

THE JACKALOPIAN

AREA 51 (TEMPE MISSION PALMS)

SATURDAY 1ST JULY

WELCOME!

Welcome to Westercon 70 in sunny Tempe, AZ!

We plan to bring you a fresh copy of *The Jackalopian* around this time, hopefully soon enough to set your evening off right and prepare you for the next day.

PROGRAMMING

Our evening programming is mostly events, with some of them restricted to those over 18. There are a few panels on the schedule too and, of course, the Gaming Hall and Filk Room will keep active into the night.

At 7.00pm, local artist Mark Greenawalt will begin one of his Body Painting events. He'll be transforming a model, Griffin Maria, into the Hollow Queen from *Laughing Moon: Wheelhouse*, the latest Todd VanHooser game, which Todd will be hosting in the Gaming Hall this weekend. This is 18+.

Also at 7.00pm, in Palm E/F, John Hertz and Alex Canto will be running the traditional Westercon Regency Dance.

The Unusual Suspects will be performing in concert over in Joshua Tree, our Filk room, starting at 7.00pm. Theme Filk will follow at 8.00pm, with tonight's theme being A-Z. An Open Filk session takes over at 9.00pm until whenever.

As our Local Author GoH, Gini Koch, mentioned during the Opening Ceremonies, her ever-popular Evening Erotica event will be in Xavier from 8.30pm to 11.30pm. This is 18+ and will be constructed out of euphemisms and prizes.

Finally, at 9.00pm, tipsy tea duelling will break out in the ConSuite (suite 2038). If you've never experienced the art of tea duelling, this should be a wild example of the sport. It's being sponsored in memory of Lars Morgan, Arizona fan, costume designer and lover of color.

ISLE OF GAMES DISCOUNT

Captain Hedges reminds me that Tucson's Isle of Games, who have representatives running games this weekend, are offering a special discount on items for sale at their booth in our Gaming Hall: get 20% off any one item that's priced \$19.99 or higher.

PARTIES

Westercon is a party convention and not just because there are usually groups bidding to host future events.

Confirmed parties for Saturday night include:

Suite 3038 - Utah in 2019 are hosting a party to support their bid to host Westercon 72 in 2019.

Suite 3063 - Mystic Publishers will be hosting a launch party for *Beanstalk and Beyond*, a book by Tony Padezimas.

Suite 3069 - WesternSFA are hosting a party for Connie Willis, our Author GoH, whom they kindly sponsored.

Suite 4038 - The Dark Ones are hosting a party because, well, they're the Dark Ones. It's what they do.

SUNDAY HOURS

Art Show (Palm B/C) - 10.00am-7.00pm

ConSuite (Suite 2038) - 8.00am-1.00am

Dealers' Room (Palm A/D) - 10.00am-7.00pm

Gaming Hall (Abbey) - 12.00am-6.00am, 9.00am-11.00pm

Programming (various rooms) - 9.00am-11.00pm

Registration (Lobby) - 8.30am-6.00pm

SITE SELECTION

Our Site Selection Coordinator, Ben Yalow, is running the site selection process for Westercon 72 in 2019. The only bid is Utah for 2019, who aim to host in Layton, UT (25m N of downtown Salt Lake City from July 3rd to July 7th, 2019.

Check out the Site Selection table in the Ballroom Foyer or attend the Fannish Inquisition in Sand Lotus at 11.00am.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Heinlein Society are coordinating a Blood Drive on Sunday to continue to pay it forward as Robert A. Heinlein would have wished. United Blood Services will be on site on Sunday from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Sign up in the Lobby if you wish to donate blood and save lives.

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If you have anything to submit for tomorrow's edition, the best place to leave it is my black box in Operations.