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ConFusion 2004

January 23-25, 2004

PRO GOH: BRUCE STERLING
ARTIST GOH: JULIE BELL
FAN GOH: GERI SULLIVAN
SCIENCE GOH: TO BE ANNOUNCED
TOASTMASTER: ROBERT J. SAWYER

Did you enjoy yourself this weekend? Did you see things that you could do better? Then we need you! Contact confusion@stilyagi.org and let them know that you can help them go the distance to bring home a better ConFusion!



Notes from the Chair

ConFusion 2003 is number 3 for me as chair. I'm happy to be back and once again hosting this party for 800 of my best friends. It's been a challenging year, with some frustrating delays in our planning timeline. But here we are, and as usual, everything has been pulled together and our concom and staff are ready to put on another great convention.

I'd like to thank all of the staff and concom and volunteers that make this convention happen. Both those who work on the con year round, and those who volunteer on site or respond to last minute cries for help – we had a lot of you this year, and you know who you are. Thank you. One of my great joys as con-chair over these three years has been the opportunity to work with such a great crew of talented, enthusiastic and capable fen.

And I'd like to thank you for becoming a member of ConFusion, and joining us in helping create this weekend-long escape from reality – especially this year, when there seems to be a lot to escape from. ConFusion isn't something we attend, it's something we make – every conversation you have in a room party, question you ask in a panel, or costume you wear in the masquerade or hall makes the convention.

Every year is different, and every year is exciting. We have an amazing crop of guests this year – even if you don't normally go to programming, try to hit a panel featuring one of these talented and entertaining individuals – I promise you won't be disappointed. Our costumers have been showing off their amazing creations in our dark and crowded ballroom for years – this year, we're giving them a room of their own and stage to flaunt their stuff. We've got music, and gaming, and art, and science, and lots and lots of chances to talk about the thing that brings us all together – our love of science fiction and its fandom. I hope you enjoy it all.

In friendship,



Tammy Coxen
ConChair, ConFusion and Her Friends

Schedule of Appearances

Friday

5:00 PM Griffith
Interview With Melissa

8:00 PM Theater
Opening Ceremonies

9:00 Belle Isle NE
Meet & Greet

Saturday

10:00 AM Theater
Mining History...

12:00 PM Theater
How to Collaborate...

2:00 PM Theater
Build Your Own World

3:00 PM Belle Isle NE
Music and the Writing
Process

5:00 PM Annex C
The First One is Always Free

6:00 PM Belle Isle SW
Autographing

Sunday

11:00 AM Griffith
Alternate Social Structures...

12:00 PM Lincoln Park
Coffee With Melissa

1:00 PM Griffith
Weaving a Multilayered
Plotline

2:00 PM Theater
Sexuality in SF

**Pro Guest of Honor
Melissa Scott**



Melissa Scott was born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas, where she discovered science fictions as the direct result of a fall during junior high gym class. After breaking her arm, she was banished to the library, and there the assistant librarian suggested she might enjoy “what’s his name, Heinlein – or that Andre Norton guy.” He was right. She devoured everything available at school, and then discovered the collection created by the Little Rock Public Library’s À Son Goût Trust, which had been established to purchase “the books people like to read” and which are often not bought during periods of tight budgeting – particularly SF, fantasy, and Westerns.

Scott studied at Harvard College, where she was briefly involved with a now-defunct college-sanctioned SF ‘zine, and Brandeis University. At the latter, she earned her PhD. In the comparative history program with a dissertation titled “The Victory of the Ancients: Tactics, Technology, and the Use of Classical Precedent.” Her first novel, *The Game Beyond*, was published in 1984, and Scott quickly became a part-time graduate student and an – almost – full-time writer.

In 1986, she won the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and in 2001 she and long-time partner and collaborator Lisa A. Barnett won the Lambda Literary Award in SF/Fantasy/Horror for *Point of Dreams*. Scott has also won Lammies in 1996 for *Shadow Man* and in 1995 for *Trouble and Her Friends*, and before that was a three-time finalist (for *Mighty Good Road*, *Dreamships*, and *Burning Bright*). *Trouble and Her Friends* was also shortlisted for the Tiptree. Her most recent solo novel, *The Jazz*, was named to *Locus*’ Recommended Reading List for 2000. Her first work of non-fiction, *Conceiving the Heavens: Creating the Science Fiction Novel*, was published by Heinemann in 1997, and her monologue, “At RaeDean’s Funeral,” has been included in an off-Broadway production, *Elvis Dreams*, as well as several other evenings of Elvis-mania. A second monologue, “Job Hunting,” has been performed in competition and as part of an evening of “Monologues from the Road.”



Science Guest of
Honor
Dr. Jack Cohen

Jack Cohen is an internationally-known reproductive biologist, who is based professionally at B'ham Women's Hospital Assisted Conception Unit and consults for other infertility laboratories. He was a university teacher for some thirty years, and has published more than a hundred research papers. His last position, at Warwick University, bridged the Ecosystems Unit of the Biology Dept and the Mathematics Institute, and his brief included bringing more science to more public awareness. The University made him an Honorary Professor in the Maths Institute. His books include *Living Embryos* (Pergamon 1963+), a classic textbook whose three editions sold more than 100,000 copies; *Reproduction* (Butterworth's 1977); *Spermatozoa, Antibodies and Infertility* (Blackwell 1979); *The Privileged Ape* (Parthenon 1989), a rather different look at human evolution. He now works with the mathematician Ian Stewart, with whom he has explored issues of complexity, chaos and simplicity. Their first joint book, *The Collapse of Chaos*, was published by Viking/Penguin ('94), and their *Figments of Reality: the evolution of the curious mind* (Cambridge University Press) was published in '97. Both have received very favorable reviews, from *Nature* and from the popular press. Their *Science of Discworld*, with Terry Pratchett, is a non-solemn popular-science account of the history of Earth. Its sequel, *SoD2: The Globe* is published May '02, and moves un-solemnly from *Australopithecus* to Shakespeare. An s-f novel, *Wheeler's* (Warner-Aspect 1998) is another joint product, and a sequel is nearly ready for the press. *Evolving the Alien* (Ebury 2002) will be published in September. He acts as a consultant to top science fiction authors (McCaffrey, Gerrold, Harrison, Niven, Pratchett) designing alien creatures and ecologies and helping them avoid scientific blunders (described in *New Scientist*, Xmas 1991, and the *Encyclopedia Britannica Yearbook* 1994). He is frequently heard on BBC radio programmes, and has initiated and participated in the production of several TV programmes, e.g. *BBC Horizon: Genesis*; *ITV-Science: Take Another Look*; *Channel 4 Reality on the Rocks*; *BBC Channel 2 series: Fancy Fish* (for which he did much of the filming, especially time-lapse microscopy); and *The Natural History of an Alien*, for BBC2 on the 1997 Mars week-end.

His hobbies include boomerang throwing and keeping strange animals (from Hydras to mantis shrimps, and octopi to llamas).

Schedule of Appearances

Friday

8:00 PM Theater
Opening Ceremonies

9:00 PM Belle Isle NE
Meet & Greet

10:00 PM Belle Isle SW
Xenophilia

Saturday

11:00 AM Lincoln Park
Coffee With Jack

1:00 PM Theater
The Science of Discworld

2:00 PM Belle Isle SW
Interview with Jack

3:00 PM Belle Isle SW
How Close Is The Future

5:00 PM Belle Isle NE
Define Humane

6:00 PM Belle Isle SW
Autographing

Sunday

11:00 AM Theater
Apes, Angles, and Ancestors

Schedule of Appearances

Friday

8:00 PM Theater
Opening Ceremonies

9:00 PM Belle Isle NE
Meet & Greet

Saturday

11:00 AM Griffith
Small Press and Today's Tech

12:00 PM Theater
How to Collaborate
Constructively...

