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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are seriously needed for various aspects of WorldCon. Get an extra ribbon showing that you're not only a member, but but a really helpful person as well! Contact **Sharon** after **8:30 AM** at **216-544-4185**.

PROGRAMMING CHANGES

10 AM - A04, Lois McMaster Bujold's reading (previously A03 and A16)

Noon - A11, Robert Wiener has been added to the *Remembering Jeffrey Catherine Jones* panel

Noon - D5, Anne Davenport will not be on *So You Believe in Evolution ... Or Do You?*

Noon - A10, James Bacon will not be on *Comics of 2010 and 2011 that Rocked*. Jim Mann has been added.

New Item 2:00 PM - Kaffeeklatsch, Bernard Dukas

4:00 PM - A05, Ben Yalow will no longer be appearing on the *Beyond Dr. Who* panel

VOLUNTEER RAFFLE WINNERS!

Hearty congratulations to Renovation volunteers **Ruth Roper** (Badge #3071) and **Marco Subias** (Badge #2359). You each have two preferred seats for tonight's Masquerade. Please pick up your certificates from the Volunteer Desk by **4:00 PM**.

Chesley Awards

The centerpiece of Thursday's Art Night Programming was the 2011 Chesley Awards put on by the Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Artists. Emcee Jim Frenkel presided over the evening's festivities as the best art in science fiction and fantasy (for calendar year 2010) was recognized. The awards were all voted on by other artists.

Best Cover Illustration - Hardback: Michael Whelan for *The Way of the Kings* by Brandon Sanderson, Tor, August 2010

Best Cover Illustration - Paperback: Jason Chen for *Geist* by Phillipa Ballantine, Ace, November 2010

Best Cover Illustration - Magazine: Nick Greenwood for *Orson Scott Card's Intergalactic Medicine Show #17*, June 2010

Best Interior Illustration: Donato Giancola for *Middle Earth: Visions of a Modern Myth* by Donato Giancola, Underwood Books, October 2010

Best Color Work, Unpublished: Julie Dillon for *Planetary Alignment*, digital

Best Monochrome Work, Unpublished: Ian Miller for *Triptych*, ink

Best Three-Dimensional Art: Mark Newman for *Eel Walker*, bronze

Best Product Illustration: Sam Weber for *Shadow Rising* by Robert Jordan, promo art for Tor ebook, January 2010

Best Gaming-Related Illustration: Lucas Graciano for *Amorphous Drake*, Legends of Morath, Sony Online Entertainment, 2010

Best Art Director: Jon Schindehette for *Wizards of the Coast*

Award for Lifetime Artistic Achievement: Boris Vallejo



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PUPPETS - NOT JUST FOR KIDS

Catch a glimpse of some of author Mary Robinette Kowal's other talents as she and her cohorts in Other Hand Productions put on two showings of their puppet show *Whatnot*, at **4:00 PM** and **7:00 PM** in **Room C01** in the RSCC.

Other Hand Productions is made up of Mary Robinette Kowal, Jodi Eichelberger, and Lance Woolen, whose other projects include puppeteering on Broadway in *Avenue Q*, and bringing the characters of *Coraline* to life in the recent major motion picture. *Whatnot* is composed of selections from a series of vignettes, so audience participation in choosing the scenes makes every performance a new and different experience.



Mary Kowal teaching shadow puppetry at art night

A Complete History of Fandom (Abridged)

Right in the middle of Hall 2 of the RSCC you will find Fancyclopedia 3. It's a collection of photos and stories encapsulating some of fandom's brightest stars, and the rest of us, too. Come by, check it out, and add your own stories. For those of you who are interested in a guided tour of the history of fandom, docents will be available as follows:

Friday 11:00 AM : Steven Silver

Friday 2:00 PM : Pat and Roger Sims

Saturday 10:00 AM: Gay and Joe Haldeman

Found Items

Arlene Jacque, please stop by convention operations (**A20** during the day and **Treasures D** at night) to reclaim your lost belongings.

2013 Worldcon Site Selection Ballot

Site selection voting ends at **6:00 PM** today in Hall 2.

There is a \$60 fee to vote, which will ensure you a supporting membership to the 2013 Worldcon.

In addition, the following individuals need to stop by the Site Selection Table to resolve issues concerning their ballots:

Cory Doctorow
Evan Langlais

Dave Tompkins
Larry van der Putte

Art vs. Life

Do you wonder how an artist converts life to art? Here's your chance to see the process in action. Join GoH Boris Vallejo, and three additional artists as they create their own individual art from the same live model. The artistic mayhem kicks off at **2:00 PM** and runs until 5:00 PM in **Hall 2's Demo Area 5**.

One Night Only!

The Renovation Masquerade is tonight! All contestants *must* attend the mandatory meeting at **11:00 AM** in the Peppermill's **Tuscany Ballroom**. If you haven't registered, you may still be able to sneak in. Contact the masquerade directors at **masquerade@renovationsf.org** immediately and make sure to attend the meeting!

Let the Games Begin

Practice is over, now the bloodshed begins. The Dominion tournament starts tonight at **7:00 PM** in **Naples 1 & 2**. The winner in each bracket (rookie & veteran) will receive their own copy of the game (rookie) or the latest expansion (veteran).

Is it Crowded in Here?

Registration numbers as of 1:00 PM Thursday afternoon are 3,363 people attending in Reno, and a total of 5,256 members registered. Over 300 people have registered at the door!

Thursday Party Reviews

Contributions by Diane Lask

Texas in 2013 Worldcon Bid. Another night of outstanding Texas hospitality with a barbecue spread that was second to none. They did barbecued brisket with all the fixings they are becoming famous for. Big attendance but seats could be found. Very down to earth vibe and plenty of friendly to go around.

