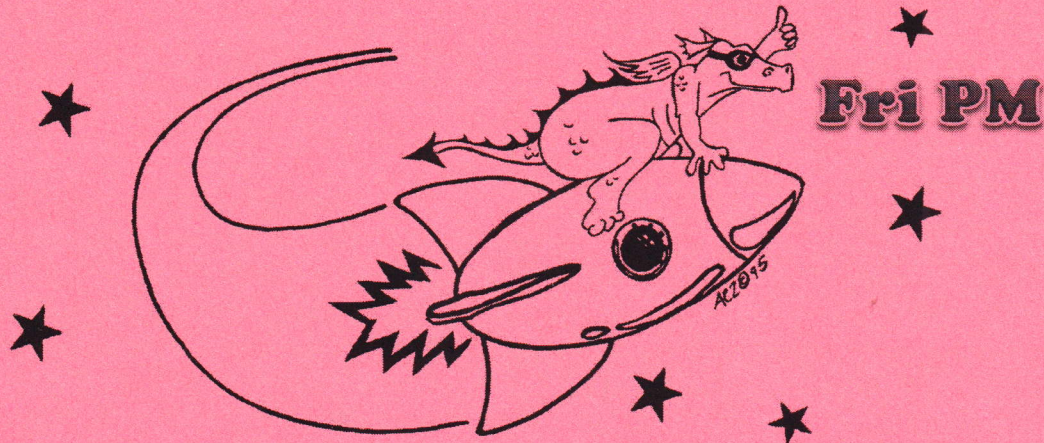


Balticon 56 Rocket Mail



Balticon Goes Live!

After two years of virtual-only Balticons, we are now live. Balticon 56 is a hybrid convention – with virtual and in-person programming. Please check the program to make sure you are not looking for a virtual panel. Please wear your masks at all times when in at the convention. We do not want to be super-spreaders.

Balticon and BSFS are pleased you chose to spend your holiday weekend with us. If we can do anything to help, please ask anyone wearing a staff ribbon. Please be kind to each other. It's been a while since we all last gathered here for a Balticon and we may be out of practice.

Friday Panel Changes

Laura Mitchell is now the MODERATOR for “Writing Neurodivergent Characters” on Friday at 2:30 PM.

Ryan O’Nan REMOVED from “Dark Baptism: Coming into Her Power” on Friday at 4:00 PM.

CANCELED ITEM “Summer-Camp-Style Fannish Sing-Along” Friday at 5:00 PM.

Ryan O’Nan REMOVED from “What Makes A Good Cliffhanger” on Friday at 5:30 PM.

NEW ITEM! “How Asteroid Phaethon Got the Blues” Watertable, Friday, 7:00-8:00 PM - Asteroid 3200 Phaethon, named for the Greek charioteer god of the sun, is a small (~6 km diameter) asteroid that comes closer to the Sun than any other (more than twice as close as Mercury) every 1.4 years. It is also one of the bluest asteroids known (there are only ~20 blue asteroids), and the source of the yearly Gemini’s meteor shower that visits the Earth each December. In this talk, we show how these facts are all connected, and explain why Phaethon is blue.

Jen Midkiff REMOVED from “Everything You Wanted to Know About Filk” on Friday at 7 PM (Catch her at the Opening Ceremonies!).

Daniel Kelly ADDED to “Virtual Concert: Daniel Kelly” on Friday at 10 PM.

Saturday Changes

Madison “Metricula” Roberts REMOVED from “Predicting the Music of the Future” on Saturday at 11:30 AM.

Leigh Tyberg REMOVED from “The Joy of Crackfic” on Saturday at 1:00 PM.

NEW ITEM! “Intro to D&D: Muleskinner Blues” Mt Washington, Saturday, 2:00-6:00 PM - Just beginning their careers as adventurers, the player characters sign on with a Gnomish caravan heading for the mountain villages north of Karameikos. They’ll be expected to keep the caravan safe against bandits and humanoid raiders.



Monica Louzon REMOVED from "Parenthood in SFF" on Saturday at 2:30 PM.

NEW ITEM! "Concert: Kim the Comic Book Goddess" Kent, Saturday, 7:00-8:00 PM - Self-described "serial balladier" and keyboardist from the wilds of Northeast Pennsylvania

CANCELED ITEM "Concert: Metricula" Saturday at 7:00 PM

Chris M. Barkley ADDED to "The Expanse: Parallels to 2022" on Saturday at 7 PM.



Sunday Program Changes

Emily Lewis is now the MODERATOR for "So You Want to Start a Band or Singing Group!" on Sunday at 11:30 AM.

Madison "Metricula" Roberts REMOVED from "So You Want to Start a Band or Singing Group!" on Sunday at 11:30 AM.

NEW ITEM! "In Search of Bargle: A DCC funnel" Mt Washington, Sunday, 2:00-6:00 PM - Bargle the Wizard recently robbed the town counting house and murdered several constables, as he fled into the nearby ruins. His Lordship is otherwise occupied, so capturing the thief falls to a band of locals.

CANCELED ITEM "Inclusive Cosplay" Sunday at 2:30 PM

Kimberly The Comic Book Goddess Fortuner ADDED to "Expanding the Circle" on Sunday at 2:30 PM.

Ty McNeer and Jason Stengel ADDED to Fun with Combat Robotics, 3D Printing, and Iterative Design with MACRObot.us on Sunday at 2:30 PM.

Monica Louzon REMOVED from "Gods as Characters" on Sunday at 4 PM.

Lakeisha Felton, Jay Friedlander, Nicole Jordan, Dongjoo Kim, Nazma Islam, Sabrina Thompson, and Noah Wolf ADDED to "Astro-Animation" on Sunday at 5:30 PM.

Monday Program Changes

NEW ITEM! "Silver Stars and Laser Pistols: A Star Frontiers Conversion for D&D 5e" Mt Washington, Monday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM - You are Star Law Rangers, assigned to the Assault Scout Class Starship R. M. Williamson, patrolling a sector of the frontier. You represent the United Planetary Federation in your patrol area.

Monica Louzon REMOVED from "Readings: Monica Louzon and Sarah Pinsker" on Monday at 11:30AM.

Regrets

Dame Dahlia will not be attending.

Filthy Pierre (Erwin Strauss) will not be attending.

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Robert Slater will not be attending.

Madison "Metricula" Roberts will not be attending.

Leigh Tyberg will not be attending.

BSFS: The Fun of Balticon All Year Round

Are you having fun at Balticon? Imagine if it lasted all year! It does with the Baltimore Science Fiction Society. (BSFS). The BSFS building hosts a monthly meeting, table top RPG and board gaming, book club, anime, writers' critique circle, film nights, and author events. Our free public lending library has over 13,000 titles. Some events are online and in person at 3310 East Baltimore Street. Visit <http://www.bsfs.org> for more information or email BSFSEvents@BSFS.org

Volunteers Wanted

Volunteering at Balticon is a great way to see another side of the convention and help out your fellow fans. The convention depends on volunteers to run effectively. Please sign up at the Volunteers Table across from Registration.