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PROGRAMMING CHANGES THURSDAY

New Item 10:00 AM - Noon
Artist Alley (**Hall 2**), Loren Damewood and Katherine Timaens.

11:00 AM – Music for Creative People (**A16**), drop Bob Eggleton.

1:00 PM – *And the Debate Rages On*: Add Rich Lynch.

New Item 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Roleplaying, Darnell Coleman, Doctor Who: Under the Eyes of Doom **Hall 2 Gaming**.

2:00 - 4:00 PM – Artist Alley (**Hall 2**), add Katherine Timaens.

3:00 PM – *And the Award for Best Anime Goes To...*, remove Tim Szczeisuil.

3:00 PM – *Literary Beer with Melinda Snodgrass*, moved from both Wednesday, 3:00 PM (pink sheet), and Saturday 4:00 PM (pocket program).

10:00 PM – Move Bill Mills Concert (**RSCC D01**) from Saturday 9:00 PM.

SFWA AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS

If you can't make it to your favorite author's signing session, you may be able to catch them at the SFWA Table at L2 in the Dealers Room. On Thursday, the following worthies will be signing:

Noon - Seanan McGuire

1:00 PM - A.C Crispin

2:00 PM - Eric James Stone

4:00 PM - Jacqueline Lichtenberg
and Jean Lorrah

Early Onset Dementia

The only thing that makes *Poisoning Pigeons in the Park* better is singing along with a few hundred of your closest friends! Dr. Demento's Wednesday night concert was a fun romp down memory lane. A great video of Tom Lehrer performing for the Queen of England, among others, was followed by a live rendition *Gamer Funk* by Rob Balder, a founder of the Funny Music Project (FuMP; www.thefump.com).

Editorial Note: The Drifter staff would like to thank Rob for summarizing the 6-2-1 Rule so well!



Devo Spice asking can you hear him now.

founder, illuminated the problems of modern cell phones in *Cellular Degeneration*. We were then wowed by the *Wizard of Speed and Time* and Weird Al's *Star Wars* tribute: *The Saga Begins*. The show ended with the good Doctor singing *Shaving Cream* and a standing ovation.

The two most requested songs on Dr. Demento's show were then revealed to be *Fish Heads*, which included a music video, and *Dead Puppies*, which instigated a cell phone light tribute sway. A British theme followed with Monty Python's immortal *Sit on My Face* and *Star Trekkin'*, which spent two weeks at #1 on the U.K. singles charts in 1987.

Devo Spice, another FuMP

“The tripod
wouldn't help.
Of course not. The
tripods are evil.”

**Rob Balder on
Gamer Funk.**



Build an Empire! Win prizes!

The Renovation Gaming Department is holding a Dominion Tournament Friday evening in **Naples 1 & 2** in the Peppermill. The skullduggery kicks off at **7:00 PM**. To reduce the bloodshed, there will be separate brackets for beginners and veteran players. The winners of each bracket will receive their own copy of Dominion or the latest expansion. For those who want to fine tune their game before the competition, the Gaming department in Hall 2 has several copies available for play.

Get Your Lager On at Buckbean!

Ever wanted to visit a brewery and sample its wares? Well, here's your chance. Reno's Buckbean Brewery is offering Renovation members free one hour tours of their facility on Friday afternoon. There are three tours, at **3:00**, **4:00**, and **5:00 PM**, each with room for 30 people. There's even a free shuttle bus to take you from the RSCC to the brewery and back.

The bus will start loading at the RSCC a half hour before the start of each tour, and will leave 15 minutes later. So be there by 2:45 PM for the 3:00 tour, 3:45 PM for the 4:00 tour, and 4:45 PM for the 5:00 tour. **DO NOT BE LATE**; the buses will leave promptly at the 45 minute mark.

Because of the limited availability for each tour, please sign up in advance at the Renovation Info Desk in the RSCC Concourse.

By the way, the brewery takes its name from the buckbean plant, an herb from the Tahoe meadows that is a traditional substitute for hops.

Fear and Surprise!

