



DISCON III NEWSLETTER

The Worldcon Disambiguation Communicator

Sat Dec 18 AM

**Saturday Afternoon & Evening (PM) Program Changes**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Game Late**

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

**Robert's Restaurant Seeks Bill**

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

**Volunteer Raffle Winners**

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

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

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

**DisCon III Masquerade Awards**

Workmanship Awards

Young Fan: Best Foamwork - #1 - The Knight

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

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

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

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

Presentation Awards

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

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

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

Master: Best Master - #11 - Behind the Hedge

BEST in SHOW: Entry #9 La Calavera

**Business Meeting**

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

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

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



**Eat at the Hotel**

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

**The Music of SF Fandom**

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

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

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

**Program Nationality Issue**

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

**Restaurant Reviews**

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

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

**Art Show Awards**

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

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

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

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