3:00 PM Griffith
Interview With Alan

4:00 Art Show
KidFusion Art Show Tour

5:00 PM Griffith
Using Tech to Prepare Art for
Printing or Presentation

Sunday

11:00 AM Lincoln Park
Coffee With Alan

1:00 PM Annex C
Collaborative Mixed Media
Projects

ALAN M. CLARK:
MAN OR SUPERMAN?
by Kathe Koja and Rick Lieder

A certain (and growing) amount of irrefutable evidence suggests that Alan M. Clark, this weekend's esteemed Artist Guest of Honor, may be, in fact, a member of a race (possibly the Decalcomaniacs?) both greater and more mysterious than our own. Consider if you will the following salient facts:

He was raised right down the street from Minnie Pearl.

For such a young fellow, he has produced a serious — and seriously large — body of work, and has been awarded ASFA's Chesley award (four times), the World Fantasy Award for Best Artist, the Deathrealm Award, and the Jack Hunter Daves Chair in Intergalactic Physics.

He has been repeatedly observed in his natural habitat (by one of the above co-authors) and it was infested with cicadas. If they were cicadas.

He is the moving (and pulsating) force behind IFD Publishing, which stands for Imagination Fully Dilated. To date IFD Publishing has released five books of collaborative wonder, most recently the amazing PAIN AND OTHER PETTY PLOTS TO KEEP YOU IN STITCHES, and the interactive CD-ROM THE LAST HALLOWEEN. Now, could a mere mortal fully dilate his imagination? and keep it that way? Human physiology suggests otherwise.

His official biography lets slip that "a major influence for his art comes from the Surrealists" and that he is "fascinated with the use of what he calls 'controlled accidents'." "Accidents"?! We think not.

He has illustrated the writing of such authors as Ray Bradbury, Robert Bloch, Joe R. Lansdale, Stephen King, George Orwell, Manly Wade Wellman, Greg Bear, Spider and Jeanne Robinson, and Lewis Shiner, as well as his own. How to cover such vast imaginative terrain? It's easy...for an alien.

Still unconvinced? Spend some time in the art show this weekend, carefully perusing his work. Hell, spend some time perusing him. And then deny, if you will, that Others walk among us, scattering tiny little Confederate toothpick flags as they go.





The procrastinator's guide to Roberta Kennedy

(a haphazard glimpse into the life of a wonderful person) by Mary Ellen Wessels and Ed Stauff.

Ed! You gotta help me! I have to write a biography of Roberta and email it tonight!

Well, that should be easy, you've known her for... how long?

Yikes! Do I have to admit it's been over 20 years?

Well, you could always pull the old relativity ploy and claim it's been 20 years for her but only 2 years for you. After all, this is an SF con.

Hmm... it always worked in Star Trek. No. Let's not. So, how should I start?

Well that's easy, start by telling them how you met her.

It was a dark and stormy night... No - wait - It was the best of times, it was the worst of times... No... Ah! I've got it! Once upon a time, a long, long time ago in a University not very far away, I was a student fresh out of high school who hadn't discovered the thrills and ignominious delights of fandom.

PIRGIMⁱ was showing the movie "Hearts and Minds," a depressing documentary of the Vietnam War which I'd seen about 300 times in high school.ⁱⁱ I went anyway on the theory that at least I'd be likely to meet interesting, like minded people. People who cared about issues other than the upcoming "Screw Your Roommate Dance".ⁱⁱⁱ

Lo! There was Roberta. We walked in the rain, scared the ducks, sang old Girl Scout songs together^{iv} and talked all night. And that was just the first night we met!

Wow! How did Roberta ever survive before meeting you?

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Schedule of Appearances

Friday

7:00 PM Griffith
Is This Your First Con?

8:00 PM Theater
Opening Ceremonies

9:00 PM Belle Isle NE
Meet & Greet

10:00 PM Griffith
Hair Down to There

Saturday

10:00 AM Lincoln Park
Get to KNow Our Fan GoH

11:00 AM Annex C
Is This Your First Con?

12:00 PM Annex C
You Do What on the
Weekends?

Sunday

12:00 PM Griffith
What Planet Are You From?

I don't know because she can sleep through a full scale nuclear attack and claims I am one of the few people who can wake her up and live to tell about it. Anyway, some "pre-mew" history: Roberta has lived most of her life in Michigan, with brief stints in Rhode Island (Brown University) and Albuquerque. She now lives in St. Augustine, Florida with her partner Larry Till and two cats Cymry and Whitty.^v She's had many jobs through the years including working for the University of Michigan and in the OfficeMax advertising department. God, I'm starting to sound like a game show host discussing the contestants!

So what's her claim to fame as a Big Name Fan (tm)?

Well, in the Order of Leibowitz^{vi} she was infamous as the 'Dean' of "Corruption 101." There was an actual set of homework exercises. You'll have to ask her about it, I was just a Visiting Lecturer in "Silly Sensuality."

On a more serious note, she worked on concoms for several Michigan cons including various positions with Nova Con, and eventually co-conchaired Hardwired ConFusion with John Woudstra.

Positions?... No, I won't ask. Not publicly anyway.

Ahem. Yes, well... Did I mention that she has a refined sense of silliness that she shares with her totem animal, the Otter? Ask her about the post-it-note beards. I won't even get into the story about her dubious role in the creation of my "son" Cuthbert the Cabbage Patch Cucumber and his subsequent decline into juvenile delinquency.

Yes, after all this is her bio, not yours, so we need to embarrass her, not you. So what was this about getting thrown out of Girl Scouts?

Perhaps she exhibited her tendency towards debauchery at an early age? There is a good story about her, some mattresses, and some hard cider at Interlochen Arts Academy....^{vii}

Yeah, but all this talk of debauchery and corruption disguises what a truly sweet person she is.

I know, she is kind and thoughtful, generous and loyal. She is also one of the most well spoken people I know and has a beautiful voice. I've always admired her ability to remain calm and quiet even when she is angry.^{viii}

She made a great Priestess at our wedding!

And honored me by letting me return the favor a couple of years later. She made her own wedding dress, did you know that?

Wow, hidden talents abound.

She's an excellent writer, and although I haven't read much of her poetry I place her poem "One Fall Dawn" in the short list of my favorite poems.

She loves music too. I "discovered" Jethro Tull, David Bowie and a lot of folk listening to her collection. Her tastes in literature are equally broad, extending well beyond SF (though these days she doesn't find time to read much fiction).

Speaking of literature, since she's fan guest at an SF con, shouldn't you list her favorite authors, books, movies, etc?

Oh, sure! Put me on the spot. Make me admit publicly that although I've known and admired and loved this woman for over 20 years I don't have a clue about most of her fannish proclivities. Thanks!
Go ask her yourself!

ⁱ Public Interest Group In Michigan (Ralph Nader's consumer interest group).

ⁱⁱ That being the sort of thing that our crowd did for fun, yes well... we didn't actually **watch** it after the second time.

ⁱⁱⁱ Best not to ask. Ah, dorm life.

^{iv} Probably what scared the poor ducks.

^v And currently our 35 foot motor home blocking half her driveway, did I say she was generous and kind? but I digress.

^{vi} The fan group at O.U.

^{vii} The private high school she attended as a Creative Writing major and a Metalsmithing minor.

^{viii} Unlike this author who managed to get vocal nodes from too much screaming and yelling under stress.... sigh.

PATRICK O'LEARY: RAISE A TOAST

by Kathe Koja and Rick Lieder

Patrick O'Leary: our Toastmaster for the weekend's revels. Most of you know him best from his acclaimed, genre-blending novels: *DOOR NUMBER THREE*, *THE GIFT*, *THE IMPOSSIBLE BIRD*. Or perhaps it's his stories you've sampled, or his poetry (their cream handily collected in the marvelous *OTHER VOICES*, *OTHER DOORS*). His fictional voice, slant, breadth of vision has been compared to that of Sturgeon, Philip K. Dick, Kurt Vonnegut. This much you undoubtedly know.



But do you know how much he admires the novels of Gene Wolfe? Or the music of Van Morrison? Or a perfect bowl of rice pudding? Do you know he lives in a hollow tree, with lots of hungry trolls and elves for company? No, wait, we made that last part up....Actually Patrick lives in a very nice house with his very delightful family and dog; we know this because we've been there; we've lolled there, even, cavorted, and soiled his rug. And you know what? He didn't mind! Because that's the kind of person Patrick is: kind to the slovenly, welcoming to the droll, patient with the irritating. Up to a point.

