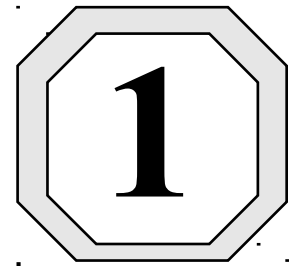


The Westerconian

Friday, 1 July 2016

Where we just keep spelling Medieval until the spell checker recognizes it.



Hotel Happenings:

Food carts will be coming to Westercon on Saturday and Sunday! Parked outside Banquet Entrance for the ~~gluttony~~ convenience of fans. We're getting two, both of which have pretty self explanatory names:

Bro-Dogs and Burgers

www.facebook.com/BroDogsAndBurgers

Ramy's Lamb Shack Truck

www.facebook.com/RamysLambShack

Some schedules may contain something called "Pod Carts" but we're pretty sure no such thing is coming.

Registration was delayed Friday afternoon around 4pm, when the computer holding the database suddenly went into an unrequested "upgrade" to Windows 10. People had much to say about this but we don't print those kind of words.

Denver is bidding to host Westercon 71. Come by their fan table, and stop by their bid party tonight at 7:30 in Room 1570. They'd love to see you enjoy the awesomeness of Westercon in beautiful Denver!

Art Show Tours

Try a walk through the Art Show with one of our perceptive articulate tour leaders. Talking about art is itself an art.

We sometimes call them "docent tours." We borrow the word docent from the museum world, where it means someone good at pointing out things worth looking at.

Friday: Lee Moyer, 2pm; John Loret, 5pm

Saturday: Joni Dashott, 11am; Theresa Mather, 3pm; Ctein, 5pm

Sunday: Mark Ferrari, 11am; M. Scott Hammond, 3pm; Mark Roland, 4pm

Monday: John Hertz, 11am

BayCon 2017

Come to the BayCon 2017 party on Saturday in room 1558. "Come and find out what we're all about." Actually it's a well known con in the Bay Area; visit baycon.org and you can surprise them with your knowledge.

Anglicon 2016: Bigger on the Inside

Bigger on the Inside invites you to join them for a spot of tea! They're having a room party at 9pm on Saturday in room 1550, across from the Hospitality suite. Anglicon is Seattle's Doctor Who and British media convention, coming August 5-7, 2016 at the DoubleTree SeaTac.

Westercon Business!

Every Westercon has a business meeting; we have to, it's in the constitution and everything. At WC69 it will be held at 11am on Saturday in the Ross Island room.

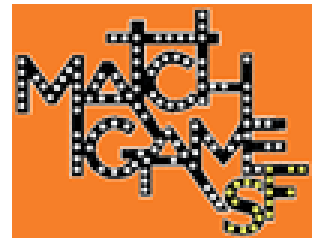
If you'd like a quick orientation on how the meeting works you can watch a short video titled Business Meeting Basics by Kevin Standlee, filmed at Westercon 68:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIzB0-MQTOI>

Westercon is governed by a set of bylaws (published in the Program Book), and every member of Westercon may attend the Business Meeting where changes to the Westercon Bylaws are proposed, debated, and voted upon. Currently, the only scheduled business is a proposal to reduce the quorum (minimum number of members required to hold a legal meeting) from 15 to 10 members. Other new business can be introduced at the meeting. If necessary (check newsletter) a special Site Selection meeting will be held on Sunday; however, it is unlikely that such a meeting will be necessary...

Get Ready to Match the Stars!

If you know how to fill in the ____, you can win prizes worth up to \$100 in *Match Game SF*, the SF/F-themed version of the classic 1970s game show (recently revived by ABC) as recreated at many past Westercons, Worldcons, and other conventions throughout the Western US. Contestants will be picked randomly from the audience to match wits with our panel. Prizes include book collections, gift certificates to the Dealers' Room, and a membership to next year's Westercon. All contestants, win or lose, receive Lovely Parting Gifts. There will be two shows of *Match Game SF*: Friday night is the PG-13 version, while Sunday night is mature audiences only as the panelists aren't going to hold anything back. Both Friday and Sunday nights the fun starts at 9 PM in the Jefferson/Adams Room.

