The Westerconian

Monday, 4 July 2016

Thanks for the con, it's been real. Except for the parts that were imaginary or virtual.

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Art Show Auction & Awards

Awesome alliteration above, absolutely.

The art show auction will be held from noon to 2:30pm Monday in the Multnomah/Holladay Ballroom. This could be your lucky day if you've had your eye on something – or if you are looking to pick up a surprise bargain.

We saw a great display of many different styles of art this year and WC69 recognizes some of the exceptional pieces:

Judges Choice Awards

Grand Prize – "Turquoise" – Caitlin Turner

"COQ Series" - Andy VanOverberghe

"Titan IV Probe" - Michael Duquette

"Doll House" - Gwyn Marlow

"Time Machine Pack" – Richard Miles

"The Dragon of Union Station"- Rebecca Flaum

"Dragon Rider" Lee Moyer

"In Flight" - Theresa Mather

Popular Choice Awards

Best in Show - Mark Ferrari

Best Fantasy - Momma Sammu

Best Sci-Fi – Jeff Sturgeon

Best Horror – Cat Grey

Best 3D – Michael Duquette

Best Computer – Mark Ferrari

Most Creative - Daniel Cortopassi

Best Mixed Media – Jeff Sturgeon

Director's Choice Awards

"Golden Dragon Portrait" - Theresa Mather

"The Angel and the Unicorn" - Tammy Tripp

"Inquisitive" - Elizabeth Leggett

"Fair as the Moon" - Faina Lorah

"The Dragon of Union Station"- Rebecca Flaum

"Temporal Portal Generator" - Michael Duquette

"Time Machine Pack" - Richard L. Miles

Steam Punk Awards

"Pharaoh's Horses" - Faina Lorah

"Steampunk Voyages" - Mark Ferrari

"Airship Tracking Station" – Richard Miles

"Steam Train" - Andy VanOverberghe

"Clockwork Pegasus" - Michael Duquette

"Eclipse" - Braden Duncan

"Top of the Morning" – Zane D Bryan

Voters and Judges... thank you for your support!

Lacey Axmaker, Westercon 69 Artshow Director

Happy birthday, Em, from your con family. Yes, people care.

Juno About This

Earth's ninth visitor to Jupiter will arrive tonight; don't miss the commentary by Bobak "Mohawk Guy" Fersowsi as he offers us insider commentary on the orbital insertion process. Juno has been between planets nearly five years and will take a while to settle into her new home but plans to stay in low polar orbit for twenty months. Most probes have just passed by; only Galileo stuck around to get a good look at the neighborhood. Humans will gather in the Jefferson/Adams room at 7pm to get news from our robot.

Science News has a video of Jupiter missons: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yQ9sOEUhVE

Westercon 70: Conalope

Yes, we're winding down the 69th Westercon but the tradition continues! Westercon 70 will be held at the Tempe Mission Palms hotel in Tempe, AZ over the 4th July weekend, running from Sat 1st to Tue 4th July, 2017; just as W69 was also Gearcon, W70 will also be LepreCon 43.

Their website at westercon70.org will tell you more.

They say thank you to WC69 and all its members for the hospitality of Portland and a wonderful weekend.

Westercon 71 in Denver

We're absolutely sure there are wonderful things to say about Denver but we don't need to flog that horse; no city that's hosted three Worldcons needs more hype.

News Nuggets

Onions & Orchids, the feedback panel, will be at 2pm in Ross Island room. Drop in to let people know how Westercon went or just to hear about what you missed!

Registration says WC69 has drawn an amazing 1700 people – or 1700 amazing people, take your pick.

Info Desk will be open until 6pm, not the listed 4pm.

Bag Check is possible at the concierge desk for those of you who may need a place to store your things briefly.

Steampunk Scrapheap Challenge

Tied for first place we have the 2016 Green and Silver companies. The eager and youthful gentlemen of Cryogenics, Inc. detailed every function and aspect of their invention with impressive creativity. The resourceful and talented artisans of Awareness Transetheric Horticultural Co. set a record when they used all of the given materials. In third place we have the sale savvy and stylish designers of Albert's Illuminated Apparel representing the 2016 Black Company. Congratulations, inventors!