Because he's no slouch, see: he's a man of literary fire and wry equilibrium, a man who's seen the Northern Lights blaze up close, trawled for jewelry in a hot Moroccan souk, and in Montreal — well, never mind Montreal, he can tell you that story himself. His novels have been published all over the world, and the commercials he writes — he's a creative director at an ad agency as well; bet you didn't know that — generate fan mail. Think of it: fan mail. For a commercial. He must be some kind of writer.

He can also sing and play the guitar, make a rockin' pot of coffee, clean your windows when they're dirty, and parse a poem dead-eye at sixty paces. As Toastmaster he'll amuse you, inform you, tweak your sense of wonder, and make you wonder why you ever thought Robin Williams was funny. Confusion is damned lucky to have him this weekend, or any weekend, for that matter.

So raise a toast to our Toastmaster, and give him a thumbs-up when you pass him in the hallways and byways of the hotel. He won't know exactly why, perhaps, but you will, and so will we.

We are sad to announce that our toastmaster for ConFusion 2003, Patrick O'Leary, will be unable to attend the convention due to a work-related conflict. His regrets are below:

Please extend my most sincere apologies to the Con organizers as well as the attendees. I will NOT be able to fullfill my duties. I will most definitely be in New Zealand Confusion Weekend. And it will be quite impossible for me to get back.

I will miss the programs and the fun and the chance to be interviewed by Gene Wolfe.

I DO apologize but this is the way of advertising—And why I've only been able to plan one family vacation in the last 27 years. I truly never know where I will be at any given time.

Here's hoping you have a grand CONFUSION.

*Sincerely,
Patrick O'Leary*

While we're sad that Patrick will be unable to join us, we still have tons of interesting authors, artists, scientists and fans on the program, and a truly action packed program schedule. Our panelists and guests include:

Alan Clark	Erin McKee	Karl Schroeder	Rick Lieder
Alex von Thorn	Gene Wolfe	Kathe Koja	Robert Andrus
Anne Harris	Hal Clement	Katherine Becker	Roberta Kennedy
Anne KG Murphy	Howard DeVore	Kim Kofmel	Robert J. Sawyer
Becca Levin	Jack Cohen	Lawrence	Sarah Zettel
Bill Higgins	Jacqueline Carey	Kestenbaum	Scott Sigler
Bill Murphy	Jason Prentice	Leigh Kimmel	Stephen Leigh
Bob Meier	Alquist	Lisa Barnett	Steve Climer
Cathy Raymond	Jeff Beeler	Lisa Shirley	Steve Nagy
Cindy McGee	Jennifer Dye	Loren Kuhlmann	Steven Piziks
Clifford E. VanMeter	Jesse Goldstein	Melissa Scott	Steve Simmons
David Gardner	Jim Frenkel	Mike Carlson	Tobias Buckell
David Gibbs	Joanna Lowenstein	Mike Gardiner	Vanessa Crum
Dean McLaughlin	Joe Saul	Pat Sayre McCoy	
Devon McDaniel	Joel Zakem	Paula Handley	
Eric Raymond	John Schippers	Rain Donaldson	
Erik Kauppi	Karen Everson	Randy Asplund	

Friends don't let friends break the rules!

Please wear your Con Badge in all convention function areas. We can't remember everyone's face. Any badge without a number is **NOT** a legitimate badge and will not be recognized as one. Please don't lend your badge to anyone. Doing so will get both you and your borrower asked to leave the convention **without** a refund.

Please notify the Convention Committee of any problems or concerns you may have about the convention. We can't provide a remedy if we don't know one is needed. On the flip side, please let us know what you liked and what you'd like to see added for next year. Come to "What Did We Do Right, and What Can We Do Better" on Sunday at 3 pm in the Theater for your best opportunity to be heard.

Controlled and illegal substances - You know what could get you busted. So do we. So do the authorities. Do us all a favor and just **don't** go there. Because if you do, we won't follow or come get you.

The ConFusion Convention Committee reserves the right to expel you without a refund should you forget the common sense rules of respect, tolerance, and peaceful conditions for others attending the convention. Don't make us have to!

The age of consent is still 16. We all know what 15 will get you...

Michigan's minimum drinking age is 21. No exceptions will be made, so please don't ask, and please be understanding if we ask you to show your ID. Our consuite barkeeps also reserve the right to refuse to serve those who appear to have had enough, or too much.

Alcohol and room parties - If you're holding a room party, please make sure that you are not serving alcohol to anyone under 21. This includes minors serving themselves. Any party found to be serving to minors, or letting them serve themselves will be closed down immediately. **No exceptions.**

Drinking and Driving - Michigan has a very tough drinking-and-driving law. Anyone pulled over for driving while intoxicated who fails or refuses to submit to a breathalyzer test will have his or her license cut up. A temporary permit will be issued, good for 77 days or until the case is resolved in court. If you are convicted of DWI the law requires a six-month suspension of your license, and you will not be able to get a limited driving license at all for the first 30 days. There are also much heavier penalties for subsequent convictions and accidents when the driver is under the influence of alcohol.

Please Don't Drink and Drive!

Weapons Policy

ConFusion recognizes that weapons can be the finishing touches on many costumes. In order to allow fans to continue this tradition, we ask that all weapons, of any kind, be peacebonded. Come to Operations to get red yarn to mark your peacebonded weapon - if you say you won't draw your weapon, we're prepared to believe you. However... ConFusion's policy is: If it looks like a real weapon, it IS a real weapon. Real or realistic looking firearms are **NOT** permitted even if peacebonded. A blade longer than 3 inches is illegal too, but will be allowed in the convention's function space as part of a costume if peacebonded. No one should use a weapon - sword, staff, martial arts device, or whatever - for anything but leaning on. If a convention attendee annoys, frightens, or fights with others, the Con reserves the right to eject that attendee without refund of membership. If you want to show your support of the option of peacebonding you're invited to stop by Operations and get your Con Badge peacebonded!

BDSM Policy

Similarly, ConFusion recognizes that many fans enjoy the opportunity to flaunt their leather, lace, and PVC in their costuming activities. However, please keep in mind that "Safe, Sane, and Consensual" includes bystanders. Other convention members did not consent to see you flogging your partner in the hallway. For this reason, we will be peacebonding all BDSM implements with purple string. Please come to Operations to show your support and have your floggers, cats, and crops peacebonded. What you do with them in you hotel room is up to you (as long as you don't bind your toys to the sprinkler system), but please refrain from demonstrating in function space.

Things to Do with Your Friends Volunteers Wanted

ConFusion is run entirely by volunteers. Why don't you join us, and find out just how much fun throwing a party for 800 of your closest friends can be? Also, you'll be eligible for the following perks:

- For every hour you work, you'll get one gopher buck, which can be used just like cash in the snack bar or dealer's room.
- You'll have access to the Volunteer Suite – home of the fabulous Saturday night Volunteer feast, and available to all volunteers for sleeping or storing personal items.
- If you work at least 6 hours (just 4 if you're a student) you can get your membership refunded. Sign up sheets and further information available in ConFusion Operations.

NEW – Masquerade

Be a pioneer! Compete in ConFusion's first-ever formal masquerade! The turnout for the semi-formal organized judging of costumes at ConFusion 2002 was excellent, with 35 costume entries and a total of 38 participants. In 2003, rather than hide the costumes away during judging, we invite all convention members and guests to join us in the theatre to appreciate and applaud the costumers and their creations as they parade for the judges. As in the past, there will be various awards determined by a panel of judges. Besides the presentations and parades, the formal masquerade will also bring division competition to ConFusion, grouping entries by experience and providing a more level playing field for all. The masquerade will include a juniors competition for those 13 and under, and optional workmanship judging. Costumes must be pre-registered for the masquerade. These and other details are included in the rules (yes, there are rules) which are available in Ops. The masquerade is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Saturday, with a 6:00 PM muster call for participants. The show will end no later than 9:00 PM to make way for the Art Auction and the dance. The awards will be announced during the dance once the judges have completed their deliberations. Costumes must be registered for the masquerade no later than 3:00 PM on the Saturday of the convention. Participate in the 2003 ConFusion Masquerade! Show your creativity, show your energy, show your knickers if you want... because it's showtime!!

