

Clear Ether

The newsletter of the 2002 Arisia science fiction convention

Friday afternoon edition

Attention Late Sleepers

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Arisia Needs Volunteers!

Arisia is an all-volunteer organization and we always need more volunteers. Go to the gopher hole in the Fairfield room on the mezzanine and find out how you can help, and how you can earn free T-shirts and a membership to next year's con.

Babysitting Is Sold Out

Arisia will not be accepting babysitting memberships at the door this year.

Free Stuff For Your Party

Having a party? Come down to Operations in the Hancock Room and let us know. We'll give you some supplies and a mention in the newsletter.

Late Night Eats

At Arisia's request, Swan's Court (the hotel lobby restaurant) will be open until 2:00 am both Friday and Saturday nights.

Film Schedule Change

The Hunchback of Notre Dame, our silent movie, will show at 10:30 tonight instead of 10:00.

LARP Details

Registration for the first LARP, *Fallen Imperium: Survival of the Fittest*, will be open Friday from 2-7 in Alcott. This is a science-fiction/cyberpunk game. It will run from 7pm on in Back Bay.

The Saturday LARP is *The Feast at Wudu-Faesten*, a Vampire - The Dark Ages (White Wolf) game. Registration is from 3-7 in Alcott, and the LARP will run from 7pm on in St. James, Alcott, and Back Bay.

Come to the GoH Events!

Friday at 9:00 in room 953: A Taste of Montreal ... or as close as we can get it this side of the border! Join our Fan Guest of Honor, Eugene Heller, as he passes out a taste of our version of Montreal's famous smoked brisket.

Saturday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Imperial Ballroom: An Embassy from the Barony Brighthill. Please join us as Tristan Alexander holds court, discusses the SCA, his place in it, and the roles you are invited to play.

Saturday from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Imperial Ballroom: An Interview with Katherine Kurtz. Join us in the Imperial Ballroom for an informal chat with Katherine Kurtz, where she gives her views on life, the universe and everything.

Deryni Ball Tonight at 9:00

The Deryni ball will begin at 9:00 tonight, not 8:00.

Sci-Fi Channel on Hotel TV

At our request, the hotel has added the Sci-Fi channel to their cable lineup. Channel number information will be forthcoming. The Sci-Fi channel will be airing the Babylon 5 movie *The Legend of the Rangers: To Live and Die in Starlight* on Saturday 9-11pm and 11pm-1am, as well as Sunday 5-7 pm.

Come to Meet the Pros!

Come enjoy food and drink in the Art Show tonight from 9 to 11 pm. Schmooze with the writers and artists, and get a good look at the art you'll be bidding on this weekend.

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Masquerade Deadline

Remember: the deadline for registering for the Masquerade is 3:00 pm on Saturday.

Saturday's Ballroom Events

Do you like Gilbert and Sullivan? Then come to our production of Trial by Jury before the masquerade. Folks who come to the play will keep their seats for the masquerade, so don't miss it!

Friday Anime Schedule

(Times approximate)

Noon: Irresponsible Captain Taylor
2:15: Magic Knight Rayearth
4:15: Trigun
6:30: Angel Sanctuary
7:45: Nadia
9:15: Black Heaven

Saturday Anime Schedule

12:30: DNA Squared
5:15: Urusei Yatsura
6:30: Jubei-chan
8:00: Hyper Dolls
9:00: Rose of Versailles
11:00: Giant Robo
12:30: Love Hina
2:45: Here's Greenwood
6:15: Nausicaa
8:15: Star Blazers
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Sunday Anime Schedule

12:30: Battle Angel
2:00: Peacock King
5:15: Burn Up W
7:45: Saiyuki
10:00: Wind Named Amnesia
11:45: Force Five
2:00: Ushio & Tora
2:30: Only Yesterday
4:00: Anime room closes

Buy a T-Shirt

Out of clean clothes? Come to the Arisia Sales table on the mezzanine and pick up something to wear. Hours are Friday 2-9, Saturday 10-7, and Sunday 9:30-4:30.

Registration Numbers

1216 people are pre-registered for the convention.

Sunday Sundae

The Sunday Sundae Ice Cream Social will run from 1-3PM in the Terrace Room. Come and enjoy all the ice cream you can eat! Tickets are only \$2 each and will be available at the Arisia Sales Table on the mezzanine. Any tickets remaining will be sold at the door.

Program Updates

Cancel: Historical dance workshop (noon Saturday)
Cancel: Serotonin and Her Friends (3:00 Saturday)
Add: Lynn Cullan storytelling, (3:00 Saturday in Spoken Word 1)

Participant Updates

Neither Eric Van nor Terry McGarry will be here. However, Delia Sherman and Ellen Kushner *will* be here. Watch this space to find out where.

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Review: Le Gamin

Le Gamin, 550 Tremont St., 617-654-8969. Open Mon.-Fri. at 9 a.m., Sat.-Sun. at 8 a.m. Crepes are the specialty at this South End cafe. Croissants and other pastries are also available to pair with bowls of cafe au lait or chocolat chaud (hot chocolate).

