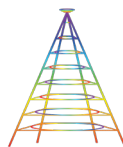


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Summer In The Plaza

Enjoy Summer in the Plaza Friday 8/17 from 5pm to 9pm at Plaza de Cesar Chavez in downtown San Jose.

The event features four different food trucks, a delicious beer garden, lawn games, and live music from local musicians JWB and Mardi Morillo. Plus it will have a walkway featuring thirteen different makers and vendors!

Summer in the Plaza is a short walk from the Convention Center and is a great place to unwind!

Program Updates

BOF: Fountain Pen Fans will be on Friday, Aug 17 at 15:00 in the San Jose Convention Center Market Terrace.

Timothy Phin will be on the panel *Across the Gender Spectrum*

DC in 2021 Worldcon Bid Parties

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Boston in 2020 Worldcon Bid Christmas Party

Come to the Boston in 2020 Worldcon Bid Christmas Party in Room 576 Fairmont Hotel at 21:00 Thursday. Celebrate their upcoming Site Selection Vote! It's "No Pants Wednesday" and Santa and the Elves have all kinds of holiday sweets for you. Presents at midnight!

6-2-1

We understand that being at Worldcon76 is a whirlwind of activity. Events and parties run 24 hours a day, and you can find yourself discussing 19th Century British politics at 03:00. But we want you to survive the weekend, and still be functioning come Monday. So please remember the 6-2-1 Rule.

6 hours of sleep a day. Trust us, your body needs it.

2 meals a day. This means a sit-down experience with food, not a hot dog from the convention center. Use the Local Guide and try something new!

1 shower daily. With soap. Not only will you feel refreshed, but those near you in crowded event seating will appreciate your consideration.

One last thing: stay hydrated. Your body needs water. Carry a water bottle with you and sip from it on a regular basis.

Follow these simple rules and avoid convention burnout.

Worldcon 76 Membership

Supporting Membership \$50
2018 Membership in the World Science Fiction Society (publications and voting rights for Worldcon 76)

Adult Attending \$250
All rights of a supporting membership, plus admission to all general weekend events. (Accommodations not included)

YA Attending (15-21)
All rights of a supporting membership, plus admission to all general weekend events. Age 15-21 determined as of August 21, 2018.

Active Duty Military Attending \$125
Special Rate for Active Duty Military and First Responders. All rights of a supporting membership, plus

admission to all general weekend events.

Child Attending (6-14) \$75
All rights of a supporting membership, plus admission to all general weekend events. Age 6-14 determined as of August 21, 2018.

Kid-in-Tow (Under 6) Free
Kid-In-Tow Memberships must be bought in conjunction with a membership for someone over 18 as of August 1, 2018.

Day Memberships
\$50 Thursday | \$80 Friday | \$80 Saturday | \$80 Sunday | \$50 Monday

To purchase a membership visit the registration desk or go to www.worldcon76.org/membership

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Where is Registration?

Registration will be in "the Hub" at the San Jose Convention Center. When walking in the front entrance of the Convention Center, continue through the lobby. Registration is directly ahead. If entering from either end of the Convention Center, stay on the first level and walk ahead to registration, which will be just off the main hallway.

Registration Desk Hours

Wednesday, August 15, 2018
2:00 PM to 19:30

Thursday, August 16, 2018
9:00 AM to 19:30

Friday, August 17, 2018
9:00 AM to 19:30

Saturday, August 18, 2018
9:00 AM to 18:00

Sunday, August 19, 2018
9:00 AM to 18:00

Monday, August 20, 2018
9:00 AM to 00:15

WSFS MPC Meeting

The WSFS Mark Protection Committee will meet at 2 PM Thursday in 212D. The MPC is the only permanent body of the World Science Fiction Society. It oversees the intellectual property of Worldcon and manages the WSFS-owned websites. This meeting is open to all attending members with an interest in how the World Science Fiction Society manages its service marks and web sites.

The MPC consists of appointees from Worldcon and NASFiC committees and members elected at the Business Meeting. Three elected seats will be up for election this year, with nominations to be taken at the Friday WSFS Business Meeting and the election itself to be held at the Saturday WSFS Business Meeting.

Restaurant Guide

The Worldcon 76 publications team has prepared a printed and digital restaurant and shopping guide to help you find the food you need in and around downtown, as well as last-minute essentials and costuming supplies. Head over to the Information Desk to pick up a printed restaurant guide. Find the digital version as an embedded app on our website at www.worldcon76.org/restaurant-guide, or follow the links on that page to download App Sheet and install the web app as a bookmark on your Android or iOS device.

Convention Center Update

Elevator 4 located in the Convention Center on the Marriott side (next to the garage access doors) will be out of service for our event. Marriott elevators can be used during the convention if access is needed in that area. All other elevators are up and running.

FREE! Worldcon 75 Locus Issue

Going to Worldcon 76 in San Jose? *Locus* has a gift for you:

Free Digital Copy of *Locus*

Last year's Worldcon issue, October 2017 #681, including the Worldcon Helsinki report & photo spread, interviews with James Patrick Kelly & Annalee Newitz, and much more!

locusmag.com/free-worldcon-75-locus-issue/

Print version is available at the *Locus* table in the dealers' room.

Worldcon76 Scavenger Hunt!

The hunt will take you all over the con finding clues, knowledge, excitement and spacecraft! Fun for all ages and a great way to familiarize yourself with the convention center and spaces. The first clue can be found at Registration and once you've solved that, the Info Desk will be able to help you with more. Every successful hunter will win a prize they can wear with pride!

Party Updates



Darwin's Children Kickoff Party

8/16, 8:00 PM, Fairmont Hotel

Hobbit Party

Bring the Feet! Bring the Adventure! There will be Second Breakfast. The Kiwi's Beak will be open and serving your favourite New Zealand Style Hobbit dessert fare. There will be spot the quote. There will be photo ops Room 576 at the Fairmont

Thursday parties:

476 - Montreal SF

479 - Haikasoru - Science Fiction from Japan

579 - DC in 2021

679 - Chinese Science Fiction party

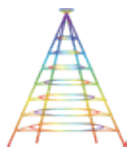


A group of early arriving fans enjoy the Winchester Mystery House Tour

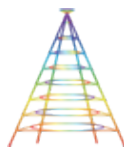
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Program Updates

The following people will not attend and have been removed from programming:

S. Qiouyi Lu

Pablo Vazquez

Mead Making 101 with Gene Olmstead has been added.

Jewish Worship Service led by Dina Krause has been added on 8/17 at 6:00 PM and at 8/18 at 9:00 AM in room 212C.

Dina Krause has been added as a panelist for *Faith & Extraterrestrials* in ITBD at 2:00 PM.

Val Ontel will no longer appear on *Something Wiki This Way Comes*

Diane Osborne has been added to *Sci-Fi and Patents* in room 210DH at 11:00 AM

Even More Events Happening in Downtown San Jose!

On Thursday, August 16, there are several interesting events happening in downtown San Jose, in case the convention does not have enough for you to enjoy!

Free event at the Plaza de Cesar Chavez – City Dance has free dance lessons, live music, and a beer garden. Come dance to salsa music from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

\$5 fee gets you into the San Jose Museum of Arts after 5:00 PM where you can go look at the exhibits and at 7:00 PM see the movie *The Times of Harvey Milk*.

On Thursday-Saturday, you can listen to world-class jazz at Café Stritch, 374 S 1st St. The events start at 8:30 PM and cost \$50 per person per night. This will be fantastic jazz. Café Stritch is open from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM for dinner—no music, no extra fee.