Room Party Contest

It's back and better than ever. Our secret panel of judges will be roaming the hallways looking for the cream of the room party crop. Prizes will be awarded in three categories – Best Food, Best Drink and Best Theme. Winners in each category will receive a free room night at ConFusion 2003. Be sure to check out last year's winners – the Great Lakes Gaylaxians, and GT/DI are both back and throwing parties this year too.

The Art Show Beckons!

Whether to bid or to brows. We've invited a wide variety of artist from around North America to participate in this year's show.

Hours:

Friday: 4:30pm Artist Check-in begins
8:00pm Show Opens
10:00pm Show Closes
Saturday: 10:00am Show Opens
6:00pm Bidding Ends; Show Closes
9:00 Art Auction
Sunday: 10:00am Show Opens: Purchase Pick-up and Sunday Sale
1:00pm Show Closes: Artist checkout begins
3:00pm Pick-up ends

Rules and Notes:

Bidding: All bidders must register at the control desk. Bids not from registered bidders will not be accepted. One or two bids on a piece at the close of bidding and the piece is sold to the highest bidder. Three or more bids and the piece is moved to the voice auction. Highest bidder at the auction is sold the piece. No food, drink, smoking, fire fights, water fights, snowball fights or any other kind of fight allowed in the Art Show. No photography allowed in the show without permission of both the artist and the art show staff.

All large items, bags, large purses, cameras, weapons and other items that may endanger the art must be checked at the Art Show Bag Check Table. If you are unwilling to have an item checked in with the art show staff, please do not bring it into the show.

The Word of the Art Show Director is final

KidFusion

Very young fans (ages 4-10) will enjoy KidFusion! Whether they like story-telling, crafts, or playing games with other kids, there will be programming that appeals to them. People who like playing with kids are encouraged to get involved too. Please remember, however that KidFusion is not a substitute for babysitting – parents must accompany their children between events. To make it easier for families to attend ConFusion, reduced rate KidFusion memberships are available for children 12 and under. KidFusion members of sufficient maturity level may attend convention functions unaccompanied during daytime hours. Children 5 and under who stay with their parents at all times do not need to purchase memberships.

Kids Pajama and Pizza Party

Don't miss out on our Annual Pizza Party, followed by the Kids Movie and Pajama Party. Parents can drop their children off at the Pizza Party or Pajama Party while they enjoy the Saturday night events. KidFusion memberships are not required for the Pizza Party or Pajama Party. Instead, these two events carry separate admission charges (Pizza Party -\$5, Pajama Party - \$15 for first child in your family, \$10 each additional child). These fees will be used to pay for pizza, popcorn, and childcare professionals. Please sign up for these events in Operations.

NEW! Fan Gallery

Fandom has a long and proud history spanning many years and the entire globe. Find about about some of the people who've made that true, by visiting the Fan Gallery, located in the Art Show. The Fan Gallery is a project of the Southern California Institute for Fan Interests, Inc. (SCIFI) and is funded from the "Benefit to Fandom" money left over from the 1996 Worldcon surplus. The Fan Gallery currently consists of about 200 color 5x7 snapshots, mounted in 8x10 frames. It travels from convention to convention for display. Two members of the SCIFI Board of Directors, Chaz Boston Baden and Christian B. McGuire, take care of the Fan Gallery in their spare time. They are also in charge of getting photos of fans who should be in the Fan Photo Gallery and aren't (yet). If you know of a fan who should be in the Fan Gallery, and isn't, why not offer them a photograph to add to the collection? If you're interested in having the Fan Gallery visit a convention near you, please contact Chaz or Christian. Website: www.scifiinc.org/gallery/ E-mail: gallery@scifiinc.org

Dealer's Room

Be sure to visit the great selection of readables, wearables, and collectables available in the Dealer's Room located in Central Park North and East. There is always a wide and intriguing variety of reading materials, jewelry, fannish clothing, and more to browse, or spend your hard earned dough on. It's also a great place to find old friends and new friends, as well as that out-of-print edition you've been looking for!

Shopping Hours:

Friday: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

ConSuites

Surf's up in the ConSuite, and we're not talking the internet! A great staff and a fun imagination is making this years ConSuite a treat. Friday night MSSFA's going to be rocking the blenders, Hawaiian-Style. And don't forget to check out the special feasting event Saturday at 5:00 pm. Not sure what it is? Neither are we. Chuck's just saying that he's cooking up a little something special. Check it out! As one of the last 24-hour consuites in the Midwest, we'll be serving up an array of snack foods and beverages alcoholic and non around the clock. Our main non-smoking consuite will also play host to several special events, including a Scotch tasting. See the programming schedule for more details. Both the main consuite and our smoking consuite are great places to hang out with your friends, make new friends, or just relax and watch the con go by. Volunteers are always needed – sign up in Ops.

Filking

Make the trek all the way down to the Annex rooms to make music with us. During the day, you'll find us in Annex A, and at night we'll also be in Annex C for two rooms of fun. As usual, the Filk Lounge will be open for instrument storage, filking, and sitting around talking to your friends.

Gaming

Giant Settlers of Catan is back! Plus: a White Wolf LARP, How to Host a Murder, D&D adventure, LOTR board game, Ricochet Robot, tons of open gaming and demos, and more. Bring your friends for a round of your favorite game, or come and try something new.

Operations

ConFusion Operations is open 24 hours a day (1 PM Friday to 3 PM Sunday) to answer questions, provide assistance, and keep the convention operating smoothly. Ops is also the place to come if you're interested in volunteering, signing your little ones up for the pajama party, or to register after hours. We are located in the Forest Park Room, right across from the Tower Lobby. Drop in anytime - it gets kinda lonely in there at 3:30 AM.

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Schedule of Events

Anarchy / Democracy / Technocracy

Friday 5:00 PM Belle Isle SW

Where are we, and where should we be. A discussion of the balance of power in society.

Eric Raymond, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Katherine Becker (moderator), Karl Schroeder

Interview With Melissa Scott

Friday 5:00 PM Griffith

Michael Lundy interviews our Writer Guest of Honor.

Melissa Scott, Michael Lundy

KidFusion: Beginning Chain Mail

Friday 5:00 PM Burnham

Learn the basic steps for making your own chain mail.

Matthew Ragsdale

Open Gaming

—All Weekend— Fairmont

Featuring a selection of Cheapass, Mayfair, Steve Jackson, card games, and German board games. Rules taught. Bring your friends for a round of your favorite game, or come and try something new!

Alex Yeager, Scott Iekel-Johnson

= - 6:00 pm **09**

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Fictional Characters

Friday 6:00 PM Belle Isle SW

Chapter meeting; come air your concerns; bring examples to share with the group. Panelists will discuss when it is meaningful to do violence to characters, and when it is just plain, um.. cruel.

Anne Harris, Gene Wolfe, Steven Piziks

Friday 7:00 PM

Media Year in Review

Friday 6:00 PM Griffith

SF in other outlets that you may have missed; 2002 in television, movies, and other media — what lived up to our expectations, and what should never have made it to the screen?

Alex von Thorn (moderator), Jason Prentice Ahlquist, Joanna Lowenstein, Rain Donaldson, Steve Nagy

Getting Started with Linux

Friday 6:00 PM Annex C

Today you can run Linux on more hardware than ever before. Come find out how and why you might want to do that, and where to get help. Our panelists are prepared to convince you it's easier than you think.

Eric Raymond, Cathy Raymond, Bob Meier, Mike Gardiner, Vanessa Crum

KidFusion: Filk Sing

Friday 6:00 PM Burnham

Performance and singalong with our filking friends.

KidFusion: Shake, Rattle and Twist

Friday 6:00 PM Burnham

Come make shakers and other instruments and play some musical games.

Lisa Ragsdale

= - 7:00 pm **09**

Planetary Science Slide Show

Friday 7:00 PM Theater

Bill Higgins

Friday 7:00 PM

SF & Religious Belief

Friday 7:00 PM Belle Isle SW

How is the religious experience used in SF, and why? Is this effective storytelling, or is it a crutch? What do religions in SF reflect about our societies and our place in the universe?

