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Carefree Resort, Carefree, AZ

**Arizona's Annual Science
Fiction and Fantasy Convention**
with an Emphasis on Art

Progress Report #2



Leprecon Inc. presents

The 31st Annual

LepreCon Convention

Friday May 6 thru Sunday May 8, 2005

Carefree Resort & Villas

Carefree, Arizona USA

Artist Guest of Honor

Dave Dorman

Author Guest of Honor

Kevin J. Anderson

Special Artist Guest of Honor

Bear Burge

Local Artist Guest of Honor

Sarah Clemens

Music Guest of Honor

Mitchell Burnside Clapp

(sponsored by the Phoenix Filk Circle)

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Greetings

LepreCon 31 is almost here! We have lots of great stuff planned for this year's convention and hope that you can join us at the Carefree Resort this year. We're expecting a big art show and a lot of good panels, demos and presentations this year and we have many great SF/Fantasy artists participating this year that haven't been at a LepreCon convention previously. We will be having events on Thursday night for pre-register members only, including Con Suite opening at 7 p.m. We will have many more details online at our website at www.leprecon.org/lep31 as we get closer to the convention.

Guests of Honor

Dave Dorman is an award-winning illustrator who has been a professional artist since 1979. He has done artwork for comics, book and game publishers including much for **Star Wars**. You can see many samples of his are at his website, www.davedorman.com.

Kevin J. Anderson is a prolific author of books and comics. They cover **Star Wars**, **Dune**, **X Files**, **Seven Suns**, and a number in his own universes. For more details check out his website at www.wordfire.com.

Bear Burge is a professional prop builder from Los Angeles. He has worked on **Space: Above and Beyond**, **Star Trek**, **Babylon 5**, and **SeaQuest**.

Sarah Clemens has a degree in fine arts and art history. She has designed logos, done book cover illustrations and photography, medical illustrations and been a curator of exhibits at a science museum. She now concentrates on oil paintings and shows at galleries. Her website is www.clemensart.com.

Mitchell Burnside Clapp's details are listed under the Filk section. He's not only a musician; he's also a rocket scientist.

Catherine Book, Guest Liaison

Anime

Action, motivation, guns, magic, and more expressed through detailed cartooning in the Japanese style: Anime!

The Anime Room will be showing many different fascinating shows, both old and new, from 10pm to 10am Friday night to Saturday morning, and

from 10 pm to 10 am Saturday night to Sunday morning!

Come visit all the fun, excitement and more all night long in Palo Verde Room IV!! Sponsored by Anizona!

Rini, Anime Director

Art Show

We are proud to announce Dave Dorman as our Artist Guest of Honor. Our local Artist Guest of Honor will be Sarah Clemens. We are planning a guided tour of the art show Friday evening hosted by Dave Dorman and Sarah Clemens.

Our plan is to offer the best of science fiction and fantasy art to the fans of Phoenix. We are asking that artists planning to hang art limit it to originals and limited run prints. Art show panels (a panel is 4 ft. X 4 ft. flat brown pegboard) may be reserved for a fee of \$5.00 per panel. 3D artwork can be displayed on 6 ft. X 2.5 ft. tables, for a fee of \$10.00 or \$5.00 for 1/2 table. The convention will take a 12% commission on these sales. We will feature a print shop -- an area for artists to sell multiple prints of some of their more popular work, with the convention taking 15% commission on these sales. There is no fee to display in the print shop.

Artist Setup Friday: 9 AM-12 noon. There will be a voice auction Sunday at 1 PM. We will accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express as well as cash and checks.

Artists that have reserved space: Dave Dorman, Sarah Clemens, Ruth Thompson, Larry Vela, Theresa Mather, Betsy Mott, L. A. Williams, Gus Talbott, Sylvana Anderson-Gish, R. Merrill Bollerud, Ralph J. Ryan, Monika Livingstone, Michele Ellington, Ellisa Mitchell, Nancy Strowger, Quynh Mai Nguyen, John Kaufmann, Kieona, Mary Hanson-Roberts, Deborah Woods, Daniel Cortopassi, Charlene Taylor D'Alessio, Lela Dowling, Dr. Susan "Arizona" Gleason, Lew Hartman, Meredith A. Martini, Rachael M. Mayo, Lisa Snellings-Clark, Abranda Sisson, Cassondra L. Sweep and many more old favorites. Brett Bass will be displaying art again after a long absence. New artists that have reserved space: Lisa Albinger, Mark J. Ferrari, Justin Miller, Nicole Pellegrini, Lauren Raine, Elizabeth Hoffheims, Bridget E. Wilde and Tracy Cornett.

