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Ireland has a rich tradition of storytelling. It is a land famous for its ancient myths and legends, great playwrights, award-winning novelists, innovative comics artists, and groundbreaking illustrators. Our well-established science fiction and fantasy community and all of the Dublin 2019 team would consider it an honour to celebrate Ireland's rich cultural heritage, contemporary creators and fandoms everywhere.

We love our venue, the Convention Centre Dublin, and we believe that its spell-binding allure will take your breath away as you watch the sun set over the city before the Kraken rises from the River Liffey!



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Welcome to Capricon 36February 11-14, 2016

Phandemonium, Inc. sponsors the annual science fiction convention Capricon as our main goal, while ensuring that attendees at Capricon have as much fun as possible. Additionally, we promote Science Fiction as a genre and support the Chicagoland Science Fiction community. Your registration at Capricon automatically includes membership in Phandemonium for the year.

The Board of Directors chooses the chairperson for the next Capricon, while seeing to the continuing needs of Capricon itself, in addition to running Fannish events throughout the year. Phandemonium looks for ways to be more involved in the community. We host events on a bimonthly basis including:

- Book Club (Evanston)
- Euchre Club (Chicago)

Up to date information on these and other events can be found on our blog (www.capricon.org/blog) or on our social media sites. If you are interested in any of our ongoing programs, have new ideas, or just have questions about Phandemonium please

look for a board member this weekend and let's have a chat.

The corporation consists of five parts:

- 1. The Board of Directors who are responsible for stewardship of the Corporation.
- vention each year.
- to accomplish the important tasks related to the Corporation.
- 5. The Membership, which includes anyone who has purchased an annual membership.

There will be an open Board meeting on Sunday, February 14th to discuss corporation business and to elect two new board members to replace those retiring. All corporation members are invited and encouraged to attend and vote.

The Board of Directors will be holding a panel on Saturday, February 13th to give the membership a chance to ask questions about the organization and to meet the candidates who are running for the Board of Directors.

Phandemonium is always looking for those in our membership who want to become more involved—especially with the annual Ad-Hoc Convention Committee. If you have ever thought that being on a ConCom would be fun, then 1) you're right! and, 2) you can!

Please see any board member over the weekend for more information on how to become more involved in the convention or in Phandemonium as a whole.

Phandemonium Board President - Helen Montgomery

Board Members (Elected)
Helen Montgomery (3rd year) (Board President)
Sharon Waltham (3rd year)
Aimee Dundon (2nd year)
Sandra Levy (2nd year)
Dan Berger (1st year)
Karen Hawkins-Kamper (1st year)
Board Members (Appointed Positions):
Secretary: Sondra de Jong
Treasurer (outgoing): Leane Verhulst
Treasurer (incoming): Sydnie Krause
Capricon 36 Chair: Marinda Darnell

LETTER FROM THE CONCHAIR

Capricon 36. Has it been that many years? The stories that can be told by the people who have passed through the halls of the various hotels are fantastic. From the Holiday Inn, Evanston with Chip Bestler as the Con Chair, to the Purple Hyatt with Alice Bentley and Amy Schaefer as Chairs, to the Westin Chicago North Shore where we are now. We have been here at this Westin for 8 years consecutively now; the longest of any hotel so far in our history.

My first Capricon was number 22, Deb Kosiba's Fun and Games. I had never attended a fan run convention before; only Gen Con and Dragon*Con. The close community that welcomed me with open arms, with no questions asked, was just tremendous. Where was this community before? I was home.

During the planning of Capricon 35 I started to get an urge to really run a convention of my own. I had not planned on uttering those words for another 10 years or so, but the urge just really started to build. Around me were all of these fantastic people, and I wanted to share my vision with everyone. My Con Com has done a fantastic job being who they are: wonderful, creative, supportive people that can take any idea and expand upon it. This year's theme of Once Upon a Capricon has grown from my initial vision of Storytelling to something much, much larger. Much grander than I could have created on my own.

I hope you enjoy what we have in store for you this year as you help us write this chapter of the story of Capricon. Cheers!