Hal Clement, Sarah Zettel (moderator), Jim Frenkel, Jacqueline Carey, Lawrence Kestenbaum

Is This Your First Convention?

Friday 7:00 PM Griffith

First-time con attendees are invited to an introduction to the SF convention world by our Fan Guest of Honor. Questions most welcome.

Roberta Kennedy, Wyn Jones

KidFusion: What Makes a Monster Scary?

Friday 7:00 PM Burnham

Each child can design/draw their own monster to take home while we discuss what makes monsters scary to us. We will also compose a group "scary" story.

Lisa Ragsdale, Kurt Erichsen

= - 8:00 pm **09**

Opening Ceremonies/Guest of Honor Speeches

Friday 8:00 PM Theater

Willkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome! Come meet our guests and hear what they have to say for themselves.

Starfarers of Catan

Friday 8:00 PM Fairmont

A variation of the popular German game. 2 hours; 4 players

William Niebling

KidFusion: Storytime

Friday 8:00 PM Burnham

Come enjoy a bedtime story.

Lisa Ragsdale

Friday 10:00 PM

= - 9:00 pm **09**

Meet & Greet Reception

Friday 9:00 PM (After Opening Ceremonies) Belle Isle NE

Rub shoulders and exchange hugs (remember, this is *ConFusion and Her Friends*) with well-known pros and fans. Refreshments will be served.

Regency Dance Workshop

Friday 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM Annex C

Step into the past (or the future, if you're medieval/Renaissance). Country dances in the style of the early 19th century, presented for the Complete Novice, as well as for those with some dance experience.

Jennifer Dye

Filk Garden

Friday 9:00 PM Annex A

Feeling a little shy, or never sat in a circle before and want to try it on for size? Or are you simply itching to start the music? Come join us and help start our weekend off right.

Carol Flynt - moderator

How to Host a Murder Mystery Series

Friday 9:00 PM Fairmont

How to Host a Murder. Power and Greed. 2 hours; 8 players

Mario Razo

= - 10:00 pm **09**

Luke Ski in Concert

Friday 10:00 PM Theater

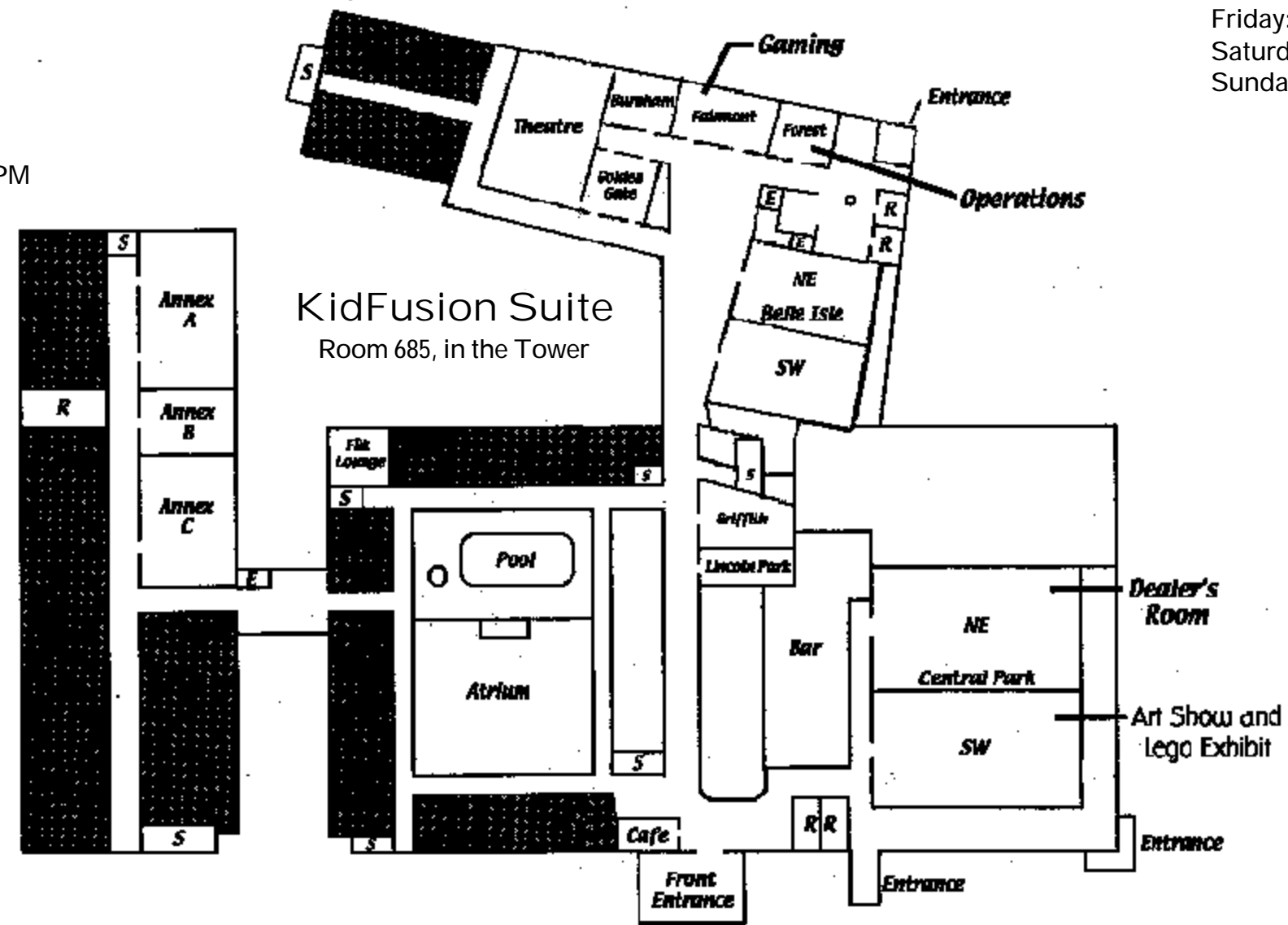
How much more do we need to say? Come welcome our Fanboy Friend to ConFusion!

Luke Ski

Art Show Viewing Hours

Friday: 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 Saturday: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Sunday: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bidding ends Saturday 6:00 PM
 Voice Auction starts Saturday 9:00 PM



Dealer's Room Shopping Hours

Friday: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 Saturday: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Sunday: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM



Friday 10:00 PM

Xenophilia

Friday 10:00 PM Belle Isle SW

Participants discuss the possibilities (fantastic symbiosis! ...and maybe a few technical difficulties...) of sexual contact between humans and aliens.

Jack Cohen, Becca Levin, Jim Frenkel, Scott Sigler

Hair Down to There

Friday 10:00 PM Griffith

The growing/care & feeding/symbolism/implications/fannishness/weapons potential of long hair, & maybe of [voluntary] hairlessness as well.

Cathy Raymond, Roberta Kennedy, Katherine Becker, Paula Handley, Lisa Shirley

= - 11:00 pm **09**

Fan Fiction - Beyond Slash

Friday 11:00 PM Belle Isle SW

There is a lot of good fan fiction in the world — participants will discuss trends, favorites, good forums for new finds, and tips for distributing your own work.

Alex von Thorn, Devon McDaniel, Joanna Lowenstein, Steven Piziks (moderator)

Chocolate Ritual

Friday 11:00 PM Griffith

Join us to worship the most wonderful substance in the world –Chocolate.

Please bring your own milk. Over 16 only.

Lady Sarah, assisted by Paula Handley, Andrea Clark and Ed Janowicz

Ready to Play?

Friday 11:00 PM Annex C

Don't wait any longer! Kick off your music night *right now* with this poker chip style start.

Juanita Coulson and Andy Eigel.

Saturday 10:00 AM

The Dedicated Dorsai

Friday 11:00 PM Annex A

The Dorsai have been music making at ConFusion for years. Enjoy another round on us.

John Hall, Steve Simmons, Mark Bernstein (and whoever they bring with them!)

Saturday

Mining History for Fun and Profit

Saturday 10:00 AM Theater

Using historical models for SF settings.

*Melissa Scott, Gene Wolfe, Sarah Zettel (moderator), Jim Frenkel, Pat Sayre
McCoy*

SCA Demo

Saturday 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Belle Isle NE

The local Society for Creative Anachronism group will perform a demonstration of armory and swordplay.

