDiamonds

KatOfDiamonds has been cosplaying since 2012 and has been streaming cosplay progress on Twitch since Late July 2018! She loves talking cosplay and troubleshooting as she is self taught in most things.



Losing Lara is a singer/songwriter with a focus on nerdy music including Harry Potter and Firefly. She has performed on the Yes All Witches Tour. She just finished her first book, a LGBTQ sci-fi novel, *Prism*.



## Losing Lara

# Panelists

## Lou J Berger



Lou J Berger is an Active member of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America (SFWA) and has published short stories in *Galaxy's Edge Magazine*, *Daily Science Fiction*, and a handful of anthologies.

## Mermaid Ara



Mermaid Ara is swimming in from her home in Neverland to join her mermaids friends at MALcon! She can't wait to learn more about human culture and share mermaid folklore!

## Mario Acevedo



Mario is a national best-selling author and has won a Colorado Book Award and an International Latino Book Award. He contributed to *Nightmares Unhinged*, *CyberWorld*, *Blood Business*, and *Blood & Gasoline*.

## Michelle Reeves



Michelle has been in the Denver Sci-fi community for over 10 years. She knows the importance of including the next generation of geeks in conventions and strives to create fun and innovative panels for all ages.

## Master Victoria Wagner



Master Wagner is a 4th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and twenty-two year old owner of Kicks Martial Arts. She has taught self-defense classes across the state and has practiced martial arts for 15 years.

## Mike Kloepfer



Mike (mikeyzart) Kloepfer is an award-winning artist with a career over 3 decades. He has drawn over 1,000 professional portraits and 12,000 caricatures for collectors worldwide.

## Melanie Unruh



Melanie is an artist and maker of pottery, and sartorial arts, ranging from historical to fantasy, Viking to Victorian, & hats to spats. Melanie is an instigators for Denver Victorian & Steampunk Society.

## Mike Cervantes



Mike is a humorist, a cartoonist, and a steampunk enthusiast. He writes and publishes stories featuring his steampunk hero characters 'The Scarlet Derby and Midnight Jay' regularly on his website.

## Melissa Koons



Melissa is a former English teacher who now works as a writer and editor for Spine Press + Post. She still contributes to education as a tutor. She has one novel published, and multiple short stories.

## Mitzi Bartlett



Mitzi is a local polymer clay artist who specializes in small, whimsical figurines of a fantasy and science fiction nature. She has focused on this for the last fifteen years, and hopes to keep doing so for as long as life allows.

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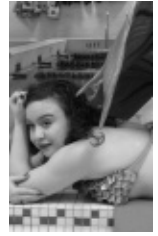
## Mr. Harmel

Terry Harmel has been practicing and teaching martial arts for almost 30 years. He has been a sc-fi fan for closer to 50, but has only recently rediscovered the convention scene.



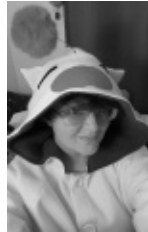
## Pearl the Mermaid

You can find Pearl in the warm waters of the south. From manatees to sharks she's a friend to all sea creatures. When she's not exploring shipwrecks she is collecting shells and making fin-tastic mer-puns!



## Nonir Amicitia

Nonir Amicitia is a queer, nerd, Social Justice Cleric, but none of those completely describe them. They use they/them pronouns and are one half of the pen name O.E. Tearmann.



## Peri Charlifu

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



## Olivia Wylie

Olivia Wylie is a blogger, comic artist, professional horticulturist, illustrator and jack of all trades. Her projects revolve around historical and folkloric researches, particularly concerning the Gilded Age.



## Pink Pitcher

Pink Pitcher is a seamstress, textile and domestic historian, and artist (among other titles). She enjoys costuming and cosplaying in a variety of genres. She is currently publishing her first comic - *Root & Branch*.



## Pamela M. Nihiser

Pamela is a horror/sci-fi author. She's the author of, *Bathory's Vanity*, *Jim the Food Stamp Zombie* and many other short stories. When she's not writing she's lead singer in the band "Punch Clock Heroes."



## R. Alan Brooks

R. Alan teaches graphic novel writing at Regis University, and is the writer/creator of *The Burning Metronome* graphic novel, a supernatural murder mystery with social commentary.



## Paul Lell

Paul is a sci-fi/fantasy writer, game designer, costumer, science enthusiast, father, and so much more!



## Richard E. Friesen

Richard is a science fiction and fantasy author, whose five-book fantasy series, *The Dreaming King Saga* is now complete. The first volume in the humorous superhero series about Narcolepsy is available now.



# Panelists

## Robin Baylor



Robin is a veteran, an engineer, and a musician (if it has strings, she'll play it, except for mandolins). She has lived in 4 timezones, and is fascinated with tech past, present and future.

## Shullamuth Ballinger



Local novelist, literature teacher, and amateur Joycean. Ballinger's work brings mythology out of folklore and into modern contexts.

## Rubiee Tallyn Hayes



Rubiee is a renaissance Pooka who sings, writes, blends loose-leaf teas, and creates functional pottery. It is said that her mischievous grin, and bright laugh herald her arrival. She owns Dryad Tea and Dryad Pottery.

## Stace Johnson



Stace is a Colorado writer, musician, and IT guy. He has published fiction, non-fiction, and poetry in various anthologies & magazines.

## Sam Knight



Sam has been Distribution Manager for WordFire Press, Senior Editor for Villainous Press, and has curated and edited four anthologies, authored six children books, four short story collections, and three novels.

## Stant Litore



Stant is the author of *Ansible*, *The Zombie Bible*, *Nyota's Tyrannosaur*, and *Dante's Heart*. He lives in Aurora, Colorado with his wife and three children.

## Sarin Tatroe



Sarin (Sariochan Arts) is a local artist living in Colorado. Her art style is a mix of realism and anime/manga style. Sarin loves to use most art mediums with Copic markers being one of her favorites.

## Todd A. Walls



Todd is the author of *Trip the Math Fantastic*, whose heroes are a conduit to the end of time, suffering through the many failures of humanity, and despite dire circumstances refuse to accept such a fate.

## Scott Crosson



Scott Crosson is a long time pod caster and armature comedian. His newest project is a Super Hero review channel.

## Tomas O'Dreams



Liam Bootzin has been entertaining adults and children with his stories since 1987.

# Panelists

## Venessa Robertson

Venessa Robertson is a Colorado author and a Homeschooling mother of 2. When not writing she operates large and small rescue in rural Colorado.



## Vonie' Stillson

Vonie', aka Lady Vo, is a lifelong comic & sci-fi fan, leads ADTA's Multicultural & Diversity Geek Culture Group, & is Captain of Airship Iron Opal, an all ages social steampunk social group.



## Vivian Caethe

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



# Also Appearing

Erin Peterson

Lee Moody

Lorelei Suzanne



# HexaCon

A Denver Tabletop Gaming Convention

January 17-20, 2020

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Weekend

Radisson Denver-Aurora  
3155 S. Vaughn Way, Aurora CO 80014

[www.HexaConDenver.org](http://www.HexaConDenver.org)  
A Shiny Garden Event

# Vendors

## 2 Wyrd Sisters

2 Wyrd Sisters brings you only the finest handcrafted bath and body products to pamper you & your loves

## Ashelon Publishing

Ashelon Publishing strives to introduce positive cultural diversity to the Steampunk genre. We do this in our art and in the stories we write because the 1800s happened everywhere.

## D. X. Varos

Publishes exquisite speculative fiction.

## Dragon's Eye Designs

My hobby and passion, making wearable art and cuddly, squishy plush. Currently working on expanding my inventory, making themed small crafts and accessories and creating original clothing designs.

## Dryad Tea

Join Dryad Tea for all of your loose leaf tea needs! Hand-blended teas inspired by music, mythology, literature and general geekery. Hand made pottery and more! We are your one stop tea shop, just add hot water!

