



WesterMAL Daily Newsletter: Friday July 6, 2018

Highlights from Thursday

- The Westercon and Worldcon Bids panel had presentations from the Westercon 2020 Seattle bid, New Zealand in 2020 Worldcon bid, DC in 2021 Worldcon bid, and UTAH in 2019 NASFiC bid! Thank you to the presenters and the those of you who came to learn more! You can find out more about these bids at the fan tables in the atrium on the 2nd floor.
- The hotel had a surprise visit from the fire marshal around 5:30 PM to inspect the recent renovations on the 12th floor. Thank you to everyone who was there for your cooperation in departing the floor while they worked, and for your patience while they finished up. We were sad we couldn't have the ice cream social there after Opening Ceremonies, but also want to thank everyone who pitched in to help transform main events quickly and orderly into Ice Cream Social 2.0!
- We hope you had a chance to drop by the memorial for Harold Harrigan, hosted by Lisa Harrigan in suite 731, and the Seattle bid for Westercon 73, hosted by Sally Worhrle in suite 831. There are several more gatherings planned this week! (See below)

Friday Highlights

- Today's four kaffeeklatsches start at 9 AM in the Thunderpass panel room on the ground floor. Sign-ups can be found at the Info Desk. Don't forget, these get-togethers are bring-your-own-beverage!
- **Science Track Location Change!** Due to the popularity of yesterday's science track panels, we have swapped some panels from Stargazer across the hall to Helm's Deep and vice versa. You can see the updated schedule on the room signs, at the Info Desk, and at our online schedule: <https://www.malcondenver.org/schedule/>.
- Friday is the last day to vote in the 2018 Westercon site selection! The site selection table will be open from noon to 6 PM in the 2nd floor atrium. Need to be convinced to vote? The Westercon 2020 Seattle bid representatives have the next table over and would love to chat! There is a \$20 fee to vote, payable by cash or check. The winning bid receives all of the voting fees, and all voters are automatically supporting members of Westercon 73.
- At 6 PM, John Hertz will be hosting our Regency Dance in Main Events. No experience required, and always a great time! Fancy dress encouraged, but not required.
- Don't miss the Apocalypse Later Roadshow, curated and presented by Hal C F Astell! He's curated three 90m sets for Westercon 71, each of which contains different award-winning international sf/f short films. Most are still doing the film festival circuit so can't be seen anywhere else, while some cannot be seen outside the Apocalypse Later Roadshow. Starts 2 PM in Helm's Deep.



- There are two more gatherings planned for suites 731 and 831 tonight! In 731 you'll find Worldcon 76 in San Jose, California, hosted by Kevin Roche, and in 831 Kate Hatcher is hosting the Westercon 72 in Layton, Utah gathering. Stop by their fan tables in the atrium for starting times, or just head to the room after dinner and offer to help!
- Our Literary Beers start at 7 PM in the Private Dining Room of the hotel restaurant. Literary Beers are a chance to sit down to a small group discussion with one of our fascinating panelists and chat over a drink. Walk from the elevators toward the restaurant and take your first right – it's the glass room! Purchase your beverage from the bar before, during, and/or after! Sign-up sheets are also at the Info Desk.

Other Highlights

- We are pleased to have the Dungeons & Donuts Jr. cart just outside the main entrance to the hotel. Pick up a bag of mini-donuts and choose from six different powdered sugar toppings! Dungeons and Donuts Jr. will be open Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 9 am to 3 pm.
- Our final scheduled room gathering is Saturday night. Head on up to suite 831 where Ted Monogue will host for COSine 2019!
- The 12th floor is open Friday & Saturday 9 AM to 10 PM, and Sunday 9 AM to 3 PM. Feel free to drop by even when there's not programming scheduled! Take in the gorgeous view, socialize, and relax in each of the two parlors put together by local steampunk groups Airship Iron Opal and the Denver Victorian & Steampunk Society, and even get a reading from our resident spiritual advisor Andarta!
- Art Show Tours: Don't know where to begin at our art show? Take a tour! Tour with John Hertz Friday at 1 PM and Guest of Honor Jeff Sturgeon Saturday at 10 AM. Sign up ahead of time at the Info Desk on the 2nd floor.
- Don't miss the Masquerade/Costume Contest at 3 PM on Saturday! If you'd like to participate, sign up ahead of time at the Info Desk. While you're there check out the winners' trophies that are on display, created by WhimsyCon 2019's Costuming Guest of Honor and Masquerade Director Erin Card.
- Where Peeta? It's a MALCon tradition for the Peeta standee to move about the convention. Where is he now, and where is he going?
- If you have a web-enabled device, you can download our mobile application at <http://www.malcondenver.org/konopas/2018MALCon/>

Want to submit something for the newsletter?

Please email it to newsletter@westercon71.org, or drop it off at the Info Desk!