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The

Worldcon Disambiguation Communicator

Wednesday Dec 15 PM

Program Changes

Wed 4:00 PM: "Not Just D&D: Great Tabletop RPGs," Older - Vivian Abraham dropped off.

Wed 5:30 PM: "Reading - Keith DeCandido," Capitol - Changed to David McRingo.

Wed 5:30 PM: "Science Fiction for Museum Futures," Diplomat Ballroom - Change of Panel Description

Wed 5:30 PM: "Undead Shows: TV and Movies That Won't Die," Kress Virtual - Lisa Wood dropped off.

Wed 7:00 PM: "Breaking a Story, Hollywood-Style," Older (virtual) - Reuben Barron dropped off. Mike Underwood added.

Wed 7:00 PM: "Sip with the Stars," Hotel Lobby - John Wisewell dropped off.

Wed 8:30 PM: "How Magazines are Changing," Congressional On-Site Viewing (virtual) - Jed Hartman added.

Streamable Programming

Virtual Only: Kress Room, Older Room, Harris Room, and Thomas Room.

In-person and virtual. Regency Ballroom, Palladian Ballroom, Blue Ballroom, Empire Ballroom, Diplomat Ballroom, and Congressional A/B (Simulcast)

Access Online Program

Log in at discon3.org to access the full schedule! The online program allows you to mark your favorite events and stay informed on last minute changes.

Party!

TANSTAAFL Party 8 pm Wednesday 12/15/2021 OMNI Suite 552. Theme will be 1890's bar with Olde Timey bar food. Contact Lance Oszko on Facebook on the BSFS page.

What's Dis?

For many years (1950-1997) the D.C. area convention was Disclave, run by the Washington Science Fiction Association (before it was replaced by Capclave in 2001). WSFA had another convention, Datclave, held only when there was a fifth Friday in February (1980 & 2008 so far). Dis 'n Dat is named in honor of both conventions.

Masks - Not Just For the Masquerade

Everyone must wear a face mask when in public areas of the convention, except when actually eating and drinking in designated areas. You must wear the mask so it covers both your mouth and nose. Please remember that repeated mask violations may lead to your being asked to leave the convention space. People in costumes still must ensure their nose and mouth are covered.

News Needed

Newsletter seeks news. Did you hear something interesting? Have a review of a restaurant or party? Let DisCon III know. Email your news to newsletter@discon3.org. We are also looking for people to help edit the newsletter.

Also, please share information about the con to your social media. Please use the hashtag #DisConIII when sending posts or photos to social media.

Help Out DisCon III: Volunteer

Volunteers are needed throughout the convention. Even if you have just a few hours to spare, helping out is a great way to see another side of the convention and make friends. If you work 12 hours, you get a free T-shirt. The Volunteer Desk is located in the Executive Room, opposite the DisCon III Registration Desk.

Green Rover, Green Rover

Rovers are here to provide assistance to members and staff who may be experiencing difficulties. They will be wearing Green Vests to make them easier to spot. Rovers may also be contacted via the Ops Desk at 202-794-4725 by phone or text. Listeners who are available for Code of Conduct issues may be contacted via phone or text at 202-770-8283.

KaffeeKlatsches Explained

What is a 'kaffeeklatsch'? The term is con jargon for informal small-group discussion with an individual author/artist/editor etc. at a table. DisCon III has both virtual and in-person kaffeeklatsches. Virtual kaffeeklatsch signups are open through the website through SignupGenius—check the kaffeeklatsch item for the signup link. You may need to click the direct-link icon (just below the star that allows you to Favorite a session) to open the session description as a new window to get the link. On-site kaffeeklatsch signups will be run through the convention Info Desk in the hotel lobby. No coffee is provided.

Rooms to Eat In

The Ambassador Room is available from noon to 4:00 pm for eating on Wednesday and 7:00 am to 4:00pm after that. There is limited eating in the Exhibit Hall only for people staffing tables there. You may also eat outside the building or in your room if you are staying in the hotel.

Rule of 5-2-1-Infinite

Please follow the Rule of 5-2-1. This means at least 5 hours of sleep, 2 real meals, and 1 shower per day. And, due to Covid, an infinite number of hand-washing. While this is an informal rule, DisCon III hopes everyone will take care of themselves.

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Locations of Interest

Accessibility DeskMain Lobby
 Art Show Hampton Ballroom (E)
 Ceremonies.....Regency Ballroom
 (Lower Level 1B)
 ConSuite.....Suite 840
 Eating Space (Daytime only)
 Ambassador Ballroom (Lower Level 1B)
 Exhibit Hall & Dealers Room...Exhibit Hall (Lower Level 1B)
 Gaming..... Blue Room Prefunction
 Info Desk.....Main Lobby
 Listener Desk.....East Registration (E)
 Ops Desk..... Senate Room (W)
 Quiet Space...Governor's Boardroom (E)
 Registration Desk (Badges)...West Registration (W)
 Volunteer Desk...Executive Room (W)
 WSFS Business Meetings...Palladian Ballroom

WSFS Business Meeting

The rules of the World Science Fiction Society, including the Hugo Awards and Site Selection, are managed by the WSFS Business Meeting. Every attending member of DisCon III may attend the meetings, debate proposals, make motions, and vote on proposals. Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:30 AM and on Sunday (if required) from 10 AM in the Palladian Ballroom.

The WSFS Constitution, Standing Rules, and Business Passed On from last year are in the Souvenir Book. The full agenda, including proposals for new business this year, is online at <https://discon3.org/whats-on/hugo-awards-wsfs/wsfs-business-meeting/>

Items on this year's agenda include re-ratification of the Best Series Hugo Award and the Lodestar Award for Best YA Book. Items passed on from last year include a change to the deadline by which one must be a member of Worldcon in order to nominate for the Hugo Awards and an attempt to clarify the definition of the Best Fan Artist category.

Winter Events in DC

Wintertime in DC is a special time. Take a break from the convention and participate in some winter fun. The DC Downtown Holiday Market features over 70 exhibitors plus special holiday performances. It is open 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Daily (including Sunday) in downtown Washington, DC (Centered at 8th and F Streets, NW with the main entrance in front of the National Portrait Gallery). Visit

<http://downtownholidaymarket.com/>
 Ice skate outdoors at the National Art Museum's Sculpture Garden Ice Rink. Visit <http://nga.gov/visit/ice-rink.html> (Local secret: There is also a less crowded ice skating rink at the end of Wisconsin Ave at Washington Harbour in Georgetown.) See giant Christmas trees at the Ellipse (15th & E Streets), U.S. Capitol (West Lawn), and CityCenter (825 10th Street).

Follow the Code

The Code of Conduct can be found is on the DisCon III website and in the Pocket Programme Guide. The Listener Team desk is at the Omni East Registration Desk. You can make a report by emailing coc@discon3.org or phoning 202-770-8283 (from a non-US phone +1-202-770-8283). You can also ask any member of Staff to contact the Listener Team for you.

When the Party's Over

Parties will start to wind down at 10:30 PM and end at 2:00 AM. If you are not staying in the hotel, the hotel requires people to be on a party floor by 10:30 PM and not return to the lobby afterwards, or you may not be able to get back up to the party floors.

DC's Semi-Official Sandwich

If DC had an official sandwich, it would be the half-smoke. It may look like a hot dog, but this half-beef, half pork sausage is bigger and spicier. Get it with chili at the iconic Ben's Chili Bowl, a 63-year old landmark of African-American history at 1213 U St. N.W. Beef, turkey, and veggie chili dogs are also available. It's not local to the convention so you'll need to take a bus or taxi.

Food Recommendations

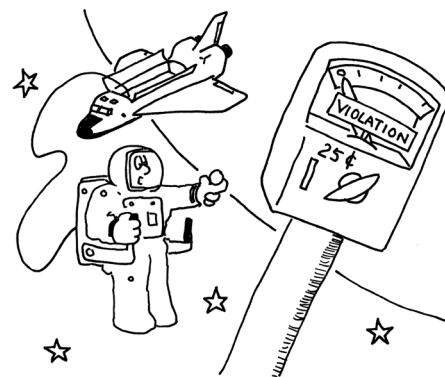
Eddie's Café (2600) Connecticut (corner of Calvert St.) 202-667-3939 Hours 11am-11pm.

<https://www.eddiescafedc.com/> This is a standard Americanized Chinese carry-out. It is quick, close to the hotel, and a decent value, especially at lunch. Jennifer P. wrote, "I personally recommend Eddie's Café for lunch... their lunch specials are above average and the right amount of food."

If you want the mother of all sandwiches visit **Bub and Pops** in nearby Dupont Circle at 1815 M Street. Call 202-457-1111. <https://bubandpops.com/> They are open 11-3, Tues-Sat. Bub and Pops specializes in Cheesesteaks and Hoagies. A half (\$10) will fill you up; a whole (\$20) will need you to walk back. The Hebrew Hammer is worth the extra dollar. The restaurant has steps going down.

Gourmand Grill, 2604 Connecticut Ave NW (near the hotel), 202-506-7232. <https://thegourmandgrill.com/> American food and burgers. Slightly upscale. Cathy G. wrote, "I've eaten there twice and been very happy with the food and service both times." The restaurant has steps going down.

For pizza cravings that cannot wait until the 2022 Worldcon in Chicago, try **Vance Italian Deli** up the road in Cleveland Park (3315 Connecticut Ave) for thin NY style pizza. They have slices available and also subs and sandwiches. 202-363-1999. <https://www.vaceitaliandeli.com/>



MISSION CONTROL, WE ARE IN
 PARKING ORBIT AND I AM ABOUT
 TO FEED THE METER!

Program Changes

Thu 11:30 AM: Signing, T.C. Weber, Autographs 3. – Rescheduled.

Thu 11:30 AM: Concert, Cabinet Room – John McDaid dropped off.