## Fabriquewerx Studios

Fabriquewerx Studios creates leather craft and custom garb for pirates, jedi knights, steampunks, wenches, elves, wizards and other gentle lunatics.

## Forest Rose Productions, Strange Journey

STRANGE JOURNEY entertains partakers to acquire and enjoy some classic traditional Victorian parlor curiosities and pastimes.

## Funkmaster Lovecraft Studios

Jewelry and home decor hand-crafted from antique keys, clock and watch parts, vacuum tubes, sheet music, comic books, and bottle caps.

## Gathering Splinters

Matthew Holtmeier brings his love of gaming, crafting dice trays and boxes. Functional and durable, with an emphasis on beauty and artistry.

## Green Griffin Press

Green Griffin Press is the publisher of the Arcane Adventuress series, a Victorian Paranormal Steampunk series.

## ICER Fine Art

Local Denver Artist specializing in Fantasy & Science Fiction Artwork, Photo Realistic Portraits, Tarot Readings, and Handmade Jewelry. Come learn about the mystical arts and see what your future holds.

## Interplanetary Designs

Gemstone Jewelry Inspired by the Cosmos

## It's Just So You

Boring Jewelry Ends Here! My goal is to provide Style and Gifts to you and your friends that make 'em say - That is Just So You. Wear something to get the conversation started!

## Local Hero Press

Local Hero Press is a Denver-based publisher of superhero, fantasy, and science fiction and the home of Ian Thomas Healy's popular Just Cause Universe series.



# Vendors

## **Out in Colorado Fiction Writers**

Out in Colorado Fiction is a group of Colorado creatives that produce LGBT fiction and comics. We do conventions across the state and welcome stories of all members of the queer community

### **R.J. Rowley**

Presenting author R.J. Rowley, two books of humor, and a rubber chicken named Floyd.

### **Rabbit Tales**

Rabbit Tales is a multi crafting couple that enjoys creating in all sorts of medias. 3D prints, embroidered goodies, one of a kind pendants, etched wood and more! Stop by the table to see some machines working as well!

### **Richard Friesen**

Richard Friesen is a Science Fiction and Fantasy author who wants to tell you stories about a superhero who keeps falling asleep and king who has prophetic dreams. Come see all the books!

### **Rockhound Studio / Beauty and the Beads**

Hand strung and woven jewelry, geometric shapes, jewelry boxes, rocks, crystals, and geode cracking.

### **Stant Litore**

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### **The 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.

### **Thrifty Gryphon**

Creator of bracelets, handmade gifts, and more from repurposed materials and the creativity of the mind!

### **Time Well Spent Games**

We sell all the hottest board and card games! Come stop by to see our show specials and say "Hi"!

### **Veronica Calisto**

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

### **Whimsical Whiskers**

Whimsical Whiskers creates treasured friends. Unique dragons made with love and care. Don't forget to dress your dragon with a variety of accessories!

### **Wings, Charms & Things**

Wings CT is your one stop for wings, jewelry, costume accessories, and more.

### **Winterhaven Jewelry**

Offering quality handmade chainmail jewelry and accessories to nerds, geeks, and beyond.

# Authors Nook

## Aces High, Jokers Wild

Aces High, Jokers Wild is a hopeful queer cyberpunk series. Set in the Colorado of 2155, it follows a unit in the war to bring representative democracy back to a Corporate-owned country. Buckle up for the ride.

## Colin Heintze

I am a local author of SF/Fantasy/Mystery

## Grant Street Publishing

My debut novel of historical fiction, The Gallowglass, is scheduled to release on July 10th. I will be selling my novel at MALCon, along with a possible novella and a couple of anthologies my fiction has appeared in.

## R. M. Williams

Pop fiction/sci-fi action novel by local indie author.

## Root & Branch

Pink Pitcher is an Artist, Author, Seamstress, Druid, and Textile and Domestic Historian (among other titles). She is currently publishing her first comic - Root & Branch - as an ongoing story in both print and web.

## The Scarlet Derby

The Scarlet Derby and Midnight Jay is a web-based steampunk superhero series that has been a staple of the Denver Colorado steampunk scene since 2013. It follows the adventures of a Victorian-era married pair of superheroes in novel, and comic form.

## Turtle Monkey Books

Jo Fontana lives in Denver, Colorado. She is the author who won first place for her short story "The Plant Lady" at the Quid Novi Festival, 2014. She just completed her first novel, The Egg Quest.

## Wandering Jotun Crafts

Wandering Jotun Crafts is dedicated to serving and uplifting the folks society forgets: the queer folks, the down-to-earth pagans, the nerds--and the people who identify with more than one of those descriptions.

## Zenith Star Publishing

Award-winning author Natli VanDerWerken presents Red Dragon's Keep and WindRunner.

## Art Show

Beverly Pfeifer

Hazel Connaly

Mike Kloepfer

Blair Bartlett

Jim Humble

Mitzi Bartlett

Brenna Deutchman

Kameron Dornbusch

Peri Charlifu

Brook Lydick

Lubov Yegudin

Robert Pfeifer

Chaz Kemp

Melanie Unruh

William Rothmyer

# Vendors, Author Nook, Art Show

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		<p>Stant Litore / Green Griffin Press</p> <p>Rockbound Studio / Beauty and the Beads</p>			
<p><b>Rabbit Tales</b></p> <p><b>Gathering Splinters</b></p> <p>Richard Friesen / Peter Sartucci</p>		<p>The Mad Tatter</p> <p>Out in Colorado Fiction Writers</p>		<p>It's Just So You / Dragon's Eye Designs</p> <p>Wings Charms &amp; Things</p>	
		<p>Veronica Calisto / R.J. Rowley</p> <p>Ashelon Publishing</p>			
<p><b>Interplanetary Designs</b></p>		<p>Funkmaster Lovecraft Studios</p> <p>Whimsical Whiskers</p>		<p>Local Hero Press</p> <p>Forest Rose</p> <p>D. X. Varos</p>	
		<p>Winterhaven Jewelry</p> <p>2 Wyrld Sisters / Chronoboard</p>			
<p>Entrance</p>		<p>Thrifty Gryphon</p> <p>Vendor Coord.</p>		<p>Entrance</p>	
<p>Dryad Tea</p>		<p>Fabriquewerx Studios</p>		<p></p>	

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### Painting Demos: Exploding TARDIS

*Saturday & Sunday, 11 PM - 3 PM*

Get creative and take home your personal masterpiece! Drop-ins welcome in this beginner-friendly class.

### Mermaids

*Stop by their grotto in the upper lobby to say hi and see their schedule of pool activities!*

### Faeries

*Visit the faeries for stories, face-painting, and the convention scavenger hunt!*

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## American Horror Story

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, The Pandoraica*

**Ana MacDonell, Pamela M. Nihiser**

Breaking down each season of AHS. The places, the characters, the stories. How close to the true events -if any-, how the seasons inter-relate.

## Anansi - Trickster God & Story Teller

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Gallifrey*

**Aaron Spriggs, Olivia Wylie**

Anansi is an African god who gives the world all the stories to tell. Are all writers Anansi incarnate? Are writers tricksters telling us stories, releasing stories into the world for all to enjoy?

## Ancient Inventions

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Gallifrey*

**Aaron Spriggs, Calvin Studzinski, Jason Philip**

Archimedes described how the lever and fulcrum worked to move items too heavy to otherwise lift 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!

## Art as Resistance!

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

**Peri Charlifu (M), Jim Humble, Leslie Hudson, Mike Kloepfer**

Art has always been an important tool in political change. What can we do as artists and patrons to effect change, especially now? Writers, actors, musicians and artists are all invited to attend this discussion.

## Art Jam

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Jim Humble, Mitzi Bartlett, Sarin Tatroe (Sariochan Arts)**

Sit down and draw for an hour! Toss around ideas with other artists and flex those art muscles. All skill levels are welcome.

