Thursday, August 7, 2008

DENVENTION: THE MOTHER OF DENVENTION

The Way We Were

Was fandom always like this? What did they do in the 50s? 60s? Today? The FANAC Fan History project collects materials that document our fannish history. For Denvention, the Fan History exhibit highlights the history of fandom, what others think about us in the press, and a collection of photos from the past. Also, check out the faces and memorabilia of Denvention 1 and 2. Visit the FANAC Fan History exhibit near the entrance in Hall D. Remember, those who don’t know history are condemned to repeat it!

–Edie Stern

Shared Reading

Mary Robinette Kowal has graciously agreed to share her reading on Thursday at 4pm in the Hyatt - Maine B with John Scalzi. They are planning to offer a “sampler platter” of some shorter works, done in tag-team style.

There Will Be Blood

Just not at 8:30am. The Blood Drive hours are from 10am to 3:30pm in the Sheraton Tower Court D, as listed on the program grid and the pocket program page 113. The start time of 8:30am on page 72 is incorrect. If you’re going to drop by to donate, please don’t come too early, or better yet, come by the Heinlein Society table in the fan table area on Thursday and sign up in advance.

Get A Taste Of Arisia

A highlight of Arisia, Boston’s big January con, is “The Movie Year in Review” panel. Its creator and moderator, professional film critic Dan Kimmel, will be taking Denvention participants through 2008’s releases (thus far) on Thu at 5:30pm (Korbel 4CD). If you can’t make it to Boston, come see what you’re missing!

Late Night Mall Crawl

The wonderful free 16th Street Mall Shuttle runs until 1:30am.

PROGRAM CHANGES!

Program Participants added to program items

Item 75 Graham Sleight and Tom Easton added to Does Science Fiction Matter?; Thursday 10am (Graham Sleight is attending. It was incorrectly reported that he wasn’t.)

Item 111 Ronnie Seagren to Depicting Christianity in F&SF; Thursday 11:30am

Item 430 Haley Elizabeth Garwood and Jeremy Lewis to Writing Sex for Today’s SF and Fantasy Market: Are There any Boundaries?; Friday 7pm

Item 434 Hilari Bell to Torture; Friday 8:30pm

Item 468 Ronnie Seagren to Signing; Saturday 10am

Item 554 Hilari Bell to Magic and Metaphysics; Saturday 4pm

Item 604 Haley Elizabeth Garwood to Bardic Open Fik; Saturday 10pm

Item 631 Jacqueline Lichtenberg and Jean Lorrah to Signing; Sunday 10:45am

Program Participants dropped from program items

Item 186 Ronnie Seagren dropped from Signing Thursday 3:15pm (he is now in Item 468, the Saturday 10am Signing)

Item 222 Jorge Espinosa from Space Law; Thursday 5:30pm

Item 491 Jacqueline Lichtenberg and Jean Lorrah from Saturday 12:15pm Signing (they are now in Item 631, the Sunday 10:45am Signing)

Item 656 Bradford Lyau from Heinlein - The Hugo Years; Sunday 1pm

A Kritical Kaffeeklatsch

Charles N. Brown’s Kaffeeklatsch at 2:30pm on Thursday (Korbel 4E) will be a discussion of critical reviewing with Gary K. Wolfe and others. If interested, please sign up.

SFWA Table Autographing

Thursday

10am Harry Turtledove
1pm Ronnie Seagren
4pm Steve Carper

Denvention guests open the convention.
Enter Masquerade (Masked Of Course)

Hear ye, hear ye! If you have already entered or are planning to enter the Masquerade you MUST come by the Masquerade Registration Table in the CCC, Hall D, near Convention Registration, to check in and/or register for the show. ALL persons appearing on stage must sign a release and attend the Tech Rehearsal with your entry in order to qualify for the show. The Masquerade Registration Table will be open Thursday from 10am-8pm, and on Friday from 9-10am.

If you are not appearing in the Masquerade, please come by and volunteer to help out (costumes optional!)

Worldcon Brings Change: Gives States No Quarter

It’s Denver, it’s 2008, and it’s time for a change (the round, silvery kind)… Fannish numismatists (and people suffering from OCD) have been collecting the series of state quarters that the U.S. Mint has been releasing over the past ten years. With the Worldcon here in Denver, home to one of the two U.S. Mints producing the quarters, we offer a chance to help complete your collection.

Come to the Con Suite and participate in the The Unofficial, Unsanctioned, and Unregulated State Quarter Swap (UUUSQS). You’ll find labeled trays of quarters, sorted by state and mint. Come and trade the quarters you have for the quarters you need. For example, suppose you’ve got a bunch of Denver quarters for Connecticut, Oregon, and Texas, and what you really want is a bunch of Philadelphia quarters for Utah, New Hampshire, and California. Just bring your quarters, put them in the appropriate section of the appropriate tray, and take a like number of the quarters you want.

It’s that easy. Enjoy.

Lost & Found

Lost items, if found, should be turned in to the Denvention Information desk at the Convention Center, or to Operations in the Sheraton Century room. If you lost something, also please check there first.

Items of special interest:

A ConJose-style pouch went missing Wed morning…

Mr. Bowersox, please pick up your driver’s license from Con Ops in Sheraton Century Room!

Restaurant Reviews

French bistro Indulge at 4140 W. 38th Ave is a great restaurant to try. Food is excellent, and prices are reasonable ($18-24). It’s just 2½ miles from downtown.

Go Looney (Games)

Looney Labs Demo
Gaming Area (Sheraton)
3pm Thursday.
Come check out all the fun games that Looney Labs has to offer!

Fluxx Tournament
Gaming Area (Sheraton)
6pm Saturday
A card game with only one rule: Pick a card, play a card. Come play Fluxx… the easiest game in the world. Make combinations like Love and War, Death and Taxes, or Toast to. Extremely simple, lots of fun and prizes!

Missing In Action?

There are great parties each evening, and wonderful restaurants, but Necessity is worried about you not knowing about it unless your friends tell us first. We’d really appreciate you bringing us enthusiastic reports of the parties you enjoyed, intriguing panels, and other events.

Please write your report and put it in the Newsletter Contributions drop-off envelopes you should find at the newsletter racks or email newsletter@denvention.org. In a pinch you can also visit us in Silver room in the Sheraton (mezzanine level).

Necessity would also welcome more roaming reporters to bring us news as it happens at the convention and editors to help with layout!

Free Massage Volunteered

Free chair massage at Denvention 3 for volunteers, staff, and guests. We are located at the mezzanine Silver room in the Sheraton, and the Colorado Convention Center registration area and Art Show. Our hours are Thursday-Saturday 10am-8pm and Sunday 10am-4:30pm.

Hear Science Fiction Live!

Listen to science fiction authors read from their own works. This is a fun way to get to know authors and to sample new writers. Take a chance and hear from a star of tomorrow, you might make a new favorite. Attend a reading today.