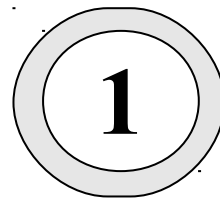


Creation Station News

Tonight at 11pm come to a Stand-Up for Geeks with Tristian Spillman, Todd Armstrong and David Mascorro. Can't wait that long? Creation station is running Whovian-themed content until 11pm including make-your-own Whovian crafts, learning Gallifreyan and Tiptoe Through the TARDIS. Come check us out in the Washington Room!

Daily Westerconian

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Schedule mutations:

Starting the Engine of Your Author Platform (Broadway, Sun noon – 1pm): When publishing your first novel, common advice is to start a website and use social media to promote the book. Most authors do not know how to tap into social media and waste much time on repetitive marketing tasks that don't seem to work. Instead, you need to create an “engine” to automatically distribute your marketing content to key sites and reduce your online workload. Come join Wendy Van Camp as she explores how to interlock three popular social media networks and grow your brand as an author.

Scifaiku: Haiku (Lincoln, Monday 10am – 11am): Scifaiku is science fiction themed haiku. Learn more about this exciting poetry form.

Steamcraft (Friday 3pm - 5 pm, Mt St Helens Room): Recently, the West End of New Arcadia has been plagued by a series of mysterious disappearances. The corpses of the missing reappear, days later, unnaturally modified (some say mutilated) with mechanical contraptions. The city leadership is growing worried. Wanting to keep everything quiet, and out of the press, the New Arcadia Constabulary has hired you to investigate what is going on.

Turn of the Card RPG Demo (Steampunk themed card game, apparently): Friday 7pm – 11pm and Saturday 5pm – 9pm, up in the Mt St Helens room

Mike Moscoe's coffeeklatch is actually at 11am on Sunday; sign-up is still at the Info Desk.

Band Scramble

The Band Scramble is an event where volunteer musicians of all skill levels and musical backgrounds are put randomly-assigned bands. The bands then have about 24 hours notice to get together, choose a song (or songs) and rehearse before performing their song on stage during the Band Scramble.

Stay Up-to-Date Online!

Staff are maintaining an online version of the schedule as we speak! Feel free to take a look at it at westercon69.sched.org either manually or with this ~~unholy~~ ^{holy} glyph QR code.



...And now for Corrections

Corrections from Issue 0:

Smoking Areas; there is no Bench. There is however, a second Smoking area near the street outside the main entrance with a “Sittable” wall.

June 30th; not June 20th.

Lost & Found items may be dropped off at the Signage & Zine table in the Halsey room.

...this has been Corrections.

Overheard in Passing

When I was 29, I was enthralled by toilet paper commercials.

Have you had more ghosts than usual?

'Course, at that time, I didn't have a noodle cat, so I could still mouse with the laptop. Sneakers stole my phone once and sent a message on Facebook.

I can go, and I eat anything that can't outrun me.

Everything's under control... until we turned it on.

She's... interesting to direct.

The only real rule (besides keep it civil because the hotel doesn't like cleaning up blood) is that if you bring something and no one takes it you have to take it away

Two plus two is – OW!

I'm still wearing pants.

Not a lot of swearing, no bloodshed yet.

I believe in programming that would be reverse jackass format

“You have mermaids?” “We have mermaids.”

He's a chronic volunteer.

He's gonna try to do this the easy way... which means one more step.

Your chocolate is eminently useful.

I need you to add live gummy worms to my list.

I got about one meter and I got SMOFed.

Green Room is a black box to me.

I'm full of information. It's just not the information we need.

It's probably poor etiquette to tell someone you like their pants while you are both trying to use the bathroom.

I'm just going to curl up under the table and take a nap.

It's an old gang-bang saying.

Let the man pee.

Can I be done now?

“Hi.” “Meow.”

I'm still eating on it but I got pulled away.

I wear comfy pants.

Do you like me touching your BUTTONS?

I tried to go to the bathroom for two hours.

Set her badge name as “I've never lost a badge until today.”

So we're getting a table but they're not buying us drinks.

“Thank you for not doing a spit take on me.

And thank *you* for making her almost do a spit take.”

Note: The 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 registration. (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.