London in 2014 Worldcon Bid. Wanna shag Baby? Three full rooms of SRO party full of awesome music, libations, and wonderfulness like lox with Branston pickle on a cracker. Get your Brit on and party with the people who brought you *Doctor Who*.

Westercon Parties. Got the scoop on the seated Seattle (2012) and Sacramento (2013) cons, as well as the Salt Lake City in 2014 bid all in one room! A very fannish crowd, but strictly standing room only.

Tor Books. So many movers and shakers, it felt like a Japanese earthquake. Looking to meet an author? This was the place. No costumes. No themes. Just good con party fare and authors. Lots of authors.

Geek Culture party. Stephen Segal is throwing a party! Oh. Not that Steven Segal. No drop-kicking, but a nice gathering promoting the book *Geek Wisdom*. Friendly crowd. Chips and dips plus a nice selection of beverages and cupcakes.

The Magician King Book Launch. Fans of new author Lev Grossman put together a small but sweet little party in honor of his new book *The Magician King*. A small friendly crowd with a strong fannish vibe, costumes, and refreshments.

Night Bazaar Authors. Six of the authors who publish at Night Bazaar books put together a super little promotional party. A fun and well organized crowd. Help out these authors by visiting www.night-bazaar.com.

Fan Videos. The fan video party was showing off some classic anime dubs from the 80s with a selection of snacks.

SFWA Autographs Collect the Whole Set!

On Friday, the following authors will be signing at the SFWA Table (Dealers Room, Hall 2):

10:00 AM - Connie Willis	1:00 PM - Rachel Swirsky
11:00 AM - Adam-Troy Castro	2:00 PM - Lawrence Schoen
Noon - Diana Pharoh Francis	4:00 PM - Edward Willet

I Wonder if He'll Autograph my Buckler of Swashing?

Steve Jackson, the creator of Munchkin, Star Munchkin, Munchkin-Fu, The Good, The Bad, and the... you get the idea, will be in the Gaming area of RSCC Hall 2 Friday at **3:00 PM**. Maybe you can get him to play a game with you.

Cheap Eats

Looking to try something new for lunch. Here are some ideas from your fellow fans. Thank you to the members who brought some of these to our attention.

Foley's Irish Pub, across the street from the Atlantis, is running a number of specials for Worldcon attendees. For a quick, cheap bite to eat, try the fish and chips, shepherd's pie, or several other options, all for \$7.95.

The Round Table Pizza across from the Atlantis has a lunch buffet from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM for \$6.99.

The Manhattan Deli inside the Atlantis has reasonable prices for *real* NY deli food. The tongue and liver are so real it's a little scary. The milkshakes are also fantastically thick.

The Hong Kong Diner is across the street from the RSCC and is open until 3:30 AM.

El Michoacana is south about a half mile (next to McDonalds) and is open 24 hours, all in a row.

Inside Hall 2, don't ignore Drawing of the Dark Bar, T. Powers proprietor. With 10 different beers available, including Strongbow Cider and 2 beers on draft, I know some Newsletter staff members who you'll probably find there shortly.

“I'm from California, the Anti-smoking snipers are looking for me.”

The Drifter Staff



Art by Howard Tayler

Overheard in the Jackal Lair

“The ears lend an air of,
what’s that word? ...
Height”

Quick Draw McGraw:

Meredith Branstad

Black Hat:

Stephen Libbey

Fast Hands 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

Rockin Ranger

Craig Glassner

Yellow Rose Madam:

Karen Meschke

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Handicap Access

The Handicap Access table is located in Hall 2, and is available to assist our attendees with whatever they may require. For the sight impaired, if you’re looking for a pocket program to work with your Braille program, ask for Judith. You may also visit them for assistance with boarding the shuttle, or if you are having difficulties due to standing for long periods.

Special transportation for those in scooters and wheelchairs will be available for the Masquerade and the Hugo awards. Two shuttles, capable of carrying 4 vehicles each, will travel from the Atlantis to the Peppermill between **7:00 PM** and **8:00 PM**. They will be making the return trip between **10:00 PM** and **Midnight**, at the regular shuttle stops.

Gripes Can Make a Fine Whine

For those who have a few constructive criticisms for convention staff, there is one more Renovation Feedback session offered Sunday at **2:00 PM** in **A10**. You can also send your feedback to us at renovationsf.org/feedback.php. Don’t forget to tell us the good stuff too; we love to hear what we’re doing right.

Nevada Historical Society

The Nevada Historical Society is celebrating Worldcon with an event on **Saturday** from **2:30 PM-4:30 PM**. University of Nevada, Reno Professor and published science fiction author Susan Palwick will give a lecture and a reading from her books. They will also screen 1957’s *The Amazing Colossal Man*. It’s the story of an Army colonel who is exposed to a plutonium blast in the Nevada desert. I wonder what happens next? The Nevada Historical Society is located at **1650 North Virginia Street**. The event and parking are both free.

Social Network 101

Renovation is everywhere online. Join us!

- You Tube username **RenovationSF**
- Like our Facebook Fan Page
- Twitter username **@SFReno**
- Twitter tags, **#RenoSF**, **#worldcon**, **#hugos**
- Newsletter Twitter username **@WorldconJackals**
- If you’re posting pictures to Flickr, please tag them with **#RenoSF**

They’re Not Playing Doctor

We hope that all of you are taking care of yourself, * but if you should require professional assistance, we have an EMT on duty in the Convention Center. The EMT Station is at the end of Concourse B, across from room D5. Be safe, but be prepared!

*6-2-1, remember? Now finish reading this and go eat something.