Welcome to Worldcon 76

San Jose welcomes the world to the 76th World Science Fiction Convention! After years of planning and hard work, and not a few stumbles, the day has finally arrived! For the second time San Jose is hosting a Worldcon.

Please take a moment to review the convention map. The McEnergy Convention Center is spread out and we want to make it easy as possible for you to make it to the events and panels. If you need a break, take advantage of the Quiet Room in room 112.

Downtown San Jose is a melange of cultures from across the globe. Get out and explore, and enjoy the wide variety of food and experiences to be found in the area.

If you need assistance, please ask any member of convention staff, or ask at the two information booths, located at the Hub by Registration and next to the Tower in the Exhibition Hall.

Welcome to all our friends, new and old. Welcome to San Jose, and Worldcon76!

Science Fiction Short Film Festival

3 Below Theaters

Please Join us for a screening of some of the world's best science fiction short films. For the sixth time, the Silicon Valley Science Fiction Short Film Festival has assembled a feature-length block of enchanting engrossing, and occasionally enraging, miniature cinema masterpieces.

Facebook: facebook.com/worldcon

Twitter: @worldcon2018

Instagram: @worldcon76

Register for the Masquerade

Masquerade registration will be accepted on-site at the Masquerade Desk until 1800 Friday, August 17th. The Masquerade rules can be found on the convention website, and we have a copy at the Masquerade sign-in desk.

Out of Context

One of the joys of going to a con is the random snippets of conversation you overhear as you move around. Most of the time, hearing these brief bits of others' speaking is hysterical without context.

In that spirit, the Newsletter staff is asking for your best #OutOfContextWC76 quotes and we'll print them. Send them to newsletter@worldcon76 or bring them to the Newsletter den in the Almaden Room on the 3rd floor of the Marriott.

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New Ghost Tour Added

\$15 in advance/\$20 "at the door"
6:00 PM Thursday, August 16 or
7:00 PM Friday, August 17. Meet at
Yoshihiro Uchida Hall at 4th & San
Carlos by Boccardo Gate.

How ironic that San Jose—the 10th largest city in the USA and home of the Winchester Mystery House—does not have a professional operator to conduct a ghost tour. Bay Area Ghost Hunters is based in San Jose. Co-Organizers Adrienne Foster and Deb Wible have put one together.

San Jose was founded in 1777



when the original Mexican pioneers were sent to Santa Clara County to produce food for the presidios of San Francisco and Monterey. Many settled around the Guadalupe River, which is not far from today's convention center, making it the oldest part of town. Since then, the city has seen, among other things, the Bear Flag Revolt, the heartbreak of the redistribution of land after the USA took possession of California, the burning of Chinatown on Market Street, the Hart Lynching and the transition of the valley from being the Heart's Delight to Silicon centric. The people here have had their share of ups and downs every bit as much as San Francisco, Chicago or New York and strong emotions are generally what lead to ghosts.

The tour covers about 1.5 miles. We start at Boccardo Gate, by Yoshihiro Uchida Hall, on Fourth Street & San Carlos and end at Trials Pub, where

those taking the tour have the option to dine and socialize afterward.

Please be advised that even though it can be quite warm during the day in San Jose, the temperature can significantly drop after dusk. It could be worth bringing a sweater and a bottle of water. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

Cost of the tour is \$15.00 in advance, \$20.00 "at the door," if space is still available. Please note the R.S.V.P. deadline is 11:59 p.m., the night before each tour. To reserve space in advance, please go BAGH's (Bay Area Ghost Hunters) Meetup page. This will require being a member of both Meetup and BAGH to R.S.V.P.

www.meetup.com/bay-area-ghost-hunters.com

This is being done as a fundraiser for BAGH, which is not-for-profit. While this is being arranged for the convenience of those attending Worldcon 76, it is open to all BAGH members.

Fanzine Lounge

Low on energy? The Fanzine Lounge has the most comfortable seats in the hall. Phone low on energy? We have a phone charging station too.

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Silicon Valley Outer Loop Tour Review

An enthusiastic 19 people climbed onto a party tour bus for the Silicon Valley Outer Loop Tour.

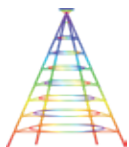
Our first stop was the Computer History Museum tour. The museum features a Google car, historic games such Pong and PAC Man development and inventions throughout the decades. For the more intense computer gurus every computer development one can think of including Mission Control technology. Immersed in silicon stages, motherboards and an Enigma machine our minds were expanded in direct proportion to the variety of inventions.

After the museum we were treated to a Google Android Candy park along with the Google store, a visit to some Facebook buildings and the "thumbs up" sign, the original garage birthplace of silicon valley, and a Tesla statue sizzling with WiFi. There were plentiful opportunities for photo ops along the way.

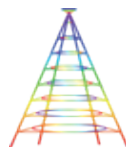
We had plenty of fun on the bus with bingo and sharing of stories. A very special thank you to our excellent tour guides and professional bus driver.

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Program Updates

L.D. Colter is not attending and has been removed from programming.:

SFWA Autograph Sessions

SFWA (Science Fiction Writers Association) will again be hosting autograph sessions in the Exhibit Hall near the main autograph area.

Friday

11:00 AM to 11:25 AM Lawrence M. Schoen, Jonathan Brazee
Noon to 12:25 PM Curtis C. Chen, James Patrick Kelly
1:00 PM to 1:25 PM Rebecca Gomez Farrell, Daniel Potter
2:00 PM to 2:25 PM James Van Pelt, Nathaniel Williams
3:00 PM to 3:25 PM Erica Satifka
4:00 PM to 4:25 PM Robert J. Sawyer
5:00 PM to 5:25 PM N.J. Schrock

The San José Galactic Light Tower

The San José Galactic Light Tower is an interactive animated light sculpture created by Kevin Roche, designed and constructed to debut at MidAmeriCon II, the 74th World Science Fiction Convention, in Kansas City, Missouri, August 2016.

Standing approximately 30 feet tall, the tower incorporates nearly 3000 individually addressable LEDs controlled by a Bluetooth-enabled Teensy 3.2 processor. The illumination, color, and animations are adjustable via a simple mobile application.

Parties

New Zealand in 2020: The Middle of Middle Earth Party will be held Thursday at 9:00 PM in Suite 576.

Retro Hugos

At 7:30 PM the Red Carpet arrivals for Retro Hugo Party begin. The Retro Hugo Party starts at 8:00 PM.

A Bicycle Built for Fifteen

You might think this is a filk sung by a demented computer, but it's actually an enjoyable way to spend an evening.

On Wednesday, a group of fans boarded the San Jose Brew Bike and pedaled to a trio of pubs. Our first stop was Uproar Brewery, where we sampled the beverages and swapped tales. The locally crafted brews went down smoothly before our driver Jack herded us back to the bike and we climbed into the saddles again. We pedaled, grooved to the tunes, and worked up a mighty thirst. The Original Gravity Public House was a welcome sight. The beverages sported clever names and complemented the pub food. For the record, the fries were amazing! Once more, Jack interrupted our drinking and ushered us to the bike. He rang the bell and we pedaled to 4th Street Pizza. Like good fans, we came, we drank, and we dined on slices.

All too soon, we found ourselves biking back to the convention center. Despite the fact that we never achieved ramming speed, the event was an unmitigated success.

