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Progress Report #1

Leprecon Inc. presents

The 32nd Annual

LepreCon Convention

Friday May 5 thru Sunday May 7, 2006
Embassy Suites Phoenix North Hotel
Phoenix, Arizona USA

Artist Guest of Honor

Alan M. Clark

Author Guest of Honor

John Vornholt

Special Media Guest of Honor

Bill Blair

Local Artist Guest of Honor

Gilead

Music Guest of Honor

Bill Laubenheimer

(sponsored by the Phoenix Filk Circle)

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Guests of Honor

Artist Guest Alan M. Clark is an award winning artist whose illustrations have appeared on the cover and interior to many magazines and books. He has been awarded multiple Chesley and World Fantasy awards for his work. He obtained his Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree San Francisco Art Institute in 1979. After a few years designing art exhibits in Nashville, he became a full time illustrator in 1985 and is still going strong after 20 years. He is also the publisher of IDT Publishing and currently resides in Eugene, Oregon with his wife Melody. He is also the Founder of The Bovine Smoke Society and Bovine Smoke West and also serves on the board of the World Horror Society.

Author Guest John Vornholt turned to book publishing in 1989 after spending 20 years as a freelance writer (writing mostly non-fiction). Drawing upon the good will generated by an earlier non-fiction book he had written for Simon & Schuster, John secured a contract to write Masks, number seven in the Star Trek: The Next Generation book series. He has dabbled in the Star Trek universe for many years totaling over 20 books, the most recent of which is Star Trek The Next Generation - A Time to Die. His original work has included The Fabulist, The Troll King, The Troll Queen, and The Troll Treasure as well as a turn under the name of Caroline Goode for the book Cupidity.

Special Media Guest Bill Blair (The Alien Actor) - If you've watched Babylon 5 or recent Star Trek, you've more than likely seen Bill. He's been under makeup for most every alien on both series. He's done work on Alien Nation, Babylon 5 (60+ episodes), Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (35+ episodes), Sliders, Star Trek: Voyager, Enterprise, The Division, and Carnivale. Before becoming the Alien Actor, he was part of the bands Climax and The Classics IV in the 1970's and his own group, The Expressions, during the 1980's. In the early 1990's, he ended up in Los Angeles and started acting in TV shows with makeup. He's got lots of stories about his experiences on the sets of all of the shows. If you've got a favorite alien, he's probably got a picture of

him as one.

Featured Local Artist Gilead has been a freelance artist since 1992. He has had a varied career, painting thousands of promotional and seasonal signs and point of sale displays, hundreds of illustrations for role-playing games, and dozens of murals. "I have been drawing as long as I can remember, but was always told that art was not a 'real job'. So after high school I went to work in the local factory, where I eventually became a manager." This was followed by a year and a half as a retail manager before finally breaking free and embracing art as a career. Gilead's background in production lends itself to his art. There can be no "writing for the muse" here, not with deadlines approaching. Gilead views his art as his job and takes it seriously. "If the muse doesn't come to me, I'll go out and find it!" His familiarity with the retail environment has been a valuable asset in understanding the needs of his clients, making his signs and displays some of the most effective in the field.

Music Guest Bill Laubenheimer is a writer of filk songs such as COBOL Programmers Swing, Fortran Programs, and A Norse is a Norse. He also met his wife Carole on a Caltrain bike car and held their wedding on one. More details are covered in the Filk section.

Special Tribute to Ray Gish - Fandom lost one of our stalwarts last year in Ray Gish. Ray served as a board member and treasurer for Leprecon, Inc. for many years, chaired LepreCon 14 and LepreCon 24, and has been running the art show for most of the local conventions. We will be holding special activities remembering Ray at this year's LepreCon.

Art Show

We are planning a guided tour of the art show Friday evening hosted by Alan M. Clark and Gilead. Our plan is to offer the best of science fiction and fantasy art to the fans of Phoenix and the Southwest. We are asking that artists planning to enter our Art

Show limit it to originals and limited run prints. Panels are 4 ft. x 4 ft. flat brown pegboard and may be reserved for a fee of \$5.00 per panel. 3-D 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. We'll also be doing a Student Art Show. Please contact us by email or phone for details.

Artist Setup will be Friday 9:00 AM - 12 noon. We will accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express as well as cash and checks.

We are anticipating a great art show this year, so be sure to come by 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 David Gish at 1309 W. Palo Verde Dr, Chandler, AZ 85224 or call 480-963-2067 or email at konrad@cox.net.