## The Art of... LOTR

*Friday, 5:30 PM-6:20 PM, Terre d'Ange*

**Melanie Unruh (M), Ana MacDonell, Chaz Kemp**

We will discuss the art of Lord of the Rings: the movie, books and art done by notable fantasy artists of the past 50 years. How has it influenced fantasy art as well as modern culture.

## Ask an Artist!

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

**Peri Charlifu (M), Blair Bartlett / Alternate Realities Studio, Mike Kloepfer, Pink Pitcher, Rubiee Tallyn Hayes**

This is a great opportunity to ask us questions about art, marketing, pricing, technique, shows, or anything (Within reason!).

## ASOIAF Prophecies and Loose Ends

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**Ana MacDonell**

Look into the fire with Melisandre of Asshai at The Song of Ice and Fire prophecies and loose ends. Spoilers!!! A look into the teasers that GRR Martin dropped all over the books to drive you insane. Trivia, and door prizes for awesome costumes.

## Author Autograph Mega-Session

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Old Valyria*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Alastair Mayer, Betsy Dornbusch, Colin Heintze, Dana Bell, Gregory R. Hyde, Ian Brazee-Cannon, Ian Thomas Healy, J.D. Harpley, J.D. Harrison, Karina Scott, Ken Lizzi, Lou J Berger, Mario Acevedo, Mike Cervantes, Nonir Amicitia, Paul Lell, Richard E. Friesen, Stace Johnson, Stant Litore, Todd A. Walls, Vennessa Robertson, Veronica R. Calisto**

Many of our authors will be available to sell their books, provide autographs, and visit with fans.

## Author Readings - Friday & Saturday

*Friday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**Gregory R. Hyde, Ian Thomas Healy, Vennessa Robertson**

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Mount Doom*

**Jason Henry Evans, Mike Cervantes, Todd A. Walls**

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Mount Doom*

**Dana Bell, J.L. Forrest**

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**Mario Acevedo, Richard E. Friesen, Shullamuth Ballinger**

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**Bret Carter, Colin Heintze, J.D. Harpley**

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**Alastair Mayer, Betsy Dornbusch**

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## Author Readings - Sunday

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Lou J Berger, Stace Johnson**

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Mount Doom*

**J.D. Harrison, Ken Lizzi, Stant Litore**

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**Paul Lell, Veronica R. Calisto**

## Black Powder Go Boom!

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

**Mario Acevedo (M)**

Besides steam, an integral aspect of steampunk is black powder. What is it? Where did it come from? How was it made and how important was it? Why don't we use it anymore?

## Blanket Forts (adult session)

*Friday, 10:00 PM-11:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

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Blankets, coloring books, crayons, and stuffed animals. Wind down the night, make a fort and relax. Adults and calm teens only please.

## Blanket Forts (all ages)

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Michelle Reeves**

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!

## The Body and Sexuality in the PreModern World

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

**Kim Klimek (M)**

Knowing what classical and medieval cultures thought about bodies, sexuality, contraception, and birth can bring added depth to fantasies set in these eras.

## Body Image and Science Fiction & Fantasy

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

**Catherine Winters**

Delve into body image and how Science Fiction and Fantasy have both hindered progress and also paved the way for positive body image.

## Broomstick Pencil Make&Take

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Michelle Reeves**

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

## Building and Cultivating Your Creative Community

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

**Ashley M Vasquez (M), Jason Henry Evans, Kimberly Keane, Stant Litore**

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

## Building the Perfect Plot

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Golden Snitch*

**Mario Acevedo (M), Andrew Hallam, J.L. Forrest, Ken Lizzi**

Have you ever wanted to write a great story with a killer plot? Come join a panel of authors and learn how they compose a plot. We'll discuss the Hero's Journey and other tropes, and teach you the necessary parts for a great story!

## The Care and Feeding of Your Podcasts & Web Series

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**Kevin Frost, Mike Cervantes**

Podcasts and Web Series are personal, cheap to produce, and easy to distribute. We'll go through the steps from development to production to connecting with your unique audience.

## Chainmaille 101

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-5:50 PM, Basilisk Isles N*

**Billy Van Ark, Mitzi Bartlett**

This hands-on class will walk you through the basics of making chainmaille (a.k.a. maille). 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, 12:00 PM-1:50 PM, Basilisk Isles N*

**Billy Van Ark, Mitzi Bartlett**

Chainmaille harder. If you have prior experience, or attended Chainmaille 102, this is the class for you! Come and go as you please.

# Sessions & Panels

## Character Focused Storytelling

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

**Ken Lizzi (M), Kimberly Keane, R. Alan Brooks, Stant Litore, Veronica R. Calisto**  
Theme, action, plot, or character driven; what do these mean, and what does character focused storytelling look like?

## Chaz Kemp Q&A

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Old Valyria*

**Veronica R. Calisto (M), Chaz Kemp**  
Artist Guest of Honor Chaz Kemp has been a part of the Denver scene for over a decade, but he's not just ours anymore. Find out what it's been like to go from local favorite to nationally recognized.

## Chimera: Smashing Ideas to Get Smashing Ideas

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

**Bret Carter (M)**

Creativity is found in collision. Sometimes, if you force two drastically different concepts together, you can find something truly original.

## Closet Cosplay & Geek Fashion

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

**KatOfDiamonds (M), Clockwork Rose Cosplay, Erin Card**

How to don your nerd flag on the spectrum from closest cosplay to couture fashion runways. Let's get "geek bounding" and take inspiration from your closet to the nerdiest runway near you!

## Closing Ceremonies

*Sunday, 4:00 PM-4:25 PM, Old Valyria*

**Chaz Kemp, David J. Peterson, Leslie Hudson, Nikki Ebright, Veronica R. Calisto**

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

## Color In

*Friday, 9:00 PM-10:50 PM, Basilisk Isles N*

**Mitzi Bartlett**

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

## Commissioning an Artist

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, The Pandorica*

**Jim Humble**

How-to on commissioning an artist, including how to approach an artist, how to follow up on work after a commission is started, how to maintain a professional relationship, how money should be handled, and how both parties can be protected.

## Coping with Character Deaths

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**Dana Bell, Ian Brazee-Cannon, Lorelei Suzanne**

Do you have your heart ripped out when your favorite character DIES? If so, then this panel is for you! We will discuss theories behind why we think our faves die, potential tropes between them, and have the opportunity to share our feelings around people who get it. Bring your own tissues.

## Cosplay on a Dime: Mastering Budget Costuming

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, The Pandorica*

**Clockwork Rose Cosplay**

Looking for a quick costume to have fun around the con or a masterpiece to take on stage? You don't need to break the bank to make something priceless. Learn the ins and outs of budgeting.

## Cosplay, Consent, & You

*Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**KatOfDiamonds**

Let's dig in to the "cosplay is not consent" movement. We'll discuss the importance of consent in con culture, issues that still occur, and provide actionable steps to creating safer spaces.

## Costume Contest

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-7:50 PM, Old Valyria*

**Beverly Warner (M), Erin Card**

Join hosts Erin Card and Beverly Warner as entrants show off their fabulous and creative costumes and are judged by our panel of special guests.

## Costume Contest Green Room

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-5:50 PM, The Pandorica*

**Beverly Warner**

This room is set aside for the Costume Contest participants to prepare before the Costume Contest. No peeking!

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## Costume Contest Sign-ups until 3 pm

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-10:50 AM, Atrium - Upstairs*

**Beverly Warner**

Sign up for the Costume Contest! Open 9 am to 3 pm by the Registration Desk.

## Costume Life Drawing

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Terre d'Ange*

**Mike Kloepfer**

Want to work on your life drawing skills, Come on over and draw with Mikey. We will supply paper and pencils. All levels of skill are encouraged. Children under 12 please be accompanied by an adult.

## Costuming for Every BODY

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

**Mitzi Bartlett (M), Clockwork Rose Cosplay, HopeFully Cosplay, Melanie Unruh, Pink Pitcher**

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 that looks amazing!" the hidden secret is proper proportion!