We are anticipating a great art show this year, so be sure to come down and see the pride of a lot of super artists. If you have any questions, or if you are interested in reserving display space, please contact Ray Gish at 2527 N. Silverado, Mesa, AZ 85215 or call 480-641-3997 or email at RGASAS@aol.com.

There will be tables for an artist alley in the LepreCon Art Show. You must have reserved space in the art show to participate in the artist alley. It will be first come first served. To reserve a table and time email me or sign up in the art show at the Con.

Ray Gish, Art Show Director

Charity Auction

It is my pleasure to bring to all the members a Charity Auction to benefit ASFA and the Thomas J. Pappas School Art Department. 100% of the proceeds are given to these charities.

ASFA is the Association of Science Fiction & Fantasy Artists and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, educational corporation. ASFA was organized for artistic, literary, educational and charitable purposes concerning the visual arts of Science Fiction, Fantasy, Mythology and related topics. The organization is dedicated to providing a communications link among its members, as well as providing helpful information and technical assistance.

Part of ASFA's purpose is to stimulate the public's interest in these areas of art. They're also there to encourage and develop amateur artistic talent, educate the public, publishers, patrons of the arts and anyone interested in works of these particular types of art and craftsmanship in the rights, needs and problems of the people involved in the creation of this material.

The Thomas J. Pappas Schools were founded in 1989 to provide equitable and accessible education for homeless children. They are committed to providing a comprehensive educational experience, as well as meeting the social and physical needs of their students. They currently support an elementary and middle school in Phoenix, and an elementary school in Tempe.

I can pretty much guarantee everyone who shows up will have a good time

and plenty of opportunity to bid on and take home cool stuff. We'll have books galore, Space Science items, loads of signed photos of favorite TV actors, collectible art, and lots of movie memorabilia. Everything will be on display in the Art Show until the auction begins.

There will be Charity Auction Program Guides available at Registration. The auction will be on Saturday, keep watching the our website for updates on the items in the auction.

See you at the Auction; don't forget your money. Bid often, bid high...

Catherine Book, Charity Auction Director

Dealers Room

We will have some of our usual dealers this year as well as some new ones. Please contact us via email or visit our website for details.

Filk

The LepreCon 31 Filk Guest of Honor, Mitchell Burnside Clapp, is a man of many talents. Not only is he one of the best Filk authors, but also he is a graduate of the USAF Test Pilot school who heads his own Aerospace launch company, Pioneer Rocketplane. His Rocket Plane is due to be launched from the Oklahoma Spaceport in about two years.

Mitchell is the author of a number of Filk Songs including “Red Star Rising,” “Falling Down on New Jersey,” and “Hangar My Heart”. He was Winner of the 1990 Pegasus Award as Best Filk Performer. He has been a past GoH at both LepreCon and CopperCon. His wife, T.J., is also a well known and award-winning Filker. When he was Filk guest in Phoenix last he won the auction for the privilege of being a character and dying in “War of Honor” by David Weber.

He “holds a Master's degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He has flown more than 40 different types of military and civilian aircraft and is the only person outside McDonnell-Douglas trained to fly the DC-X single stage research demonstration vehicle. He is the author of numerous technical papers on various subjects in the space transportation realm.” (This paragraph quoted from the Rocketplane Ltd., Inc. publicity material.)

Mitchell will be at the Filk Circle at 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, will have a concert on Saturday afternoon and will be on a Filk Panel and several Science Panels.

Gary Swaty, Filk Coordinator

Film Festival

Looking for the opportunity to have a place to show your independent science fiction, fantasy or horror movie? Then welcome to the LepreCon 31 film festival. All entries will be juried and, if accepted, will be notified that they are in. There will be no entry fee. However, we ask that you have a person who was a part of the movie purchase a membership and be on hand to talk about the movie. We will be providing a room that will use a digital projector to display the movies. We will be giving two awards, one for best of show, which a jury will judge, and one for people's choice. The movies will be shown several times so that the members of the convention can see it. When we have confirmed that you're in, we will list it on the website as one of the participants of the Festival. For entry information please send inquiries to our main email or mailing address. Film Fest will run until 10pm each evening.

