The Westerconian

Thursday, 30 June 2016

Future events like these will affect you in the future!

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Schedule Erratta Eratta Changes

The schedule in your program book is somehow not perfectly accurate; we're blaming the Brexit crisis.

Addenda, Friday

John Scalzi is in Opening Ceremonies (ballroom, 6pm Fri); that should have been on the schedule already.

Star Wars Origami, 3pm Friday, Creation Station Steamcraft, 3pm Fri, Mt St Helens

Tween-Led Literary Games for Double-Digits, 5pm Fri, Creation Station

Short Fiction Markets, 5pm Friday Lincoln Getting Your Book Translated, 6pm Fri, Jackson Craft Bloc, 6-10pm Fri, Creation Station – see CS for details; includes Build Your Own Sonic Screwdriver, etc.

Turn of the Card RPG Demo, 7pm Fri Mt St Helens Tiptoe Through the TARDIS (Doctor Who fandom celebration, with prizes), 10pm Fri, Creation Station

Stand-up for Geeks, 11pm Fri, Creation Station

Saturday

Victoria's Other Secret (if you think this is a panel on Victorian lingerie – boy, are you in for a treat!), 5pm Sat in Jefferson/Adams.

Arlin Robins Art Demo, 5pm Sat Jackson A Tour of Hells and Underworlds 6pm Sat Jackson Concert: Steve Savitsky, 6pm Sat PNW Ballroom William Noland & Jason Brock reading, 6pm Sat, Madison

Late Night Horror Reading, 11pm Sat Madison **Sunday**

Cosmic Horror in Mainstream Media, 11am Sun, Jackson

From Parts to a Whole: Turning a Bunch of Essays into a Unified Book, noon Sun Jackson

Devon Monk reading, 12:30pm Sun Madison Arlin Robins Art Demo, 2pm Sun Jackson State of the Art: Digital Imagery, 3pm Sun, Jackson Power Satellites: Replacing Fossil Fuels with Solar Energy from Space, 4pm Sun Hawthorne

Lindsay Schopfer Reading, 4pm Sun Madison

Monday

Baron Munchausen, 10am Mon Hamilton Peter Wacks Reading, noon Mon Madison

Subtracta

Steve Barnes isn't going to be here. Larry Caldwell likewise due to a family medical event.

Tai Chi events won't be happening.

Mutata

The Mechanical Shutter, now noon Friday.

Coincidence Rangefinder, now Friday 12:30 not Sat noon

Literary Beer now 11pm Friday not midnight Saturday Beyond Victoriana: A Multicultural Perspective on Steampunk now noon Saturday (not Sunday) in Weidler

Historical Conjuring Show now 2:30pm Sun

Academia Duellatoria: Introduction to the Bolognese Sword and Buckler System is now noon Monday.

Academia Duellatoria: German Longsword, now 1pm Monday

Kitten Kaboodle now Mon 3pm

Where to find it

Art Show and Dealers' Room are across the driveway; go out the front door and it's right there in front of you.

Childrens' Programming is in the Morrison room; they have many events planned. It's on your own head if you ask them why your kid won't compile or run JavaScript.

Creation Station is in the Washington room, in the Business Center behind the coffee garden.

Dealers' Room and Art Show are across the driveway.

Filking is in the PNW Ballroom, down the hall to the right from the front desk and turn left; you'll find it.

Gaming is upstairs in the Mt St Helens room, doesn't run 24 hours, but check out the awesome games library; LARPing is its own room next door.

Hospitality is high up in room 1555; take one of the glass elevators all the way up and enjoy the view.

Info Desk is located in the main lobby across from the hotel's front desk; if you find it you can find anything else! It's not Lost & Found; that's in the Halsey room.

Office is in the Halsey room behind Registration; it includes Lost & Found, Signage, and the Daily Zine.

Running the other way, you have already found Registration and seen the fan tables inside the banquet entrance; down the hall is the ballroom and some panel rooms.

American president rooms are in the business center behind the coffee garden.

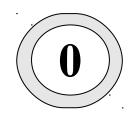
State rooms – Alaska, Idaho, and Oregon – are to the right of the front desk; Washington is the president not the mountain.

If it's not a state, president, or mountain it's probably a Portland bridge; you'll find Hawthorne, Sellwood, Ross Island, and Morrison across from the ballroom.