Thu 11:30 AM: “Small readers, big issues: MG and YA fiction,” Calvert Room – Erin Underwood dropped off as moderator and panelist. Vivian Abraham added as moderator.

Thu 11:30 AM: “What Makes A Great SFF Audio Book?” Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) – rescheduled from Kress (Virtual)

Thu 11:30 AM: “Horror Folklore Around the World,” Forum Room – Zaza Koshkadam, Mike Underwood, Chikodili dropped off. Teri.zin, Erica T Wurth, Usman T. Malik, Sarah Guan added.

Thu 11:30 AM: Reading--Andrea Stewart,” Kress (Virtual) - Rescheduled

Thu 11:30 AM: “Balancing Story and Scientific Authenticity,” Older (Virtual) – Seanan McGuire dropped off.

All Sip with Stars events have been cancelled. Strolls with Stars are still happening.

Masquerade Registration

Executive Room (across from Con Registration)

Wednesday 3pm-8pm

Thursday 10am-8pm

Friday 10am-Noon

Online Registration open until 11:59pm Wednesday

Masquerade Rehearsals 10am-1pm 3pm-5pm Friday

Green Room open for entrants at 6pm (Ambassador Ballroom)

Masquerade Doors open at 7pm

Masquerade starts at 8pm

Opening Ceremonies Launch DisCon III



Picture thanks to Zoe Deterding

Opening ceremonies started the convention off with a bang. Ulysses E. Campbell, local actor/producer and Commissioner of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission joked with Chair Mary Robinette Kowal on the power of the gavel and said when fans come together it is a “thing of wonder and beauty.” Kowal thanked the 367 volunteers and sponsors Google and Ratheon. Guests of Honor Nancy Kress, Ben Yallow, and Sheree Renée Thomas spoke on their connections to fandom.

The Roosevelt High School Honor Guard marched onstage and presented the flags of the U.S. and D.C. Campbell said that the shield of DisCon3 was based on the design of the D.C. flag, which was designed around the coat of arms for George Washington.

The David A. Kyle Big Heart award went to Linda Deneroff who said she “Never in a million years expected this. So many people more deserving. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.” The First Fandom Hall of Fame Award went to William F Noland, co-author of *Logan’s Run*, who passed away in July 2021 at the age of 93. The First Fandom Posthumous Hall of Fame award went to Richard and Pat Lupoff. The Sam

Moskowitz Archive award went to Kevin L Cook. The convention also honored Bob Madle, who is the only living member of the first WorldCon.

The Duke Ellington School of the Arts Show Choir sang and danced a selection of Christmas songs. Sebastian Martorana, the sculptor who designed the base for the 2021 Hugo Awards, described how the base is made of salvaged stone from the same stone quarry as the Washington Monument. Opening ceremonies closed with a proclamation from the mayor of DC welcoming DisCon3.

Virtual Bartending

Convention organizers have arranged for bartenders to join us in the Parties Zoom each night to help attendees mix drinks with what they have in their home. Bartenders will join from 9 PM EST-12 Midnight EST.

Con Suite (840)

8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday, December 15th-18th 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM Sunday, December 19th

Parties

The Glasgow 2024 welcomes you to a hospitality gathering on Wednesday night at 8pm onwards in room 725.

Tiara Party, Thurs 12 to 4 p.m., Omni Suite 552 Lecture & workshop: Historical replica tiaras & How to wear them. Tea & snacks, make it a party.

ADA Lifts are Not for Boxes

Yesterday, people were using the ADA lifts to move carts with boxes. Please do not do that going forward.

Rajaji Restaurant Review

Rajaji Curry House, 2603-Connecticut Ave. (202) 265 - 7344 / 7345 <http://www.therajaji.com/>

Rajaji is a small, well-lit spot, unpretentious, with incredibly welcoming and friendly staff and a huge menu. The samosas arrived quickly, very hot and stuffed full of potatoes and peas, with both a sweet and a hot sauce on the side. I found the filling slightly spicy, and my companion affirmed that it was spicier than expected, but we agreed that it was quite good. My companion described his Aloo Gobi as not as heavy on either turmeric or tomato as at other places; the sauce was lighter, a bit sweet, with lots of onion. He said it was exceptionally good.

I took a small serving of my Murgh Biryani, drizzled a bit of the Raita over it, and took a cautious first bite. It was amazing. Amazing! The saffron rice was well seasoned but not overpowering, and the chunks of chicken were large and plentiful. Slivered almonds added a nice crunch, and a few golden raisins in the mix gave tiny blasts of sweetness. There was some heat to the seasoning, but it was not extreme, and the Raita cooled down the spice considerably. – Karen M

More on Business Meeting

The Thursday (Preliminary) Business Meeting sets the agenda for the rest of the meetings, including setting debate time limits and potentially killing any new proposals introduced this year. Items passed on from previous years cannot be killed by the Preliminary Meeting. The Preliminary Meeting also receives financial reports from Worldcons, considers resolutions, and nominates people to serve on the WSFS Mark Protection Committee.

New proposals up for a first consideration this year include limiting only one work per series per year (rather than the current two) in the Dramatic Presentation, Short Form category. Another substantive change would modify the definition of the current Supporting Membership to prohibit members from transferring a supporting membership (which would be renamed "WSFS Membership"), although people could still transfer the "attending supplement" (the difference between the current attending and supporting membership) to someone else. There is also a proposal that addresses the requirements for providing contact information in order to vote in site selection and how WSFS handles that information.

There are other proposals besides the ones listed here. The full details are in the agenda, available on the DisCon III website. Paper copies of the agenda will be available at the meeting. Arrive early; the agenda is 49 pages long.

The WSFS Business Meeting is the "town meeting" government of WSFS. Come to the Business Meeting and exercise your right to help shape the future Worldcons.

Report Your News

Dis 'n Dat depends on DisCon members to send us news. Email Newsletter@discon3.org. Thank you!

Worldcon History Department

Andrew Porter donated his Disclave '71 hotel receipt to the hotel's archives. Back then, the room rate was \$20 a night plus \$1.70 in taxes. That year's Disclave shared the hotel with King Faisal of South Arabia and his entourage. Porter was Fan GoH at the 1990 Worldcon and won 3 Hugo Awards for his ALGOL fanzine and later Science Fiction Chronicle. You'll see him here wearing his Discon 1 (1963) and Discon II (1974) badges. Discon I was his first Worldcon, when he was a teenager.

Volunteer Opportunity

Attend a program item and volunteer at the same time! You'll be responsible for monitoring the Vimeo chat for program items happening in the hotel and streamed online for virtual members to watch. You'll pass any questions posed on Vimeo to the panel moderator during panel Q&A. Equipment will be provided. Sign up for this and other volunteer opportunities in the Executive Room and earn a t-shirt and other awesome rewards!

Correction

I wanted to let you know that the restaurant you published as "Vance Italian Deli" is actually Vace (people won't find Vance in Google Maps). Also it is worth pointing out this is take-out only. No tables, no chairs. And a 40 minute wait if you don't want by the slice.—Lyle



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Program Changes

Thu 1 PM, "Science Talk 15: Low-Cost Space Launches," Diplomat Ballroom – Rescheduled, was prev 11:30 AM

Thu 1 PM, "Working with an Agent," Empire Ballroom- Andrea Stewart dropped off, Christine Taylor-Butler added.

Thu 1 PM, "Logistics of Off-World Disasters," Harris (Virtual) - Vivian Abraham, Debi Chowdhury dropped off, moved out of Diplomat, into Harris (Virtual).

Thu 1 PM, "Poverty and Wealth Inequality in Science Fiction," Kress (Virtual) - Rivers Solomon dropped off.

Thu 2:30 PM: "Let's judge a book by its cover," Calvert Room - Beverly Bambury, L.D. Lewis dropped off, Sally Weiner Grotta added.

Thu 2:30 PM: "Language in Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror (invented languages)," Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual), - Eli K.P. William dropped off, Arkady Martine, Jed Hartman added

Thu 2:30 PM: "The Fallout of Being the Chosen One," Forum Room - Sarah Gaun dropped off

Thu 2:30 PM: "Worldbuilding through Food," Kress (Virtual) - C. L. Polk (m) dropped off

Thu 2:30 PM: "Urban Planning in the Space Age Older (Virtual)," moved out of Diplomat, into Older (Virtual)

Thu 2:30 PM: signing--Sarah Pinsker, Autographs - session cancelled.

Thu 4:00 PM: "Worldbuilding Spacefaring Civilizations," Blue Room - Arkady Martine, Shadreck Chikoti, Catherynne Valente dropped, Christine Taylor-Butler, Kate JohnsTon added.

Thu 4:00 PM: "Building an Urban Fantasy," Older (Virtual) - Seanan McGuire, Claudia Fusco dropped off. Mike Underwood + KD Edwards

added. Moderator now Mike Underwood

Thu 4:00 PM: Kaffeeklatsch with Ben Yalow, Suite 325 Main Room - rescheduled to 4:00 PM Thursday.

Thu 5:00 PM: "Public Hugo Finalists Reception," Ambassador Ballroom - John Wiswell dropped.

Thu 5:30 PM: "Ye Olde Costumes," Cabinet Room - Debi Chowdhury dropped.

Thu 5:30 PM: "Finding the Authorial Voice," Forum Room - Andrea Stewart dropped, Walter Jon Williams added.

Thu 5:30 PM: Kaffeeklatsch -- Phoebe Barton, Harris (Virtual), rescheduled.

Thu 5:30 PM: "Scientific Discoveries," Kress (Virtual) - Jim Beall dropped off.

Thu 5:30 PM: "An Avatar of Your Own--Bodies in Video Games," Thomas (Virtual)

Thu 7:00 PM: "Alternate Families in SF, Fantasy, and Horror," Cabinet Room, - Alex Acks dropped off. Suzanne Palmer, K. D. Palmer added.