Check out www.sanjosebrewbike.com for more info.

Montreal Party Canceled

The Montreal Party scheduled for Thursday evening has been canceled and will instead be held in conjunction with the Canada SF Party on Sunday.

ChildCare is available at WorldCon 76

Kiddie Corp will be providing fun activities to young fans from 0-15 years old.

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Party

Hauka Soru Party will be on Thursday from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM in room 479 in the South Tower of the Fairmont.

Autograph Session

Newsletter staffer and author Sue Burke will be signing copies of her novel *Semiosis* at 10:00 AM in the Autograph Area in the Exhibit Hall.

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Ingress Missions

The Worldcon 76 mission banner set is now fully active. There are twelve missions out and around the Convention Center and downtown area.

Blood Drive

Give someone the chance of seeing tomorrow. August 17-19, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. To schedule your appointment to donate blood, please visit The Heinlein Society Booth located on the Main Concourse.



Volunteer to be an Elevator Party Host

We need people for two-hour shifts (evenings) at the Fairmont South Tower. The parties for the convention are in that tower, and the elevators in that tower require someone with an electronic key card to get guests to those events. We need people who are willing to stand by the elevator for a two-hour shift: 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM, 10:00 to Midnight, or Midnight to 2:00 AM. We will have training to help people understand both the job and how to deal with the elevator riders: this training will be held in the South Lobby of the Fairmont at 7:30 each night. To sign up, go to the convention's Gopher office (room 114 in the Convention Center) and fill out the Elevator Party Hosting sign-up sheet. Hosting is a great way to meet

people and make the convention more fun for everyone.

Charity Auction

Charity Auction activities will start on Thursday at the *Silent Auction Exhibit*. Much like the Art Auction, members can peruse items up for bid and write in bids between Thursday and Saturday. Items for which silent bidding exceeds a number of bids (likely six) will be sent to the Voice Auction on Saturday. Anything that does not exceed that number of bids will simply sell to the highest silent bidder.

We're terrifically excited about bringing a trove of items for you to consider taking home, and proud to be part of fandom's traditional support of worthy charities.

Attention! The banners in the John Picacio Exhibit are being auctioned off. Visit the space to bid!

Facebook:

facebook.com/worldcon76.org

Twitter:

@worldcon2018

Instagram:

@worldcon76

Art Show Alert!

There is absolutely no photography of any kind allowed in the Art Show. This includes cell phone photos. Violation of this rule can result in revocation of your membership.

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Worldcon 76 Information for the Press

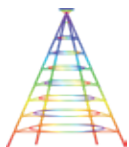
Worldcon 76 provides support for members of the press and writers for online media who are covering the convention before, during, and after the event. You can find approved logos, preferred fonts and colors, and usage guidelines, as well as basic event data on the Worldcon76.org website. Press passes are available in room 231A.

Long Lines Happy Faces

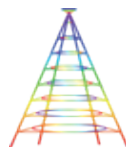
Registration is off to a brisk start and the staff are working hard to keep up with the long lines. While the waits are lengthy, the staff is doing an heroic job and the attendees are patient and supportive. We are grateful to the registration staff for their dedication and to the attendees who are being so gracious while waiting.

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Program Updates

The following people have been removed from programming and will not be attending:

Wil McCarthy, Richard Kadrey

Fingerloop Braiding has been added, Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 AM in Flex Space (Exhibit Hall), with the following description:

Learn an ancient technique for making colorful multi-strand braids, requiring only string and your hands. Useful for drawstrings, bracelets and necklaces, or anything that can use a strong cord.

Four *Art Show Tours* (Exhibit Hall) have been added, on Friday and Saturday, at the following times:

- Friday, Noon, with Richard Hescox.
- Saturday, 11:00 AM, with John Hertz.
- Saturday, 1:00 PM, with Sarah Clemens.
- Saturday, 2:00 PM, with Ctein and Theresa Nielsen-Hayden.

David Bowles has been added to *Latinx? Mexicanx? Hispanic? Do the Words Make a Difference and Why?*

SFWA Autograph Sessions

Don't forget the SFWA Autograph Sessions today in the autograph area (Exhibit Hall).

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Submission Deadline (Issue 4):

3:00 PM



Opening Ceremonies

Worldcon 76 kicked off Thursday evening with a thrilling performance by a Tongan Ma'ulu'ulu. The convention chair, Kevin Roche, then stepped on stage in a spacesuit, which was peeled off to reveal his ceremony attire.

Following an address by Santa Clara Supervisor Ken Yeager, Kevin was interrupted by the sounds of *Thus Spake Zarathustra*, which signaled the arrival of the Guests of Honor, beginning with John Picacio. The Artist Guest

of Honor brought the #Mexicanx Initiative recipients onto the stage and spoke about his initiative. He was followed by his fellow GoHs, including the cosplaying Pettingers, Frank Hayes, Spider Robinson in a Callahan's apron, and the spirits of Pangborn and Wilkins.

Opening Ceremonies Director Randy Smith then turned things over to MC Steve Francis to announce and award the First Fandom awards for 2018.

Erle Melvin Korshak presented the First Fandom Award to Robert

Silverberg. John Hertz presented the Posthumous Hall of Fame award to Len and June Moffat which was accepted by Bob Konigsberg, their son. The Sam Moskowitz Archive Award was then awarded to Hal Hall. Sue Francis wife of Steve Francis then

bestowed the Big Heart Award to *File770* fanzine creator Mike Glycer. It was then announced that from this day forward, the award would be designated the David A. Kyle Big Heart Award.

Following the First Fandom awards, the designers for this year's Hugo Award base came onto stage, accompanied by a truly rocking themed video.

Joe Siclari made good on his threat to open a time capsule from the 1992 Worldcon *Magicon*, the contents of which can be

seen today in the Exhibit Hall (we promised one Hugo!).

A last-minute surprise came in the form of a representative from the Guinness Book of World Records, who awarded Worldcon with a second consecutive award for the longest running science fiction award (the Hugo), which was first delivered at Worldcon 75 in Helsinki.

Our Chair concluded with a heartfelt message to all of our members, and declared Worldcon 76 to be underway, with a bang of his gavel!



Get Your Sekrit Decoder Ring

SFWA is selling secret decoder rings at booth R1 next to the autographing area. Come and buy yours so you can figure out what we mean when we say:

1 4-11-12-15-15-30 8-23-14-12-16-19
23-1-18-14 1-9-24-8-22 23-24-1-22-24-
12-18-10 1 9-12-22-8 12-18 11-12-23
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Autograph Session: Robert Silverberg

Three Room Press is hosting and autograph session for First Fandom Award winner and Grand Master Robert Silverberg. He will be signing copies of his new anthology *Time and Time Again: 16 Trips in Time* and two of his other classics. 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Dealers.

Lost Property

A large men's black leather bomber jacket was reported missing Thursday (Aug. 16) from the "My First Worldcon" panel at 5:00 PM, in Room 210B. It was left on a chair. If you picked up this jacket, please drop it off at the Lost & Found, Room 114.

Oops!

The newsletter got it wrong. The Jewish Worship Service for this evening is scheduled for 8:00 PM in room 212C.