David Gish, Art Show Director

Charity Auction

It is my pleasure to bring to all the members a Charity Auction to benefit ASFA. 100% of the proceeds are given to this charity. 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

Nebula Awards Weekend

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Tempe Mission Palms, Tempe, AZ

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Join us for the annual
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a group signing on Friday night with dozens of authors,
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the Nebula Awards Banquet on Saturday night, plus other
events to be announced.

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Room Rates: \$137 S/D (+ tax)

(\$129 + \$8 hospitality fee that
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Membership Rates

Full Weekend

(everything including
Nebula Awards Banquet)

\$110 thru 3/31/06,

\$125 thru 4/30/06

Panels & Parties

(All events *except* the Banquet)

\$35 thru 3/31/06, \$45 thru 4/30/06



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**Sponsored by Leprecon, Inc.,
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the annual LepreCon conventions.**

We are planning a WesterCon in downtown Tempe,
Arizona, at the Tempe Mission Palms with free airport
shuttle and many nearby restaurants.

Voting will take place at Conzilla (WesterCon 59),
July 1-4, 2006 in San Diego.

Pre- Supporting Memberships

Groovy Guy/Gal (Pre-Support)	\$10 US
Rat Fink (Pre-Oppose)	\$20 US
Fab Friend	\$50 US
Cool Cat	\$100 US

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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.

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 probably be scheduled on Saturday, so keep watching the Progress Reports or our website for an update.

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

Lisa-Marie Quillen , Charity Auction Director

Dealers Room

If you have an interest in participating in our room, please contact us using the information found on page 2.

Howard Mieth, Dealers Room Coordinator

Fan Tables

If you are interested in reserving a fan table (6' with two chairs) to promote your convention, event or group, then please contact us using the information on page 2. Fan tables are reserved for non-profit groups and not-for-profit groups while for-profit groups should contact our Dealers Room Coordinator for renting a table. Due to public space limitations we will have to limit the number of tables which may cause some groups to receive a half table instead of a whole table. If you cannot function without a full table, then please let us know since tables are on a first-

come / first-served basis. Setup starts Thursday May 4 around 1:00 p.m. (when we take possession of the function space) and teardown starts Sunday May 7 around 5:00 p.m.

Mike Willmoth, Fan Table Coordinator

Filk

The LepreCon 32 Filk Guest of Honor will be Bill Laubenheimer. He's a computer programmer participating in the Silicon Valley favorite activity of starting up a company as its software architect. No, wait. He's a tournament-level bridge player. No, wait. He's a filker. Well, Bill is all of these things plus being a romantic (Just ask his wife, Carole Parker, about his romantic proposal and their wedding.), who is looking forward to being at LepreCon and meeting everyone.

He will have a Saturday Concert and will appear on panels. He will be at the Filk Circle Friday and Saturday nights and at the Sunday afternoon Filk Jam. He will also be on several panels. He is known to be the author of at least a couple of programming related songs and sings a wide array of Filk. The Phoenix Filk Circle will out in full cry and a good time will be had by all.

The Filk Schedule as of now is:

Fri 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Silicon Life Forms Circle [Computer Songs]

Fri 12:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m. Bardic Circle

Sat 1:00 p.m. - Bill's Filk Concert (Might change slightly)

Sat 9:00 p.m. - Sun 6:00 a.m. Bardic Circle

Sun 1:00 p.m. - ? Filk Jam

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 32 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 peoples 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.

Mark Boniece, Film Fest Coordinator

Gaming

Games and Diversions is looking forward to Leprecon 32. 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 we move back to the Embassy Suites Phoenix North Hotel, site of LepreCons 28 (2002) and 29 (2003). It is located at 2577 W Greenway Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85023 USA, 602-375-1777. The hotel is on the southeast corner of I-17 & Greenway Rd in north Phoenix.

Rates are \$95.00 per night single/double, +\$10.00 per adult per night for triple or quadruple, plus tax. Online code for this year is

LEP through our website linking to the hotel's website or via theirs directly. These rates are good until two weeks out (Thursday April 20, 2006). Be sure to book by then either online or by phone. If you book on or after the above date, then only the direct number listed above will work during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. MST).

Amenities include two-room suites, king or double double beds, mini-fridge, microwave, televisions in each room, breakfast buffet with made-to-order omelette station including pancakes or french toast, happy hour in the evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the lounge, 5000sf circular swimming pool (extended hours until 4:00 a.m.), hot tub (extended hours until 4:00 a.m.), etc. Optional features include high speed internet (wired in the rooms, wireless in the lobby) for \$9.95 per day at press time plus free internet kiosks in the lobby.

