



Capricious Says:  
"PICK IT UP, OR YOU MIGHT STEP IN IT!"

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# Goat Droppings

## All Good Things Must Come To An End

Congratulations, Adventurers! Your Quest has been completed, and we hope your weekend was as Amazing as ours was!

We would like once again to thank our Guests of Honor—**Cory Doctorow, Les McClaine, Steven H Silver**—and our Special Guest, **Javier Grillo-Marxuach**. You were all splendid Guests, and we enjoyed having you with us for the weekend.

A special shout out to former GoH **John Scalzi**, who drove all the way from Ohio just to DJ our 80s dance (which by all accounts did not suck—not even a little bit!) on Friday night. We are very much hoping that he considers returning again next year.

Our Convention Chair, **Sondra de Jong**, would also like to thank her Convention Committee for all of their hard work over the last year, and thank you, the attendees, for coming! You're the ones who went to programming, wandered the Art Show, donated to charitable causes, bought things in the Dealers Room, volunteered, threw the parties—you all made the adventure possible!

We look forward to seeing you all again next year, right back at the Westin (who also, at our post-convention meeting, thanks you all for being great hotel guests!) February 7-10, 2013, for Capricon 33, where

we  
become  
self-aware...

## Awards! Prizes! Shiny!

### Euchre Tournaments

Friday Night: Mike Kelly and Jaime Bergan  
Saturday Night: Peter Heltzer and Pro O'Doul

### Art Show

Best Art by a Fan: Cheryl Storm  
Best Art by a Pro: Theresa Mather  
Best Challenge: Karen Ann Hollingsworth  
Best in Show: Butch Honeck

### Gopher of the Year

### Settlers of Catan Pre-Qualifier for WWCC

David Sparacio

### Parties

Best Thursday Night Party:  
Mike & Mike—The Bachelor Party  
Best Themed Drink: Barfleet  
Concom's Choice: London in 2014  
Best Party: Cow Asylum (Moo!)

Congratulations to all!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Capricon isn't the only opportunity to have fun with your fannish family!

Join us throughout the year at our Book Club, Euchre Club, FEAST (Fans Eating All Sorts of Things) Dining Club, and Ides of Phandemonium gatherings! Information can be found on our blog:

<http://capricon.org/blog/>

#### IDES OF PHANDEMONIUM

Thursday, March 15, 7pm, at Brixie's, 9526 Ogden Ave., Brookfield

#### BOOK CLUB

The Colour of Magic by Terry Pratchett. Sunday, March 18, 6:30pm at the Barnes & Noble in Evanston (2nd Floor)

#### F.E.A.S.T.

The Maple Tree Inn (Cajun/Creole/BBQ), Saturday, March 31 at 6pm, 13301 S. Olde Western Avenue, Blue Island

#### EUCHRE CLUB

Sunday, April 29, 5:30pm at The Grafton Pub, 4530 N. Lincoln, Chicago

### THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Once again our attendees rose to the challenge and volunteered their time to make Capricon happen. We had 719 volunteer hours donated by 46 gophers, and 35 of those volunteers earned their memberships back. **William Rechnitz** was Gopher of the Year. Thank you, everyone!

Keep in touch all the time!

Web: <http://capricon.org/blog/>

Facebook: Capricious G Oat

Twitter: Capricious Goat

Meetup: <http://meetup.com/phandemonium>

## Charity Events

We've always known how amazing our attendees are, but this year you outdid yourselves with your generosity.

During the Art Auction, we raised \$1899 for Adopt A Classroom. That plus additional donations (tip jars in the Café and such) brought the total amount we are giving to Adopt A Classroom to \$2077! Wow!

Additionally, we donated 6 very large boxes of food to the Vernon Hills Food Pantry.

Once again Capricon purchased carbon offsets to cover the convention carbon footprint, and 63 of you purchased offsets for your own carbon footprints. Thanks for helping Capricon be green!

The Science Fiction Outreach Project was delighted to receive the 280+ books donated this year! The Outreach Project, dedicated to promoting literacy through reading SF / F and promoting SF Fandom, will be giving away those books (and thousands more) at C2E2 in April, down at McCormick Place. For more information on what they are doing, and other ways you can help, please visit them on Facebook (Science Fiction Outreach Project—USA) or at their website (still under construction) [www.science-fiction-outreach.org](http://www.science-fiction-outreach.org). If you have additional books you would like to donate between now and April, just let them know and they'll arrange for pickup if you're local, or work out shipping options if you're not local.

## Phandemonium Board Meeting

Thank you to Laura Dombrowski and Mike "Ciggy" Cyganiewicz, who are retiring after serving on the Board of Directors for three years.

Congratulations to Pat Nuccio on being the newest elected member of the Board!

As there was no second candidate on the ballot, the Board has noted that a write-in campaign was started. They will be talking with the write-in candidate, vetting the candidate, and voting during their March 2012 meeting. An announcement will be made shortly thereafter.

Thanks to those of you who attended this year's board meeting and voted. We appreciate your participation in keeping Phandemonium and Capricon going!

## Random Program Notes of Interest

- Looking to nominate for the Hugo Awards? Suggestions from our Sunday panel on the topic can be found at: <http://lynnemthomas.com/?p=264>
- We *think* congratulations are in order—Jen X found the handcuff key at Mike & Mike's Bachelor Party, thereby winning a blow up doll. (*Editor's Note: Seriously, how could you expect us to not put that in here? It's an opportunity that will (hopefully) never come our way again!*)
- At the Classic *Doctor Who* panel, they came up with a list of their dream re-casting of all the Doctors. In order from 1st through 9th: Alan Rickman, Hugh Laurie, Kenneth Branagh, Colin Firth, Martin Freeman, Simon Pegg, Rowan Atkinson, Matthew McFadgyen, and Sean Bean. Special casting for The Master—Gary Oldman. Now imagine the next Chicago Tardis convention with that lineup...
- Best non-panel that you missed: John Scalzi and Javier Grillo-Marxuach sitting in the Green Room on Friday afternoon, re-viewing the playlist for the 80s dance and commenting on the suggestions from John's readers as to what he should play. Breathing may have stopped at times from laughing, and we're pretty sure soda came out someone's nose.
- Capricon XXXII hosted a pre-qualifier for the World Wide *Catan* Championships for the board game *Settlers of Catan*. 24 people competed in a series of events for a chance to win an all-expense paid trip to Gen Con Indy 2012 to compete for a seat in the World Championships. David Sparacio beat out a highly competitive field of players, and will be representing Capricon at Gen Con in August. Good luck David!

## Out of CON-text

"We take Helen's rack for granted." - Marinda Darnell

"Let me dig it out of my boobs first." - Anonymous

"Yes, I'm one of the few that does both." - Anonymous

"I take them as they come." - Anonymous

"His balls just dodge that s\*it." - Karen Barnes

"So of course it caught on fire." - Helen Montgomery

"We have enough blow up dolls." - Anonymous

"You have a pre-climax every 27 minutes?" - Javier Grillo-Marxuach

"He told you to tell him to suck it." - Peter Heltzer

"Everyone should taste Dave." - Michael Unger

"I didn't really look at your bedroom ceiling while I was in there."  
- Ciggy

"You want to play with my fiddly bits and fjords?" - Dave McCarty

"If I could just get over this low level miasma, it'd be awesome."  
- Doug Bogs



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