Upstairs on the second floor you'll find gaming including LARP, the Power Station (with Tesla Coil), Photo Booth, and Academia Duellatoria (period combat).

Daily Westerconian

Thursday, 20 June 2016 It must be 'zine! To be believed!



Stuff to Know:

Elevators are not only found across from the front desk; there is a second bank that goes from the first to the ninth floor, between the coffee shop and the function area. Anyone not going farther up than the ninth floor can save a lot of time using the 'secret' elevators.

Lost & Found is at the Office in the Halsey room; if random stuff is instead dropped off at the Info Desk we won't be at all surprised – but that's not correct.

Masks may not be worn in hotel space. Yes, they're serious about that. Yes, that includes what you were about to ask about. Remember Edna Mode and capes? No masks!

Parking passes for people who aren't staying at the hotel are at the Info Desk; they cost \$5 and get you out once. That's day parking only, not overnight. You can't go in and out repeatedly, sorry. People with hotel rooms do have in and out privileges.

Site selection for the 2018 Westercon will be open in the fan tables area, on Friday, July 1 noon to 5pm (but closed during the site selection presentations on Friday 2-3pm) and Saturday, July 2 from 11am to 6pm. The winner will be announced in the newsletter on Sunday, unless a Business Meeting is needed for Site Selection business, in which case that will be announced in the newsletter. Curious fans may attend the Fannish Inquisition to hear about upcoming bids (2pm Friday, Roosevelt room).

Smoking is for outdoors only; the best place is outside the banquet entrance, where there is a bench and shade. 'Smoking' is interpreted very broadly to include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vaping, and seething in supernatural fury.

Weapons are categorically forbidden in all hotel space. *You should already know this.* People may check in their props at the counter next to the banquet entrance. Yes, this includes LARP gear and Masquerade pieces (which must be transported in opaque containers such as duffel bags).

Wifi is limited and slow – don't try to get video! There are a few hotspots but they don't cover the whole hotel.

Zine, this thing you're reading now, should appear mid-day Friday through Sunday, and as early as possible Monday. If you have something to announce you may drop off your contribution in the office. If you have art it should be B&W in electronic format. If you're announcing an event remember to say who, when, and where. Quotes are also accepted at the Info Desk because it's fun that way.

Bleed for your convention!

The Lloyd Center (that mall across the street) will be getting a visit from the Red Cross on Friday, running from 11am to 4pm, and taking donations in the hallway behind the ice rink and below the food court. Everyone who donates will get a \$10 Lloyd Center gift card.

You know what Heinlein would want you to do.

Overheard in Passing

The daily 'zine quotes are public, free-range, and open-source. If you've heard something clever you're welcome to write it down and drop it off in the Office or at the Info Desk. If you get through with weekend without hearing anything silly you're in the wrong place! The 'zine contribution basket may also be used for serious informative things.

I finally found a small neck.

Yes, you have a very nice neck.

That's sticky but it could totally be a kid thing.

I forgot Anna had boobs.

If I wear the Alexis hat can I grab your butt?

That dude is so fucking Canadian he sweats maple syrup.

We can keep you, right?

If you look down the hall you can see the mermaids.

We whine in synch.

You could come over here and give me some of your magic fingers.

Oh my God, what's with the pants?

Treecats to Hospitality! Treecats to Hospitality!

This is a book!

It's Japanese and it's blue.

Three more beers and I start to think I can speak Japanese.

There are some movies I want you to watch before you go to sleep.

I wasn't cross dressing, that was a men's tutu.

I could come downtown early and wrestle your cat.

Oh, there is life after Cracker Barrel.

The button making machine makes buttons!

He's walking around the house with a shoulder mounted cat.

They left their avocado!

It's not my avocado.

I'm not going to Vancouver to return their avocado.

If I had a water buffalo I'd probably eat it.

Would you turn that pillow off?

Nobody asks me questions. I think they've been warned I'll answer them!

I only have one working brain cell, and it has a sprained ankle.

I remembered to eat this convention.

We just had a drive-by queening.

The Endeavour Awards is very self-satisfying.

It's got an S and a lot of vowels and a Z.

I was not aware I was doing filking.

I have a body.

Filk has never had a truss and doesn't want one.

I try to pass my hats on to other people.

They replaced me with a department.

Just pass me the bottle of Jack. I'll be on the radio.

I've got to remember to stop sitting in this room and talking while you're doing the zine.