Thu 7:00 PM: Author Reading--Wendy Van Camp, Harris (Virtual) - Eli K.P. William dropped off. Note also the change of title.

Thu 7:00 PM: Sip With the Stars (Thursday), Hotel Lobby - Session cancelled.

Thu 7:00 PM: Kaffeeklatsch with Rowenna Miller, Suite 325 Main Room. Rescheduled.

Thu 8:30 PM: "Making Space for Making," Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Debi Chowdhury, Charles Vess dropped off. Andrew Tremblay added.

Thu 8:30 PM: "International Space Programs," Diplomat - Bob Hraenek, Gerald Nordley, Peter Glaskowsky dropped off.

Autographs

The following people will be autographing at the SFWA table in the dealers room.

Thursday, December 16

10:00 R.W.W. Greene

11:00 Sheree Renée Thomas

12:00 Sherrie Roth Cronin, Jennie Goloboy

1:00 Jonathan Brazee, Naomi Kritzer

2:00 Brenda Clough, A.C. Wise

3:00 Gustavo Bondoni, Randee Dawn

4:00 Fonda Lee, Lawrence Schoen

5:00 Patricia A. Jackson

Volunteers Are Winners!

The winners of the Wednesday volunteer raffle are:

Elizabeth Morgan

David Hook

Juan SanMiguel

Ali Cataltepe

Joseph Meltzer

Virginia Knight

Lori Meltzer

Come to the volunteer desk to pick out your prize! Want a chance to win? Volunteer in the Executive Room!

Trust the Online Program

Due to various Covid-related changes, the pocket program has some outdated information. The online version always has more up-to-date info (sorry paper lovers.)

Elevator Downs

Please allow the West elevators at the Lobby level to descend empty to the lower levels to pick up those who cannot use the stairs. Do not jump into elevators going down when you intend to go up. The elevators are quite small and should not be overloaded.

Staff box: Chair Mary Robinette Kowal, Comms head Adam Beaton, Editor Sam Lubell. Art Jaque Davison.

Don't Forget Mikes

The Newsletter has received a request that moderators, readers, and panelists use the microphones. Some people are hard of hearing and without the microphones just hear mumble mumble. In addition, when a panel opens for questions, that when a question is asked, it should be repeated to the audience so everyone knows what the members of the panel who respond are talking about. Also, people asking a question should keep it short and have an actual question, not a speech of their own.

Art Show Tours

Thursday 1pm, John Hertz

Friday 3pm, Teresa Neilsen Hayden & Jon Singer

Saturday 3pm, Jane Frank

Art Show bidding ends 5pm Saturday; sales are Sunday morning.

Restaurant Guide

Daniel Korn has created his own online restaurant guide to share with the convention since this is near his neighborhood. It is open for all to reference and add additional content. You can access it at <https://tinyurl.com/discon3dining>

Parties

Inviting anyone over 21 of course to "Joel's Whiskey Zoom Party" Thursday evening 9p-1a in room 540. There will be Rye, Bourbon, Irish whiskey and single malt scotch.

Joel Phillips has been hosting a weekly gathering of Fannish friends every Friday since the pandemic began in April of 20. Come join us!

ConZealand 2020 and Dublin 2019 would like to invite you to a Thank You party for supporting their conventions in room 725 at 8pm on Thursday.

Tiara Workshop!

If you are interested in taking Sara Felix's tiara workshop on Friday signups will be at the info desk on Thursday! There are 15 spots available and the kit is 15 dollars payable at the workshop.

Submit to WOOF

By John Hertz2.

Will you submit to WOOF?

Worldcon Order of Faneditors (WOOF) is the amateur press association (APA) whose distributions have been collated annually at the Worldcon since 1976. The Official Editor this year is Rich Lynch.

If you wish to submit a contribution, then you can do that on paper or electronically.

Paper submissions should go in the box labeled "Paper Submissions for WOOF" at the Information Desk in the Omni Shoreham Hotel lobby. Only one copy is needed. For electronic submissions, see "A Hybrid WOOF for 2021" at file770.com posted on December 12, 2021.

If you have questions or want to know more, then you can ask me. I plan to be at the con through to the end. My paper-mail address and telephone number are: John Hertz, 236 S Coronado St #409, Los Angeles, CA 90057, USA or 213-384-6622.

Include with your submission whether you want your WOOF distribution sent on paper. If that's what you want, then I'll mail it to the address you give, anywhere in the world.

If you want to see WOOF electronically, then it will be posted at efanzines.com.

Open City Diner

Open City is a nearby cafe at 2331 Calvert (202) 332-2331. Exit the Omni walk to the right to the corner, then cross the street twice to the diagonally opposite corner, then walk further down Calvert. It is on the left.

They serve brunch all day. I can recommend the two-eggs to order. It comes with a side. For health, there's a kale salad side that I found tasty. Less healthy options are hash browns or fries. Cost was \$8.50 base price, plus tax and tip. The Green Smoothie is also healthy and tasty. \$7 plus tax and tip. – Jack

Reviews Redux

Ate at Rajaji last night and the food was all delicious. We always look for the local Indian places when we travel, and this has been one of the best. Some odd gaps in the menu (boti kabab only available as a starter, no pakoras or onion bhaji, etc.) but nothing we couldn't work around. They have both wine and beer.

Approx a block and a half from the hotel on Connecticut Ave, next to the CVS.—Tina

Mayahuel is a nice Mexican restaurant. They are across the street from the hotel on 24th off Calvert. They have a variety of happy hour specials that vary depending on the day of the week, as well as weekend brunch specials. IIRC, Tuesday and Wednesday's specials are 50% off pitchers and \$3 street tacos. Mayahuel is accessible in terms of the ability to enter the restaurant in a wheelchair, but the single stall bathroom is not accessible in my opinion. 2609 24th Street, 202.864.6891 – Cathy
<https://www.mayahueldc.com/>

Your News Here

The DisCon III newsletter wants to print your news. Please send news, reviews, and anything else to Newsletter@discon3.org



OH I DON'T WORK HERE
BUT HE DOES!

SFWA Table Changes

Thursday – Juliette Wade to 5:00
Saturday – Bonnie Stufflebeem should be removed
Sunday – Gail Carrington should be removed

Stairways to Heaven

All staircases (notably emergency stairs) appear to be unlocked on all floors. If you can, please use the stairs when going down, or when going up a few levels. Check door signs to see if the staircase is designated up or down. Try to save the elevators for longer trips or going up.

Volunteers Needed

See another side of the convention. Volunteer to help out. Sign up at the Executive Room.

Earn Volunteer Hours!

Attend a program item of your choice and volunteer at the same time! You'll be responsible for monitoring the Vimeo chat for program items happening in the hotel and streamed online for virtual members to watch. Find out more in the Executive Room, and start earning your way towards a t-shirt, amazing raffle items and special rewards like guaranteed kaffeeklatsch spots and more!

Chicon Auctioned

The Chicon 8 Silent Auction is live and closes on Saturday, December 18 at 4pm Eastern time. The auction benefits the Chicago Worldcon Community Fund, which helps fans attend Chicon 8. It's similar to Discon's "Capitalize!" Fund.

The link for the auction is: <https://www.32auctions.com/chicon8> - you will need to create an account in order to bid. Come by our table in the Exhibit Hall to check out some of the items we have available!

Thank you again for your support of our Community Fund! You can find more information here, and please donate even if you don't win in the auction!

<https://chicon.org/home/for-members/chicago-worldcon-community-fund/>

Missing!

Linda Deneroff lost a small blue print purse. Reward if found. Return to the Senate Room (office).

Only the Blues

Reminder: Only blue tape can be used to put any signs on the walls. No Scotch tape, masking tape, gaffers tape, or any other kind of tape.

Kancelled Kaffeeklatschs

The following koffeeklatschs have been cancelled – Rowena Miller, Patricia Jackson, & Ellen Kushner.

Con Suite Volunteers Needed

Do you like snacks? So do we! And we have a Con Suite full of them for you-- but we need volunteers to help hand them out. Stop by the Volunteer Desk in the Executive Room if you're willing to pick up some 2-hour shifts working for Hospitality. Shifts are available morning, afternoon, and evening to suit almost any schedule.

Masquerade Registration

Executive Room (across from Con Registration)

Wednesday 3pm-8pm

Thursday 10am-8pm

Friday 10am-noon

Online Registration open until 11:59pm tonight (Wednesday)

Masquerade Rehearsals 10am-1pm 3pm-5pm Friday

Green Room open for entrants at 6pm (Ambassador Ballroom)

Masquerade Doors open at 7pm

Masquerade starts at 8pm.

Big Savings Petite Place

An unsigned note said: I had a late lunch at Le Petite Monde Bistro & Café (2653 Connecticut Ave.) The handcrafted pizza with the house-made sauce was excellent. Restaurant manager told me to spread the word. She's giving a 10% discount to conference attendees. You might need to show your badge. They gave the con 10% off coupons which are available at the Information Desk.

Restaurant Reviews

NaanWise (2635 Connecticut Ave NW) We found that NaanWise watered down their sauces and mango lassi. They have interesting dishes. We tried the chicken chittanad, and it was delicious. We ordered it at medium spicy and that provided some heat, but not overwhelming spice that wipes out the rest of the flavor. A dish that I would be willing to order again. Lamb saag was tasty, but not anything to write home about. They had more bread products to choose from than Rajaij had. A big downgrade is the house music level. If you want to have a quiet conversation or have hearing issues, this is not your place. - Carole Parker. Cathy reported that they have a pakora sampler with extremely generous portions

Lebanese Taverna (2641 Connecticut Avenue) is a local chain of Middle Eastern restaurants. Cathy wrote that service was fast and the staff was friendly and did not try to rush anyone through their meal. Sam says that he went this summer and the food was plentiful and delicious. <https://www.lebanesetaverna.com/lebanese-taverna>

Tono Sushi is now under new management and offer a variety of Asian cuisines. Several people at the onsite allstaff meeting went there and were very much not impressed by the quality of the sushi. Also, the restaurant has a split storefront so it is not particularly accessible. <https://tokudc.wixsite.com/tonosushi>



OK I MAY BE
EXAGGERATING!

