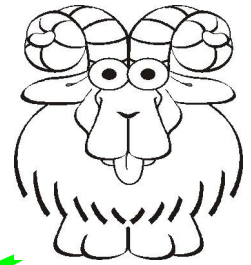


GOAT DROPPINGS

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Capricious says: "Pick it up...or you might step in it!"



Post-Convention Edition

What a ride!

We hope that you all enjoyed Capricon 31 as much as we did, and are surviving your post-Escape re-entry into the "real world."

We would like to once again thank all of our Guests of Honor - John Scalzi, John Picacio, Janice Gelb, and Stephen Boucher - for being so fabulous throughout the weekend! We would also like to thank Bryan Palaszewski for working with our phenomenal tech department (Bernadette Burke and Mark Mallchok) and joining us virtually on Saturday morning for his presentation.

Thanks also to Ruth Pe Palileo and the cast of *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog*, and to Frank Rodriguez of Klingon Karaoke for coming and entertaining us on Saturday evening!

We have some retiring concom this year that we would like to recognize for their years of service - Bernadette Burke and Mark Mallchok (Equipment / Tech), Cary Williams (Hotel), and Greg Williams (Facilities Coordinator). Thank you all for everything you've done to make Capricon the successful convention it is today.

Finally, we would like to thank YOU! Thanks for volunteering at the convention, for going to programming, throwing parties, playing games, shopping in the Art Show and Dealers Room, and just generally being part of our awesome fannish family!

See you next year at Capricon 32 on our next Amazing Adventure!

Awards

Geek Prom:

Biggest Hair: Katherine Finegan

Prom King & Queen: Terrence Miltner and Sondra de Jong

Olympiad:

Purple Dragons defeated Team Funnel Cake

Art Show:

Best Art by a Fan: Phoenix, Cheryl Storm (tie)

Best Art by a Pro: John Kaufmann

Best In Show: Theresa Mather

Best Met Artist's Challenge:

Karen Ann Hollingsworth

Settlers of Catan NACC Qualifier:

Claudia Beach

Gopher of the Year: Carolyn (Cally) Soukup

Euchre Tournaments:

Bernadette Burke and Sandy Heltzer (Friday)

Onnena and Liz Atilis

Parties:

Best Thursday Night Party: Cow Asylum

Best Drink with "Escape" in the Name:
MIB / Pirates for "Escape Goat"

Staff Favorite: Cow Asylum

Best Overall Party: MIB / Pirates

Charity Events

Go us! Thanks to your generosity, we raised at least \$775 for the SFWA Medical Fund (the exact totals are still being tallied). We also gave a full van load of food to the Vernon Hills Food Pantry, and four bins of books to the Science Fiction Outreach Project. Thank you all for another great year of supporting Capricon's charity events!

Greening

Thank you to everyone who participated in our efforts to reduce Capricon's carbon footprint (hey, just 'cause *we* all escaped doesn't mean we don't care about the rest of the planet!). Several of you earned your "It's Easy Being Green" ribbon by bringing your own water bottle or reusable bag, donating to the food or book drive, or purchasing a carbon offset. Thanks!

BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT: The Borders we have met at for the last 6.5 years is one of the ones that is closing. Our March 27 Book Club will meet at Barnes & Noble, 1630 Sherman Avenue, in Evanston at 6:00pm (note earlier than usual start time!). We will discuss options for our new permanent home that evening. See you there!



Follow us on Facebook! We are Capricious G Oat.

Read our blog at <http://capricon.org/blog/>

Keep in touch with us all year long—Capricious would love to see you at our Book Club, Euchre Club, FEAST, or Ides of Phandemonium events!

Ides of Phandemonium

Join us every month for our Ides of Phandemonium social event! We will be rotating between three locations - come out and have some fun!



Monday, March 14 at 7:00pm—Brixie's, 9526 Ogden Avenue, Brookfield

Friday, April 15 at 7:00pm—Fox and Hound, 910 W. Dundee Road, Arlington Heights

Sunday, May 15 at 7:00pm—The Paramount Room, 415 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago

The locations will rotate in order every three months, on or darn close to the 15th of each month.



Author Guest of Honor: Cory Doctorow

Artist Guest of Honor: Les McClaine

Fan Guest of Honor: Steven H Silver

Phandemonium Elections

Thank you to Isabel Schechter and Sondra de Jong, who are retiring after three years of service to the corporation.

Congratulations to kT Fitzsimmons and Terrence Miltner on being elected as the newest member of the Board of Directors.

Out of CON-text

“MacGyver was a quack.” - Mike “Ciggy” Cyganiewicz

“You look pretty, and you have good hands.”
- Bernadette Burke

“First you need to do him.” - Pat Nuccio

“Tall clowns, man. That s*it’s bad.” - John Scalzi

“Wow, I have a new thing!” - Helen Montgomery

“Your rack is in my way.” - Thom Foss

“I’ll believe it when it’s hanging on her wall.” - Erik V. Olson

“Well, we got spanked in nuns on the run.” - Tim Dinan

“I thought Ops would be a good place to look for batteries.”
- Mike Jelenski

“How can I kill my wife and get away with it?” - James Brown

“My mom has the goat.” - Megan Totusek

“I found C3PO’s head.” - Lisa Garrison-Ragsdale

“No perky nipples for you!” - Janice Gelb

“Once you go tuba player, you never go back.” - Mike Unger

“Please bask in my baskiness.” - John Scalzi

“I do not want that reality.” - Mike Finnegan

“Where’s my flying handgun?” - April Voecks

“I’ll grab my KY and go to Ireland.” - Michael DeCillis

“I think I’m the one that’s easy and pliable.” - Jesi

“Can you go to cows and get my rack?” - Helen Montgomery

“It’s been an hour and you’re still wet.” - Sondra de Jong

“All you have to do is decorate your member.” - Erik V. Olson

“I like it in a small room.” - Bernadette Burke

“I think we should involve the duck.” - Emily Knowles

“What kind of man talks about his woman’s VAT like that?”
- John Scalzi

“Keep it away from Helen or she’ll lick it.” - Liz Gilio

“Don’t worry if you can’t chew through the knuckles.”
- Jaye Jalso

Goat Droppings is edited by Helen Montgomery. This issue’s contributors were Helen Montgomery and the Capricon Concom and YOU!