

The Tuppence

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NOTES FROM A CONVIRGIN

by Patrick Pramov

It is unusual to meet a large group of people who enjoy adding a little fantasy to their lives. Coming from the theater, I'm used to being immersed in playtime, but that's my job. Having never been to a science fiction convention before, I did not expect to find this sort of environment.

I left the house in costume for the masquerade and received many odd looks from my neighbors. This gave me some reservations about the whole idea. I thought, "What the heck am I doing going out in public like this?" When I arrived however, I saw that I was by no means alone in venturing out into public costumed. In fact, the costume proved to be the best way to meet quite a few people. Everyone was nice and open to me.

The masquerade itself was a wonderful experience. On my first time out I won a Judge's Choice award! I haven't won an award for any of my artistic efforts or craftsmanship in over ten years. This was a great honor.

Coppercon 21 has been the best old-fashioned, good, clean fun I've had in a long time. I will definitely do it again. I finally found my support group!

WHAT A SPREAD!

At any con there is usually a ConSuite. For the staff and program participants, there is also Staff Lounge (and sometimes the Green Room). In the last few years, we have noticed that the quality has been better and better. We wanted to be sure to offer our sincere thanks to the folks who helped keep *The Tuppence* Staff fueled and able to stay chained to the keyboard all weekend. You guys really do a great job!

Body Count

As of 10 AM Sunday morning, there were 502 registered attendees at Coppercon 21.

SKULKER ALERT - UPDATE

Late Saturday night Con Security received a report that several Coppercon attendees were mugged by a small, scruffy-looking individual carrying an oil lantern. Reported missing were two copper bracelets and a fistful of pennies. A witness said the suspect yelled something about "the mother lode" as he ran toward the wash. Pursuit was attempted, but the suspect escaped.

Future Velavision Ventures

Velavision will be at TusCon, November 9 - 11 at their new hotel (Tucson Inn Suites). Make your hotel reservations by October 1 if you want a room because the con weekend is also U of A's Homecoming. Rooms will go fast!

Velavision will also be at LepreCon 28 in May at their new location: Embassy Suites Phoenix North, at I-17 and Greenway Road. See you there.

CULTURAL EVENT WORTH NOTING

The Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games are November 2-3, 2001 at the Rillito Park Raceway. There will be the usual athletic competitions involving throwing large, heavy objects, a Highland dance competition, traditional Scottish dancing and raffles. Drummers and pipers will also be on hand to demonstrate the distinctive music for which Scotland is internationally famous.

Sponsored by the Tucson Celtic Festival Association, the cost of attending ranges from \$10 to \$21 a person. The host hotel is the Hampton Inn at 5950 N. Oracle Road, 520-888-8222. For more information on the festival, call 520-888-1058 or go to: <http://virtualweb.azstarnet.com/tcfa>

ART SHOW AWARDS

Best of Show — Chocolate Box Bandits by Nancy Strowger

Best Science Fiction — Metropolis by Robert Peacock

Second Place Science Fiction — Torus by Mark Roland

Third Place Science Fiction — Yellow Eyes by Ralph J. Ryan

Best Fantasy — At the Pond by Lubov

Second Place Fantasy — Harem by Stephen Missal

Third Place Fantasy — Star Dancer by Theresa Mather

Best 3-D — Ancient Earth Mother by Sylvana Anderson

Most Humorous — Hamster Ball by Lela Dowling

Second Place Humorous — Dustbunnyzilla by Nancy Strowger

Third Place Humorous — Paper or Plastic by Jim Groat

Best Textile — At the End of the Worm Hole by B.J. Staehlin

Second Place Textile — Iridescent Burgundy Cloak by David Perrine

Third Place Textile — Peacock Dragon by Allison Mitchell

Artist Guest of Honor Award — Forest Light by Denny Wilson

George E. Orwell Elementary School Cafeteria Rules

1. No cutting in line.
2. No food fights.
3. Do not tease or provoke your food.
4. Do not eat the other students.
5. K-3 students are not allowed to smoke on campus.
6. There is no Rule 6.
7. Wizardry students are asked to leave their spellbooks locked up during lunch.
8. No blasters.
9. If you complain about the food, you get to be the cook.
10. If it crawls off your plate, let it go.

--Hazel the Bear, courtesy of LosCon 28
(www.loscon.org)

JAMES READE SIGHTING

The notorious James Reade appeared briefly at the headquarters of Velavision Saturday night. He departed with Elvis to search for missing tapes.

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To volunteer.

To sell your soul to the con chair.

To get cool stuff.

To eat cool food in the staff lounge.

Get a +50 command presence black ribbon

Or

A +6 blue ribbon versus elder gods

Or

A +4 red ribbon versus elder gods

Or

A +2 white ribbon versus elder gods

warning: The above ribbons carry a price.

Black: --20 versus pain and suffering.

Blue: -6 versus fast talk.

Red -4 versus fast-talk.

(Please ignore this fine print)

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UPCOMING ARIZONA CONVENTIONS

TusCon — November 9 – 11, 2001 (Tucson)

LepreCon — May 17 – 19, 2002 (Embassy Suites Phoenix North)

HexaCon — July 26 – 28, 2002 (Embassy Suites Phoenix North)

CopperCon 22 — September 6 – 8, 2002 (Embassy Suites Phoenix North)

A Word from The Tuppence Staff

We hope you've enjoyed reading Coppercon's first daily newsletter. There are plans afoot to do this again next year. Hopefully this was fun, informative and occasionally useful. Now that we've gotten our test run done, we'll be able to make it even better the next time around.

Thanks for reading, and we'll see you in 2002!