## Creating Authentic Language Systems

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Old Valyria*

**David J. Peterson**

Many SF/F shows employ unique writing systems. Most (Doctor Who, DreamWorks She-Ra, DreamWorks Voltron, Babylon 5) are simply ciphers of the English alphabet. Learn to create something truly unique!

## Creating the Anti-Hero

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

**Catherine Winters (M), Guy Anthony De Marco, R. Alan Brooks**

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

## Creatives - Round Table

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Terre d'Ange*

**Chaz Kemp (M), Jan Scott-Frazier, Kimberly Keane, Olivia Wylie**

This round table discussion is for all creative people in any discipline, art, costuming, writing, performing, prop building, whatever your interests. We will be discussing various topics.

## Creatives Dinner

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-8:50 PM, Terre d'Ange*

We'll order food or pick it up and have it ready at 8:15 for artists to eat in the art room. Open to all!

## Creativity Roundtable

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

**Jan Scott-Frazier (M), Jim Humble, Kimberly Keane, Sarin Tatroe (Sariochan Arts)**

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. Artists, writers, actors, musicians or just becoming one, come join us.

## Critique Groups: Care and Feeding Without Getting Your Hand Bitten

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

**Richard E. Friesen, Shullamuth Ballinger**

Many (most?) established authors will recommend "the right" critique group for aspiring writers. What are some of the things to look for and pitfalls to avoid? Be wary and be wise by knowing how to get yourself into the right company.

## Crossplay & Genderbending: The Art of Cross-Gender Costuming

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Mount Doom*

**Clockwork Rose Cosplay, HopeFully Cosplay, Mitzi Bartlett**

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

## Cryptozoology Facts and Fiction

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Gallifrey*

**Aaron Spriggs, Alastair Mayer, Jason Philip, Veronica R. Calisto**

Cryptozoology is the study of creatures of myths and urban legends. What (few) facts there are, and what is anecdotal and what is storytelling and rumor.



# Sessions & Panels

## Dances of Middle Earth

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Basilisk Isles N*

Join Adventures in Dance for performances and instruction in Elves Bass dance, Dwarves Viking fire dance, Bilbo's birthday Jig, Shadowfax Horses Brawl, and Gandolph's Fairy Ring dance-watch out, we may open the gateway to the fey!

## Dances of Time and Space

*Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Old Valyria*

The dancing continues with freeform dancing as well as Adventures in Dance teaching fun moves such as a Game of thrones Dragon dance waltz line dance, Gandalf's Fairy Ring dance mixer (Celtic Ceili dance), and Dr Who Clockwork mixer for time travelers to the Cog song.

## David J Peterson Q&A

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Old Valyria*

**Veronica R. Calisto (M), David J. Peterson**

It's your chance to ask David questions about constructing languages, his work with HBO, and other linguistic projects.

## Dino-Punk: Dinosaurs in Fiction

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Gallifrey*

**Dana Bell, Jason Philip, Stant Litore**

An open panel/audience discussion about dinosaurs and prehistoric life in fiction. From time-travel to genetic engineering, what are your favorite stories and sub-genres?

## Disabled Cosplay & Posing w/ a Mobility Aid

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**Clockwork Rose Cosplay**

Disabled cosplayers and abled allies alike are welcome to join as we take a look at an accessible approach to cosplay and conventions, beginning with costume construction all the way to cons.

## Discussing Combat in Science Fiction & Fantasy

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

**Mr. Harmel, Scott Crosson**

The good, the bad, and the ugly scenes of combat and action in Science Fiction and Fantasy, including the differences between games, movies, and literature. Also a discussion of the morality and emotional impact both upon the audience and the characters involved.

## Doctor Who Discussion

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Mount Doom*

**Ian Brazee-Cannon, Scott Crosson**

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

## Driverless Cars, Reusable Rockets, Hyperloop, Oh My!

*Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Gallifrey*

**Chris "Gilly" Gilbert (M)**

Hate traffic? Me too! Join me for an exciting look at several future-tech solutions to our transportation woes. Would you get in a driverless car? Would you ride a rocket to Tokyo? Lets talk about it!

## Duct Tape Rose

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Vonie' Stillson**

Make-and-Take workshop sponsored by Airship Iron Opal.

## Dumbledore and His No Good, Very Bad Choices

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**Losing Lara (M), KatOfDiamonds, Leslie Hudson**

As time goes on more and more fans point out that Dumbledore has many options for all the problems in his life and he very commonly chooses the bad ones. Let's talk about it.

## Epic Rap Battles of Literature!

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, The Pandorica*

**Dana Bell, Shullamuth Ballinger**

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

## Establish Your Brand

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

**A.M. Burns, Ashley M Vasquez, Jessica Lauren Gabarron**

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.

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## Ethics and Creative Work

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

**Blair Bartlett / Alternate Realities Studio, Melanie Unruh, Mike Cervantes**

How do ethics affect artists and consumers? Does it depend on the situation? What about copyright, borrowing themes, payment, and taxes? How do you know what's fair game and what's not.

## Exploding TARDIS Painting

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-2:50 PM, Atrium - Upstairs*

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-2:50 PM, Atrium - Upstairs*

Get creative and take home your personal masterpiece! Jessica McMaster returns to present this beginner-friendly class. Drop-ins welcome. Recommend for ages 10 and up; children should be accompanied by an adult.

## Fantastic Beasts Speakeasy

**Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Old Valyria**

Join Adventures in Dance and learn the King's Cross Charleston, Queenie's Swing, and Dumbledore's One-Step. You'll be the bee's knees!

## Fantastic Diversity!

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

**Chaz Kemp (M), Jan Scott-Frazier, Olivia Wylie**

Not all your heroes have to be young white cis gender humanoids! How about a gay person of color, or a disabled hero? Let's talk about showing some diversity and inclusion in art and writing!

## Favorite MALCon Activities - Rerun

*Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Michelle Reeves**

Missed some of our make-and-takes or want to revisit something you really enjoyed? Now's the time for some last minute fun and frivolity.

## Feminism and Inclusiveness in SF/F and Fandom

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

**Betsy Dornbusch, Carolyn Kay**

SF/F has grown to be incredibly inclusive in some ways in recent years, but there is still work to be done. What does that work look like and how can we personally make a difference?

## Fictional Languages

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Old Valyria*

**Stant Litore (M), Andrew Hallam, David J. Peterson, Erin Peterson**

Dothraki, Elvish, Valyrian; we love our fictional languages! What are some of the joys and challenges of making up a new language for a fictional setting?

## Fighting the Day Job

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

**J.D. Harrison, Pamela M. Nihiser, Paul Lell**

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 while creating your art.

## Fit Writing Into Your Life

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

**Bret Carter, Ian Thomas Healy, Jo Fontana**

Very few authors have the luxury of strictly writing. Those starting out will definitely need supplemental income. Discover ways to establish a writing system that works for your lifestyle.

## Future of Digital Art

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, The Pandorica*

**Blair Bartlett / Alternate Realities Studio, Mike Cervantes, Sarin Tatroe (Sariochan Arts)**

Digital art has been around for a while and is here to stay. Let's discuss how the digital medium has changed the art world, some current advancements, and how it has affected the panelists in their creative work.

## Game of Thrones House Feud

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, The Pandorica*

**Ana MacDonell**

A GOT twist on the old tv show Family Feud. Bring your House team, and be ready to battle to death for the Iron Throne. Valar Morghulis!!!

## Game Of Thrones: The TV Show vs the Books

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**Jason Henry Evans**

The TV show creators followed major plot points from GRRM; they also deviated and condensed a lot from the source material. A discussion for GoT/ASOIAF lovers to gossip about where the series got it right and what we hope to see in the books.

# Sessions & Panels

## Geek Crafts

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, The Pandorica*

### Vonie' Stillson

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!

## Geek Songwriting

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Gallifrey*

### Lorelei Suzanne , Losing Lara, Stace Johnson

Our panelists discuss songwriting as a storytelling form, and play some songs from their repertoire.