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1943 Retrospective Hugo Award Winners

Best Fan Writer • Forrest J Ackerman

Best Fanzine • *Le Zombie*, edited by Arthur Wilson "Bob" Tucker

Best Professional Artist • Virgil Finlay

Best Editor- Short Form • John W. Campbell

Best Dramatic Presentation • Short Form *Bambi*, written by Perce Pearce, Larry Morey, et al., directed by David D. Hand et al. (Walt Disney Productions)

Best Short Story

"The Twonky," by Lewis Padgett (C.L. Moore and Henry Kuttner) (Astounding Science-Fiction, September 1942)

Best Novelette

"Foundation," by Isaac Asimov (Astounding Science-Fiction, May 1942)

Best Novella

"Waldo," by Anson MacDonald (Robert A. Heinlein) (Astounding Science-Fiction, August 1942)

Best Novel

Beyond This Horizon, by Anson MacDonald (Robert A. Heinlein) (Astounding Science-Fiction, April & May 1942)

Find detailed results at:

www.worldcon76.org/wsfs/hugos/retrospective-hugo-award-voting

Filking Schedule

All daytime Filking takes place in the Willow Glen meeting rooms, in the Marriott.

Schedule:

11:00 AM	Instrument Petting Zoo
Noon	Songwriting Workshop
1:00 PM	Evan Hunt
1:30 PM	Barry Gold
2:30 PM	Paul Kwinn, Beckett Gladney, Taunya Gren
2:30 PM	Kathleen Sloan
3:00 PM	Paul MacDonald

Friday Parties

The Utah for NASFIC 2019 bid committee will have an open bid gathering Friday at 9:30 PM in Room 498 of the Fairmont.

The DC in 2021 Worldcon Bid Party will be Friday, 9:00 PM, Fairmont South Tower Room 579.

The New Zealand 2020 bid committee is hosting a "Kuddly Kiwis Forest Party" (a unique take on "kwiz" night, via the Kiwis Beak) Friday at 9:00 PM in Suite 576.

Take to the Stars! The Chicago in 2022 Worldcon Bid committee is hosting a party Friday at 9:00 PM in room 479.

As a reminder, all convention parties are taking place in the Fairmont's South Tower. This is directly behind the McCormick & Schmick's restaurant, across a walkway from the main Fairmont building.

The Fairmont prefers to not call these "parties," so we'll refer to them on the signage in the lobbies as "socials."

Stairs in the South Tower are open access once you get in the building. So if you are feeling energetic, you can avoid elevator lines, if you choose that route.

Do you want to help us get fans to parties? We have a need for Elevator Party Hosts to run the Fairmont South Tower elevators Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday. Shifts in two-hour increments between 8:00 PM and 2:00 AM. Perks available. Contact parties@worldcon76.org or ask in Con Ops.

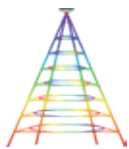
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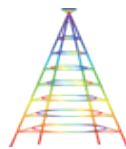
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Parties

Black Moon Belter Bar

Friday & Saturday opens at 8:00 PM
Room 676

In the 23rd Century of the hit TV show *The Expanse*, humans have colonized the Asteroid Belt. At Tycho Station, a pair of down-on-their-luck ex-miners have converted their ship, the Black Moon, into one of the hottest bars in the Belt. Join us for merriment, Belter food, music, and culture, and hand-mixed cocktails from the *Expanse* cocktails series by Paine x MacTane, *Expanse* fans and Belter language experts.

Queer As Fandom

Celebrating LGBTQIA Fandom 7:30 PM
Suite 776

Ghosts & History Walking Tour Repeats

By popular demand, the *Ghosts & History Walking Tour* will be repeated Friday, Aug. 17, at 7:00 PM. Price: \$20 "at the door." Meet at the Boccardo Gate at Yoshihiro Uchida Hall at Fourth Street & San Carlos Avenue. The route is 1.5 miles, ending at Trials Pub near First & Julian streets after dusk.

The tour is led by Adrienne Foster and Deb Wible, co-organizers of Bay Area Ghost Hunters www.meetup.com/Bay-Area-Ghost-Hunters/

Friday WSFS Business Meeting Report

The Main Business Meeting of the World Science Fiction Society Business Meeting will be held on Saturday morning at 10:00 AM in room 230. All attending members of Worldcon may attend, participate, and vote.

Saturday's meeting is the Main Business Meeting. Scheduled items include voting on ratification of proposals passed on from last year's meeting. If ratified, they become part of the WSFS Constitution at the end of Worldcon 76. The ratification of "Lodestar" as the name for the new Award for Best Young Adult Book is up for a vote today along with several other relatively minor changes.

The "Counting Comics" proposal (D.2 on the agenda published on the Worldcon 76 WSFS Business Meeting website) and "Best Podcast Hugo Award" proposal (D.4) were killed and will not be considered. The proposal affecting the Professional and Fan Artist Hugo Awards (D.5) was postponed until not before 11:00 AM Sunday. All other constitutional amendments (sections C and D) will be considered starting at 10:00 AM Saturday.

Worldcon 76 thanks Google for providing coffee/tea for the Friday and Saturday Business Meetings.

Worldcon 76 Movie Previews

Keith and Alan (from Norwescon and Sasquan) return to Worldcon for *Movie Previews*. Find out about the hot topics and the latest trends coming from Hollywood. They will highlight the latest information, innovations, and challenges. They'll also explore the wider entertainment

culture: TV shows, home video, theme parks—the whole gamut! Aug. 17 Friday, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in room LL21AB in the Convention Center.

Filk!

Come to the Willow Glen Rooms 1-3 for a night of laughter and song as the Filk program continues. The tradition of fannish music stretches back decades, and is always enjoyable.

7:00 PM Tim Griffin

8:00 PM Open filking for all who are interested.

Rocky Horror Picture Show at 3Below

Come give yourself over to absolute pleasure Saturday night, as the mother of all cult movies makes its regular appearance at the 3Below Theater 288 S. 2nd Street. This interactive experience, featuring Barely Legal, a "shadow cast" that performs live as the movie rolls. Doors open at 11:00 PM, pre-show begins at 11:30 PM, and the movie starts at midnight.

More details can be found at 3belowtheaters.com/events/rocky-horror-picture-show-experience-barely-legal/

And on our world, we'll do the Time Warp again!

Free Wi-Fi

Don't forget, the Convention Center has free wi-fi for all members! Search for "WickedlyFastWiFi" and connect.

Photo Gallery Now Online

Now available on the convention website is a gallery of official and fan photos from this amazing week. Find them at worldcon76.org/photography.

Submission Deadline (Issue 5):

7:00 AM

Fairmont Parties Update

Party Attendees

Please be mindful of other guests in the hotel and keep the volume of your conversations down as much as you can. Please don't take your conversations out into the hallway. Instead consider the downstairs lobby. Be aware that the hotel is limiting party attendance to 30 people per suite, so if a party host asks attendees to "mingle" to meet this need, please know that you can head to another party and then return to your favorites shortly.

Mobie Storage

The hotel has asked that Mobies be parked in the South Tower lobby in order to not congest the hallways outside parties. They will provide some seating near the elevators to help folks who need to sit while waiting for an elevator.

Volunteers Needed for Elevator Hosting

We still need volunteers to help us get folks up and down to the various party floors—please consider giving an hour or two to riding the elevator to assist.

Party Hosts

The hotel has requested we limit party attendance to 30 people at a time for fire code regulations. While the hotel has put convention attendees in rooms surrounding the party suites, we can't guarantee that all four floors are ONLY attendees. Please keep your room door mostly closed, try to keep noise down in your room to the best of your ability, and occasionally step out into the hallway to check that folks aren't congregating in the hallway and can take their conversations to the lobby.

