

The Westerconian

Sunday, 3 July 2016

If you're not having fun, it's not fandom. – Chris Carson



Westercon 71 Site Selected!

Congratulations go to Denver and the Stories for Students non-profit! With 72 people voting, 68 voted for the selected, 2 voted none of the above, 1 for Graton, CA, and 1 was spoiled. 36 votes were needed to win. We look forward to the 2018 Westercon in Denver!

From the Denver team: The bid team is delighted to have been chosen to host Westercon 71 in 2018! Please stop by our table (in the fan table area) to find out more about Denver, the co-hosting Myths and Legends Convention, and to obtain your Westercon 71 membership. We will be hosting a celebration party tonight in room 1570 starting at 8 pm, so come by and enjoy with us!

We are also pleased to announce the following Guests of Honor for Westercon 71: Literary GOH Nancy Kress (Hugo and Nebula winner), Editor GOH Rebecca Moesta (or WordFire Press), Artist GOH Jeff Sturgeon (science fiction art), and Filk GOHs Margaret Davis & Kristoph Klover (Celtic, British Isles, and Medieval/Renaissance influences). We have our Day 0 Progress Report at our table with more information about each of our Guests of Honor.

Westercon 70

Westercon 70 in Tempe, AZ in 2017 is proud to officially announce Connie Willis, 11 time Hugo winner, 7 time Nebula winner, and SFWA Grand Master, as our author guest of honor. We were surprised to find that she had never been so honored by Westercon before and are exquisitely happy to remedy that situation.

Saturday Registration

By the end of the day Saturday we were looking at an attendance of 1615. We are now the biggest Westercon in 20 years! To find a larger attendance you have to go back to 1995, when 1827 people came to Portland for Westercon 48! That convention was held in two hotels on Hayden Island, but one of them no longer exists; we're happy to be here in one conveniently central site.

Juno Probe Meets Jupiter

Monday, 7-11pm come join Bobak “Mohawk Guy” Ferdowski in the Jefferson and Adams rooms. Watch in real time as the Juno probe drops into polar orbit around Jupiter, bringing nine different instruments and three Lego figures to check on what Jupiter is really up to.

While this event is *technically* after the end of the convention, we still hope you will join us for what we want to do for our 4th of July.

Schedule changes

Sunday 4pm; Power Satellites: Replacing Fossil Fuels with Solar Energy – showing two videos on how to deal with carbon.

Sunday 4pm; Swords for Scribes is canceled. The **Monday 4pm** panel by the same name is still happening, is still happening.

Power Station's open house at 2pm Sunday is canceled, as is their Tesla Coil demo at 1pm Monday.

Conjuring Connection: The link between 18th Science and Magic did not make all of the schedules. Please join them at 6pm, Sunday in the Three Sisters Room for this great lecture.

Munchausen Misprint: Baron Munchausen will not be shown on Monday. Instead be sure to catch “Beyond the Mask” at 11:50am, 1:35pm.

John Hertz Art Show Tour: is Monday at 10am, not 11am. Yes this is the hour before the auction.

BayCon 2017 Party

Come back to room 1551 for more BayCon 2017 partying. The theme this year is dys/utopia. Join us at 9pm for a nacho bar.

Costume Exchange

Have some tired old costumes? Looking for something new/different? This is the place to bring your unwanted costumes, fabric, sewing notions, props, etc. to hand off to someone who will take them home and love them. Even if you didn't bring anything to swap, please stop by as many participants simply want the items to be taken away. Monday afternoon in the Sellwood room.

Masquerade Winners

Our Saturday masquerade saw a wide variety of costumes worn by talented fans.

Best in Class, Open, was a tie between *Steampunk Chii* and *Stark Trek*, while *Miss Nellie Lovett* was chosen best in young fan presentation. The judges could not settle for just one choice for workmanship, selecting both *Chandra* for excellence in handwork and *Lady Amalthea* for invisible workmanship and elegance in simplicity.

Judges' Choice awards went to *Golden Age of Steam* in the novice class and to *Witchy Poonella and Pot Pie* in the open.

Workmanship Best of Show, despite stiff competition, went to *Les Mysterieux De Xante Terra*.