## Gender Representation in Fandom

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, The Pandorica*

### Nonir Amicitia (M), Andrew Hallam

People of all genders enjoy fandoms, but books, movies, and video games are generally not representative. What have we learned and what can we improve on?

## Get It Done with Goalsetting!

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

### Karina Scott

We creatives often spread ourselves so thin that each of our ambitions take long to accomplish and it seems easy to give up along the way. Learn how to set goals and gain focus.

## Ghoul Ball/Goth Revival

*Saturday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Old Valyria*

Love vintage goth? Raise the dead and dance to times when goth was alive and kicking. Join Siouxsie, The Clash, The Cure and others with these throwbacks to when black was the new black.

## Going Down the Research Rabbit Hole

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

### Colin Heintze, Gregory R. Hyde

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 at all?

## Going for the No

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

### Ashley M Vasquez, Kevin Frost

Getting negative feedback is as important as getting a yes; how to motivate yourself and others to submit your projects and go for the "no".

## Grimm After Dark

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Old Valyria*

### Liam Bootzin

Liam Bootzin and Yvonne Larson present 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 Parental Guidance Suggested.

## Handling Artistic Rejection

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

### Peri Charlifu (M), Carolyn Kay, Mike Kloepper

Being rejected is part of being an artist. Its never an easy thing to deal with, but like it or not, its part of the job. Let's talk about separating the art from the ego and how to handle both passive and active rejection, how to use it to our advantage and how to let go

## Heroes and Monsters: What Separates the Two?

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, The Pandorica*

### IA Mullin, Scott Crosson, Vonie' Stillson

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.

## Historical Influences on Game of Thrones

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

### Kim Klimek

GRRM has acknowledged a relationship between GOT/ ASOIAF and the War of the Roses as well as Hadrian's Wall, but what about Henry Tudor or the Earl of Richmond? Who is Martin's Queen Elizabeth I? Can we deduce how the books are going to end from European history?

# Sessions & Panels

## How to Kill Your Best Friends (And Get Away With It)

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

**Betsy Dornbusch, Paul Lell, Veronica R. Calisto**

GRRM isn't the first to kill beloved characters, but arguably he made it fashionable. When is it appropriate 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 Support Small Artists

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, The Pandoraica*

**Paul Lell**

There are millions of small artists doing creative work out there. How to help can be a little overwhelming but there are easy (sometimes free) ways you can help the artists in your life.

## How to Write Circular Gallifreyan

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Lorelei Suzanne, Mitzi Bartlett**

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

## Impostor Syndrome

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

**J.D. Harpley**

Creative people often cast doubt on their accomplishments, seeing their work as less impressive than others'. Some suggestions on ways to recognize when you are sabotaging yourself and how to find your own value.

## Insects in Mythology

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Gallifrey*

**Aaron Spriggs, Andarta**

There are more than just scarab beetles in mythology. Lets explore other insects and critters of the outside world found in myths.

## Instrument Petting Zoo

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

**Robin Baylor**

In a casual setting, you will be able to touch and play a variety of instruments including percussion, multiple types of guitars, harp, theremin, flute, zither hurdy-gurdy, electronic saxophone and more. Come and make some music with us. Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult.

## Instant Slush Pile

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, The Pandoraica*

**Lou J Berger (M), Guy Anthony De Marco, Kevin Frost, Kimberly Keane, Stace Johnson**

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, The Pandoraica*

**Lou J Berger (M), Guy Anthony De Marco, J.L. Forrest, Kevin Frost, Kimberly Keane, Olivia Wylie**

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Basilisk Isles N*

**Lou J Berger (M), Olivia Wylie, Stace Johnson**

Aspiring writers! Bring in your anonymous manuscript of 300 words or fewer. The moderator will read and the panel of editors will listen, indicating the moment when they would reject the submission. After a third rejection, the moderator stops. Then each editor provides feedback on what they liked and disliked about the story. Good luck!

## Intro to Filk

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

**Robin Baylor, Stace Johnson**

What is filk music? If you've never heard of the music of science fiction and fantasy fandom, this is the panel for you. The panelists will discuss how it started, what is considered filk and how you can participate.

## Intro to Spindle Spinning

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Robin Baylor (M), Pink Pitcher**

Learn how to make your own yarn. Learn how to make your own spindle. A variety of fibers and spindle types will be available to try.

## Intro to the Creatives Track

*Friday, 5:00 PM-5:20 PM, Terre d'Ange*

**Peri Charlifu (M)**

All attending creatives, including artists, writers, performers, & costumers are encouraged to attend.

## Inviting Mara to Tea

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Carolyn Kay**

"The dark thought, the shame, the malice, meet them at the door laughing, and invite them in." (Rumi) How to welcome your demons and find compassion for your fears and yourself.

# Sessions & Panels

## Is Science Killing Fiction

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Gallifrey*

**Bret Carter**

An examination of how current technology can be antagonistic to our creativity, and what to do about it.

## It Ain't the Writing, It's the Rewriting: The Power of Revision

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

**Colin Heintze, Jason Henry Evans, Jo Fontana**

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

## Late Bloomers!

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

**Rubiee Tallyn Hayes (M), Mike Kloepfer, Peri Charlifu**

There's nothing wrong with being a late bloomer! Some of us find our passion later in life. Its never too late to pursue your vision. Let's talk about what your dreams are, and maybe we can help you get there a little faster!

## Late Night Artist Chat: Audience Questions

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Terre d'Ange*

**Peri Charlifu (M), Chaz Kemp, Rubiee Tallyn Hayes**

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Terre d'Ange*

**Peri Charlifu (M), Chaz Kemp**

All attending artists and all Convention participants are invited to attend one of the most popular events one our creatives tracks! Come and meet your artists, your Artist Guest of Honor and let's talk art! No children under 14 please.

## Learn Dothraki Dance!

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

**Carolyn Kay (M)**

Did you know that the more common dances of the Dothraki are similar to Tribal style belly dance? Join Batavia Tribal Fusion in this "hips-on" workshop as they teach you how to dance like the Dothraki.

## Learn to Love Your Writing

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

**Jessica Lauren Gabarron (M), Bret Carter, Kevin Frost, Lorelei Suzanne**

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

## Leslie Hudson - Geekery Concert

*Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Old Valyria*

**Leslie Hudson**

Guest of Honor Leslie Hudson is a geek in deep slices. Come listen to her songs inspired by the fandoms she loves including Star Trek, Harry Potter, and the redheads in comics who choose their own paths. Geek songs can be fun, but they can also help us explore the dark side of living a marginalized life, politics, relationships, resistance and leadership. Our favourite characters stand up to adversity and so can we.

## Leslie Hudson - Myth & Folklore Concert

*Saturday, 4:30 PM-5:30 PM, Old Valyria*

**Leslie Hudson (M)**

Join Guest of Honor Leslie Hudson for an hour of songs inspired by women in myth and folklore. Shapeshifters and goddesses, witches and ghosts, will all weave their tales for you from the sagas of Medieval Spain and Old Ireland, from the oral traditions of the Inuit Nation and the Roma of Eastern Europe, from the literature of Denmark and Germany. Come fall in love with a global village of the female psyche.

## Leslie Hudson Q&A

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Old Valyria*

**Veronica R. Calisto (M), Leslie Hudson**

Guest of Honor Leslie Hudson sounds like what would happen if Tori Amos and Loreena McKennitt swapped set lists. She sings about the paths women walk through life and myth and media. Inspired by diverse musical styles, with the keyboard at her fingertips, this powerhouse vocalist breathes life into the characters of stories you think you know. A songwriter for 30 years, with her ninth solo album newly in hand, she tours across the US and Canada so regularly she spends more time in her car than her home. Come ask her questions! Her answer is 42.

# Sessions & Panels

## Lord of the Rings: Digging Deeper

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**Richard E. Friesen, Vennessa Robertson**

Discussion about various themes in LOTR such as the role of orphans, what happened to the Entwives, everpresent sadness/melancholy, anti-heroes such as Boromir and Gollum, the nature of the five Wizards/Istari, and the role of the children of Elrond.