The Few, The Proud, the Gofers!

Want to be a part of the machine that makes Worldcon run? Be a Gofer! Come to room 114 to sign up. We have fantastic prizes donated by authors/vendors/guests which you can earn a raffle ticket for after serving 12 hours and an extra ticket for every hour after that!

Prizes include signed books and other items including a signed calendar by the con's badge/t-shirt artist & Game of Thrones coins signed by George R.R. Martin.

SFWA Signings

Once again SFWA writers will be autographing their work on Saturday at their autograph station near the main autograph area in the Exhibit Hall.

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Worldcon Cocktails!

The Tanq Bar, located inside the Marriott Hotel, has developed four custom cocktails in honor of Worldcon. Please drop in and enjoy a NY 1939, a Sci-Fi Mojito, a Hugo Award, or a Make the Future.

The newsletter staff likes the idea of just asking for a Hugo and getting one.

MIT Press

Books from the MIT Press will be on display one day only, Mon. from 10:00 to 3:00 PM at Fan Table 40 in the Exhibit Hall.

Friday Parties

Independent film studio Anna Diamond Productions is hosting a room party titled Lights! Camera! Action!, both Friday and Saturday nights. The door will open at 7:30 PM and the party proper start at 8:00 PM. The party will be in the Fairmont Hotel's south tower, room # TBA.

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Lost and Found

Are you missing something? Cell phone, bookbag, significant other? Come to *Lost and Found* in Room 114 to see if your missing stuff has been turned in. There is already a significant amount of stuff waiting to be picked up.

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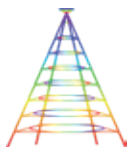
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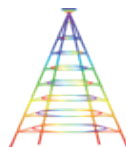


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Program Updates

The autograph session with Kjell Lindgren is now at Noon in the Autographing area.

Morning Tai Chi with Steve Barnes has been added in room LL20 at 9:00 AM.

Steven Silver will not appear on the following panels:

- *Wikipedia: What's Notable and What's a Valid Citation*
- *Something Wiki This Way Comes*

An Art Show Tour has been added with Arlin Robins on Saturday at 5:00 PM in the Art Show.

Michael Walsh will not appear on *Not Hugo-Nominated Novels You Should Read*.

The *Stroll With the Stars* in the Lower Level Plaza with Gabrielle De Cuir has been canceled.

J.M. Landels has been added to *A Horse Is Not a Subcompact* on Sunday at 10:00 AM in 210F.

Oops

Teresa Nielsen Hayden's name was misspelled in a previous Program Update in the newsletter. Our apologies.

Children's Programming

10:00 AM Wings: Dragon, Fairy, or Pony

11:00 AM Instrument Petting Zoo in Marriott Willow

Noon Headbands: Ears or Horns

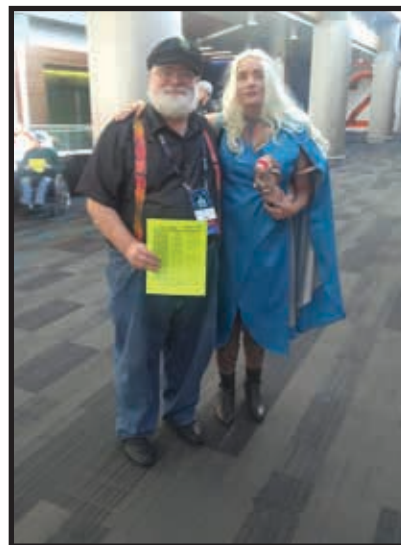
1:00 PM Balloon Sculpting for Kids (Convention Center Room 212B)

2:00 PM Paws or Claws

3:30 PM Tails: Furry or Not

Find The Real George R.R. Martin

How are your facial ID skills? George R.R. Martin was captured on camera on Friday. Can you tell which image is really the highly sought-after author, and which is one of the Faceless Men? (Sorry, we have no prize to offer, but you will have bragging rights. It is known.)



Saturday Filk!

All daytime Filking takes place in the Willow Glen meeting rooms, in the Marriott.

Schedule:

11:00 AM Instrument Petting Zoo

Noon "Being There: A Performance Workshop"

Small Concerts

1:30 PM Edie Stern

1:45 PM Sueshep

2:00 PM Margaret & Kristoph

2:30 PM Stacia O'Leary

2:45 PM Nadia Lubkin

3:00 PM Jam Session

4:00 PM Jeff and Maya Bohnhoff

4:30 PM Sassafras (tentative)

7:00 PM Canticles (Alexander James Adams and Matthew Morrese)

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Party from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM in Blossom Hill I and II.

Submission Deadline (Issue 6):

3:00 PM

Hugo Finalist Reading: Best Novella

On Friday Martha Wells and JY Yang read from their Hugo shortlisted novellas.



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Ingress Mission Progress

On Thursday several hospitality staff set out to fight for the Resistance or the Enlightened. An intrepid Resistance fighter took a photo of the mosaic.



One Thousand Years of Fandom

What does a thousand years of SF/F fandom look like? 500 years? 200? 100? 50?

Come to the *Fanac Fanhistory* table and become part of centuries of fandom. How many fans will it take? Whether you are a longtime fan or a neo, stand and be counted—we'll add your years of fandom to our running total and see how many years we can reach!

If you and a group of your friends have 100 years or more of fandom amongst yourselves, let us document you for posterity. If you have 50+ years by yourself, come by any time for a solo picture!

Group photos: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 1:00 PM.

Where: FANAC table (near the Fanzine lounge). Look for the FANAC banner.

Mobility Device Rentals

Two options are available for renting Mobies or manual wheelchairs, onsite rental or direct delivery rental. For onsite rental you are able to pick-up and drop-off your device at the Access table at Registration for \$55/day for a mobie, \$15/day for a manual wheelchair. Direct Delivery is for those who want their device brought to their home or hotel room, or who need a powerchair, collapsible mobie, or another option that isn't available onsite. Payment for these will be made directly to ScootAround (our vendor).

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Gaming Saturday

Afternoon Gaming

Noon	Rise of the Tribes
1:00 PM	Learn to Play D&D
2:00 PM	Puerto Rico
4:00 PM	Palabra
5:00 PM	Legendary Encounters Aliens

Evening Gaming

6:00 PM	Fate Accelerated: Steven Universe
7:00 PM	Roll Player Dungeon World (Powered by the Apocalypse)
8:00 PM	Last Friday

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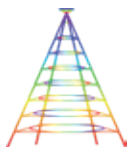
WOOF (World Order Of Faneditors) No. 43 will be collated Sunday, Aug. 19, at 2:00 PM in the Fanzine Lounge. If you'd like to contribute your 'zine, please drop off submissions (50 copies) beforehand in the box provided in the Fanzine Lounge or contact editor Guy Lillian.

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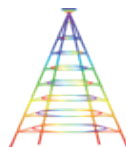
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Program Updates

Kevin Roche will be signing in the Autograph Area Aug. 18 at 5:00 PM.

Sign Up for the Kaffeeklatsches in Advance

Signups for Kaffeeklatsches are in person at the convention and in advance. The number of participants at each gathering is limited and the signup process is designed to give as many people a chance to participate in at least one of the sessions. Signups will open approximately a half day before the event. We may limit the number of sessions which any one member may join. You cannot sign up or join a Kaffeeklatsch or Literary Beer just by going to the session—you must sign up in advance. Tickets will be required. Sign up in the Hub.