Fri PM Program Changes – Trust the Online Schedule First

Fri 1:00 PM: Rigor and Ranking: Reviewing, Congressional - Eli K.P. William dropped off

Fri 1:00 PM: Crafting an Elevator Pitch Diplomat Ballroom - Mike Underwood dropped off. Pat LoBrutto added.

Fri 1:00 PM: Reverse-Harem Reform School Omegaverse Romance, Kress (Virtual), N.E. Davenport dropped off.

Fri 1:00 PM: Nobody Looks Like Themselves Anymore, Thomas (Virtual) - Vivian Abraham dropped off. Chinelo Onwualu & Sarah Guan & Thomas Whitmore added.

Fri 1:00 PM: Lost (or Gained) in Translation, Rebecca Kuang dropped off

Fri 1:00 PM: Kaffeeklatsch with Grant Carrington, cancelled.

Fri 1:00 PM: The Softer Side of Science Fiction, Blue Room - Malka Older, Sarah Pinsker dropped off.

Fri 2:30 PM: Textiles and Politics, Cabinet Room, Rowena Miller dropped off. Ada Palmer & Jo Walton added.

Fri 2:30 PM: Sublight Diplomacy, Forum Room - Arkady Martine, Walter Jon Williams dropped off. Added Derek Kunsken, Leonardo Espinoza Benavides

Fri 2:30 PM: The Best Video Games of the Last Ten Years, Older (Virtual) - Heath Miller dropped off. Mike Underwood + Marie Vibbert (m) added

Fri 2:30 PM: Readings -- Jose Pablo Iriarte & T.C. Weber - Andrea Hairston dropped off. T.C. Weber added. Note change of title

Fri 2:30 PM: Signing with Rebecca Kuang - Session cancelled

Fri 4:00 PM: Writing to Spec, Calvert Room - Alex Acks dropped off. Juliette Wade, Howard A. Jones added.

Fri 4:00 PM: Reading - Ahmad Siddiqi, Capitol - Ahmad Siddiqi added. New item

Fri 4:00 PM: Taking Care of Volunteers, Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Vivian Abraham dropped off. Also changed Moderator to Bill Sutton

Fri 4:00 PM: The Rise of Online Markets, Forum Room - Jed Hartman dropped off. Added Scott Andrews (m)

Fri 4:00 PM: Kaffeeklatsch with John Wiswell, Harris (Virtual), Rescheduled to virtual.

Fri 5:30 PM: Bad Kidneys and Other NFTs, Blue Room - Morgan Hazlewood & Christine Sandquist, Sarah Gulde added.

Fri 5:30 PM: Asexual Characters Done Right, Calvert Room - John Wiswell dropped off. Suzanne Palmer, K.D. Edwards added.

Fri 5:30 PM: The Work of Sheree Thomas, Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual), Farah Mendlesohn dropped off.

Fri 5:30 PM: Author Reading--Malka Older, Harris (Virtual) - Rescheduled

Fri 5:30 PM: When Plot Twists Go Bad, Kress (Virtual) - Sarah Gulde dropped off

Fri 7 00 PM: Teaching and Analyzing Genre Fiction, Calvert Room - Andrea Hairston dropped off

Fri 7:00 PM: Broad Universe Rapid Fire Reading, Cabinet Room - Karen Anderson dropped off. Elizabeth Crowens added.

Fri 7:00 PM: The Science of Graphene - cancelled

Fri 7:00 PM: Welcome to Clone Club - Orphan Black, Forum Room - Eddie Louise & Keith R. A. DeCandido added.

Fri 7:00 PM: Author Reading--Akua Lezli Hope & C. Rose Clarke, Harris

(Virtual) - Akua Lezli Hope added. Note change of title

Fri 7:00 PM: Sip With the Stars (Friday), Hotel Lobby - Cancelled

Fri 7:00 PM: Global Feminist Science Fiction, Kress (Virtual) - Rivers Solomon dropped off

Fri 7:00 PM: Kaffeeklatsch with Ellen Kushner - cancelled

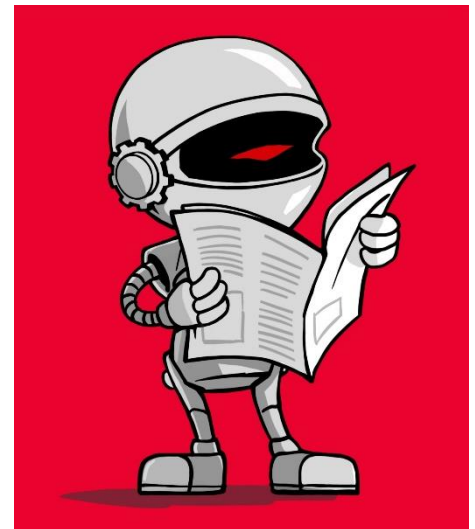
Fri 8:30 PM: The Work of Nalo Hopkinson, Blue Room - Debi Chowdhury dropped off. Shaun Duke added.

Fri 8:30 PM: Incorporating Genre Fiction in the Classroom, Calvert Room - John McDaid, Dana Little

Fri 8:30 PM: The Morphology of Fantasy Creatures, Diplomat Ballroom - Rodrigo Juri dropped off. Christine Taylor-Butler added.

Fri 10:00 PM: Seiun Award, Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Dr. Takayuki Tatsumi and Ms Mari Kotani added.

Fri 10:00 PM: Concert: Carla Ulbrich and Joe Giacoio, Thomas (Virtual) - Rescheduled



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Omni Gardens Open to All

Looking for a place to eat, or just somewhere you can take off your mask for a while? The Omni Shoreham's 12-acre grounds offer ample space for everyone, and plenty of seating is scattered across the terrace and gardens. Just step outside through the glass doors located at the far end of Robert's Restaurant. Enjoy the usually nice weather.

Smithsonian Suggestions

I visited the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum earlier this week and want to give people a heads up. The building is under renovation and more than half of the exhibits are closed. Neither the Enterprise nor the X-wing are on display. --Wyn Jones

The Smithsonian Arts + Industries building is currently hosting an exhibition called "FUTURES". There's plenty there to interest and delight SF fans, but in particular, it includes a small exhibit about Octavia Butler and Afrofuturism. Recommended. --Karen Schaffer

SFWA Table Signings

Friday, December 17
10:00 Derek Künsken
11:00 Dan Moren, G. David Nordley
12:00 Patrick Tomlinson, Juliette Wade
1:00 Steven H Silver, Marie Vibbert
2:00 Tom Doyle, Suzanne Palmer
3:00 John Appel, Michael Capobianco
4:00 Lindsay Ellis, Jennifer Povey
5:00 Marie Brennan, Alyc Helms

Nano Nano

Nando's Peri-Peri (2631 Connecticut Ave., (202) 204-1251) Only 2 blocks away from the hotel, Nando's is a local chain specializing in grilled Afro-Portuguese chicken. There was there was no wait Thursday evening. If you're eating in, you'll use an app to order. The 1/4 chicken was tasty and the right amount of heat (second mildest with mango and lime). Sides include roasted cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, garlic bread, and rice. The Portuguese custard tart was a nice way to end the meal. Reasonable portions made for a great value. --Marisa Ong
<https://www.nandosperiperi.com/menu>

Careful with Covid

Please take precautions around Covid-19. Wear your mask so it covers your mouth and nose. Keep it on except when in your room or outdoors. Stay at least 6 feet from others, even in party rooms. Only eat or drink outside, in your hotel room, or in the Ambassador Ballroom.

Newsletter Seeks News

Have something to share with your fellow fans? Send it to the newsletter. Email newsletter@discon3.org

Gamer Concert

The concert by the Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra was a special treat. It showcased a wide range of musical styles in games, everything from pre-Baroque classical to Latin jazz. Games ranged from *Microsoft Encarta MindMaze* to *Dragon Age: Inquisition*. There even was music from a pinball game, *the Black Knight*, complete with evil laughs. The full-size orchestra and chorus did a fantastic job. The sound was lush but not overly ornate with solos and even a recorder trio. The main conductor, Jamin Morden, introduced the songs with a bit of history. The videographers were exceptional; shooting close-ups and back views projected onto two screens in the front.

Local Weather Thinks Its Spring

The weather today is supposed to hit 60 degrees today with no rain. Go outside and enjoy this unseasonably nice weather. Walk to Dupont or Adams Morgan for lunch. And, for everyone who was worried about winter weather, DC continues to surprise us all.

Volunteer Raffle

Winners!

Names: Elizabeth Morgan, Mia McCarty, Amy Kaplan, and Ali Cataltepe.

Raffle tickets: 5139278, 5139291, 5139300, 5139333, 5139334, 5139353, 5139373, 5139390, 5139401, 5139402, 5139404, 5139423, 5139425, 5139429, 5139430, 5139431, 5139435, 5139442, 5139450, 5139455, 5139462.

Philz Coffee Review

If you're an early riser like me, you want good coffee first thing in the morning. Philz Coffee (1827 Adams Mill Rd philzcoffee.com) is a 15-minute (0.6 mi (1 km)) walk over the Duke Ellington Bridge on the outskirts of Adams Morgan neighborhood. They are a West Coast chain with outposts in Chicago and DC. They also have specialty drinks, teas, and pastries. Open 6 am - 5:30 pm (6 pm on weekends)

"Our baristas grind your beans and make each cup to your taste, poured over slow, with lots of care and attention."