The Other Final Frontier

Saturday 10:00 AM Belle Isle SW

The last unexplored region on Earth is the deep ocean. Come discuss its appeal in SF.

Hal Clement, Tobias Buckell

Psychology in SF

Saturday 10:00 AM Griffith

How has psychology been used as a theme in SF?

Robert J. Sawyer, Steven Piziks (moderator), Katherine Becker, John Schippers

Getting Started in Illustration

Saturday 10:00 AM Annex C

Participants will sketch out how to begin a hobby or career in cartooning and illustration, from training tips to fannish and professional project ideas.

Kurt Erichsen, Clifford E. VanMeter, Erin McKee, Charles Urbach

Saturday 10:00 AM

Coffee With Roberta Kennedy

Saturday 10:00 AM Lincoln Park

Come get to know our Fan Guest of Honor. Space is limited – please sign up in Ops.

Roberta Kennedy

Writer's Workshop I

Saturday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Annex B

Marketing your work: finding markets, determining market suitability, legal protection, manuscript preparation and submission, and more.

David Gardner

Giant Settlers of Catan!

Saturday 10:00 AM Fairmont

Come play this popular game in giant form! 2 hours ; 4 players

William Niebling

KidFusion: Mask Making

Saturday 10:00 AM Burnham

If you could disguise yourself, what kind of mask would you make? Come join the fun and see how to do it!

Sue Iekel-Johnson

= - 11:00 am **09**

How Real is Magic?

Saturday 11:00 AM Theater

An analysis of magical systems in fantasy literature.

Hal Clement, Sarah Zettel (moderator), Pat Sayre McCoy, Steve Climer

Genre Definers

Saturday 11:00 AM Belle Isle SW

What books set the standard in their genres?

Robert J. Sawyer, Lisa Barnett, Lisa Shirley

Saturday 11:00 AM

Small Press and Today's Technology

Saturday 11:00 AM Griffith

Artists talk about how small press publishing has affected their work.

Alan Clark, Jason Prentice Ahlquist, Charles Urbach

Is This Your First Convention?

Saturday 11:00 AM Annex C

Tips for getting the most out of your first SF convention. Welcome to fandom.

Roberta Kennedy, Erik Kauppi

Coffee With Jack Cohen

Saturday 11:00 AM Lincoln Park

Come discuss chaos, reproduction, Discworld —many things may come up when you're talking to our Science Guest of Honor. Space is limited, please sign up in Ops.

Jack Cohen

Still NO Guitars Allowed

Saturday 11:00 AM Annex A

ConFusion's tradition of filking without six or twelve stringed accompaniment continues by popular demand!

Steven Piziks and Betsey Langan -moderators

Ricochet Robots

Saturday 11:00 AM Fairmont

Play RoboRally in 2 minutes! Fun, fast, crazy game of ricocheting robots.

Rules taught; beginners welcome. 1 hour; 16 players

Devon McDaniel

KidFusion: Art Jam

Saturday 11:00 AM Burnham

Create an award for the art in the Art Show & create your own masterpiece!

Bill Murphy and Lisa Ragsdale

Saturday 11:00 AM

Star Munchkin

Saturday 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Fairmont

The Munchkins are back - but now they're in space! Now they're Mutants, Androids, and Cat People... grabbing Lasers, Vibroswords, and Nova Grenades... fighting Fanged Fuzzballs, Bionic Bimbos, and the Brain In A Jar. This is a complete game using the best-selling Munchkin rules (with a few new twists like Sidekicks). 2 hours; 6 players. Prize awarded. Eric McGlohon

= - 12:00 pm **09**

How to Collaborate Constructively Not Destructively

Saturday 12:00 PM Theater

How to build ideas and not tension when working with a partner or group.

Melissa Scott, Lisa Barnett, Alan Clark, Gene Wolfe, Kathe Koja

Building an Alien

Saturday 12:00 PM Belle Isle NE

How to design a realistic and interesting alien species.

Hal Clement, Randy Asplund, Becca Levin, Stephen Leigh, Pat Sayre McCoy

Media Novelizations

Saturday 12:00 PM Belle Isle SW

What do tie-in novels contribute to SF?

Steven Piziks, Jim Frenkel, Alex von Thorn

Escape from Experiment Island

Saturday 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Griffith

Get the inside scoop on TLC's latest reality game show from one of the contestants.

Roxanne King

You Do What on the Weekends?

Saturday 12:00 PM Annex C

Are science fiction fans still as weird as we think we are?

Roberta Kennedy (moderator), Cathy Raymond, Katherine Becker, Rain Donaldson

Saturday 1:00 PM

Eat Our MarsDust!

Saturday 12:00 PM Lincoln Park

SF fandom and the concept of cool (?) Come find out about a new portal for SF content and culture.

Jason Prentice Ahlquist, Steve Nagy, Sandee Rager, Tom Smith

KidFusion: Pool Time

Saturday 12:30 PM Pool

Meet in the pool to swim and play games with other young fen.

Lisa Ragsdale and parents

= - 1:00 pm **09**

The Science of Discworld

Saturday 1:00 PM Theater

Pop science that gets under people's guard!

Jack Cohen

SF or Not SF?

Saturday 1:00 PM Belle Isle NE

Where is the genre line drawn? What makes a story science fiction (or should we say speculative fiction?) — the setting, the technology, the social structure?

Robert J. Sawyer, Jim Frenkel, Joel Zakem

SF and the Storytelling Tradition

Saturday 1:00 PM Belle Isle SW

Gilgamesh to Star Wars; the give and take between traditional storytelling and science fiction and fantasy.

Sarah Zettel (moderator), Rain Donaldson, Jacqueline Carey, Dean McLaughlin

E-fandom

Saturday 1:00 PM Annex C

Creating an electronic community.

Alex von Thorn, Devon McDaniel, Katherine Becker (moderator), Lawrence Kestenbaum, Leigh Kimmel

Saturday 1:00 PM

Selected Readings

Saturday 1:00 PM Lincoln Park

Stephen Leigh

Friends & Family

Saturday 1:00 PM Annex A

Celebrate the joys, sorrows, elation, frustrations, and fun of what it means to be friends or family in this themed music circle with Susan Moerdyk and Joellyn Davidoff.

Build a Bopper

Saturday 1:00 PM Annex B

A bopper is a foam covered stick people use to practice combat —and you can make one of your very own!

Jesse Goldstein

Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday 1:00 PM Fairmont

Come enjoy an old-fashioned D&D romp! 2 or 3 hours; 8 players

Luke MacDonald

Steve Jackson Open Demo

Saturday 1:00 PM Fairmont

Come learn and play your favorite Steve Jackson games, including Munchkin, X-Bugs, Chez Geek, Car Wars, and many more! 4 hours; unlimited players.

Prizes and freebies awarded. Eric McGlohon

= - 2:00 pm **09**

Build Your Own World

Saturday 2:00 PM Theater

How to combine geology, biology, social systems and technology to create an internally consistent and believable world.