Mark Boniece, Film Fest Coordinator

Gaming

Games and Diversions is looking forward to Leprecon 31. We'll have an assortment of games at the convention. Additionally, a Charity Cross-time Casino may be in the works. What we need are folks that are interested in playing as well as those willing to staff and volunteer for this upcoming convention for G&D. Contact azrazzie@yahoo.com with questions or for details. If you want to come, we want you here. We're here to serve you a fresh new gaming experience!

Wayne Myers, Gaming Director

Hotel

This year LepreCon moves to a new venue, the Carefree Resort and Villas. The resort is located at the north end of the valley in Carefree, north of Scottsdale. The

actual address is 37220 Mule Train Rd., Carefree, AZ 85377. Their phone number is 888-488-9034 (toll free) or 480-488-5300 (direct). You can also check them out on the web at www.carefree-resort.com or email them using reservations@carefree-resort.com. Be sure to use the reservation code for our event 18338. Book soon as our room block will disappear soon (2 weeks prior). We also have a direct link from the LepreCon 31 website that you can use.

The rates at the resort are \$89 plus tax per night plus \$9 per day resort fee for their standard single/double rooms. Each additional adult is \$10 per night plus tax. The resort fee covers gratuity for bell service, housekeeping, etc. About the only thing it doesn't cover is tipping servers in the restaurant. They also have multi-bedroom casitas for \$109 per night, junior villas for \$139 per night, and master villas for \$169 per night (all these are single/quad plus tax plus resort fee). The villas are across the street from the main resort and are essentially condominiums. All rooms have either king or queen-sized beds, study areas, telephones with voice mail and data ports for high speed internet access. The internet access is included and is either wired (standard rooms) or wireless (most casitas and some villas). Please see their website for details on the casitas and villas. You must be 21 or older to book a room at the resort to get the convention rate, but younger members may stay in that room, too. Children under 18 staying with parents or guardians are no extra charge. All rates are valid for the official dates of the convention plus two days prior and two days afterwards. Specify party or non-party area.

If you have any problems booking a room with the rates above, or have any questions about the resort, please contact me directly using mwillmoth@earthlink.net or via the convention email address or phone number (which is mine with voice mail).

Mike Willmoth, Hotel Liaison

Masquerade

One of the most popular events at any science fiction convention is the Masquerade. Here costume-makers, whether novice or master, share their moment of fame as their creations are presented on-stage to an appreciative audience. To enter your own costumes, bring them to the convention and attend the entrants' meeting to find out more.

There is a movie theme planned for the Masquerade, and preferably your costume can work along with it. We'll also have awards, and a great half-time show provided by 501st. LepreCon masquerades have a reputation for providing a low-stress, friendly environment for the contestants.

LepreCon has presented Masquerades with a theatrical flair, with some contestants performing short sketches, renderings of a favorite character (original or from the media), visual puns, and simple walk on presentations. Come and show off your work!

If you are interested in participating in this year's Saturday night Masquerade, please contact me (mgrady@eigi.com or 602-220-0150) to get onto the Costumers mailing list asap. We'll have some nice prizes and a great half-time show by the fabulous 501st. See you there!

We will also be handing out Hall Costume Awards throughout the weekend to show our appreciation to well-costumed attendees. Please check out the website for Masquerade rules and additional information. Velavision will be on hand to videotape the event, and will make copies available for sale after the convention.

Margaret Grady, Masquerade Director

Memberships

The pre-registration rate for memberships of \$35 per person will be available **until April 22**, then \$40 at the door for the entire weekend with pro-rated rates of \$30 for Sat/Sun and daily rates of \$15 Fri, \$25 Sat and \$15 Sun available at the door only. Children 7-12 are half price with an attending adult and those 6 or under are free with an attending adult. You may use PayPal via our website to purchase your memberships, or you may use the Registration Form included with this progress report. If using the form please make a photocopy, complete it and mail it to the convention address along with payment. There is a place for credit card information, too. If paying by credit card, the corporate treasurer will process the transaction and mail you a receipt. Only the convention and corporate treasurer will see that info.