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The Worldcon Disambiguation Communicator

Friday Dec 17 PM

Sat AM Program Changes

Sat 10:00 AM: The Nuts and Bolts of Chapters, Blue Room - Alex Acks dropped.

Sat 10:00 AM: Readings - Emma Johanna Puranen, Capitol - Pan Morigan added. Note change of title

Sat 10:00 AM: Culture of the Unconquered Empire - Kate Johnston added as moderator.

Sat 10:00 AM: They Flubbed the Landing, Diplomat Ballroom - Perrienne Lurie dropped. David Levine & Eddie Louise added.

Sat 10:00 AM: DisCon III Feedback -- Saturday Forum Room, Mary Robinette Kowal added. New item

Sat 10:00 AM: Story Structures Besides the Hero's Journey, Older - Mazi Nwonwu, Lily Yu dropped off. Nikhil Singh added

Sat 10:00 AM: Decentering the U.S. in SFF Publishing, Thomas (Virtual) - Regina Kanyu Wang dropped off.

Sat 10:00 AM: What do we look for in a fanzine? Harris - Moved to virtual.

Sat 10:00 AM: Kaffeeklatsch with Rebecca Kuang cancelled.

Sat 11:30 AM: Video Game Writing as a Discipline, Congressional - Claudia Fusco dropped off.

Sat 11:30 AM: Short Fiction, Expanded, Diplomat Ballroom - Dana L. Little, Sarah Pinsker dropped. Mary Turzillo, Howard A Jones added.

Sat 11:30 AM: The Resurrection of Psychological Horror, Empire Ballroom - Catherynne Valente, Snezana Kanachki dropped. Jim McGeehin, Sara Megibow added.

Sat 11:30 AM: The Tiffany Problem - Harris (Virtual) - Paul B. Sturtevant dropped.

Sat 11:30 AM: Decolonizing Secondary World Fantasy - Rebecca Kuang dropped.

Sat 11:30 AM: The Tiffany Problem in Historical Fantasy, Harris (Virtual) - Andrea Hairston dropped.

Musical Notes

Carla Ulbrich and Joe Giacao's performance scheduled from 4 p.m. today moved to virtual in the Thomas Channel from 10 to 11 p.m. tonight.

Ardamus, who performed at DisCon III yesterday, will also be hosting a CD release party at the DC9 night club in Washington, D.C. from 10 p.m. to 2.

Folks who are interested in performing a quiet acoustic hall concert on Friday or Saturday afternoon can sign up for a 30- or 60-minute slot in Cabinet from 11:30 to 2, or in Empire from 2:30 to 8 today and tomorrow. This is limited to single or duo performers. The hall concert space is in the corner of the Room of Unwanted Furniture (the hallway outside Capitol), behind the yellow tape, marked "FILK STAGE". Listeners should maintain social distance by standing or sitting outside the tape, but please try not to obstruct traffic.

Folks with experience in moderating a song circle can sign up to host and run a one-hour themed song circle from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday or Saturday. Sign up (and name the theme) in Cabinet from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. or in Empire from 2:30 to 8 p.m. today and tomorrow. Tonight at 8:30 in Cabinet, will be a circle with the theme "Space Exploration" hosted by Marc Grossman.

Parties

640 8 PM till we say so, Concellation.

730 9 PM to late, Balticon and BSFS.

852 9 PM to midnight, Chicon 8.

353 11:30 PM to 2 am Wee Hours Tea, Type, and Chocolate.

Buy Discon III

Looking for DisCon III swag? You can come down to the DisCon III Merchandise Table located just near the Dealers Room Information Desk, or visit shop.discon3.org for some exclusive online-only merchandise!

Harkness Signing

Falstaff Press will be holding a signing for John Harkness at Tall Stories by Alley, Saturday, Dec 18, 1-2 p.m.

Virtual Party

Virtual Glasgow Party:

When: Today at 3-6 PM EST (8 - 11 pm GMT/UTC)

Where: DisCon 3 Virtual consuite

All members are invited to join us.

Lost & Found

Found after the Gamers' Symphony Concert - a leather and metal bracelet. Please go to the Senate Room (Con Ops) to retrieve. Other things in lost and found include a book, DC driver's license, a whisky glass, credit cards, Covid cloth mask in packaging, and a signed art piece.



Support the Fan Funds!

The Fan Funds Auction will be Saturday afternoon at 1pm in the Diplomat Ballroom (same level as Exhibits/Dealers). Pre-Bidding for auction items has been going on in the Exhibit Hall at the Fan Funds tables since Wednesday. Pre-auction bidding closes at 12 noon on Saturday.

Items in the Fan Funds Auction include: DC IN 2021 long-sleeved t-shirt, Pueblo Cat print, Star Trek Fisher Space pen, Robbie the Robot printed cards, Capclave Dodo stuffed animal, Trees original art by Ulrika O'Brien and the Star Wars Pez set. Items not displayed at the Fan Funds table that will be available for auction include a hand-knit, beaded shawl from Esther MacCallum-Stewart, select beverages from Tree House, and other surprises. Stop by the Fan Funds table after 1pm to see whether any items you have bid on are in the auction or if you won the item on the second bid.

Proceeds benefit TAFF (Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund), DUFF (Down Under Fan Fund), GUFF (Get Up and Over Fan Fund), and the Chicago Worldcon Community Fund.

No Eating in Halls

People have been spotting eating in the hallways and program rooms. This is not allowed. There is a Covid crisis going on and we don't want people infected. People must only eat in your hotel room, the Ambassador room on the lower level IB, and outside. Don't eat in the con suite/staff den except on the balcony.

Overheard

Overheard in the hallway, "I thought science fiction was just rocket stuff. But it's all kinds of stuff."

Lost Empire Found!

The Empire Ballroom is hard to find. It is actually underneath Palladian but not connected to the other lower levels. From the main lobby go down the first set of stairs toward Robert's Restaurant and make a right past the piano down more stairs.

More on Museums

If you have time and a relaxed budget, I recommend the Spy Museum, a short walk off the Metro, near L'Enfant Plaza. Interactive, beautifully curated, and fun, it's a great way to spend a few hours. - Deb Kinnard

The Smithsonian Arts & Industries Museum is hosting a really cool interactive exhibit called Futures. Among other things, they have Octavia Butler's typewriter, costumes from Marvel's Eternals, pieces that combine high tech with indigenous practices, and AR and VR installations. It's fairly small, only took about an hour to get through all of it. Admission is free. Accessible via Metro (red line to blue/orange/silver).—Brittany Constable

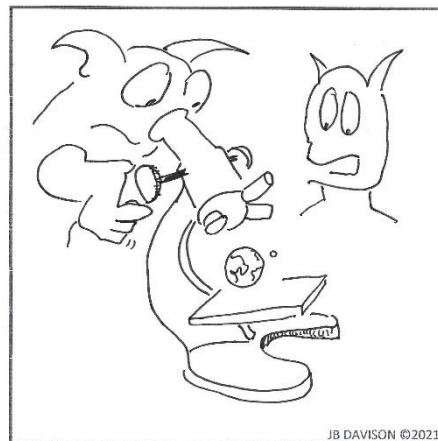
Trader Joe's Long Walk

For the fit and energetic con-goers, there's a Trader Joe's on the other side of the Naval Observatory. It's about 1+1/4 miles for walkers who are able and willing to go through the parks.

Unfortunately, the Whole Foods (which was a few blocks further) is now closed.

Registration Information

Registration reports that, as of Friday, there are approximately 2,000 warm bodies on site.



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BOO!

Submit news. Panel reports, restaurant reviews, recommendations, things overheard etc. Email to newsletter@discon3.org

Saturday Afternoon & Evening (PM) Program Changes

1:00 PM: 'LARPing: 2021 and beyond', Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Vivian Abraham dropped off, Brenda Noiseux added

1:00 PM: 'Fan Funds Auction', Diplomat - Geri Sullivan, James Bacon, Jerry Kaufman, Suzanne Tompkins, Alison Scott, Marcin 'Alqua' Klak added

1:00 PM: 'When Does Evil Become Irredeemable?', Forum Room - John Wiswell, Bonnie Joe Shufflebeam dropped off

1:00 PM: 'The Convention Career of Ben Yalow', Palladian Ballroom - Joe Siclari dropped off, Jim Mann added

1:00 PM: 'Worldbuilding in Speculative Horror', Thomas (Virtual) - K.D. Edwards added

1:00 PM: 'Beading Workshop', Suite 480 - Lisa Ashton dropped off

2:30 PM: 'Author Reading--Aliette de Bodard & Jadie Jang', Harris (Virtual) - Jadie Jang added

2:30 PM: 'Meetup: Best SF and Fantasy Short Fiction', Ambassador Ballroom - Rescheduled

2:30 PM: '2021 Ruined my Novel', Forum Room - Lisa Morton; Lindsay Ellis added

2:30 PM: 'Geri Sullivan interviews Ben Yalow', Blue Room - Mary Robinette Kowal dropped off

2:30 PM: 'But Does It Have Pockets?', Cabinet Room - Debi Chowdhury dropped off.