## Lord of the Rings: Myth or Mythopoetic

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**Andrew Hallam, Vennessa Robertson**

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

## Losing Lara Performance

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Old Valyria*

**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: Fact or Fiction

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

**Andarta (M), IA Mullin, Vivian Caethe**

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

## Make a Faerie Garden

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Michelle Reeves**

Come and create your own Faerie Garden. No cost. All supplies provided, just bring your creativity.

## Make your own Wizard Hat!

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Michelle Reeves**

Using some paper, crayons, scissors, and glue, come make a pointy wizard hat that would make Dumbledore proud!

## MALCon Farewell Session

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**Nikki Ebright (M), Aaron Michael Ritchey, Billy Van Ark, Jason Henry Evans, Stace Johnson**

Gather with fellow malcontents to share some of your favorite memories.

## Male Characters and Emotions

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

**Jason Henry Evans (M), Ashley M Vasquez, Colin Heintze, Melissa Koons, Stant Litore**

Male characters have emotions too. A discussion on how authors and creators can create male characters with healthy emotional expression.

## The Marauders Deserve More

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**Losing Lara**

All we got from the Harry Potter books were a few stories and flashbacks, but these four Gryffindors deserve so much more than that. Come to talk about what we would love to see from the Marauders.

## Martial arts demo.

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Basilisk Isles N*

**Guro/Sifu Raul DeLay**

Martial arts demo. With and without costumes.

## Martial Arts: Hobbits vs Trolls

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Old Valyria*

**Guro/Sifu Raul DeLay, Master Victoria Wagner, Mr. Harmel**

A demonstration using martial arts principles, see how small heroes can beat large villains.

## Measure of Success

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

**David J. Peterson, Erin Peterson**

An honest discussion on what success means and how it is measured, both in the community and personally.

## Merging Steampunk and Fantasy

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Old Valyria*

**A.M. Burns, Calvin Studzinski, Chaz Kemp, Vennessa Robertson**

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

# Sessions & Panels

## Mermaid Folklore

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Golden Snitch*

**Mermaid Ara (M), Bonnie Lass Cosplay, Kevin Frost, Pearl the Mermaid**

Join mermaids and other people with knowledge of the sea to learn about nautical folklore from different cultures and timelines!

## Metaphysics in Fandom

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, The Pandorica*

**Shullamuth Ballinger**

Panelists demonstrate and/or discuss metaphysical systems used in storytelling, such as tarot, palm reading, psychics and mediums.

## Moments Only an Artist Can Relate To

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

**Olivia Wylie, Rubiee Tallyn Hayes, Sarin Tatroe (Sariochan Arts)**

We have all had moments that only an artist 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 as artists.

## Mother Forking Shirtballs

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, The Pandorica*

**Losing Lara**

The Good Place is likely to have twists and turns a la Lost. Where do you think the show is likely to go and why do people hate Moral Philosophy Professors? Fair warning: SPOILERS ALLOWED.

## Musical performance by Stace Johnson

*Friday, 5:30 PM-6:20 PM, Old Valyria*

**Stace Johnson (M)**

An hour of music for mages and muggles alike performed by Denver musician Stace Johnson.

## My Fandom is Problematic

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

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Jason Henry Evans**

The Ministry doesn't promote equality and class inequality is rampant, yet only peripherally addressed. Firefly's Chinese-America empire has no Asian cast members. How do we reconcile our love of something when its representation doesn't match our values?

## Mythic Cycle of Harry Potter

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Golden Snitch*

**Melanie Unruh**

We will discuss how Harry Potter has moved from simple entertainment into Mythology. A new Mythic cycle for a modern time.

## The New Doctor Who

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Golden Snitch*

**Ian Brazee-Cannon, Lorelei Suzanne, Scott Crosson**

It's been more than a decade with the "new" Doctor Who. Let's discuss our favorite moments, Doctors, and companions.

## Of Houses and Hives: How Homestuck Made Your Universe

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, The Pandorica*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey**

Let's discuss all things Homestuck! The joys of never-ending dialogues. Dave Strider's sick beats. Vriska's questionable ethics. And how we all simply adore the Mayor.

## Ohming: Breathing Exercises

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Andarta**

Ohms: Meditation for more than just starship engineers. 10 minute breathing techniques for relaxation for all.

## Old School Fandom-LOTR

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Terre d'Ange*

**Melanie Unruh (M), Jan Scott-Frazier**

Lord of the Rings; it is the grandfather of modern fantasy, but what influenced Tolkien to write such an epic tale?

## Open Filking

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-10:50 PM, Gallifrey*

**Leslie Hudson, Robin Baylor, Stace Johnson**

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.

# Sessions & Panels

## Opening Ceremonies

*Friday, 6:30 PM-6:55 PM, Old Valyria*

**Chaz Kemp, David J. Peterson, Leslie Hudson, Nikki Ebright, Veronica R. Calisto**

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*

**Jan Scott-Frazier, Olivia Wylie, Sarin Tatroe (Sariochan Arts)**

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 out there.

## Ow, My Spleen!

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

**IA Mullin, J.D. Harpley**

The character receives severe physical trauma followed immediately by a heroic act. Is this realistic? How do you write realistic fiction where your characters are injured and face the consequences yet still manage to allow them to do what you need?

## Planets of other stars (exoplanets)

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Gallifrey*

**Alastair Mayer**

To date we know over 4000 exoplanets, planets orbiting other suns. This presentation looks at detection methods and limits, the kinds of planets out there, and the possibilities for life.

## Planning and Structure – They're Important

*Friday, 5:30 PM-6:20 PM, Serenity*

**Todd A. Walls (M), Jessica Lauren Gabarron, Ken Lizzi, R. Alan Brooks**

Pantsing (the art of pulling a story out of your bum) can be exciting, but usually ends in longer production time, re-writes, and indecision. Let us discuss how even simple plans can be instrumental in producing higher quality stories, faster.

## Polyamory and Non-monogamy in Science Fiction and Fantasy

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

**Stace Johnson (M), Catherine Winters, Paul Lell, Shullamuth Ballinger**

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

## Presenting Your Work I

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

**Melanie Unruh, Mike Kloepper**

Great art should be displayed in a great way! Come and learn how to display your work to its best advantage. This is great for those who buy art and want to display it as well.

## Prodigy's Loss Release Party

*Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**Richard E. Friesen**

Prodigy's Loss, the first book in the Clark Family Legend series, will be released at MALCon! Come hear a reading and meet the author.

## Pursuing Your Dreams in Writing, Art and everything else

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

**Chaz Kemp, David J. Peterson, Erin Peterson**

How to completely go for your dreams despite all of the good advice that you'll be given to stop you. Beyond the pit falls and dealing with discouragement, a focus on how to put your dreams into action and how to stay happy when all seems bleak.

## Queer and Trans Characters in Sci-Fi and Fantasy

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Golden Snitch*

**Olivia Wylie (M), J.L. Forrest, Nonir Amicitia**

What sorts of challenges do queer and trans characters face in our worlds of the far future, a magical world, or a post-apocalyptic setting?



# Sessions & Panels

## **QUILTBAG / LGBTQIA+ Characters and Stories**

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

**Vivian Caethe (M), A.M. Burns, Betsy Dornbusch, Nonir Amicitia**

How to write characters with diverse genders and sexualities that readers and viewers can connect with.

## **Race Before Race**

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

**Kim Klimek**

The Patron Saint of Germany is African! A discussion of the ideas and biases concerning race in the medieval and early modern worlds with a historical context.

## **Reading Game of Thrones**

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**Jason Henry Evans**

The intrigue, heartbreak, and complexity of Westeros as read by guest readers.

