

# Lunacon Daily Crescent

Friday, March 14, 7:20 PM

Volume 2008, Number 1

## Hi

People who are supposed to know will tell you that the first issue of a convention daily newsletter should start off with a real cute opening paragraph welcoming everyone to the convention. I suppose I should do that. This IS that cute opening paragraph. Welcome to Lunacon at the exotic Escher Hilton. If you don't know why we call it the Escher Hilton, you will, we promise.

## By, Bye, Buy

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## A Cautionary Tale

*They had heard the warnings when they stopped in the town: "Strange lights in the sky! People vanishing." But that had only spurred them on, spurred them to drive down that lonely road so late on a moonless night.*

*Now, as their engine died and the glowing saucer shapes converged over the car, they feared for their very lives.*

*Anal probes," one of them whined.*

*A cirlet of orange light enveloped the car. It began to move again. Upward. It rose like an errant balloon towards the open hatch that formed in the base of one of the discs.*

*"No," a voice suddenly echoed in their heads, "Lunacon volunteer recruiters."*

That isn't quite how we get volunteers, though it'd be cool if we could. People volunteer because they know how important volunteers are for running a successful convention. Or for the T-shirt or the free membership in next year's Lunacon. So sign up now by registration.

We don't want to get out those anal probes.

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## Program Changes

### The Gorilla My Dreams is Gone

The correct title for Movie Mike's film presentation (7 PM to whenever, Elm Room) is *Movie Mike's Vintage Film Festival!*

### Sir/Madame Not Appearing in this Picture

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Alphonse A. Di Donato, Jr.	Michael A. Ventrella

## Friday Program Changes

### Panels Cancelled

7 PM *Panel Redacted*  
8 PM *To Say Nothing of the Dog*

### New Participants

7 PM *The Amazing Science Fiction and Horror Trivia Game* (Grand South) -- Marianne Plumridge, Andrew Porter, Donald Robichaud, Jane T. Sibley, Ian Randall Strock, and Jeff Warner added.

### Panels Moved

9 PM *Creating Art for Fun and Profit* (Boton) moved from 10 PM.  
10 PM *LBTQ Meet & Greet* (Bartell) moved from 9 PM.

## Saturday Program Changes

### New Participants

11 AM *Beginners' Beading Workshop* (Elija Budd) Carol Salemi added.  
11 AM *It Came Out of Left Field* (Brundage A) Adam-Troy Castro added.  
Noon *How Bad Could It Be?* (Brundage B) Adam-Troy Castro added.  
1 PM *Between the First Generation and the Next* (Poplar) Adam-Troy Castro added.

### Panels Moved

10 AM *Learn to Crochet* (moved to Gazebo C)

Friday Parties		
470	8-11	Adult Lifestyle – Adults only
461	8-11	PiCon – Pi Day Party

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Saturday, March 15, 2:51 PM

Volume 2008, Number 2

## Announcements

Michael Moslow – please come to the office. A few items have been turned in to lost and found. If you have lost something, please come to the Oak room on the 7th floor.

## They're a Steal – But We'd Rather You Buy (Lots of) Them

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## Jibber-Jabber-Wonky

*Twas brillig and the slithy toves did gyre and gimble in the wabe.  
All mimsy were the borogroves, and the mome raths outgrabe.*

*Come volunteer for Lunacon, come do it now, my beamish fan.  
We need much help to put it on. Come help us if you can.*

*He took a vorpal hour's time, and then one more. It didn't hurt.  
He got the ConCom's thanks and then, they gave the fan a shirt.*

*He worked some more, so he could earn a membership in next  
year's con.  
And you can earn the same as he before this weekend's come and  
gone.*

It may not be great poetry, but the sentiment is real. Lunacon depends on volunteer labor. Be a part of a fifty-one-year tradition of great conventions. Sign up now by registration. Every hour helps.

## Support Our (Girl Scout) Troops

Ruth Feree will be taking donations for the Girl Scouts' Operation Thin Mint. The money is used to purchase Thin Mints for U.S. Military Forces. Ruth will be near Registration from 1-3 PM today.

## Coming Not Too Soon to a Theatre near Boston

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### New Participants

- 2 PM *Lunacon: A History* (Brundage A) Mark Blackman added.
- 3 PM *No Outfit Is Ever Complete* (Elija Budd) Carol Salemi added.
- 4 PM *Surviving the Zombocalypse* (Maple) Scott Grimando added.
- 5 PM *Vampires: Soooo Ten Minutes Ago* (Brundage B) Terri Osborne added.