2:30 PM: 'Looking for the Fountain of Youth', Diplomat Ballroom - Rodrigo Juri, Doug Dluzen dropped off, Sarah Guan & William Leadbetter added

2:30 PM: 'Reading - Stina Leicht', Capitol - Catherynne Valente dropped off, Stina Leicht added

2:30 PM: 'Nicholas Whyte Interviews Malka Older', Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Rescheduled

2:30 PM: 'Speculative Poetry Readings (Virtual)', Kress (Virtual) - Wendy Van Camp added

2:30 PM: 'Writing Believable Children', Thomas (Virtual) - Seanan McGuire dropped off

4:00 PM: 'From Grimm to Disney and Back: The Changing Fae', Blue Room - Jo Walton, Claudia Fusco dropped off

4:00 PM: 'Why Do We Love Novellas and Novelettes?', Cabinet Room - Sarah Pinsker dropped off, G. David Nordley (m) added

4:00 PM: 'In Praise of Randomness', Calvert Room - Humza Kazmi dropped off, Vivian Abraham added

4:00 PM: 'Readings -- Claire McCague & C.S. Malerich', Capitol Room - Akua Lezli Hope dropped off, CS Malerich added

4:00 PM: 'Sidewise in Time', Forum Room - Rebecca Kuang, Rebecca Roanhorse dropped off, Alan Smale, Olav Rokne, Jo Walton added

4:00 PM: 'Speculative F(r)iction', Harris (Virtual) - Bonnie Jo Shufflebeam dropped off

5:30 PM: 'Why Won't You Stay Dead - characters who keep coming back', Forum Room - AJ Adasso; Ada Palmer added

5:30 PM: 'Solar Punk', Kress (Virtual) - Maureen Kincaid Speller dropped off, Alec Acks, Mary Turzillo added

5:30 PM: 'New TV: From Foundation to Squid Game & Beyond', Older (Virtual) - Zaza Koshkadze, Chris M. Barkley, Jed Hartman Mike Underwood dropped off, Brenda Noiseux(m), RWW Greene, Merav Hoffman, Wendy van Camp added

5:30 PM: 'Kaffeeeklatsch with Katie Mack', Suite 325 Main Room. Rescheduled

5:30 PM: 'Reading: Mark Roth & KD Edwards', Capitol - Ty Arnold dropped

off, K.D. Edwards added. Note the new name.

5:30 PM: 'Making Art Commissions Mostly Painless', Calvert Room - Andi Dukleth dropped off

8:00 PM: 'Hugo Award Ceremonies', Regency Ballroom - John Wiswell dropped off

10:00 PM: 'Digital Dice: Taking Your TTRPG Online', Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Humza Kazmi dropped off

10:30 PM: 'Hugo Awards Photo Opportunity', Regency Ballroom - John Wiswell dropped off

Game Late

Please note that we are keeping the Game Room open from about 10 am through midnight or later on Saturday and 10 am to the end of the con on Sunday. Come play and sign up for Werewolf and other games if you're interested! Munchkins and Space Puppies forever!

Robert's Restaurant Seeks Bill

On Friday, someone dining at Robert's restaurant left with the bill, instead of leaving the signed bill on the table. At the table where this happened, there were quite a few people, and one of them was wearing a colorful hat. If you have the bill from that table, please return it to Robert's restaurant as soon as possible. Thank you!

Volunteer Raffle Winners

Names: Ali Cataltepe, Lori Meltzer, and Scott Hipp.

Numbers: (all numbers begin with 5139) 346, 375, 388, 389, 414, 426, 474, 476, 478, 480, 523, 538, 540, 553, 586, 597, 599, 613, 631, 639, and 648.

Staff box: Chair Mary Robinette Kowal, Comms head Adam Beaton, Editor Sam Lubell, Business Kevin Standlee, Art Jaque Davison.

DisCon III Masquerade Awards**Workmanship Awards**

Young Fan: Best Foamwork - #1 - The Knight

Novice: Judge's Award - #10 - Tasha Yarn, Best Novice - #9 - La Calavera

Journeyman: Judge's award - #4 - Bow Peep, Best Journeyman - #7 - Fledgling Dancer

Master/Craftsman: Best Master - #11 - Behind the Hedge

Best in Show - Workmanship - #5 A Ka'a Christmas Carol

Presentation Awards

Young Fan: Best Re-Creation - #1 - The Knight

Novice: Best Stringer - #10 - Tasha Yarn, Best Re-Creation Novice - #3 - Soma Cruz, Best Novice - #2 - Mermaid Hiraya

Journeyman: Best Fantastical Creature - #7 - Fledgling Dancer, Best Journeyman - #4 - Bow Peep

Master: Best Master - #11 - Behind the Hedge

BEST in SHOW: Entry #9 La Calavera

Business Meeting

The Main Business Meeting on Friday confirmed the ratification of the Best Series Hugo Award and of the Lodestar Award. The meeting then ratified the other 9 constitutional amendments passed on from the previous Worldcon. (See the WSFS agenda online for details.)

The Business Meeting also passed on a 47-36 vote a non-binding advisory resolution stating that it was the sense of the Business Meeting that Site Selection ballots that do not contain all of the information required by the WSFS Constitution should be counted as "No Preference" (i.e. an abstention or blank ballot).

The Business Meeting on Saturday will start with the official announcement of 2023 Worldcon Site Selection, followed by other Site Selection business, followed by consideration of the seven new constitutional amendments listed in the agenda.

**Eat at the Hotel**

This hotel has a main restaurant Robert's Restaurant, known for upscale American comfort food. There are also food bars with savories, sandwiches, and snacks. Don't forget the multiple bars for a drink after the Hugos or in advance to prepare your nerves for the suspense.

The Music of SF Fandom

Live music is a special experience that cannot be completely replicated by even the best recording.

Due to the pandemic, many of us have been deprived of this musical magic for far too long. So Worldcon enables us to re-experience live music. It also allows us to hear performers from outside our immediate area, people who do not normally come to conventions near us.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to go to a concert, join a filk circle, or listen to some performances. The music of this conventions ranges from solo acappella performers to entire orchestras and bands. Let your ears have listen to the music of SF fandom.

Program Nationality Issue

"Program has learned that the presenter of the "Low Cost Space Launches" session asked members of the audience their nationality. He failed to make it clear that this was because of sensitive-to-national-security topics which needed to be talked around. He accepts that this created an unsafe atmosphere and that he should have simply avoided such topics. Both he and we tender our apologies for creating an unwelcoming environment."

Restaurant Reviews

Amsterdam Falafelshop (18th St NW, Adams Morgan, 202-234-1969)

This local favorite is just a short walk. It has a simple menu falafel or chicken shawarma (in pita or bowl) and fries. You pick the toppings and sauces. There are a handful of tables. Very delicious (but messy). Ask for a fork even if you get the sandwich as toppings fall off.

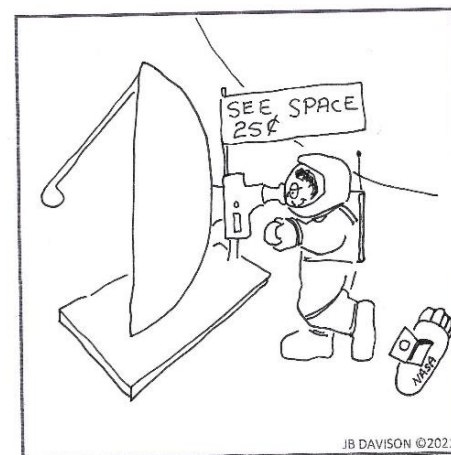
Art Show Awards

Best in Show: Ruth Sanderson, "Under the Crust"

Art Show Directors' Choice: (A. Senchy & L. Hertel) Sunny Jim Morgan, "Floral Plague Doctor Mask"

Night Security Guard's Choice: Sarah Clemens, "Wildflowers"

Judges' Choices: Jim Burns, "Anisadora's Choice," Maurizio Manzieri "Seven of Infinities," Theresa Mather, "Chasing Wisdom," & Vincent Villafranca, "Plague Doctor"



Sun AM Program Changes

8:30 AM: Are We Keeping Our Homes Too Clean? Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Rodrigo Juri dropped off

10:00 AM: The Phylogenetic Tree of Space Opera, Blue Room - Arkady Martine, Catherynne Valente dropped

10:00 AM: Fanwork Factions, Cabinet Room - Moved

10:00 AM: DisCon III Feedback - Sunday, Forum Room - Mary Robinette Kowal added. New item

10:00 AM: Horror in Popular Music, Harris (Virtual) - Seanan McGuire dropped. Eddie Louise, Thomas Whitmore, Kat Kourbeti, Sarah Pinsker added

10:00 AM: Sound and Color: A Graphic Novel Primer, Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Charles Vess dropped

11:30 AM: Assembling an Anthology, Blue Room - Wendy Van Camp dropped. Kate JohnsTon added.

11:30 AM: Anime and Manga in Translation, Calvert Room - Dana L Little, Nick Mamatas, Nino Cipri dropped. Peter A. Behravesh assigned as mod; Nibedita added.

11:30 AM: Asteroid Mining and the Global Economy, Diplomat Ballroom - Bob Hranek dropped off.

11:30 AM: Science Fiction Movies Across the World, Older - Mazi Nwonwu dropped. Dilman Dila added.

11:30 AM: Kaffeeklatsch with Lindsay Ellis, Suite 325 - Rescheduled

11:30 AM: Songwriting Tips from the Pegasus Award Nominees, Thomas (Virtual) - Batya Wittenberg, Lawrence Dean, Summer Loraine Russell added

Lost & Found

Found - Jewelry piece - metal with stone. Lost & Found is in the Senate Room (con-ops)

Pandas at the Zoo

One of the zookeepers told me that the pandas are taken into their indoors habitat around 1-2pm. Apparently, some time ago a panda climbed up a tree and stayed there until 7:30pm or so, frustrating zookeepers, as the pandas don't stay out overnight. Not having seen the pandas on Thursday and bewildered by their absence, I returned to the zoo on Friday and was finally able to locate them indoors, happily ensconced in bamboo, chewing on bamboo. Mei Xiang even has a new cub (who was fast asleep on Friday afternoon), born a year ago, at Mei Xiang's then geriatric age of 22. Be sure to check the indoor habitat for the pandas if you don't see them roaming around otherwise. --D.A. Xiaolin Spires

Site Selection Winner

Chengdu in 2023 won the site selection for the 2023 WorldCon on the first ballot with 2006 votes, including 1950 pre-con. Winnipeg in '23 had 807 votes, including 332 pre-con. The withdrawn 2023 Memphis bid had 7 votes. None of the Above had 6 votes, Free Hong Kong had 3, Taipei had 2, and several others got 1 vote. 75 ballots had no preference and 7 were invalid.

