

# Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 51

*"We're all bozos on this bus!"*

## Putting the color back in life

According to multiple sources, Saturday's **MimosaKlatsch** with Artist GoH **Sara Burrier** was a satisfying delight. Yes, moderator **Laramie Sasseville** asked a few questions to get things going and Sara took it from there, relating such peaceful, beautiful things as her preference for colored pencils and how she likes to draw while listening to birds and wind chimes outside her window, but more importantly, plenty of work got done! Participants colored while learning about the recent trendiness of adult coloring books like Sara's. Being overachievers, adults have been looking for ways to innovate beyond the basics when it comes to their coloring books. For example, books with some regions pre-colored to give the consumer a style to extrapolate from, or with paper strong enough to be colored on both sides without visual leakage. (Silly adults.) Need we mention the plethora of Amazon exclusives?

## Kudos to...

- ✓ The '**Any Question Answered**' guy outside the Consuite. Your editor asked him a question about relativity, and he spent some time discussing various aspects of relativity and physics that yielded plenty of food for thought! When your editor admitted that his original question might not have been answered, the Answerer replied, "I've given you everything you need to find the answer."
- ✓ The **balloon sculpting** guy at the MarsCon party. While your editor was present, he crafted a five-balloon wonder for a kid who'd shown him a picture of a skeleton character from a video game, right down to the clothing. The party itself was laid back and full of dragons, in accordance with MarsCon 2017's theme: **Dragons in Space**.

## Passions shared

The first ever "Share Your Passion" panel was completed to the joy of all involved. Fifteen 3-minute talks were given on many topics, showing just how intelligent and diverse our attendees are. The following topics were shared with all and sundry:

- Interstellar colonization—Hannah
- Disability pride parade—Bill
- Photography—Dave
- The benefit of board games—Kristi
- Gravity Falls—Omar
- Heraldry—Jordan
- How to spot a liar—Ethel
- How to win at Boggle—Karen
- A shirt (and a tornado)--Tom
- 3-D printing—Mike
- The human brain—Hannah
- Carbon dating in the 21<sup>st</sup> century—Jordan
- Classical Chinese—Rachel
- Fanzines—Jeanne
- Extinction and following your dreams—Josh

We look forward to doing this again next year.

—*Intrepid Reporter*

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**Wolfgang—Vote early, vote often.**

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## The Rumpus Room wants your stuff!

The Rumpus Room, home to Minicon's children's programming, is making a call-out for materials. Throughout the year, if you have materials you don't need that you think children might enjoy working with, save them and donate them to the Rumpus Room come Minicon! Also, consider saving unwanted tech items like broken printers for **Michael Kauper's** "Tool Time for Kids." (Check it out this year at 1:30 Sunday!)

## From “Mermaids, Sirens, Selkies and Other Water Creatures and Spirits”:

**Seanan McGuire:** Disney's *The Little Mermaid* was actually more accurate to authentic mermaid folktales than the Andersen story it was based on, “because Hans Christian Andersen was a sad, sad, bitter soul.” And later: “This is a water spirits panel – there is no non-murderly end of the table.”

**Magenta Griffith:** “Dagon [a Philistine god] is the only deity in Lovecraft related to any folklore or mythology.” (She checked. At length.)

### Why Wolfgang? Why now?

**Wolfgang Klassen** is a fan from Winnipeg, Manitoba. In his 20s, he is a notable costumer, and has appeared on the BBC. He's a fine singer and guitar player. Always a bon vivant, his room parties are Keycon legends.

Wolf would be an outstanding Minicon guest, and we propose him for Minicon 53 Fan GoH.

*Signed,*

*Karen Cooper, Chas Somdahl, Becca Leathers, Bruce Schneier, all the Brusts, Lojo, Bill Higgins, Terry Pratchett, Dave\* and Elizabeth\* Clement, Peg Kerr, Martin Schafer, Floyd Henderson\*, Carol Kennedy, Bob Tucker, J. R. R. Tolkien, Ruth Anderson\*, Graham Leathers\*, Gerald Brandt\*, Donna Teed\*, Gordy Dickson and Alexander Hamilton.*

\* Current or former Winnipeggers

### Bar trivia winners

In 1<sup>st</sup> place with 13.5 out of 20 points: **J, Jim Porter, John Stanley, Jeanne Mealy and Eric Forste.** In 2<sup>nd</sup> was **Douglas Cox**, with 11 points, and in 3<sup>rd</sup> was the **Bar crowd**, with 10.5.

### Kids' costume contest winners

Everyone! All eight contestants were fantastic.

### Registration update

Registration's Lost and Found has sunglasses in a case, a snail pendant, and badge 374 on a lanyard.

As of press time Sunday, the warm body count was 611 and total memberships were 640.

### Krahn-Gahlon 4a.m. pulse check

Bar: 7 outside, 6 inside • Consuite: 2 • Balconies: 6  
Cabana: 2 • Gaming: 1 • Party: 10 • Counters: 2  
**TOTAL: 36**

## Medallion Hunt =REdUX= Tales of Redemption

**A:** The Rubik's Clock's front face was solved by young swashbuckler **WackieJack**, who explained that the center was the hardest.

**G. WackieJack** and **Dominic S.** took on the Swish game and before long created a six card swish!

**3.** Found originally by **John S.**, this one was hidden on the bottom edge of a credenza on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor (just over halfway to the top of the short tower) overlooking the North Atrium. He left the tape, which was subsequently discovered by the team of **WackieJack** and **Mike** and **Dominic S.**

**20.** The Big Kahuna was in the Bar, as multiple clues attested. The Bar crowd had checked the Bar several times but couldn't find it, and asked themselves, “Where would you sit to be social and have a chat?” After looking under every object conceivable, **Stephanie** got down on the ground and found the medallion under the coffee table! The word blanks: “Sidhe Loves Your Business” and “Sidhe Brewing”.

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### CLUES: ROUND 4

**8.** If you're looking for this medallion, here's your sign.

**10.** It's in the dark, yet it hears a lot of information. It's heard many opinions but given none.

**15.** Don't chew on that! What are you, a goat?!

**D & E** remain unclaimed at the office! Try to solve them during the Game Keeper's final Hour of Redemption, from **2:15 – 3.** Go to Closing Ceremonies for more from him about his first year running the Hunt!

That's it for this year! Continue not being dodos, folks!

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