Review: Marche Mövenpick

Yikes! If Epcot Center were reincarnated as a restaurant, it might resemble this giant outpost of Swiss megachain Movenpick. You move among themed food stations with a cafeteria tray, then pick a themed room to eat in. This is more about entertainment (and waiting) than great cooking, so go for the simple things -- fresh oysters, fruit smoothies -- and the fun, hard-to-find dishes like Swiss sausage and rosti potatoes. Price range for entrées: \$5 - \$18.

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Friday Party List

Readercon	9pm-11pm	902
KramerCon XVII	10:30pm-1am	905
Boskone 39	9:30pm-?	932
Bellatrix	8pm	938
Montreal Smoked Meat/FGoH	9pm-10:30?	953
Chocolate Goddess Gamers	7pm-1am	871
Circlet Press	9pm-1am	White Hill

Programming Changes

All Tremont program items are now in Cabot.

Program Updates

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Cancel: Fuzzy Heroes (4:00 Saturday)

Add: Lynn Cullan storytelling, (3:00 Saturday in Spoken Word 1)

Add: Supporting an RPG Community (3:00 Saturday in Whittier). How do you keep an RPG alive? If it's no longer in print where do you go? Peter Maranci & Friends

Add: How to Flirt (5:00 Saturday in Constitution). They're not aliens, they're just other people. Making first contact and – aiming for romance? What works, what doesn't, and what do you do afterwards? Sonia Lyris

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Dealers' Row Rearranged

The Costumer's Yard Sale is now in 814.
Designs by J is now in 850.

Get Your Swords Straight

The sword demo for Saturday at 10:00 am is for long sword, not two-handed sword and rapier.

Registration Numbers

As of 7:00 pm Friday, 1462 people are registered for the convention.

Saturday Anime Schedule

- 12:30: DNA Squared
- 5:15: Urusei Yatsura
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As of 11:00 pm Friday, 1866 people are registered for the convention.

Film Schedule Change

Today's 3 pm showing of *Being John Malkovich* will be changed to *Repo Man*.

Overheard

"What fun is a solution if it means you can't blame Skip any more?"

Sci-Fi Channel number 18

If the anime and video theatre selections broadcast on the Arisia TV channels aren't enough for you, check out the Sci-Fi channel, number 18 on your dial.

Junkyard Wars

Junkyard wars is a live-action contest, with teams competing to build a machine to perform a task – out of junk! We supply the junk. You supply your brain, your innate cunning, and whatever tools you happen to have at hand (we'll supply some tooling just in case). When we reveal the secret task, your team gets 90 minutes to build their machine; teams then compete head-to-head for prize ribbons.

Teams form and sign up – Saturday 12:30 pm onward in the Terrace Room. Building starts at 1 pm ++.

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Add: Supporting an RPG Community (3:00 Sat. in Winthrop) (not Whittier as previously published). How do you keep an RPG alive? If it's no longer in print where do you go? Peter Maranci & Friends

Add: LesBiGay Fandom: Diversity in the Genre, Past Present & Future. (4:00 Sat. in Gloucester). The Gaylaxians began right here in Boston and has gone on to plan 11 Gaylaxicons. Come & Meet other gay & gay friendly fen & learn more about our very own niche. Lars Colson (Boston Gaylaxians); Karl Cipra, Nan Freedman, Kay (Gaylactic Network).

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New changes since issue 3!

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Morris dance workshop for all ages.

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Saturday Party List

Ninja Burger/FARK	10pm	984
Forbidden Frontiers Preview	6pm-10pm	970
Cris' Bush Bash	8pm-10pm	953
GLBT Fandom	9pm-1am	940
Noreascon Four	10pm	932
Worldcon Hoax Symposium	9pm-11:30pm	905
Regis & KJC (elbows)	9pm	904
Vericon (Harvard's con)	10pm	903
Z'ha'dum	9pm	864
Starfire Swords Ltd	7pm	811

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Registration Numbers

As of 5:15 pm Saturday, 2370 people are registered for the convention, 2280 of whom are on site.

Sunday Sundae

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9/11 Fund

The Art Show has 5 pieces of donated art which will be auctioned off for the 9/11 Fund during the Art Auction, Sunday 1pm. Come to the Art Show and see the pieces!

Artist GOH Event Report

Tristan Alexander was drawing since he could hold a pencil. An art teacher once mentioned that he had mastered 'chiaroscuro', mastery over light and shadow. Alexander got into fantasy art because he was always into unicorns and fantasy beasts. His mate brought him to his first convention where people went ga-ga over his work.

Acrylics is his favorite medium but also likes pen and ink and mixed media. For published works he has done covers for Circler Press and newsletters for the SCA (one of Alexander's biggest passions.) He has also published a couple of compilation books of his works.

He has painted on walls to rocks and likes painting on boxes. He switches back and forth from working in large scale and small scale. Sometimes seeing images in cracks of ceiling and wallpapers, etc. Sometimes those images will make it to his paintings.

Alexander's methods are somewhat opposite to what other people like. The traditional method is doing the background first then the detailed foreground. Alexander prefers to do the foreground first. He will outline sketches directly on the piece and then he goes over the image with water-proof marker then adds the paint. A piece can take anywhere from an hour to a couple of days.