## **Relationship, Sexual, and Gender Diversity in Fandoms**

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**Betsy Dornbusch (M), Catherine Winters, Nonir Amicitia, Vivian Caethe**

Writers seem to struggle with representation of diverse relationships styles, sexualities, and genders ranges. What are some examples of non-cis/heterosexual/monoamorous relationships we see and how authentic and fairly represented are they?

## **Resin Casting**

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Charles Orndorff, Tauni Orndorff**

Discussion and demonstration on casing resin into silicon molds

## **Rewriting History with the Living Dead**

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

**Stant Litore (M), Pamela M. Nihiser**

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!

## **The Role of Antagonists**

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Terre d'Ange*

**Calvin Studzinski, Carolyn Kay, Guy Anthony De Marco**

This open discussion panel will deal with the role of not just the villain, but the anti hero, the antagonists, their motivations and behavior. Not all antagonists are evil or are they?

## **Running Gags We Enjoy**

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

**James Van Pelt, Jessica Lauren Gabarron**

A Jackass, a Honeycomb, and a Brothel; Seamus Finnigan blowing things up; where's the line on a successful amusing gag.

## **Sci-Fi Fu**

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, The Pandorica*

**Mr. Harmel**

A discussion of our favorite Science Fiction Books with cool martial arts. Led by Denver local martial arts instructors.

## **Science and Religion**

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

**Jason Philip (M), Kevin Frost, Richard E. Friesen, Veronica R. Calisto**

Science and religion are frequently assumed to be at odds with one another. Does it have to be that way? Can scientists find religion and peace? Can the religious accept the conclusions of science?

## **Science Fiction vs Science Fact**

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

**Alastair Mayer (M), Bill Farrand, Paul Lell**

Sci-fi influences real world tech and real tech is incorporated into fiction. How to keep your science and tech plausible, or at least believable, in places like Firefly and Doctor Who.

## **Science: Fact or Fiction**

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Gallifrey*

**Mario Acevedo (M), Bill Farrand, Brian Ziman, Chris "Gilly" Gilbert**

This session will explore Hollywood Fiction to see what science they got right, and what they got terribly wrong!

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## The Second Digital Revolution

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Gallifrey*

**Chris "Gilly" Gilbert (M)**

Over the past few decades, screens have become a major part of our lives. But what's next? Join scientist Chris Gilbert for a look at the future of computers and Augmented Reality, or "How we dropped the screens."

## Self Care is Sexy!

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

**Rubiee Tallyn Hayes (M), Pink Pitcher, Sarin Tatroe (Sariochan Arts)**

If you want to be a productive and happy artist, you have to take care of yourself! If you're not healthy, happy, well rested, well fed and hydrated, your work is going to suffer. We will talk about some of the things you can do to make self care a part of your daily routine!

## Self Defense Against the Dark Arts

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Basilisk Isles N*

**Guro/Sifu Raul DeLay, Master Victoria Wagner, Mr. Harmel**

Come learn a few self defense moves to keep in your back pocket in case you're approached by unsavory types such as dementors, werewolves, or ministry officials.

## Self Publishing (Print and eBook)

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

**J.D. Harrison, Jason Henry Evans**

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

## Severus Snape: It's all about Me

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**Brian Ziman (M)**

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 window dressing for him.

## Sexy in Science Fiction

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

**Todd A. Walls (M), Aaron Michael Ritchey, Nonir Amicitia, Veronica R. Calisto**

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.

## Shameless Self-Promotion

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

**Calvin Studzinski, Jason Henry Evans, Losing Lara**

Promoting yourself and your work SUCKS! Sometimes it feels like bragging, or self-involved. NOT HERE! Come to shamelessly promote your stuff with no judgement from anyone!

## Shiny Garden Events

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**Billy Van Ark, Brian Ziman, Nikki Ebright**

Come find out more about Shiny Garden and our events WhimsyCon (Steampunk and Costuming) and HexaCon (Tabletop Gaming).

## Silicon Molding

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Charles Orndorff, Tauni Orndorff**

Discussion and demonstration on how to make silicon molds.

## So Charming, Not Creepy

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**Leslie Hudson, Stace Johnson**

Learn how to approach people without being a creep. A discussion on etiquette, consent, common sense and enjoying fandom with respect. Audience is encouraged to share examples of good and bad interactions.

## So You Want to Turn Your Hobby Into a Business

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Golden Snitch*

**Karina Scott, Lou J Berger**

There are plenty of hobbies in fiction fandom; costuming, artwork, tea, writing, and more. How does one go about making a living or at least creating income with a hobby?

# Sessions & Panels

## Steamship Goggles

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Basilisk Isles S*

### Vonie' Stillson

Make-and-Take workshop sponsored by Airship Iron Opal.

## Sticking the Landing: How to End Your

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

### Betsy Dornbusch, Catherine Winters, James Van Pelt

Why do some endings leave a lasting impact and others just fizzle? What does a good ending look like?

## Storytelling via Songwriting

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

### Losing Lara (M), Leslie Hudson, Lorelei Suzanne, Stace Johnson

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

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Basilisk Isles N*

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Old Valyria*

### Tomas O'Dreams

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!

## Strengths of Female Characters

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

### Jo Fontana, Melissa Koons

There's more than one kind of strength, and only one is the Xena: Warrior Princess stereotype. The stay at home mom is just as strong as the working mom; how can we represent this on the page?

## Stretches Before Atmo

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Basilisk Isles N*

### Mr. Harmel

Before heading out to the black, try some stretches to limber you up.

## Strong Female Characters in Harry Potter

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

### Leslie Hudson, Lorelei Suzanne, Losing Lara

Let's investigate how the female characters at Hogwarts uniquely frame, shape, and drive the story based on their perspectives.

## Stuffed Animal Accessories

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

### Brenna Deutchman (M)

Come make accessories for your plush. Hand sewing, machine sewing, knot tying. \$15 materials fee per person. Ages 7+ or with an adult.

## Stuffed Animal Creation - No Sew

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

### Brenna Deutchman (M)

Come decorate, stuff and finish fun stuffed animals. You take your new friend with you! If you can tie a knot, you can make an animal! \$15 materials fee per person. Ages 7+ or with an adult.

## Stuffed Animal Creation - Sewing Machines

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Basilisk Isles S*

### Brenna Deutchman (M)

Come design and make your own unique stuffed animal. \$15 per person material fee. Needles & sewing machines will be used in this class. Ages 7+ or with an adult.

## Tea Dueling

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-3:50 PM, Basilisk Isles N*

### Melanie Unruh (M)

Hoist your biscuits and prepare to duel in the spirited Sudden Death Tea Dueling Tournament. Hosted by the Denver Victorian and Steampunk Society (DVSS).

## Time for a Female Who!

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

### Lorelei Suzanne (M)

Jodie Whittaker is the new Doctor; the Mistress is now a living legend; what are some of the impacts to Whovians?

# Sessions & Panels

## To Self Pub or Not: Is It Really Easy?

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

**Kevin Frost (M), Guy Anthony De Marco, Melissa Koons**

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

## Tolkien's Influence on Art and Imagination

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

**Richard E. Friesen**

How and why has Tolkien become an inspiration for artists and fans alike? Audience participation encouraged.

## Trivia for Geeks!

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-2:50 PM, Terre d'Ange*

**Lee Moody, 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! As seen at MileHiCon and COSine!

## Trope if You Want To

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

**Lou J Berger, Sam Knight**

You know that story you want to write about pirates/aliens/superheroes/wizards/secret agents? Even if a genre has already been well explored you can still bring something unique.

## Twin Peaks

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, The Pandorica*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, David J. Peterson**

After over twenty-five years in the Black Lodge, Season 3 of Twin Peaks arrived. Enjoy this lively discussion of this surreal masterpiece, its cultural significance and reasons for its enduring appeal.

## Verse in the 'Verse: Poetry and the Firefly Universe

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Golden Snitch*

**Dana Bell, Stace Johnson**

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

## VIP Speed Chatting

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Old Valyria*

**Chaz Kemp, David J. Peterson, Leslie Hudson, Nikki Ebright, Tomas O'Dreams, Veronica R. Calisto**

A FREE gathering where the VIP and special guests will move from table to table, so everyone has a chance to meet them!