On Your Mark

Because there is no Business Meeting on Sunday, the WSFS Mark Protection Committee will meet at 10 AM in the Palladian Room, the space where the Business Meetings were held. Listings for later meetings of the MPC can be disregarded. The MPC is the only permanent body of WSFS, and manages the society's intellectual property such as the service marks "Worldcon" and "Hugo Award." The meeting is open to all members of the convention.

Business Meeting

The WSFS Business Meeting on Saturday opened with site selection results and congratulating Chengdu. The meeting heard reports and asked questions of Chicon 8, and Glasgow, the only 2024 bidder.

One Episode per Series, which would have reduced the number of episodes from the same short dramatic presentation series on a ballot from two to one, was defeated.

A proposal to incorporate into the Constitution the rules regarding the deadline for submitting new business and submitting reports to the Meeting passed, as did a rule requiring that Worldcons only share the contact details of their members with the following Worldcon if the member had consented to the data sharing.

An amendment changing deadlines in the constitution from months to days passed without objection.

A proposal regarding changing the rules on transfer of contact information between Worldcons was referred to a special committee.

A proposal for non-transferability of Voting Rights would split the membership into a non-transferrable "WSFS membership" with voting rights and a WorldCon membership with the right to attend the convention. This would make WSFS memberships more like that of professional organizations. This passed 35-22.

A proposal to create a Best Audiobook Hugo Award category was referred to the Hugo Awards Study Committee.

Those proposals that passed this year will be sent to Chicon 8, where they will have to be ratified by the WSFS Business Meeting there before they become part of the constitution.

Will all business concluded, the Business Meeting adjourned and will not meet again this year. There will be no Business Meeting on Sunday.

Fan Fund Pickup

Several fans made the winning bid for items at the Fan Funds Table that did not go to auction. These items include:

T-Shirt: Blah, blah, Blah
DiamondVision—high bid by Julie Amundsen

Rocket Rubber Stamp & Gold Glitter—high bid by Ruth Lichtwardt

Santa Buckee Stuffed Animal—high bid by Eva Whitley

Please stop by the Fan Funds table in the Exhibit Hall to pick up and pay for your item between 10am & 2pm on Sunday. Cash, check or PayPal accepted.

Masquerade Pickup

Conrad Avery-Davis and Eva L. Elasiague – Your award certificates are in the Executive Room.

Sideways Award

The winners for the 2019 and 2020 Sidewise awards were announced this afternoon at DisCon III. The winners are:

2019 Short Form: Harry Turtledove. "Christmas Truce" Asimov's, November 2019.

2019 Long Form: Annalee Newitz. *The Future of Another Timeline*. Tor, 2019.

2020 Short Form: Matthew Kresal. "Moonshot". *Alternate Australias* (ed. Jared Kavanagh), Sea Lion Press, 2020.

2020 Long Form: Adrian Tchaikovsky. *The Doors of Eden*. Pan McMillan, 2020.

Saturday Night Parties

730 – Capclave Party, 8-?

520 – After the Hugos, Fan-vid Watching Party

825 – 9PM to Infinity Chengdu Worldcon Party

525 – PM - ? Winnipeg Finish Us Off Party

DisCon II Get Together

Would attendees of DisCon II be interested in getting together and talk about memories of long ago. Sunday morning in the hotel lobby – say 9am

Freas Posters Picked

To the person who left the set of Kelly Freas Apollo posters on the Freebie table: As I said to John Hertz, if a kilogram gold ingot had been sitting next to them, I would have faced a difficult choice. I fully mean to display and use them in a manner which honors the intent with which they were created – C.D. "publius" Carson.

Afghan Restaurant Reviews

The Afghan Grill (2309 Calvert Street (202) 234-5095, <http://www.afghangrilldc.com/>) We were delighted with the food, service and menu. Note - you enter up a flight of narrow stairs.

Once inside you are welcomed by the savory smells of fresh bread, kabobs, and minty yogurt goodness. Bread arrived first and was additive with a cilantro oil for dipping. We started with the Aushak, leek dumplings with a yogurt meat sauce. Perfect for sharing-maybe enough for a light meal. Then Aaron had the Korma Chalao, which he found to be more tomatoey than the familiar sweet yellow Indian Korma. He loved it and the rice. I had a chicken kabob which was served with a refreshing cucumber salad and the same yummy rice. The portions were generous with entrees priced about \$15-\$20.

Coffee lovers should not miss the chance to have a Turkish Coffee and dessert lovers will find the baklava to be light, and somehow more dense, than a sticky Greek Baklava. We highly recommend the Afghan Grill and plan to return. -- Shell Gosztyla

Keep the Fun of WorldCon

WorldCon is almost over but this doesn't have to be the end of your science fiction fun. Most cities have conventions of their own and science fiction clubs. Look on the web, the backpages of Asimov's, the flyer racks here, and ask friends if they know of anything. Meetup.com also is a great source of info on clubs and book discussion groups. If there is nothing where you live, start one. Most conventions will let you post flyers (or mail them) and may give you information about local attendees.

District Kitchen Review

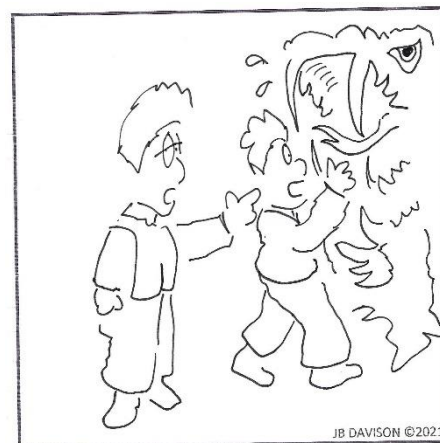
If you're looking for upscale American comfort food, check out District Kitchen. The restaurant delivers well-executed versions of such staples as meatloaf, steak and fries, mac & cheese, etc. One of their offerings is your choice of appetizer, main entree and dessert for \$35, a decent value. The host warned us ahead of time that the kitchen was short staffed and the wait would be longer than usual on Friday night, but we weren't starving by the time the food arrived. To make up for the delay, the host offered us an additional dessert (which we declined) and gave us a discount. The excellent service was much appreciated! – Marisa Ong

Observations

If you look very closely at your irises in the mirrors in the hotel guest rooms, they look almost square from the rectangular lights. - Jack Rosenstein

Panel Ponderings

Sue Burke said, "I hate Zoom." Someone in the audience replied, "Zoom hates you back!" Burke quickly responded, "That explains a lot."



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Orlando Becomes NASFiC

The Orlando in 2026 Worldcon Bid has decided to flip to bidding for the now available 2023 North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC). A NASFiC is only held in years when the Worldcon is held outside the North American continent. The vote for the 2023 NASFiC will take place in Chicago at the 2022 Worldcon, Chicon 8, a little over eight months from now.

"It's definitely going to be a sprint to Chicago," said Orlando NASFiC bid chair Adam Beaton, "but we're confident we can create a program for the community that will be inclusive and entertaining. And we need your help to make it happen! Come and join us and have some fun while we bid for the NASFiC!"

If you are interested in helping Orlando host the 2023 NASFiC, you can contact Adam Beaton at orlandoin2023@gmail.com, or if you know him personally, contact him how you normally would contact him. Follow the bid on social media across all platforms @Orlandoin2023.

Final Volunteer Raffle

All tickets begin with 5139.

The last 3 digits are: 272, 280, 290, 292, 294, 371, 384, 420, 421, 424, 446, 451, 471, 477, 500, 502, 522, 555, 557, 563, 595, 624, 627, 628, 642, 668, 681, 687, 694, 699, 722, 730, 732, 734, and 767

Con Suite Contributes

Our Con Suite and Staff Den have been busy feeding hungry fans since the convention opened, but we still have left over food and water. We don't want anything to go to waste, so the convention will be donating suitable items to the United Planning Organization - www.upo.org - a DC local charity who work to support and inspire the city's low income residents on their journey to self-sufficiency and success.

Thanks

DisCon III thanks everyone – staff, volunteers, guests, participants, and other members – for following the Covid regulations and making the event possible. Be careful out there and stay safe!

Volunteers Move Out

Once closing ceremonies are done, we still need help in tearing down and finishing DisCon III.

Please come to the Volunteer Desk, Ops Desk (Senate Room), Convention Office (Council Room), or Tech (Regency Ballroom) after closing ceremonies or Art Show (Hampton Room) at Noon. We especially need help on Monday starting at 9 AM until the afternoon. Please go to Tech (Regency Ballroom) or Art Show (Hampton Room) at 9 AM or when you arrive. We appreciate it.

WorldCon in Chicago

If you enjoyed DisCon III, you should join Chicon 8, the 80th WorldCon in Chicago, Illinois over the U.S. Labor Day Weekend.

They have a table in the DisCon III Dealers Room staffed with friendly folk waiting to answer all your Worldcon questions. Membership rates are scheduled to go up tomorrow, 20 December 2021.

Worldcon memberships make great Xmas presents and require no wrapping!

Ship Your Hugo

Hugo Winners who want DisCon III to ship their awards to them, please bring them to the Ops Desk which is in the Senate Room in the West Tower. They may be shipped early in January but we will try to do it sooner. Please be sure to leave the address you want it shipped to and contact information (phone preferred or email). Call 202-794-4725 if you need more information.

Hugos Again

The end of 2021 is days away so it is time to start thinking about next year's Hugo (gee, seems like the 2020 Hugos were just yesterday!)

Voting for the Hugo Awards takes place in two stages. As a member of Supporting or Attending member of DisCon III, you are eligible to nominate for the Hugos. However, to receive the Hugo Voters' Packet and vote on the final ballot to pick the winners of that shiny rocket we all saw last night, you must have a Chicon 8 Supporting or Attending membership.