Stark Trek took Best Presentation, boldly going where no billionaire playboy had gone before.

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WesterGEARCon Hour

A big thank you goes out to Dail Ivan Smith, our WesterGEARCon Hour (Opening Ceremonies) singers Anna Fultz, Lynn Gold, Bella Blackburn and Ronald Oakes. Sabrina McCoy was a great help. Special thanks to Alexander James Adams, John Scalzi, and David Levine for actively participating. Charles Stross for providing great slides of his cat, and to Theresa Mather and Bobak "Mohawk Guy" Ferdowski for letting us put them in the figurative spotlight. A final thank you goes to the backstage volunteer whose name I have failed to ask. --Pat Steed

Match Game SF II: Misjudgment Day

Did you enjoy Friday's episode of Match Game SF? Worse, did you miss it? Don't worry, you can still catch tonight's episode, where glib fannish personalities will try to match the answers of contestants drawn from the live studio audience! Sunday night at 9pm in the Jefferson/Adams room.

I'm Hungry...

Bro-Dogs and Burgers, and Ramy's Lamb Shack are back again today, including vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options to suit every taste.

Feel free to visit our Hospitality Suite on the 15th floor, room 1555. Snacks are available for you to graze upon. Please donate to help us keep the snacks available. And speaking of hospitality...

Overheard in Hospitality

It's not just in the hallways; these were passed along from the Hospitality staff! Do something nice for those hardworking fans; please donate some time or money if you can. They're making the con better for all of us!

I'm hugging the universe so that it hugs you.

Wrap your meat!

I'll suck that up for you...

I'll eat the exploded gummy bear!

Put on the list to remind [...] to put on his list to put on my list to train gummy worms into a 3 and 8.

'Anal glaucoma?'

Here, you dropped your foot.

Hospitality has a *new* mascot unicorn! This is Trevor.

I can't do that. You're jailbait.

I can't flirt with married men... I hear it's a rule.

That was me, flirting with a married man.

I'm not trying to hit on your wife.

That's okay. I expected you to be hitting on me.

Be sure and tell them to turn it over. I hear the best stuff is on the back.

I didn't know if it was okay to stare...

I need more context.

Overheard in Passing

It's not today, right, it's tomorrow?

Peggy was the Queen of Thumbs.

Our stones are small.

On the other hand, Earth is still the same size.

The legs are new. I just got around to replacing them.

Oral histories are a living document.

I don't think this is going to work. Maybe I can hold them together with a toothpick.

There are a lot of burning panels here.

Where are my genetically modified llamas?

I am *also* not comfortable with edible merkins.

At the unethical petting zoo.

I was *working* with dynamite. I had *cases* of the stuff.

Conventions exist in their own time zone.

You want to go to the second floor? Step into a dungeon!

Thank you random cuddle party.

It's still breaking. When it is broken, I'll write about it.

I got hit on by the maintenance guy.... He was hot!

I do want to be a Fairy!

Stop Mic shaming me!

"11th floor, women's lingerie--" "*Ahem*, and assorted hardware."

Is it Tuesday yet?

We need to get you a better pith helmet.

He took off his legs.

They have activated the chip.

I costume the naked show.

I say petting zoo but I really mean converted warehouse.

Should we light up?

"You are good at telling people where to go." "Yeah, go."

When it comes to history, there is no time like the present.

Toner low is not a crisis.

"There are seven of us, how did you get twelve?"

"Counting your elbows"

But I didn't get much *writing* done.

So, where is this alleged batting?

People get together, and magically they talk about boobs.

I am going to write a love story about it – it'll be like Twilight, but the main characters will be hand sanitizer and lube.

They share with me the wintry freshness of mace.

Is this your first con? What do you think about con-dom?

I smell like weird dogs. Smells like elephants.

Don't answer that! It could be the phone!

That's too loud, I'm hung over.

Go take your nap, old man.

"Somewhere there are pictures of what Theodore and the ops panda got up to." "Dammit."

I would never subject myself to banana shrapnel.

"Is my armpit a problem for you?" "No, that's okay."

Can I help the next person? I don't want to talk to Scott.

We know Kilted Dave as Nearly Homeless Dave.

This is Portland, they do everything in bicycle form.