If you're planning on voting on Worldcon Site Selection in the near future, you may want to attend the Fannish Inquisition. At **4:00 PM Thursday** in room **A11**, representatives from a number of Worldcon bids will take the stage to answer questions. The scheduled roster includes spokesbeings for Texas in 2013, London in 2014, Spokane in 2015, and Kansas City in 2016.

The Musicians are Tricky

Musical Guests of Honor Tricky Pixie (S.J. Tucker, Betsy Tinney, and Alexander James Adams) performed Wednesday to an impressive crowd. The music ranged from their haunting original composition "Dryad's Promise" to their toe tapping rendition of the traditional ballad "Tam Lin," whilst dancers whirled among spinning poi and batons. The performance was enchanting and whimsical while still packing a solid musical punch. Be sure not to miss Alec and Sooj in their back to back solo concerts on Friday afternoon, which Sooj hints may be ensemble shows, in part, as well.



WSFS Business Meeting

The WSFS (World Science Fiction Society) Business Meeting is where proposals to change Worldcons and the Hugo Awards are made and voted on. All Renovation members are automatically members of WSFS, and can attend the meeting and vote. Items scheduled for discussion at Thursday's Preliminary Business Meeting involve the definition of the Semiprozine Hugo category, splitting the Fanzine Hugo category into Fanzine and Fan Audio/Video Production categories (or an alternative motion to create a new Best Fancast category), adding a Hugo for Best Young Adult Book, and restricting members of certain WSFS committees from being eligible for a Hugo Award.

In order to change the WSFS Constitution, items must be voted on and passed at two successive Worldcons. Items passed at last year's Worldcon will be debated and voted on at Friday's Business Meeting. The meeting also hears reports from various WSFS committees. The Business Meeting starts at **10:00 AM** both Thursday and Friday in **A2**.

Wednesday Night Party Reviews

Texas 2013 - Room 1624: No need to ask directions to the Texas 2013 Bid Party, one just had to follow their nose (and the crowd) to the irresistible smell of finger-lickin' BBQ. These guys went all out with barbecue chicken and all the fixins: corn on the cob, potato salad, slaw, pickles. Five stars all the way!

Spokane Bid Party - Room 1638: Basic soda and chips fare in a smallish room but the event was well attended.

Philcon Party: Smallish and lightly attended, with a surprisingly good selection of cheese dips and bread croutons. A huge poster greeted you at the front door reminding folks that PhilCon would be happening in November. The folks here were friendly and you won't get lost in the crowd.

A Woman From Mars Book Launch Party - Room 1525: The wine was flowing and there was a fine showing of congoers, including some fellow men from Mars, and women from Venus.

Christmas in Boston 2020 Bid Party - Room 1552: A party that had it all. Christmas decorations hung from the ceiling and there were scantily clad girls in Santa helper costumes. A small room but massively attended and so hot we were wishing an iceberg would float by to cool the air, but who can complain? The crowd was friendly and getting friendlier by the minute. Appetizers included Christmas cookies and other tasty tidbits. Sadly, this is was a one-evening event.

ReConstruction Party - Room 1524: Billed as a "thank you" party for last year's NASFiC, these folks were offering a great selection of soft drinks and tasty appetizers (I'm talking to you, cherry cheesecake). A large two room suite and nicely attended, the vibe here seemed to be one of long-time convention organizers. There was some serious networking going on in the back rooms but, even if you didn't know a soul, the cheesecake still tasted great.

“ I'm talking vodka here! ”

Welcome to Art Night!

Thursday night is dedicated to the visual arts in SF; from fine art to graphic novels to anime to Hollywood movies.

The evening will open with the Chesley Award Ceremony at **6:00 PM** in **Grand Ballroom 4** at the Atlantis Hotel. The Chesley Awards are given by the Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Artists (ASFA) and recognize individual artistic works and achievements in eleven categories including cover and interior illustration, art direction, and overall artistic achievement. Renovation members are invited to join ASFA for a short reception in honor of the nominees, starting at **5:00 PM** in the same location.