As in the past, your membership is not refundable, but is transferable. If you decide you cannot make the convention after you have purchased a membership, then please write a letter authorizing the transfer (including the name of the recipient or just TO BEARER if you don't know), sign it, and send us a copy by mail. Email is not acceptable for such transfers. Please make sure that whomever is receiving the membership has a copy of the letter with them when they arrive just in case. Photo IDs are required to pick up badges and registration material.

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Programming

Participants at LepreCon 31 include: Kevin J Anderson, Tabitha Bradley, Greg Brown, Bear Burge, Frances Burns, Sarah Clemens, Mitchell Burnside Clapp, Emily Devenport, Dave Dorman, Michele Ellington, Bruce Farr, Jan Howard Finder, Maryeileen Flanagan, Joseph Formichella, Dana Ginsberg, Mark Greenawalt, Hugh S. Gregory, Byur Gullwing, Ernest Hogan, Pamelina H., Bryan Kinnaird, Paula Suzanne Lary, Jack Mangan, Michael R. Mennenga, Loretta McKibben, Allison Mitchell, Rebecca Moesta, Casey Moore, Kevin A Murphy, Bill Nicholls, Kevin O'Connor, Janeen O'Kerry, Webb Pickersgill, Ray Poulson, Lauren Raine, Ken St. Andre, Jannie Shea, Evo Terra, Larry Vela, Scott Virtes, Ronald Walker, Michelle M. Welch, Lee Whiteside, David A. Williams Ph.D., Roy Young, & Veronica Ann Zabala. Please check the website for a full participant list and bios.

The special events planned for the weekend include: Open to pre-registered members only on Thursday evening: 30 Years of LepreCon and What's That Byte; Friday: Meet the Pros, Artists' Fingerpainting, Junk Box Wars, SciFi Jeopardy, and Art Show Walk Through with Guest Dave Dorman; Saturday: Q&A with Bear Burge, Filk Concert with Mitchell Burnside Clapp, Scripting Writing Workshop (please come with a script for critiquing if possible), Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament, Charity Auction, Masquerade, and Modern Dance; Sunday: Movie Previews, ASFA Regional Meeting, Art Auction, and Convention Review.

In addition, the following events are tentatively planned for sometime during the weekend: Masks of the Goddess, Will CGI Replace Live Acting, a debate between Star Wars experts on whether the Empire is good, Geology and Climate: Fact or Fiction, Elevator Bob, The Art of Self-Promotion, Cassini-Huygens, and a presentation by the CEO of Pioneer Rocketplane.

There will be a weekend-long track of panels on making a short film including costuming and SFX make-up, storyboarding, scripting, filming, casting, music scores, promotions, and editing. There will also be a weekend-long track of art demonstrations including the aforementioned fingerpainting session with the artist participants, a few airbrush demos, a pencil demo, comic book design, dragon sketching, performance dance, jewelry design and fabrication, modeling and sculpting demos, and a face casting demo.

If you'd like to participate on programming, please send us electronic mail or use our physical mailing address.

Paul Tanton, Program Director

Travel

To get to the Carefree Resort, the simplest approach is to take SR 101 to the North East valley and exit at the Princess/Pima Road exit (#36). From there, take Pima Road north 15 miles to Cave Creek Road. Turn left and head west until you reach Mule Train Road. Go North on Mule Train and you will be at the Carefree Resort. Alternate directions and links to maps will be available on our website.

LepreCon 31 Registration Form

NAME(S) _____

BADGE NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE/PROVINCE _____

ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

_____ Full (13 and older) Membership(s) at \$ _____ each = \$ _____

_____ Half (7-12) Membership(s) at \$ _____ each = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

_____ Check: We accept travelers checks, personal checks, business checks, cashiers checks or money orders for the total amount above. Make it payable to LepreCon 31.

_____ Credit Card: We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express. Charge may show Leprecon Inc. as recipient. Leprecon Inc. is dba LepreCon 31.

Card Number _____

3 or 4 digit auth code _____ Expiration _____

Name as it appears on your card (please print)

Signature _____

Payment also accepted online via PayPal. Visit <http://www.paypal.com> and send payment to paypal@leprecon.org or visit our website <http://www.leprecon.org/lep31/> and click on Memberships.

Mail this form to the convention address in this progress report with your payment. Thank you!

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