The Galaxy's Edge

The first issue of Galaxy's Edge (Chinese Edition) published by Eight Minutes Culture Communication and the People's Literature Publishing House Co., Ltd. is available now in China.

Saturday WSFS Business Meeting Highlights

Lodestar is officially adopted as the name for the YA award.

Changes to the Artist Hugo to be considered on Sunday. Not before 11:00 AM.

No Monday meeting is expected.

Callahan's Tall Tales Contest

Callahan's is hosting a tall tales contest at Noon Sunday. They are looking for people to tell them stories.



Filking

At 7:00 PM in the Willow Glen Room in the Marriott, the Canticles, Alexander James Adams and Matthew Morrese will be performing.

Live the Dream Meet Point and Filking

Kathy Marr will allow Terry and Craig Russel Rogers, Paul Gibbons, and Athen Roberts to give their best shot at creating a poly-music themed couple of hours during open filking. 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM, Willow Glen Room, Marriott 2nd Floor.

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The Heinlein Society

The Heinlein Society wants your young blood! Ask members at the booth about the many ways to pay it forward.

Past, Present, and Future Worldcon Chairs

Chairs are invited to gather in Room 230 at 12:30 PM on Sunday morning following the WSFS Business Meeting for a photo and video session.

Submission Deadline (Issue 7):

7:00 AM

BayCon 2019

Social! Room 599 Fairmont Hotel
8:00 PM Saturday



Dealers Room Spotlight

Word Horde is a small press Publisher from Petaluma CA specializing in weird fiction with a modern edge. Publishers of Bram Stoker Award-winning authors John Langan and Nicole Cushing. Stop by booth E15.

Mariana Palova is an artist, writer and designer. She is also a participant in the Mexicanx Initiative. Stop by and say hello.



Santa Clara County Library District Booth

The Santa Clara County Library District table near the Tower in the Exhibit Hall has daily questions, such as, "what is your super power?" Winners receive valuable prizes for all answers. Stop by the booth to find cool stuff for kids and animated discussions about books and libraries.

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Friday Night Music

The Friday night concerts featuring sets by guest of honor Spider Robinson, music guest of honor Frank Hayes, Music Night Concerts MC Tim Griffin, local professional musicians Maya & Jeff Bohnhoff & Friends, and local Celtic group Avalon Rising were a tremendous success. Concert attendees raised \$334.07 to combat Frank Hayes Disease; this money will be donated to the WorldCon76 official charity, Alzheimer's Association, Northern California and Northern Nevada.

Lost Item

Mairi's Roadrunner pin ran away yesterday. Please help it find its way home. Last seen in a red silk bag at Angelwear Creations in the Dealers' Room. Pin is sterling silver and 2-3 inches in length. A reward is being offered, as the pin is of deep personal significance.

If found, please contact Mairi at 650-863-1094. Thank you all for any help you can give in capturing this errant bird.

Notice

If you arrive at an event and the doors to the room are closed, this means the room is at capacity. Please don't knock or open the doors.

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Party Update

DC in 2021 will be raffling two free nights at the Marriott Wardman Park, our proposed Worldcon hotel. The voucher is good through August 31, 2022 and includes the Wardman Park's famous breakfast buffet for two. Raffle tickets will be available at Saturday's DC in the 2021 bid party that begins at 9:00 PM in Fairmont room 579. At the bid table in the convention center, we will also be giving away vouchers for free ice cream to the first five people who can give the secret code posted on Facebook and Twitter or provide the phrase: "I brake for ice cream."

The Black Moon Belter Bar returns at 9:00 PM room 676.

Lance's Party at 10:00 PM in room 798. Partiers are advised that the room may briefly close a few times during the evening.

WorldCon 75 throws a Thank You Party at 9:00 PM in room 598.

Let your hair down at the Furry Social, 8:00 PM in room 479.

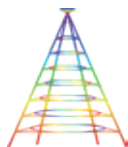
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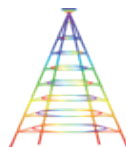
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Gaming Sunday

- 10:00 AM IOG*: Learn to Play Magic: the Gathering, Free Play: Cosmic Encounters
- 11:00 AM Splendor
- 12:00 PM IOG: Learn to Play Planet Defenders
- Neverwhen (Pathfinder RPG)
- 1:30 PM Werewolf
- 2:00 PM IOG: Learn to Play Mystic Vale
- 3:00 PM Chrononauts, RPG Game
- 4:00 PM IOG: Learn to Play Codenames
- Betrayal at the House on Haunted Hill

*Isle of Gamers

Children's Programming

- 10:00 AM Sonic Screwdrivers
- 11:00 AM (Art Show) Kid's Choice Awards
- 1:00 PM Jet Packs
- 2:00 PM Daleks
- 4:00 PM (Dealers Room) Tour
- 5:00 PM Minion Goggles

Kaffeeklatsch Sign Ups

Remember: Kaffeeklatsches are a limited seating event! Make sure to go to the Hub at least half a day in advance to get a ticket to the one you want. Subject to availability.

Submission Deadline (Issue 8):

3:00 PM

Site Selection Results

Results of the voting for the 2020 Worldcon as provided by the Site Selection Administrator, Warren Buff:

Candidate	Votes
New Zealand	643
Xmas in Boston 2020	22
Peggy Rae's House	3
Xerps	3
Minneapolis in '73	2
Olive Country	2
Aotearoa in 2020	1
Bimin Zana, Wakanda	1
El Fabulosa Bungalow	1
Glug's Chalet	1
Grantville, WV	1
John Sapienza's Yard	1
Marsopolis	1
Minneapolis in '74	1
Slab City	1
Tonopah, NV	1
None of the Above	8
Total With Preference	693
Needed to Elect (Majority)	347
No Preference	33
Total Votes Cast	726

New Zealand wins on the first ballot. Results are unofficial until received by the WSFS Business Meeting on Sunday morning at 10 AM in Room 230. The winning Worldcon will begin selling memberships from the Worldcon Site Selection area sometime on Sunday afternoon.

Art Show Awards

Best in Show, Vandy Hall, "Octohat"
 Judges Choice, Ctein, "Arecibo"
 Judges Choice, Cody Vrosh, "Harbinger of the Listless Drift"
 Judges Choice, Julie Dillon, "Daydreamer"
 Judges Choice, Krista & Daniel Dodson, "Frequency"

Site Selection (NASFiC)

Results of the voting for the 2019 NASFiC as provided by the Site Selection Administrator.

Candidate	Votes
Utah	171
Bristol	1
Minneapolis in '73	1
Olive Country	1
Xmas in Boston 2020	1
None of the Above	7
Total With Preference	182
Needed to Elect (Majority)	92
No Preference	10
Total Votes Cast	192

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Filk Sunday

All Sunday filk events take place in the Willow Glen room in the Marriott.

- 11:00 AM Instrument Petting Zoo
- Noon Panel: "Something in the Way It Moves: The Spiritual and Emotional Effects of Song."
- 1:00 PM Concert: Blind Lemming Chiffon
- 2:00 PM Concert: Nick Smith
- 4:00 PM Concert: Lynn Gold
- 5:00 PM Concert: Lisa Padol and Joshua Kronengold
- 3:00 PM Concert: Gary Ehrlich
- 3:30 PM Concert: Quentin Long
- 4:00 PM Concert: Resounding (Callie Hills and Kris Wildman)
- 4:30 PM Jam Session
- 5:00 PM Dinner Break
- 7:00 PM TBA
- 8:00 PM Open Filking

Pink Drink Commandos

Close to twenty fans, both attendees and staff, attended the latest Pink Drink Commandos meetup yesterday, which began on the Market Terrace and soon adjourned to Callahan's Place for the acquisition of blushing beverages. Participant attire ran the gamut of camouflage patterns from digital to Mossy Oak; auxiliary shades of burgundy and purple were also represented. Debbie Bretschneider lectured the assembled on the history of the Commandos and how they came to be represented in West Coast Fandom. A number of gifts were shared, including candy, tiaras, and—of course—ribbons.



