

Norwescon 38 Distant Horizons, Epic Adventures

New Dining Options at the Doubletree

The food and beverage team at the Doubletree Hotel have been working overtime to bring you exciting new food options during Norwescon. Be on the lookout for the burger bar in the courtyard outside the dealers' room, and check out the expanded selection of graband-go choices at the espresso stand. The espresso stand also has salads, sandwiches, pizzas and deserts, along with a ton of other new food items. The menu at Seaports will feature a wider variety of vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free selections, along with our convention favorites - nachos anyone?

Got Food Allergies? We've Got You Covered.

New procedures in place at the dining outlets at the Doubletree Hotel will make eating at Seaports, the Coffee Garden, or the Banquet easier for those of us with restricted diets or food allergies. Please make sure to tell your server right away that you have allergies, and your meal will be prepared with special attention to your specific needs. (Be on the lookout for the Red Ticket!) We've been working with the hotel to get better labeling, and a wider variety of foods that can be prepared safely for folks with allergy concerns.

For specific menu examples please see the website.

Art in Action

Have you considered participating in Art in Action? Art in Action is a place for artists and makers to share their



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Memberships

Preregistration for Norwescon 38 is now open! Just \$70 for the full four-day weekend membership! craft with other Norwescon members via demos and teaching events. It is open beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday and closes at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. There are still spots available sign up via this online form.

New this year - time slots will be off-set 30 minutes from the top of the hour to make it easier to work with scheduling and general crowd control. Electricity and audience seating are also available.

GoH Autographs

Due to the unprecedented level of interest in our Writer Guest of Honor, we are having two additional signings in addition to our usual Saturday afternoon GoH autograph session - including one early on Thursday before most of our panels and events begin:

Thursday 2 p.m.-3 p.m. - Evergreen 3&4 Friday 1 p.m.-2 p.m. - Grand 2 Saturday 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. - Grand 2 (joint signing with Artist GoH Julie Dillon)

Please be aware: Due to time constraints, we can permit only one signature per person, no personalization allowed, and enforce a strict maximum of 375 people in line each day so everybody gets a chance for an autograph. As always, Norwescon does not charge a fee for autographs.

Youth Track Needs Boxes!

Due to its extreme popularity last year, we are expanding the cardboardpocalypse known as Build & Destroy a City Kaiju Style! Thursday from 3-6 p.m. in Olympic 1 is our kids-only session, and Saturday from 2-5 p.m. is our family session, and we need boxes to smash!

Be a part of The Smashening! Please bring clean, odorfree, flattened boxes of all sizes to the February or March Concom meetings or to the Stuffing Party, and the Programming department will take them off to storage. We'll also have a collection area at the convention, to be announced at a later date.

Clarion West Workshop

Applications are now open for the 2015 Clarion West Six-Week Workshop. This residential workshop focuses on short fiction, with an emphasis on science fiction,



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fantasy, and horror.

Norwescon is proud to support Clarion West through our communing outreach initiative.

Norwescon Art Show

The participating artists are now posted on the art show page along with a map and key that shows where they are located in the art show, so you can find your favorite artists. We have 80 amazing artists this year; come and see them all!

Hero Corps: competitive questing.

The guild seeks twenty potential heroes willing to pursue the challenges of becoming a champion. The God of Time has commissioned hero corps to retrieve his lost controller. Sign up or come to cheer on your favorite hero in three challenges that will test their wits, cunning, and brawn. Come join us on Saturday at 10 a.m. in Everygreen 3/4 to find out which hero will be the God of Time's champion.

Offworld Designs T-shirts

Thinking about what to wear to Norwescon 38? Looking for a t-shirt that you can throw on while still proclaiming your geeky cred? The Norwescon 38 shirt is now available. Featuring art from our Artist Guest of Honor, Julie Dillon, these shirts are awesome! Check them out at

http://www.offworlddesigns.com/norwescon

Norwescon Zine

Norwescon 38 will have a <u>zine</u>! We have a new editor, a new format, and could use your help in providing new content.

ConCom Minutes

Ever wondered what was said at a meeting 5 years ago? Convinced that we've had this discussion before, but you can't remember when? Well, thanks to the hard work of our Secretary team, you will soon wonder no more. They have been hard at work this year sprucing up our past minutes to make them easier to find, easier to read, and easier to access. While we have not entirely discovered the easiest or best way to enable your access to these documents, it is coming! In the meantime, if you would like to access past minutes, please contact the Secretary team at <u>secretary@norwescon.org</u>, and they will set you up. If you have any questions about this, feel free to ask about it during the next ConCom meeting. Stay tuned for details regarding where to access these minutes in the next newsletter.