### New Program Item

- 5:30 Reading: Adam-Troy Castro (Port Chester).

## Vinge Wins Asimov

The recipient of this year's Isaac Asimov Memorial Award is Dr. Vernor Vinge. The Asimov Award is presented by the New York Science Fiction Society, the Lunarians, to some person who, in the opinion of the Lunarians, has contributed significantly to increasing the public's knowledge and understanding of science through his/her writings in the field of science fiction and science fact and who exemplifies the personal qualities, which made the late Dr. Asimov well-loved by those who knew him.

Dr. Vernor Vinge is the author of the Hugo-winning *A Fire Upon the Deep*, *A Darkness in the Sky*, and *Rainbow's End*. His Nebula-nominated *True Names* is one of the few stories to get computers right. He is also Professor of Mathematics and Computer Sciences at San Diego State University. Recent articles have focused on the concept of technology reaching the points of creating superhuman intelligence, which he calls "The Singularity."

## Saturday Parties

476	9:30 - ???	Arisia Party
403	10pm - 12am	Contata 2008
465	After Masq - 2am	I-Con
421	9pm	Launch Party - Alexis Gilliland
474	9pm - 2pm	Philcon 2008
707	9pm - ???	Seattle Worldcon 2011 bid

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## What the Dickens?

*It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. It was a time for fans to gather at the Escher Hilton for a weekend of fellowship, conversation and good times.*

*Like the French Revolution, Lunacon is made possible by the efforts of a multitude of volunteers who give their time and effort to the cause. They earn the thanks of the crowd, the t-shirts of the con committee, and a few, a very hardworking few, earn a membership to Lunacon 2009.*

*Sign up now at the Volunteer Table near Registration. It's a lot of fun, so long as you don't lose your head.*

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## Stale Pi Day News

Yesterday was National Pi Day, a celebration of the world's best known irrational number. A special Pi Day ceremony was held at the headquarters of the National Bureau of Standards on 03/14 at 1:59 PM, with the full staff of 265 persons attending.

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707	9 PM - ?	Seattle in 2011 Worldcon Bid
476	9:30 PM- ?	Arisia 2009
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465	After Masquerade-2 AM	I-Con
408	8 PM - ?	Con Suite (Presidential Suite)
403	10 AM - Midnight	Contata 2008
281-2	9 PM - ?	Alexis Gilliland Cartoon Launch

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### Program Item Cancelled

11:30 *Jennifer Dunne Reading* (Port Chester) cancelled.

### Participants Dropped

- 8 PM *The Whole is Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts* (Birch) Martin Kaye dropped.
- 9 PM *Novels That Changed My Life* (Bartell) Jonathan Mayberry dropped.

### New Participants

- 9 PM *I Can Haz Conspiracy* (Boton) Cat Townsend added.
- 9 PM *Writing as a Calling* (Odelle) Barbara Krasnoff added.

## Sunday Program Changes

### Participants Dropped

- 1 PM *The year in SF* (Grand Center) Mike Flynn
- 2 PM *Medicine: The Final Frontier* (Brundage A) Batya Wittenberg dropped.

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Volume 2008, Number 4

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## SF-Doku Puzzle

SF-Doku is like regular Sudoku. There's a 9x9 table to fill. There are nine separate symbols, each of which appears only once in each row, each column, and each 3x3 section. But in SF-doku, the symbols aren't the numbers 1-9, they're the letter in a word or phrase relating to science fiction, fantasy, or fandom. There's also a second puzzle, what is that word or phrase? Here are the letters to this puzzle in alphabetic order, plus a clue to the phrase.

CLUE: Someone who might wear a were.

M	U			A	O		T	
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	O		T	E			R	M

The letters (in alphabetical order) are: ACEMORSTU

## But Wait! There's Still Time

As Lunacon comes to an end, you may think that you've missed your chance, that there's no time left for you to volunteer.

Do not give in to your despair, but rejoice. There are many opportunities left for you. End of the con tear-down is an effort that needs many hands. Happily, there is still a place for you. Sign up at the volunteer table near registration, and you may yet achieve your loftiest ambitions to help here at Lunacon.