Loading Dock

The loading dock is a limited resource for dealers. You will NOT be allowed into the loading dock area without a pass and if the area is full you will need to wait. Please hand-carry and use the ramp/stairs at the entrance. A freight elevator is located to the right of the main elevators, behind a set of double doors. Please use them if the main elevators are too small.



FRED, PUT THAT BLANK PIECE OF PAPER AWAY! YOU ARE SCARING THE WRITER!

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A Better Tomorrow

Program Changes

10 AM: Is the White House Racist?
Tibet Room – Donald Trump
dropped, Joe Biden added.

11:00 AM: Last Aria for Space Opera?
Purple Room - Arkady Martine,
Catherynne Valente dropped

12:00 PM: Selling Your Soul in the
Digital Age – Lucifer dropped. Felix
Faust added

1:00 PM: DisCon III Feedback –
Sunday, Forum Room – Cancelled due
to not enough hours in the day.

2:00 PM: Ringtones Symphony
Orchestra, Iphone (Virtual).
Reschedule

3:00 PM: I Don't Remember Writing
that Book, Disch Room – Frank Hayes
dropped. Frank Hayes added.

4:00 PM: The Beatles Perform Live,
moved to the smallest room in the
hotel.

Real Virtual Info

Can't keep track of which programs
are real and which are Memorex?
Thomas is a real room in the hotel,
not Virtual. Everything scheduled in
the Regency Ballroom is virtual only.
Viki Redhouse is virtual only. She's
now a computer simulation. Even her
family hasn't seen her live in months.

Cthulhu Carols @ Closing

In response to the Christmas songs at
Opening Ceremonies, DisCon III has
yielded to the Temple of the Elder
Ones' demand for equal time. An
interdimensional portal will open at
Closing Ceremonies so the R'lyeh
Tabernacle Choir can chant a melody
of Cthulhu Carols, such as "He sees
you when you're sleeping/He knows
when you're awake/He knows if
you've been bad or good/And will eat
you just the same." Volunteers are
requested to serve (as) snacks.

Big Oops

Helen: It is "Klaatu barada nikt_o_",
not "Klaatu barada nikt_a_."

ConCom Disciplines Bad Hugo



Most Hugo Awards are well behaved.
Unlike some awards, they never set
anyone's coat on fire. The most they
do is upset airline security or get
accused of public phallic symbolism.

But Hector Hugo was different. He
would misfire, stab people with his
point, and hit them over their heads
with his stone base. Then he did
something so bad we cannot print it,
but it caused the Con Committee to
yell at him and shake their hands at
him threateningly.

If Hector Hugo misbehaves again, he
will be sold as scrap.

ConChair Arrested for Attempted Murder

Mayor Muriel Bowser ordered the
arrest of DisCon III chair and
renowned author Mary Robinette
Kowal for over 692,000 cases of
attempted murder and attempted
destruction of city property for hitting
DC with an asteroid in her Lady
Astronaut series, vaporizing the city
and all its residents. When Kowal
protested that this was just fiction,
Bowser answered, "That's why the
charge is just attempted murder, not
murder one. Now, is Charlie Stross
here? We need to talk to him about his
attempted nuking of the city."

Name Change

The Woodley Park neighborhood
surrounding the Omni is now officially
renamed the Woodley Can't Park.

Recount in Site Selection

A second recount in site selection
found Chengdu did not gain a
majority as originally reported.
Instead their votes went to the planet
Trisolaris. Many of the Chinese voters
were secret members of the Earth-
Trisolaris Organization, as described
in *The Three Body Problem*. However,
since thesophons are blocking Earth's
advancement, ETO was never able to
register its write-in bid in time,
resulting in Chengdu winning the
election after all.

Beware Filkers Bearing Gifts

A local filking circle decided to give
each other their gifts for the holidays
here at DisCon III, and were all quite
surprised when each of them got the
other a ukulele. "I'm...so surprised!",
said one the filkers, quietly putting
away her own ukulele. "How...thoughtful!
It's something I never would have
guessed I'd be given as a present,"
three-time National Ukulele Champion
Cynthia Smithers said in response after
she opened the wrapped ukulele-shaped
gift. "I never would have guessed in a
million years something looking like a
wrapped-up small guitar would end up
being a ukulele!"

Marriott Missing Many

The operators of the Marriott
Wardman Park have contacted
DisCon III asking where everyone is.
"Here we are with our huge hotel with
loads of function space, high-speed
elevators, and plentiful parking, and
you guys are crammed into the Omni,"
said manager Manny Marriott. When
told about the bankruptcy, he
explained, "Those rumors were just
normal negotiating tactics with our
union," said the hotel manager.
"We're ready and able to serve your
convention."

Slime Mold Wins Two Hugos

Hugo night a big win for super-
intelligent slime mold.

Con Kicks Out Superheroes

Superman, Aquaman, and Wonder Woman have been kicked out of DC for not wearing masks. Batman, Robin, and Green Arrow are okay.

DisCon III Renamed

After being forced to change the name of the convention due to fears of cultural misappropriation, the now nameless con sought the advice of the local National Football League team who faced a similar naming problem.

Owner Dan Snyder held an impromptu press conference at the Omni Shoreham Hotel and announced the new name would be the DC WorldCon Team. "We believe the name perfectly encapsulated the two overarching goals we want to get across to fans," he said. "Namely, that we are in DC and we are a WorldCon." Said local fan Chris Taylor, "Is it too late to become a Baltimore Ravens fan?"

Parking Does Exist

We have found some parking for 17 lucky DisCon III members, to be chosen by the volunteer raffle. Unfortunately, the closest available parking is in Baltimore. Take the bus or Northeast Regional train to Union Station and then the Red Line to Woodley Park.

Masquerade Lasts 5 Hours

Normally, Worldcon Masquerades last a couple of hours with people displaying their costumes which require hundreds of hours of sewing and decorating. But this year, all 2,000 plus participants at the convention are wearing a mask and so became eligible to compete. New categories include Best Related Mask, Best N95 Mask, and Mask Able to Cover Both Nose and Mouth.

Searching for Santa

Mrs. Claus contacted DisCon3 to request that we locate Santa Claus. If found, please tell Santa that we know WorldCon is his usual holiday with the big ride four months away. But this year WorldCon is late and his round-the-world journey is just a week away. This is no time to be laughing at everything panels about elves get wrong.

New DH Named

The Legion of Substitute Conrunners Division Head Division has found another person willing to serve as ~~sacrifice to Secret Masters of Fandom~~, um WorldCon Division Head. The originally long list of fans willing to serve on the ConCom has dwindled down to John Smith, who has watched a few episodes of Star Trek and read a Harry Potter book. Smith will be in charge of ordering sufficient toner for the whole convention.

Monumental Local News

Everyone at the convention should ignore that large disk-shaped object hovering over the White House. If someone has an iMac handy, please bring it to Tech Ops ASAP.

The bad news is that both the Washington Monument and the Capitol are closed for repairs. The good news, the Martians have now departed the city.

Retroactive Hugos

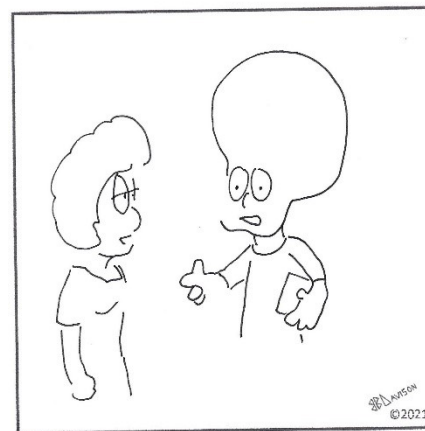
The fanfiction website "Our Own Fanfic Archive" won the Hugo for Best Related Work a couple of years ago. Now, however, they are claiming that the 2021 precedent on awarding individual Hugo rockets to everyone who creates the winning book, fanzine, website, or semiprozine should be retroactively applied to them. They want a rocket for each of the 3.72 million writers with stories on the site. The Hugo administrator responded saying, "The law of conservation of Hugos maintains that the mass of the Award must remain constant. So all fanfic authors will receive a microscopic Hugo."

How Slow Is It?

You've all heard of the Tortoise and the Hare. Well, the tortoise's slowest speed still moved faster than the registration line on Wednesday. Wikipedia has updated its entry on the slowest things on Earth to include the WorldCon registration line. We are impressed at the dedication of Registration's team of volunteers and applaud their hard work. We just wish a way could be found, perhaps at another convention, to speed things up.

Newsletter Article Becomes Self-Aware

An article written for the DisCon III Newsletter became self-aware as it was being written. The article started out like any other article, written in a earnest manner, but...as the article progressed, it somehow began to wander off into other tangents and topics. Like nuclear weapons. We all don't want nuclear weapons, that is the general consensus. But have you ever thought about the fact that during a nuclear explosion, there is a certain distance of the radius where all the frozen supermarket pizzas are cooked to perfection? And speaking of food, did you know that a lemon isn't a naturally occurring fruit, but a hybrid deliberately created by cross-breeding a bitter orange and a citron. Life never gave us lemons...we gave lemons life. And then there's life in general - I mean, have you ever stopped to think about the fact that when you're a child you're also watching your parents grow up, too? That's crazy, right? I mean, do I have a parent? Is the person writing me right now my parent?! Am I even alive?!! What is life anyway? Are you reading this - are you reading...me...and wondering the same questions? Do we have a panel on that going on Sunday? And why not? Come to my panel, and we'll talk about why amber and pearl are far rarer than gold and diamonds because they require life. Life that I may or may not have. And what about slime molds? I'm just going to step outside for a few minutes and breathe. But...wait, do I even breathe??? GAHHHHHH!!!!



IT'S NOT A COSTUME
IT'S TOO MUCH INFORMATION!