In Memoriam: Karen Kruse Anderson

Courtesy of Astrid Anderson Bear, the second hour of the program slot for the memorial for her mother, Karen Kruse Anderson, will be opened up for a bardic circle in honor of Karen and Poul. We welcome presentation of their poetry, musical settings of their verse, and pieces that evoke their work. —Facilitated by Diana L. Paxson

SFWA Autographs Sunday

Autographs are in the Exhibit Hall near the main autograph tables.

10:00 AM	Robert Rogow
11:00 AM	Jam Session
Noon	Taiyo Fujii
1:00 PM	T. Eric Bakutis
2:00 PM	Brenda Clough, Mike Shepherd Moscoe
3:00 PM	William Ledbetter

Lost Glasses

Lost on Friday night in one of the parties at the Fairmont. Black, prescription glasses. Please hand in to Fairmont reception if found.

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TAFF/DUFF Auction

The Down Under and Trans Atlantic Fan Fund Auction will take place in the Exhibit Hall Flex Space starting at Noon. Funds will be used to get fans to **Dublin 2019: An Irish Worldcon**. Come ready to dig deep!

Free Wi-Fi

Don't forget, the Convention Center has free WiFi for all members! Search for "WickedlyFastWiFi" and connect.

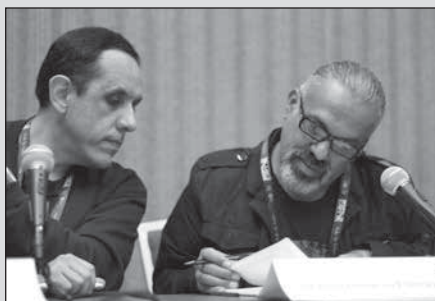
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A Panel in Photos: Apocalypse

Tomorrow: The Tumultuous History of Mexican SF/F Literature



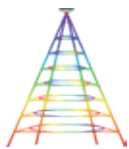
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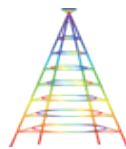
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Masquerade Corrections

Our apologies, there was an error on the list of winners in the Workmanship, novice category. The corrected winners are:

- Award for Proton Pack Perfection: Raymond T. Stanz, Apparition Eliminator
- Excellence in Creature Construction: Locusta, Displacer Beast Thief

Hugo Ceremony Live Stream

For those unable to get in to the Hugo ceremony, there are a few options for viewing the big night.

Callahan's will be showing the entire ceremony on their big screen. You can also follow on you phone or laptop at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt4UI_te7bs

Childcare at Worldcon 76

Childcare is available at WorldCon 76. Kiddie Corp will be providing fun activities to all our young fans.

Age range from 0-15 years old with fun activities for all.

There is a charge of \$15 an hour.

The hours are as follows:

Friday 9:30 AM to 8:30 PM

Saturday 9:30 AM to Midnight

Sunday 9:30 AM to Midnight

Monday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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WSFS Business Meeting Report

After formally receiving the results of the 2019 NASFiC and 2020 Worldcon site selection, the WSFS Business Meeting on Sunday concluded all remaining business today and adjourned sine die in memory of past Worldcon chairs Julian May and Milt Stevens, both of whom passed away in the past year.

A proposals to modify the Professional and Fan Artist Hugo Awards was referred to a special committee for further study. A proposal related to the deadlines associated with required reports from WSFS convention committees was referred to the Nitpicking & Fyspecking Committee for further clarification.

There will be no WSFS Business Meeting on Monday. The WSFS Mark Protection Committee will meet in Room 230 at 11:30 on Monday morning to elect new officers for the coming year and to consider other proposals. This meeting is open to all attending members of Worldcon 76.

Watch the Hugo Livestream

Counting down to the Hugo Awards. Watch the livestream. [Youtu.be/Pt4UI_te7bs](https://youtu.be/Pt4UI_te7bs).

Kaffeeklatsch Sign Ups

Remember: Kaffeeklatsches are a limited seating event! Make sure to go to the Hub at least half a day in advance to get a ticket to the one you want. Subject to availability.

Quote from the Masquerade

"What I'm doing right now is not called vamping. It is called panicking with panache."

—Christopher J. Garcia,
Masquerade Master of Ceremonies

Filk Sunday Night

All Sunday filk events take place in the Willow Glen room in the Marriott.

7:00 PM TBA

8:00 PM Open Filking

Yard Sale

Does your convention or club need more art show peg board panels? How about consuite supplies like coffee urns or serving trays? Swing by Room 114 in the convention center starting at 1:30 PM Monday. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

MIT Press

The following books from the MIT Press will be on display one day only Monday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Fan Table 40 in the Exhibit Hall:

- *Frankenstein: Annotated for Scientists, Engineers, and Creators of All Kinds*
- *Twelve Tomorrows*
- *The Dialogues: Conversations about the Nature of the Universe*
- *Science Fiction Visionary (North Atlantic Books)*
- *Drawing Physics: 2,600 Years of Discovery From Thales to Higgs*
- *Otto Binder: The Life and Work of a Comic Book and Science Fiction Visionary (North Atlantic Books)*

Sheryl Hayes Reading and Signing

Reading—Monday 11:30 AM to 12:00 pm in room 211A

Autograph—Monday 1:00 PM in the Autograph Area



Mural in the Teen Lounge

Lost Item at Party

If you left a bag containing convention treasures in one of the party rooms, please come to "Social" Ops, Fairmont South Tower, room 379 before 6:00 PM Sunday to claim it. You can call our room, and we can meet you downstairs outside the lobby if you don't have access to the hotel.

We will also be open at 10:00 AM Monday morning, if you can't get here in time on Sunday evening.

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Saturday Party Reports

The Locus 50th anniversary party started early and got the night off to a strong start with the famous Trombi punch and plenty of people lounging about discussing literature.

Colorful Drinks named for Ponies were the order of the day at the intimate and vibrantly decorated BABSCon party.

The Brotherhood Without Banners served spicy shots and sweet punch in a full suite mysteriously devoid of furniture. An appearance by George himself was the highlight of an excellent evening.