Melissa Scott, Sarah Zettel, Stephen Leigh, Pat Sayre McCoy

Saturday 2:00 PM

The Best Books You've Never Read
Saturday 2:00 PM Belle Isle NE
Obscure classics, and how to find them.
Gene Wolfe, Kathe Koja, Joel Zakem

Interview With Jack Cohen
Saturday 2:00 PM Belle Isle SW
Jack Cohen, Steve Simmons

Dot-Bombed
Saturday 2:00 PM Griffith
Roadkill on the information superhighway —causes and effects.
Alex von Thorn (moderator), Scott Sigler, Eric Raymond, Lawrence Kestenbaum

Comics into Movies
Saturday 2:00 PM Annex C
Come discuss the recent trend e.g. Road to Perdition, Ghost World, and Spiderman — what works, what doesn't. What comics should be made into movies?
Clifford E. VanMeter, Joanna Lowenstein, John Schippers, Steve Climer

Selected Readings
Saturday 2:00 PM Lincoln Park
Jim Frenkel

Geocaching
Saturday 2:00 PM Annex B
A modern version of following a treasure map. Fun for all ages. No GPS receiver required. Look for the clues posted around the hotel during ConFusion.
Bob Meier

Giant Settlers of Catan!
Saturday 2:00 PM Fairmont
Come play this popular game in giant form! 2 hours ; 4 players
William Niebling

Saturday 2:00 PM

KidFusion: The Science of Magic
Saturday 2:00 PM Burnham
Is it really magic or is something else going on?
Lisa Ragsdale

Selected Readings
Saturday 2:30 PM Lincoln Park
Robert J. Sawyer

= - 3:00 pm **09**

Leading Ladies
Saturday 3:00 PM Theater
This fabulous foursome provides a musical mix that's sure to please.
Susan Urban, Marty Fabish, Susan Moerdyk, Juanita Coulson

Music and the Writing Process
Saturday 3:00 PM Belle Isle NE
Do you listen to music while you create? What do you listen to and how does it affect you?
Melissa Scott, Anne Harris, Karl Schroeder, Kathe Koja (moderator), Scott Sigler, Tobias Buckell

How Close Is The Future?
Saturday 3:00 PM Belle Isle SW
How much SF technology has become real, and how close are we to more?
Jack Cohen, Gene Wolfe, Pat Sayre McCoy (moderator), Katherine Becker

Interview With Alan Clark
Saturday 3:00 PM Griffith
What's it like illustrating SF and Horror? Find out in this exclusive interview of our Artist Guest of Honor.
Alan Clark, Rick Lieder

Saturday 3:00 PM

A Tribute to Lloyd Biggle

Saturday 3:00 PM Annex C

He was our first guest at a Stilyagi-run convention, a local SF author and historian. A discussion of the man and his work.

Howard DeVore, Jim Frenkel, Mike Gardiner, Dean McLaughlin

Reading

Saturday 3:00 PM Lincoln Park

Sarah Zettel

Rites of the Knights Templar

Saturday 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Annex A

Come get an introduction to the Knights Templar and their history, then stay to attend the Consecration of two Bishops and the Knighting of six knights-elect.

One Hour Costumes

Saturday 3:00 PM Annex B

Come make yourself a fun costume in just one hour!

Loren Duilliath, Kim Kofmel

KidFusion: Juggling

Saturday 3:00 PM Burnham

Come learn how to juggle!

Bill Murphy and David Gibbs

ConFusion Time Capsule

Saturday 3:00 PM ConSuite

Meet in the ConSuite, then go forth to collect items for a time capsule for future ConFusions to open!

Katherine Becker



Saturday 4:00 PM

= - 4:00 pm **09**

The Dementors

Saturday 4:00 PM Theater

Watch out — they're coming to get you! Join our musicians as they've been heard with Dr. Demento (and more!).

Tom Smith, Luke Ski, and The Fibs.

Got Science?

Saturday 4:00 PM Belle Isle NE

Popular interest in SF is on the rise, and yet interest in hard science is going down. What's up with that?

Robert J. Sawyer, Becca Levin, Hal Clement, Dean McLaughlin

The Joy of Short Story Writing

Saturday 4:00 PM Belle Isle SW

Why we write them and where you can read them.

Gene Wolfe, Tobias Buckell, Steve Climer, Pat Sayre McCoy

Fan GoH Induction

Saturday 4:00 PM Griffith

Past Fan Guests of Honor welcome this year's Fan GoH to their ranks.

The Hugo Awards, Past and Present

Saturday 4:00 PM Annex C

What effect have the Hugo Awards had in the past 50 years, and who would you nominate this year?

Anne Murphy (moderator), Jim Frenkel, Joel Zakem, Steve Nagy

Reading

Saturday 4:00 PM Lincoln Park

Lisa Barnett

Origami

Saturday 4:00 PM Annex B

Paper-folding workshop for adults and teens.

Devon McDaniel

Saturday 5:00 PM

Giant Settlers of Catan!

Saturday 4:00 PM Fairmont

Come play this popular game in giant form! 2 hours ; 4 players

William Niebling

White Wolf Cheese Fest

Saturday 4:00 PM Fairmont

Take on your friends in a tournament-style World of Darkness combat-athon!

You can start with a basic vampire with 5 freebie points for \$3.00, then you can upgrade to other characters or more points for an additional fee. There will be a prize for the person left standing. Hosted by Gotham's Legacy. 2 hours; 8

players Dennis Moore, Dave Hupp, Eric Clippard, Doug Mc Graw

KidFusion: Art Show Tour & Awards

Saturday 4:00 PM Art Show

A guided tour of the Art Show with Artist GoH Alan Clark. Come tour the ConFusion Art Show and present the special awards for artists that you made in the Art Jam.

Alan Clark, Lisa and Matt Ragsdale

= - 5:00 pm **09**

Define Human

Saturday 5:00 PM Belle Isle NE

Cyborgs, clones, genetic manipulation — what's the definition of human, and how do these variations fit with it?

Jack Cohen, Hal Clement, Becca Levin

Where Did all the Galactic Empires Go?

Saturday 5:00 PM Belle Isle SW

How unlikely is yesterdays SF tomorrow?

Jim Frenkel, Karl Schroeder, Steven Piziks (moderator), Tobias Buckell

Using Technology to Prepare Art for Printing or Presentation

Saturday 5:00 PM Griffith

The advantages of using technology to get your art sold.

Alan Clark, Clifford E. VanMeter, Jason Prentice Ahlquist, Charles Urbach

Saturday 5:00 PM

The First One is Always Free

Saturday 5:00 PM Annex C

Getting new people hooked on SF.

Melissa Scott (moderator), Gene Wolfe, Robert J. Sawyer

Book Club Discussion

Saturday 5:00 PM Lincoln Park

The monthly Stilyagi Book Discussion. The book to be discussed is Melissa Scott's *Trouble and Her Friends*, the inspiration for the name of this convention.

Chad Childers

Juggling

Saturday 5:00 PM Annex B

Learn the basic 3-ball pattern or show off what you already know! Materials provided, but bring your props if you've got 'em.

Bill Murphy, David Gibbs

KidFusion: Gaming for Kids

Saturday 5:00 PM Burnham

Come learn how to play Apples to Apples Jr.

Lisa Ragsdale

= - 6:00 pm **09**

Autographing

Saturday 6:00 PM Belle Isle SW

Willing authors gathered in one place! Bring books to be signed.

KidFusion: Pizza and Pajama Party

Saturday 6:00 PM KidFusion Suite

Movies, Pizza and Pajamas! -Sign up in Ops for this fun party! The Pizza party runs from 6 PM to 7 PM and costs \$5 each. The Pajama party starts at 7 PM and runs until 2 AM - \$12 for the first kid, \$10 for each additional kid in the same family.

Susan Beech

Saturday 9:00 PM

= - 7:00 pm **09**

Masquerade

Saturday 7:00 PM Theater

Come appreciate the costumers and their creations as they parade for the judges. Participants will compete by division and must be pre-registered by 3 PM Saturday (muster is at 6 PM). Awards will be announced during the Dance. The judges are Jennifer Dye, Loren Kuhlmann, and Catherine Olanich Raymond.

Developments in Dragonkind

Saturday 7:00 PM Griffith

How has dragon design changed over history and in fantasy?

Hal Clement, Pat Sayre McCoy, Karen Everson

= - 8:00 pm **09**

Players' Choice

Saturday 8:00 PM Annex A

Get the party started with more of ConFusion's musical friends.

Carol Flynt, Jason Neerenberg, Joellyn Davidoff, Andy Eigel

= - 9:00 pm **09**

Art Auction

Saturday 9:00 PM Theater

The Handfasting of Robin Goodfellow

Saturday 9:00 PM Belle Isle NE

Our own Robin Goodfellow is to be handfasted to the lovely Melani Goodman by Sir David Kennedy and Lady Jenna Kirish. A small donation is requested, all proceeds to go to Leader Dogs and the Temple of the Rose Cross.

Saturday 9:00 PM

Terrifying Thoughts

Saturday 9:00 PM Annex A

Have you been eyeing Alan Clark's art? Well, join us for a few more ideas that might put a fright in your night.

Tom Smith, Juanita Coulson, Susan Urban, Dave Clement.