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You Guys Are Crazy! (In a Good Way)

What you're reading now is pretty much an Orycon zine with a different masthead. At Orycons we reliably get one column of quotes per day out of a convention about this size. But here the fans have been much more engaged and energetic - we're swamped with quotes!

You guys are great; it's wonderful to see fans participating in their convention.

Overheard in Passing

There is something deeply wrong about opening the toilet lid and smelling tuna.

Someone found you in the bathroom.

"Y'all just want my fat ass to walk!" "I'm sure that you've lost your fat ass..." "No, he's here."

Suddenly fucking elbows.

"I didn't see you were here!" "To be fair, it was dark. I tried to smile."

Excuse me, I'm juicy.

She likes a good tail when she sees it.

The power of the sexy is too raw.

Oh, because the squirrel's not running.

At hour twelve, I was like, I can't feel my legs and I need to pee.

I wish I could blame it on drunken debauchery.

"What is your impression of this software?" "...I would have to use non-family-friendly con words."

Were you drinking out of a doll's head?

Can't make an omlet without breaking a few knees – I mean eggs.

It's about 40% floppy.

God, I'm Shatnering.

I couldn't find food-quality tubing for the baby.

Probably going to taste like lube for the first hundred miles

Maybe the real mistakes were the friends we made along the way.

That's pants-on-hands stupid.

The elevator isn't even a body part.

You're going to have to roll your own broom.

I wondered what the ambulance was for.

There are no organs right here.

You can't step into Ops without someone saying something raunchy.

Howitzer, help! I can't bend over that far!

I've never seen Klingon in cursive before.

I'm not actually this tall.

I didn't know it was that easy to be Jewish!

It is not booby trapped. I've never had to say that before.

I've sworn off smelling women I don't know.

I'm not going to run a Worldcon until I retire.

I'm suddenly realizing we can't use most of these quotes in the zine...

But wait, there's more!

I think I just got hit on by a twelve year old.

Apparently I look young enough. I think it's the boobs.

Are you talking about the apocalypse or the apocalypse?

I don't know if it's holding up my bra or the other way

I never learned how to do selfies until I had a chicken on my shoulder.

"Is this your private stash area?" "No, anyone can use it."

Watching movies, sewing, and crying.

I want to put your worm in my mouth.

Sure you can use the sink. It's full of ice and whipped cream, though.

I am not here under any of my names.

I only had enough arms for one camel.

Ok, scissors, closet, bag, knitting bag, blue tape, other camel.

My camel is bigger than that dog.

"How old are you?" "I may or may not be jailbait."

"Ew... Starbucks." "You're drinking room coffee."

I have a copy of "The philosophy of Andy Warhol." I keep it in the bathroom and read it while on the toilet. I think Andy would have wanted it that way.

Wet is fine as long as it doesn't smell like fish.

So, do you have a couple inches?

We could have a lot to drink on that subject.

Not "cleaning my apartment" so much as "performing an exorcism."

Purple is a manly color!

I have a video on my phone of you tackling me on the bed and feeding me your hair

"It's like you have horrible eggplant tits." "They're not tits, also I have four."

I think the word lisp, being pronounced "lisp," is cruel.

No yawning. That's an order.

I need to get it wet and rub it so it gets hot and gets going.

What are you doing to that poor peanut butter?

From behind?

I brought somebody. I need somebody but I brought somebody.

She's not working. She's working it.

You lost your face.

What happens at con stays at con... until nine months later.

You know, I'm gay... but you're one hot chick.

That's a weapons grade glare.

"You've got a bunch of raunchy brothers and sisters that are gonna tease your ass." "I like raunchy brothers and sisters."

I have an entourage.

I'm kinda new to this showing off my midriff thing.

I will sit on you while she force feeds you.

D'oh! Kinky!

Don't think too hard. It isn't worth it.

And I don't even drink. Maybe I should.