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Staff: Sharon Sbarsky and Larry Dunne

Student Art Winners

- 1st: Megan Baehr – “Fiery Mirth”
2nd: Heather Somerville – “The Persistence of Memory”
3rd: Hannah Jukovsky – “The Genocide Avenger”

Masquerade Winners

- Excellence in Concept:** “All Hallows Eve”, by Ellen Godfrey
Best Recreation: “Diva Funquita”, by Rachel Wyman
Best Botanical Display: “Houseplant of Gor”, by Elle Anderson
Most Beautiful: “Jeweled Warriors”, by Lisa Ashton and Tommy Ashton
Most Striking: “Mortia”, by Stephanie Carrigg-Regan
Best In Show: “Stalking the Medusa”, by Melanie Nadeau and Garry McCarthy

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As of close of registration Saturday, 2385 people are registered for the convention, 2304 of whom are on site.

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Congratulations

to the Forces of Good triumphing over darkness and evil 16-13 in overtime.

Art Show Awards

Best in Show:

Jeff Rossman – “Asimov's Realms”

Chairman's Choice:

Theresa Mather – “Celestial Dragon”

Art Show Director's Choice:

Ruth Sanderson – “Winter Dreams”

Writer GOH's Choice:

Theresa Mather – “Celestial Dragon”

Artist GOH's Choice:

Sandra Lira – “Large Millennium Angel Bronze”

Fan GOH's Choice:

Mark Roland – “Remote Luxury”

Staff Choice Awards

Pro 2D: Beth Hoffman – “Yippee!”

Pro 3D: Butch Honeck – “Dragon Lamp”

Amateur 2D: D. Cameron Calkins – “Nomadic Elf”

Amateur 3D: Steven Moore – “Dragon Helm”

Popular Choice Awards

Pro 2D: L.A. Williams – “Aureus Spirits”

Pro 3D: Butch Honeck – “Flying Machine”

Amateur 2D: Coelynn McIninch – “Self Portrait”

Amateur 3D: Sean Petrin – “Fallen Angel Spirit Board”

Free Shirts & Memberships

Where can you get a free T-shirt, complimentary admission to Arisia '03, books, and other goodies just for sitting on your butt and solving a jig-saw puzzle (we have other stuff to do, too)? The Gopher Hole, that's where! Stop by and sign up at the Hole (aka the Fairfield Room) on the Mezzanine between the Info table and Ops.

9/11 Fund

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Order Of St. Michael Mass

Ecumenical Christian Mass with Katherine Kurtz
10:00 AM Sunday Whittier

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(Is what we're drinking)

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Attention Late Sleepers

The hotel has informed us that due to an infestation of Nāzgul, housekeeping staff will be armed, and likely to be nervous around persons with pale skin, and blood shot eyes. Additionally, they are likely to attack people wearing black, especially those who speak primarily in grunts and moans. The best way to put the housekeeping staff at ease, is to wear bright clothing, and speak exclusively in William S. Burroughs quotations. Guests who don't let them inside their minds until the afternoon will get fresh soma and probably end up in Interzone.

Aisira Needs Volunteers!

Aisira is an all-volunteer organization and this year nobody bothered to volunteer. Let me tell you, there's nothing lonelier than an AI without a teddy bear. The changes are always scorned.

Babysitting Sold Into Slavery!

Well, actually it wasn't, but what a headline, huh!

Free Stuff For Your Party

Starting a political party? Come down to Operations in the Hancock room, and we'll be happy to provide your party with all the bad advice we can think up. If we can't think up any bad advice, we'll just put on silly hats and vanish slowly, starting with the feet and hands, until only the smiles remain, which themselves slowly fade into invisibility.

Late Night Eats

Problems with nosferatu? Just go to Chinatown and eat lots of garlic shrimp with cashew nuts. It's a little known fact that while the whole vampire/garlic thing is, in fact, a myth; the smell of cashew nuts is a guaranteed vampyr deterrent. *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* demonstrates this amply, in the 1060 version. (Many people believe that had the show run more than a single performance, William of Normandy would never have gone into

politics, and today would be known as William the Actor.

Where Is Everyone?

Everyone is where they are. Everyone isn't where they aren't. Everyone is somewhere. Everyone isn't nowhere. Everywhere is somewhere. Everywhere is nowhere. Therefore, suddenly, everyone is nowhere. Nowhere is.

Overheard:

"The conchair is a hoopy frood who really knows where his towel isn't, but isn't quite sure who his towel is."

"When two (or more) people love each other very much, primal scream therapy seems to just happen"

"Darn, earwax again."

Etceteras:

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Transmat Booths in Hotel Stairways

At our request, the hotel has added transmat booths in the stairwells. Destination codes will be forthcoming.

Come Eat the Pros!

Come enjoy food and drink in the Art Show tonight from 2 to 5 am. The MIT cannibalism club has managed to capture a few of the pros wandering the hotel, and will be cooking up quite a feast! Cons will not be served.

SUBMIT!

Turn your free will over to the illuminati! They have your best interests at heart. (fnord)

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