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 Ball

Instead of the usual Masquerade Contest this year we are holding a Masquerade Ball Saturday evening. This entails wearing the costume of your choice along with a mask of your choosing. If you do not have a costume, then regular fannish attire is acceptable. However, you may purchase a mask for a nominal fee, or build one yourself at the Mask Workshop that is being schedule through Programming. We'll have masks available for purchase at the door to the ball. Just find us in Salons ABC near the fan table area.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this year's Saturday night Masquerade Ball, please contact Margaret Grady

(602-220-0150) at mgrady@eigi.com to get onto the Costumers mailing list. We'll also have nice prizes for those in costume. See you there!

Margaret Grady, Masquerade Director

Memberships

Memberships are \$40 per person until April 15, then \$45 up to the con and at the door. 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 treasurers will see that information. **Mention this Progress Report for a \$35 membership through February 28, 2006 (online or by mail)!**

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 at-con.

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Programming

The following persons are participating at our event in 2006: Sylvania Anderson-Gish, Dr. Arizona, Tabitha A. Bradley, Greg Brown, Cynthia Bullock, Mike Cassidy, Sarah Clemens, Liz Danforth, Emily Devenport, Michele Ellington, Bruce Farr, Maryeileen Flanagan, Joseph Formichella, Hugh S Gregory, Bennie Grezlik, Diane Harris, Ernest Hogan, Pamelina H., Nicole Kurtz, Chris LaMont, Jack Mangan, Loretta McKibben, Edouard B Mesert, Vicki Mieth, Allison Mitchell, Casey Moore, Adam Niswander, Janeen O'Kerry, Diana L. Paxson, Lauren Raine, Cary Riall, Ken St. Andre, Samira, Gary L Swaty, Evo Terra, Kit Townsend, Larry Vela, Ronald L. Walker, Doreen Webbert, Jim Webbert, Michelle M. Welch, Randall Whitlock, and David Williams.

The special events planned for the weekend include an Artists' Fingerpainting Session, Junk Box Wars, Art Show Guided Tour, Filk Concert, Charity Auction, Masquerade Ball (Sat eve), Modern Dance (Fri eve), Barry Bard's Memorial Movie Previews, ASFA Regional Meeting, and Art Auction. 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, 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, comic book design, dragon sketching, modeling and sculpting demos, and three linked body casting demos.

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

Paul Tanton, Program Director

Security

Our security team has a simple rule for conduct: Use common sense at all times. If you don't, your membership is revocable.

James Kosky, Security Director

Travel

There are several ways to get to the hotel. If you're driving from the west, you may take I-10 east to SR101 north and east to I-17, then I-17 south to Greenway Rd exit. Turn left (east) and the hotel will be on your right after you climb the hill past the freeway. If you're coming from the east, take SR101 west to I-17, then I-17 south to Greenway Rd. exit as above. If you're coming from the north, take I-17 south to Greenway Rd. exit as above. If you're coming from the south, take I-17 north to Greenway Rd. exit and turn right (east) going up the hill with the hotel on your right (south). Or fly into Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and shuttle in.

Volunteers

Every convention needs volunteers to make things happen. All committee and staff for LepreCon 32 are volunteers who have proven themselves during past events. Not everyone wants the added responsibility of volunteering at these levels. As such we have need for regular, walk-in volunteers who are attendees who want to lend a hand. Where do we use such volunteers? Registration, Masquerade, Consuite and Staff Lounge, etc. We may not need them all the time, but there are certainly peak times when we do. This is where you can help.

When you come by Registration in the hotel lobby, next to the hotel's front desk, be sure to ask where Volunteers can register to help. We will be at a nearby location ready to sign you up. We'll have a list of which department needs help on what day and time; this will change throughout the course of the weekend, so plan to be flexible. For volunteers who put in 12 hours or more (4 hours per day for each of the 3 convention days) you will be eligible for a complimentary membership in LepreCon 33 (2007). Additionally, we will have some cool prizes for folks who volunteer however many hours even less than 12. The Volunteers Desk will have more details at-con. Please come by and register once you get your badge. Help us make this year's convention the best ever! Janet White, Volunteers, 602-356-1001, jylalee@gmail.com

LepreCon 32 Registration Form

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EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

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

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

Total \$ _____

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