Yes, yes, my friends, you may yet carry home that t-shirt, head held high in triumph. Even more, you may yet ascend to that highest level and earn a free membership to Lunacon 2009.

Time grows short. Do not delay or the chance may be gone. Volunteer now and let your spirit rejoice!

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### Lunacon Art Show Awards

- *Chairman's Choice:* "Neo Gothic for the Modern Castle" -- John Klukas
- *Director's Choice:* "Baboushka" – Wendy Mitchell
- *Writer GoH Choice:* "The Golden Rose" – Donato Giancola
- *Artist GoH Choice:* "Stevie's Weekend with Grandpa" – Mary Nash
- *Fan GoH Choice:* "Warbreaker" – Dan Dos Santos
- *Special GoH Choice:* "Horn of Boromir" – Matt Stewart
- *Best Professional, 1st Place:* Johnna Klukas
- *Best Professional, 2nd Place:* Donato Giancola
- *Best Amateur, 1st Place:* Laura Kovalcin
- *Best Amateur, 2nd Place:* Diane Kovalcin

### Judges' Choices

- "The Mummy Mouse" – Alan F. Beck
- "Here for the View" (3D) – Jim Belfiore
- "Butcher Bird" – Dan Dos Santos
- "Heinlein's Moon" – Bob Eggleton
- "Return of the King" – Marc Fishman
- "The Bride" – Ric Frane
- BODY OF WORK – Diane Kovalcin
- "Grey Morning Keep" – Randy Lagana
- BODY OF WORK – Charles Lang
- "Innsmouth Table" – Scott Lefton
- "The Ambassador" – Thomas Nackid
- "Stevie's Weekend with Grandpa" – Mary Nash
- "Yoda" – William O'Connor
- "Rembrandt Galaxy" – L.W. Perkins
- "Dem Bones" – Wendy Snow-Lang

### Solution to SF-Doku

M	U	E	R	A	O	C	T	S
R	C	S	U	T	M	A	E	O
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A	R	T	O	M	C	E	S	U
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S	E	R	M	O	U	T	C	A
T	A	M	S	C	R	U	O	E
U	O	C	T	E	A	S	R	M

CLUE: Someone who might wear a werc. – A Costumer

### Lunacon Masquerade Winners

#### Young Fan Awards

- *Devilishly Cute:* "Devil's Daughter" – Rayanne and Hildy Silverman
- *Most Beautiful:* "Dira of Death" – Isabella and Leah Pizzo
- *Most Frenetic:* "Darth Cage" – Avril and Gerard Dannenbaum
- *Most Captivating:* "The Night of the Knight and the Sprites" – Ruth Ferree and Liana Hertel
- *Best Young Fan:* "The Trouble with Tribble Training" – Emma and Terri Nackid

#### \$1.98 Costumes

- *Most Original:* "Water Woman" – Sarah Kugelman
- *Best Fantasy:* "Sleeping Beauty" – Olivia Rayner

#### Workmanship Awards

- *Best Use of Printed Fabric:* "The First Sprite of Spring" – Michele Weinstein
- *Best Prosthetics:* "The Clumsy Pirate" – Alex Nackid
- *For Foam Work:* "Ribbit?" – Laura Kovalcin and Abigail Levinson
- *For Blackwork and Ruff:* "Elizabethan Courtier" – Sandy Swank-James
- *For Wing Mounting:* "Pirate Pixie" – Danielle Ackley McPhail
- *Judges' Appreciation for MC's Costume:* Rob Himmelsbach

#### Presentation Awards

##### Novice

- *Most Humorous:* "Wario" – Justin D. Rugar
- *Best Presentation:* "The First Sprite of Spring" – Michele Weinstein
- *Best in Class:* "The Clumsy Pirate" – Alex Nackid

##### Master/Craftsman

- *Most Humorous:* "Pirate Pixie" – Danielle Ackley McPhail
- *Best in Class:* "Mr. Sandman" – Diane Kovalcin and Deanna Kovalcin

*Best in Show:* "Ribbit?" – Laura Kovalcin and Abigail Levinson

*So Long; Thanks for Coming; See You Next Year*

**MrShirt and his Pink Fluffy Bunny Squad present:**

**At Lunacon 2008: \$25 Adult Registration**

# LUNACON 2009

## MARCH 20-22, 2009

**Writer GoH: Dave Freer**

**Fan GoH: Leigh Grossman**

**Lunacon 2009**

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