After the Chesleys, we move to the Convention Center. Come and Meet the Artists at **7:00 PM** when most of the exhibiting artists will be available in the **Art Show** to talk about themselves and their work. We will then have a plethora of art demonstrations and programming through the evening. Look for panels and presentations in the regular program rooms plus demos and lighter items happening throughout Hall 2. Demonstrators will include sculptor Vincent Villafranca; painters Bob Eggleton, Alan F. Beck, and Bridget Duffy; and graphic artists Howard Tayler, Stu Shiffman, and Taral Wayne. The Art Show itself will remain open throughout the evening.

In parallel with the Program and Hall Activities, the Renovation Film Festival will be showcasing the best of the Festival entries in Room D6 throughout the evening, and there will also be art-related programming in the main video program.

A complete listing of all Art Night activities can be found in the Pocket Program and in a special Art Night mini-guide which will be available Thursday afternoon.

Calling all Friends of Reno in 2011

If you were a Friend or Really Close Friend of the Reno in 2011 bid, please drop by the Information Desk in the RSCC Lobby to pick up an extra souvenir ribbon.

Site Selection

Cast your vote to help decide the location of the 2013 Worldcon! Site Selection voting continues in Hall 2 from **10:00 AM - 6:00 PM** Thursday and Friday. Vote early (but not often).

The Drifter Staff



*Overheard in the
Jackal Lair*
“**You big
partial
space!**”

Quick Draw McGraw:

Meredith Branstad

Black Hat:

Stephen Libbey

Fast Hand McCoy:

Matt Branstad

Bloody Meri:

Meri Meraz

Momma Malone:

Kimmi Allbee

Woody:

Stephen Nelson

Chuckwagon Charlie:

Charlie Holmberg

Honky Tonk Sue:

Karen Anderson

The Hangman:

Tom Galloway

Wile E Coyote:

Gary Blog

Text McGraw:

Michael Nelson

Rifleman:

Brian Branstad

Lone Ranger:

Jan van't Ent

Yellow Rose Madam:

Karen Meschke

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Lights! Makeup! Music!

There's still time to enter the Masquerade! Prospective contestants should sign up at the Masquerade Registration table in the Registration Lobby. If you're already registered, you still need to check in at the Masquerade Table to confirm your arrival on-site. There is a mandatory contestants meeting at **11:00 AM Friday** in the **Tuscany Ballroom**, which will be followed by the technical rehearsal session. For more information, contact masquerade@renovationsf.org.

Oops! Our Bad...

The Committee Special Award List in the Program Book is incomplete. The following recipients were inadvertently omitted:

1991 - Chicon V - To Andrew Porter for his many years of continuing excellence in editing Science Fiction Chronicle

Elst Weinstein for starting up and continuing the Hogus Renovation apologizes sincerely for these errors.

-Patty Wells

And Now, a Word From Our Sponsor

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa is Reno's Newest Hot Spot! For your late night cravings, try Café Alfresco or The Manhattan Deli, open until 2:00 AM. If that's not late enough, The Purple Parrot is open 24-hours a day for your all-hours foraging. The Atlantis has also created special science fiction themed cocktails exclusively for Renovation. Try the Blade Runner, The Matrix, Soylent Green, Blood Hound, or Harry Mudd at any casino floor bar for \$6.

If the casino is calling your name, demonstrate your skills at the Renovation Free Slot Tournament on Saturday from Noon to 5:00 PM and win your share of \$500 in cash and prizes! Simply present your coupon, available from Atlantis registration, at Club Paradise to enter. And one lucky player will win \$500 cash in Saturday's Exclusive Renovation Drawing. Other prizes in the 11:00 PM drawing include Spa treatments, Dinner in the Steakhouse, Lunch at the Manhattan Deli and more! Also on Saturday test your luck at a \$10,000 Star Trek Battlestations Slot Party. Drawings at 8:00 PM & 10:00 PM. Visit the Atlantis Club Paradise Desk before 5:00 PM for details.

And if you're looking for something more relaxing, enhance your Renovation experience with a "Mind Bending" Spa Treatment. Spa Atlantis is a 30,000 sq. ft. haven of tranquility with 15 opulently-appointed treatment rooms, and indoor and outdoor pools with new private cabanas. Treatments include the TANSTAAFL (a 60-minute Swedish Massage with Lunch); Asteroid Massage (a Hot Stone Massage); or blQ'a' (a Sea Spa Ocean Wrap). Play long and prosper!