White Wolf LARP: "The Princes Symposium"

Saturday 9:00 PM Fairmont

You are a powerful Vampire Prince of a Major city or you are his/her right hand man. The Prince of Detroit has called a Symposium (a gathering of Princes). 12 Princes have answered — you have an agenda to complete this night and you only have four hours to complete it. Can you survive a night of politicking, betrayal and subterfuge, or will you simply be killed before your task can be completed? 24 players, adults preferred. Children under 12 should not play this game. If you grab an envelope marked experienced please be an experienced player. Live Action Role Playing of Vampire the Masquerade run by "The Camarilla" White Wolf's Official Fan Club.

Mario Razo, Sara Castle, James Paulin

Tarot Readings

Saturday 9:00 PM Consuite

Anne Harris, Loren Duilliath

= - 10:00 pm **09**

Dance

Saturday 10:00 PM Belle Isle NE & SW

DJ Rick Lieder keeps the dance floor hopping!

De" Fib" rilation

Saturday 10:00 PM Annex A

Jump start tonight's open music circle with our trio of new friends and their eclectic style!

The Fibs

Sunday 11:00 AM

Trek & Tech Filk

Saturday 10:00 PM Annex C

Melissa Scott and other Trek authors grace our convention this year and so we bring back Trek in style with a technical twist. Steve Piziks is our Trek author listener guest.

Luke Ski and Andy Eigel

Scotch Tasting

Saturday 10:00 PM Consuite

You must be 21 or over to enjoy this lovely tour of various types and ages of Scotch. Space is limited – please sign up in Ops.

Jack Bell

Sunday

Old Tyme Religion

Sunday 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Belle Isle NE

We provide the space, you provide the ritual.

Writer's Workshop II

Sunday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Annex B

Our open writer's Workshop. Writers should bring stories or chapters/sections no longer than 2,000 words.

David Gardner

Giant Settlers of Catan!

Saturday 10:00 AM Fairmont

Come play this popular game in giant form! 2 hours ; 4 players

William Niebling

= - 11:00 am **09**

Apes, Angels, and Ancestors

Sunday 11:00 AM Theater

Our Science Guest of Honor riffs on reproduction and the evolution of culture.

Jack Cohen

Sunday 11:00 AM

Alternate Social Structures in SF

Sunday 11:00 AM Griffith

What other social structures can be imagined? How does one aspect of society affect the whole?

Melissa Scott, Karl Schroeder, Anne Murphy, Robert J. Sawyer

Coffee With Alan Clark

Sunday 11:00 AM Lincoln Park

A relaxed visit with our Artist Guest of Honor. Space is limited, please sign up in Ops.

Alan Clark

Drumming, Drumming, Drumming

Sunday 11:00 AM Annex A

Join Susan Urban for this drumming workshop and jam.

Lord of the Rings

Sunday 11:00 AM Fairmont

You've seen the movie, now come and play Reiner Knizia's popular board-game version! Play the role of one of the hobbits as you attempt to destroy the One Ring. Rules taught. 2 hours; 5 players

Scott Iekel-Johnson

KidFusion: Songs for Kids

Sunday 11:00 AM Burnham

Been a kid? Have a kid? Just like kids? Are you still a kid (at heart)? Join this crowd for family friendly fun.

Andrea Dale, Susan Moerdyk, Joellyn Davidoff



Sunday 1:00 PM

= - 12:00 pm **09**

The Search for ETs (S.E.T.I.)

Sunday 12:00 PM Theater

Is this the only planet with intelligent beings who have produced a technological civilization? Learn about astronomical distances, space travel, relativity, even quantum physics, and come away with a better insight into the question, "Are we alone in the universe?"

Mike Best

What Planet Are You From?

Sunday 12:00 PM Griffith

How would you convince someone that you are an alien?

Roberta Kennedy, Hal Clement, Pat Sayre McCoy, Rain Donaldson

Coffee With Melissa Scott

Sunday 12:00 PM Lincoln Park

Space is limited, please sign up in Ops.

Melissa Scott

KidFusion: CD Mobiles

Sunday 12:00 PM Burnham

Come recycle CDs into a cool mobile.

Lisa Ragsdale, Bill Murphy

= - 1:00 pm **09**

UFOs -Are They Real?

Sunday 1:00 PM Theater

Is there a UFO cover-up as alluded to in The X-Files? Have we been, or are we being, visited? Your speaker was as close to being a real Man in Black as one can get. He was a field investigator at the Center For UFO Studies during the 70's and 80's.

Mike Best

Sunday 1:00 PM

Spiral Dance (KidFusion and Anyone Interested)

Sunday 1:00 PM Belle Isle NE

A song and dance of friendship — come join us! See page 46 for the words to the song.

Anne Murphy

Weaving a Multi-layered Plotline

Sunday 1:00 PM Griffith

Flat is not an adjective you'd like to hear about your plot. Come find out how to avoid it.

Melissa Scott, Steven Piziks (moderator), Karl Schroeder, Jacqueline Carey, Tobias Buckell

Collaborative Mixed Media Projects

Sunday 1:00 PM Annex C

Collaborating on mixed media projects (art/writing/photography/ etc.). Topics include different mixed media technologies, and how to do book proposals.

Alan Clark, Randy Asplund, Clifford E. VanMeter

X-Bugs

Sunday 1:00 PM Fairmont

X-Bugs is a unique new game, combining luck, skill, and strategy. Your armies are microscopic mutated monsters. The battlefield is any tabletop. Each bug is represented by a plastic chip; flip the chips to attack. practice helps! Each type of bug has a special power to attack or defend... each army has a different winning strategy! It's quick to play... eat the enemy bugs, destroy his bases, and win! 2 hours; 8 players, prize awarded. Eric McGlohon

Starfarers of Catan

Sunday 1:00 PM Fairmont

A variation of the popular German game. 2 hours; 4 players

William Niebling

Sunday 3:00 PM

= - 2:00 pm **09**

Sexuality in SF

Sunday 2:00 PM Theater

How sex and gender are handled in SF.

Melissa Scott, Stephen Leigh, Jacqueline Carey, Anne Harris

SFOHA Meeting

Sunday 2:00 PM Griffith

Science Fiction Oral History Association meets to discuss upcoming election and bylaw changes, as well as ongoing projects and how you could be involved.

Chad Childers, Anne Murphy, David Gardner, Mike Gardiner

Your Public Library, Librarians and SF

Sunday 2:00 PM Annex C

There are many librarians in SF Fandom. How can you help them to encourage more SF in your library? Ideas for donation fundraisers, book clubs, and more!

Jeff Beeler, Jim Frenkel, Cindy McGee, Kim Kofmel, Leigh Kimmel

Friendly Finale with Dave Clement

Sunday 2:00 PM Annex A

For any filkers and fans with a song still left in their heart - and their fingers.

Dave Clement

KidFusion: Open Gaming for Kids

Sunday 2:00 PM Burnham

Come play Apples to Apples Jr. or other games.

Lisa Ragsdale

= - 3:00 pm **09**

Closing Ceremonies and Feedback Session

Sunday 3:00 PM Theater

The ~~bitch~~ compliment session is now open. We welcome your feedback on ConFusion and Her Friends. Share the love.

Tammy Coxen, Anne Murphy, Con Committee

Friendship Spiral Dance

There are no complicated steps in this dance! We will walk a spiral and sing words of friendship to each other. This is a ritual used throughout the world to raise energy and awareness of one another. Children are welcome.

Beginning: We will stand in a large circle and practice the inward and outward songs. Everyone takes hands. The circle breaks in one place and the spiral begins.

Inward song:

I want to be your friend, I want to be your friend!

(repeat)

'Till the sun stops glowing, and the plants stop growing,

And people are all gone from the earth...

I want to be your friend, Forever.

And we can still be friends -we can still be friends!

(repeat)

We will grow much older, and our lives grow shorter,

But as long as we're still friends,

We'll be riding on Stars, Forever.

Pause in the middle, sing the outward song once, start walking again.

Outward song:

We may part and you may go;

Next time that I meet you,

Raise your hand and say hello

And I'll be glad to greet you.

I have looked you in the eye.

I have seen a friend there.

Next time don't you be so shy,

We'll walk this world together.

(repeat)

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