

HELIOSPHERE SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

Friday, April 28

2:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Registration Open
2:30 pm	Welcome Tea
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Podcasting and Streaming for Hobbyists in the Age of Big Budget Professionals (<i>Salon C</i>)
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm	The Biggest Mistakes Made by New Writers (<i>Salon D</i>)
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	MarketSpace Open
4:00 pm – 1:00 am	Gaming Open
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Early Bird Filk Circle
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	What is Streaming Doing? (<i>Miracle</i>)
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	Exploring the Uses and Ethics of ChatGPT and Other AI Models (<i>Salon C</i>)
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	So You Want to Be in an Anthology (<i>Salon D</i>)
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	Readings: Sharon Lee & Steve Miller (<i>Library</i>)
6:00 pm – 6:55 pm	Dinner Filk Circle and Break
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm	How Do You Introduce New Characters Into Existing Story Arcs? (<i>Miracle</i>)
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm	The Influence of Soaps on Serialized Storytelling (<i>Salon C</i>)
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm	Mythology – New Takes on Old Tales (<i>Salon D</i>)
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm	Readings: Amy Grech, Kathleen O’Shea David (<i>Library</i>)
7:00 pm – 7:55 pm	Theme Circle: Travel Songs and “Going There”
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Ice Cream Social
8:00 pm – 8:55 pm	Concert: John McDaid
9:00	Open Filk
9:30 pm – 10:45 pm	Favorite Science Fiction Movies. Audience Participation Encouraged (<i>Miracle</i>)
9:30 pm – 10:45 pm	Spirits, Specters, and Spooks (<i>Salon C</i>)
9:30 pm – 10:45 pm	<i>Everything I Learned About Being A Good RPG Player I Learned from BDSM (18+)</i> (<i>Salon D</i>)
10:30 pm – ?	Masked social area (<i>Miracle</i>)

Saturday, April 30

9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration Open
10:00 am – 5:00 pm	MarketSpace Open
10:00 am – 11:15 am	Metaphors as popular culture (<i>Miracle</i>)
10:00 am – 11:15 am	Murder, Mischief, and Mayhem (<i>Salon C</i>)
10:00 am – 11:15 am	Climbing Out of the Shadows (<i>Salon D</i>)
11:00 am – 01:00 am (Sun)	Gaming Open
11:00 am – 11:55 am	What Is Filk?
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	GoH Interview: Steve Miller and Sharon Lee (<i>Miracle</i>)
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	Don't Ruin the Moment! Paying Attention to the Little Things (<i>Salon C</i>)
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	Writing Believable Injuries for Fictional Characters (<i>Salon D</i>)
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	Readings: Jenifer Rosenberg, Randee Dawn, Nicholas Parisi (<i>Library</i>)
12:00 noon – 12:55 pm	Open Filk and Lunch Break
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Dina Leacock and Ann Stolinsky Launch party (<i>Miracle</i>)
1:00 pm – 1:55 pm	Abby Memorial Sing (<i>Salon C</i>)
2:00 pm – 2:55 pm	Theme Circle: Classic Filk
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	In Conversation with David Mattingly (<i>Miracle</i>)
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Making Our Monsters or Finding Them (<i>Salon C</i>)
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Back in Time: Would Modern Doctors Make a Difference in the Past? (<i>Salon D</i>)
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Readings: Karen Heuler, Darrell Schweitzer, Chuck Gannon (<i>Library</i>)
3:00 pm – 3:55 pm	Theme Circle: The Evil That Is to Come
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	The Teddy Bear Tea
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Editor's Panel: What are Editors Looking for? (<i>Miracle</i>)
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Internal Monologues (<i>Salon C</i>)
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Story Inspiration from Breaking Science (<i>Salon C</i>)

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Readings: Elektra Hammond,
Christopher Burke, Walter Hunt
(*Library*)

4:00 pm – 4:55 pm

Concert: Alan Beck

5:00 pm – 5:55 pm

Theme Circle: Songs about Food

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

David Mattingly Slide Show (*Miracle*)

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Libraries and Librarians in Fantasy
and Science Fiction (*Salon C*)

6:00 pm – 6:55 pm

Dinner Filk Circle and Break

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Masked Social Area (*Miracle*)

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

ESpec Books Launch Party (*Salon D*)

7:00 pm – 7:55 pm

Theme Circle: Songs of Stars
Spacers and Planets

8:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Autograph Session (*Salon C*)

8:00 pm – 8:55 pm

Theme Circle: Heroes, Villains and
Missions

9:00 pm

Open Filk

9:30 pm – 10:45 pm

The “Everything Everywhere All At
Once” Appreciation Circle (and
Movie?) (*Miracle*)

9:30 pm – 10:45 pm

Are Vampires Still the Rage or Are
We Chasing Zombies? (*Salon D*)

9:30 pm – 10:45 pm

Kink 101 (18+) (*Salon C*)

11:00 pm – ?

The Eye of Argon Reading (*Miracle*)

Sunday, April 31

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Registration Open

10:00 am – 11:15 am

What is “Classic”? (*Miracle*)

10:00 am – 11:15 am

Through the Door (*Salon C*)

10:00 am – 11:15 am

Weirdest New Words I Learned in
2023 (*Salon D*)

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

MarketSpace Open

11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Gaming Open

11:00 am – 11:55 am

Theme Circle: Fantasy Adventures
and Creatures

11:30 am – 12:45 pm

Secrets to Putting a Lasting Foundation
Under Your Universe (*Miracle*)

11:30 am – 12:45 pm

Wednesday Addams! Audience
Participation (*Salon C*)

11:30 am – 12:45 pm	Writing for Roleplaying Games <i>(Salon D)</i>
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	Readings: Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Hildy Silverman, Keith R.A. DeCandido <i>(Library)</i>
1:00 pm – 1:55 pm	Concert: Eric Schragar
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	GoH Interview: Chuck Gannon <i>(Miracle)</i>
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Marketing for Creatives <i>(Salon C)</i>
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Fanfiction as Practice <i>(Salon D)</i>
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Readings: Lancelot Schaubert, Bjorn Hasseler, Lori Perkins <i>(Library)</i>
2:00 pm – 2:55 pm	Open Filk
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Genre Blending ~ You Got Ghosts in My Steampunk! <i>(Miracle)</i>
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Cut the Boring Parts <i>(Salon C)</i>
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	How Much is Too Much in Horror <i>(Salon D)</i>
3:00 pm – 3:55 pm	Filk Gripe Session
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Feedback Session <i>(Miracle)</i>
8:00 pm	Dead Dog

Guest of Honor (GoH) items are in BOLD.

18+ Only items are in BOLD ITALIC.

Filk Items

(Open Filk, Concerts, Theme Circles)
are in Boardroom A