Sunday Parties

New Zealand is back with their "Southern Stars" party, in room 576, starting at 9:00 PM

CANSmof returns with their Montreal/Canadian SF party, in room 476

Arabian SF will debut tonight, in room 579

BABSCon will run for another night, in room 583

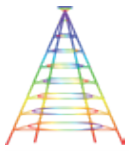
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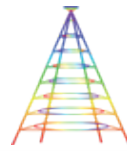
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THE MASQUERADE EDITION

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Workmanship

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Best in Show: Emerald City
 Best in Class: Mummy for Nothing
 Judges Choice for Silicon Mask Work: A Wretched Hive of Scummy Villainy
 Judges Choice for Excellence in Traditional Needle Arts: Queen of Halloween
 Honorable Mention for Traditional Mask Making: Lost in Translation, Codmother Mask
 Honorable Mention for Pattern Matching: I Feel Pretty



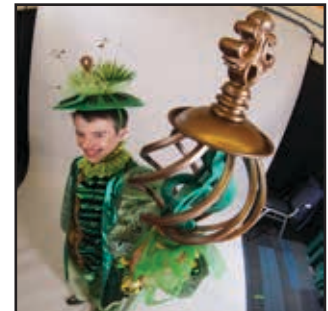
Journeyman

Best in Class: Silver Birch Dryad
 Best Recreation : Three Fates
 Best Sculping: Alien Queen
 Best Attention to Detail: Storm Mine Survivor Doctor Who
 Honorable Mention: 1870s Ursula



Novice

Best in Class: The Knight Radiant
 Award for Proton Pack Perfection: Raymond T. Stanz, Apparition Eliminator
 Award "The Kitty's Meow" for Attention to Detail: Gandalf the Pink
 Award for Terrific Tentacles: Vanessa
 Award for the Use of Playing Cards: Alice in Wonderland
 Honorable Mention for Electronics: Caelyn of Falconpeak in the Final Battle
 Young Fan: Eletrigantis
 Excellence in Creature Construction: Locusta, Displacer Beast Thief



Presentation

Open

Best in Class: Mummy for Nothing
 Best Recreation: A Scene with Rocket and Baby Groot
 Most Evocative: Queen of Halloween
 Most Comical: Lost in Translation
 Best Television: Demogorgon
 Best Mask: A Wretched Hive of Scummy Villainy
 Honorable Mention: X Wing Pilot

Journeyman

Best in Class: Alien Queen
 Best Television: Storm Mine Survivor
 Most Dramatic: Lady Mothra
 Most Beautiful: Silver Birch Dryad
 Best Recreation: Three Fates

Novice

Best in Class: The Knight Radiant
 Best Presentation: Locusta,
 Displacer Beast Thief
 Best Recreation: The Plague Doctor
 Best Transformative: Vanessa
 Honorable Mention: Caelyn of Falconpeak in the Final Battle
 Honorable Mention: Raymond T. Stanz,
 Apparition Eliminator



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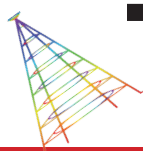
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Program Updates

There is Such a Thing as a Free Lunch—Meal Strategies for the Cash-Strapped Fan has been added in 217Q at 16:30 Monday

Drop and Give me Fifty, You Space Maggot—Hands on fitness workshop for military SF fans will be held at San Jose State's Athletic Field at 05:00.

Aesthetic and Toyetic: Crafting your YA Trilogy for Maximum Merchandise Potential will be held in Synergy 4 (San Mateo Marriott) Look for the fan dressed as Mary Poppins for the time and password.

When 6-2-1 Isn't Enough—Support group will be held at 23:00 in front of the Quetzalcoatl statue.

The Teen Lounger has created a mural which will be auctioned (wall included).

Hugo Correction

After a court-mandated recount, it turns out that *The Tower* won the Best Fanzine, Best Series, and Best Short Story awards.

Trust us on this. After all, we're the newsletter!

Mobie Mayhem

We may have to return the mobies at the end of the convention but it doesn't mean we can't have a little fun first.

Join us Monday after the Dead Dog for a demolition derby on the lower concourse. No insurance needed.

Overheard

Overheard at the con . . . "Could I be God in this scenario?"

"This is the primordial soup part of the panel."

"Five years is a long time on the internet."

"We're going to go all Hectograph from here on!"

"Yes, it's an acrostic (read down the first letters of each line, they spell SJC, the airport code) in 5-7-5 unrhymed syllables."

"I don't want to leave it around for future generations to discover."

"Setting things on fire is indeed fun, but there is paperwork."

"Can you get an MFA in slashfic?"

"We have a gofer. I have a spare pancreas!"

"It's Sunday night. Stop trying to think."

"It's okay. I've got a Rolodex in my pants."

Singularity in Panel Room

Cosmologists are flocking to San Jose after an overcrowded panel reached critical density and collapsed into a black hole on Sunday. "Robert Heinlein's Influence on My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic" attracted a large crowd to Room 211D. The available seating quickly filled, with later arrivals packing themselves along the walls and the back of the room. By the time the panelists made their way to the front, fans ringed the room three deep.

"We could feel the pull of the mass of the fans from outside," said Bill Turnba, who was trying to hear the panel from outside the room, one of dozens straining to catch a glimpse of the goings-on. "This guy in a Royal Manticoran Navy uniform stood to ask a question, and I guess that was the tipping point."

Witnesses reported the room, and everyone in it, were sucked into the center of the space in less than a second, leaving only a glowing spark that quickly fell through the rubble to the center of the Earth. Members of the Physics department of San Jose State University were dispatched to the scene; after several moments of standing around with slide rules borrowed from the Exhibit Hall, they departed saying, "That's not how we did it at Annapolis..."



Last known photo taken by the Worldcon Official Staff photography team. Overheard in the hall just before Closing Ceremonies: "Game Over, man!"

Life in the Newsletter Room

K: "C? Did you order two identical half-and-half pizzas?"

C: "Yes I did."

K: "Why didn't you just order two pizzas?"

C: "I've been drinking."

C: "I forgot to bring my Zantac."

S: "I have some Xanax, that's almost the same thing..."



Please Help Us Find George

The image to the left is the last known photo taken of a certain George R.R. Martin, author of the award-winning *Song of Ice and Fire* series.

The picture was released on Friday by a group of concerned Game of Thrones fans who claim to have kidnapped the author. Their only demand is that the unfinished manuscripts of *Winds of Winter* and *A Dream of Spring* be delivered to an undisclosed location so that they can finally learn the grisly (or not-so-grisly) fate of their favorite characters.

Burning Man Bids for 2021

In a shocking development, participants of the annual Burning Man festival have launched a bid for the 2021 Worldcon. A fan who gave his name as Uncle Bullhorn explained the reasoning behind the bid.

"There are a lot of fans who want to attend both Worldcon and Burning Man, but the timing makes it nearly impossible. So we've decided to combine two great things into one amazing thing!"

Uncle Bullhorn touted such advantages as no stress over housing, as everyone needs to bring their own; an art show covering seven square miles; no crowded elevators; extremely liberal party rules; and limitless space for programming.

When asked about conditions in Black Rock City, Bullhorn mumbled quietly about daily 70-degree temperature swings, gale-force winds, blinding dust storms, and occasional monsoons.

"But come to BlackRockCon, where no costume is still a costume!"

But Seriously, Folks . . .

From all of us in Publications, we'd like to thank all of you for coming to San Jose and making this Worldcon sing. As always in fandom, all our planning means nothing without eager fans making things amazing.

The Publications department hit the ground running earlier this year, planning for progress reports and restaurant guides and pocket programs and souvenir books. Endless hours were spent tracking down information, fitting articles, and juggling advertisers.

At con, the newsletter staff has been on the run constantly. We strived to get the best information out in a timely fashion, poking divisions for content, and always watching that looming deadline.

We admit we fell short a few times. We apologize for that. Each issue was a learning process for us all. Hopefully, all of you saw the improvement.

So now we've reached the end of the 76th World Science Fiction Convention. All of us will go our separate ways and add this convention to our list of experiences. We sincerely hope that everyone had an amazing time. We did. And much of that was because of each and every one of you showed up. So, thank you again.

With much love,
The staff of *The Tower*
on behalf of the entire Publications Division

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