## Warp Drives & Fusion & Terraforming, Oh My

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Gallifrey*

**Alastair Mayer**

This discusses real science, using my T-Space series as a jumping off point. The focus is on actual and legitimate theoretical science behind the Alcubierre warp, fusion, and terraforming.

## We Need Devils Too: Villains

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

**Venessa Robertson (M), James Van Pelt, Pamela M. Nihiser, Sam Knight**

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

## What Could Go Right? Positive And Utopian Fiction

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

**Olivia Wylie (M), Sam Knight**

We know all the ways things could go wrong, courtesy of dystopian fiction. But how could things go right? Working with the audience, we will compile a reading list on positive visions of the future.

## What we have learned from Mars rovers

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

**Bill Farrand**

This presentation discusses the current state of Mars surface science as informed by the explorations of the Spirit, Opportunity, and Curiosity rover missions, as well as orbital science.

# Sessions & Panels

## Whedonverse

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, The Pandoraica*

**Dana Bell (M), Terry Harmel, Vennessa Robertson**

Come join your fellow Whedonites to talk, share, argue and discuss your love for all of Whedon's creations! Buffy, Firefly, Avengers, Dr Horrible and more. More thrilling than staying at a cabin in the woods, more insane than living in a dollhouse.

## Wheel of Fantasy

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, The Pandoraica*

**Karina Scott**

Come play Wheel of Fantasy! Based on the hit game show Wheel of Fortune, this game focuses on all topics Fantasy. The event is hosted by fellow geeks! Prizes available to contestants and audience!

## Why Cosplay is For You

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Mount Doom*

**KatOfDiamonds (M), HopeFully Cosplay**

Does your body come in 3D & lack CGI or illustrated enhancements? Do you not look like your favorite character? This panel seeks to embolden body positivity & diverse representation in cosplay spaces.

## Wish You Were There: Worldbuilding

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

**Calvin Studzinski, Gregory R. Hyde, Stant Litore**

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.

## Wizard Wand, staff, blasting rod, etc (Make-and-Take)

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Michelle Reeves**

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

## Working with Plastics

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Basilisk Isles S*

**Charles Orndorff, Tauni Orndorff**

Demonstration of vac-u-forming and using sintra to make costume parts.

## Writing Animals in Fiction

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

**A.M. Burns, Betsy Dornbusch, IA Mullin, J.D. Harrison**

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 from Life's Lessons

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

**Colin Heintze, Gregory R. Hyde**

How have your life experiences impacted your craft?

## Writing Historically - Medieval and Ancient Cultures

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

**Jason Henry Evans, Kim Klimek**

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.

## Your Logo!

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Terre d'Ange*

**Mike Kloeffer (M), Chaz Kemp**

Why do you need a logo? What will it do for me? How do I design one? Why why why?! We will answer your questions about logos and marketing and maybe even be able to hook you up!

## Yule Ball in the Fall

**Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Old Valyria**

Adventures in Dance starts us off with a performance, followed by instruction in a Grand March, Snape's Samba, Nagini's Rumba, Scamander's Tango, Credence's Cha Cha, Grimwald's Jive, and a Wizards Ball Waltz.

# Shiny Garden Events



## SHINY GARDEN

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY WITH INCLUSIVE FAN EVENTS

Join us at all of our annual conventions:

*Myths & Legends*



MALConDenver.org

Modern Myths & Legends

HexaCon



HexaConDenver.org

Tabletop Gaming

*WhimsyCon*



WhimsyCon.org

Steampunk & Costuming

## Shiny Garden

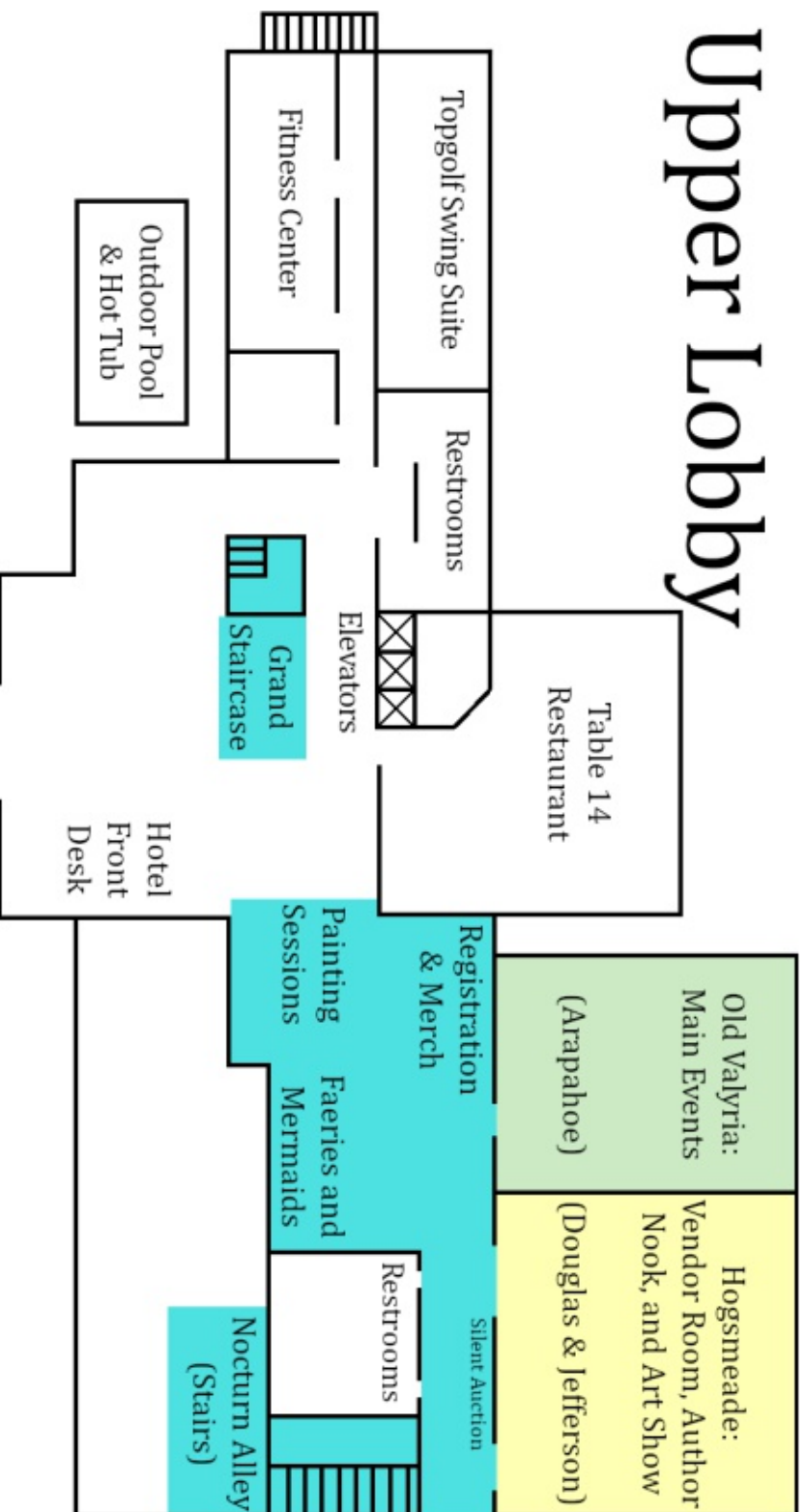
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### Myths & Legends Staff

Convention Organizer	Nikki Ebright
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Programming (pre-con)	Nikki Ebright
Programming (on site)	Dwight Thompson
Vendor Room	Chelle Moriarty & Jamie Judson
Volunteer Suite	Sheila McClune
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Consigliere	Billy Van Ark

# Upper Lobby



# Lower Lobby