Marinda Darnell Chair Capricon 36

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WHAT IS PHANDECOONIUCO?

2. The Annual Ad-Hoc Convention Committee who does all the hard, and often thankless, work it takes to hold the con-

3. The Keepers of Valuable Knowledge who perform specific necessary duties and/or provide continuing knowledge of how

4. The Corporate Staff who perform vital functions in support of the Board of Directors and the Corporation as a whole.

Corporate Staff (Appointed Positions):

Archivist: Sondra de Jong

Facilities Coordinator: Dave McCarty

Health & Sanitation Supervisor: Vicki Ortega

Supreme Minister of Fun: Peter Heltzer

IT Director: Chris Dundon

Minister of Community Outreach: Andrea Hawkins-Kamper

Keepers of Valuable Knowledge:

Alice Bentley Dave McCarty Phil Foglio Amy Schaffer Tracy Lunquist

General Phandemonium Code of Conduct

Phandemonium (Capricon's parent organization) and Capricon exist for the enjoyment and enrichment of the fannish community. To ensure that the greatest number of people achieve this objective, we have established this Code of Conduct. By this Code, we seek only to ensure that the behavior of any one small group does not disturb the membership as a whole, nor does it detract from the relaxed and comfortable atmosphere of our events.

It is important that you read and understand this Code. Anyone who attends a Phandemonium event, including Capricon, is expected to follow this Code for the entire duration of the event, including any informal pre- or post-event activities.

Phandemonium reserves the right to amend these rules at any time without prior or posted notice and reserves the sole right of interpretation. Please keep in mind that these rules involve, of course, "worst-case" scenarios and are put in place to ensure the safety and comfort of our members. They are not all-inclusive; in all cases, the singular rule that supersedes all others is, "Any action or behavior that is illegal or causes significant interference with event operations, excessive discomfort to other attendees, or adversely affects Phandemonium's relationship with its guests, its venue, or the public is strictly forbidden and may result in revocation of membership privileges."

We anticipate no difficulties, as our members and attendees as a whole are rational and responsible adults. Phandemonium is prepared to deal with any issues related to the Code in as rapid and efficient a manner as possible should they occur. We thank our members and attendees for their past cooperation and for their continued assistance in making Phandemonium events enjoyable experiences for everyone. Have fun - just please remember to be courteous of those around you while doing so!

Respect for Others

Phandemonium wants all of its members to enjoy themselves at its events. As such, we ask that you respect each other. All Phandemonium events should be a space where everyone feels welcomed and comfortable.

Discrimination (based on, but not limited to, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical / mental disability) is not tolerated. Harassment of any kind is not tolerated. If someone tells you "no" or asks you to leave them alone, your business with them is done.

If you feel that you are being discriminated against or harassed, or if you notice someone behaving inappropriately (such as violating hotel or convention policies), we respectfully suggest the following:

- If you feel comfortable doing so, point out the inappropri-1. ate behavior to the person(s) involved. Often this will solve the problem immediately.
- 2. If you do not feel comfortable talking with the person(s) involved, or if talking to them does not resolve the issue, please report the situation immediately to any Phandemonium / Capricon event coordinator (i.e. Phandemonium Board Members, Convention Committee Members, or **Operations Staff**).

- It would be extremely helpful if you could provide a name, badge name / number and / or physical description of the person(s) involved.
- Please remember that we need to know about any incidents during the event in order to take action.

Privacy, Photographs, and Recording **Electronic Information**

Phandemonium event attendees and members should be aware that photography and video and/or audio recordings are frequently made by Phandemonium during events and that their likenesses may appear in those recordings. Attendees and members agree to assign without compensation the use of their likeness for the use of promotional material.

Personal Photography / Recordings:

Please be polite and ask before taking photographs or recordings of attendees and members whenever possible. Video and audio recording and photography for personal archival use only is generally acceptable, unless individuals make it clear that they do not wish to be photographed or recorded, in which case any photography or recording of them is expressly forbidden.

Media Relations:

Phandemonium welcomes members of the press at its events. All journalists, media photographers, and any other members of the press are required to display an official Phandemonium / Capricon Press Badge or be accompanied by a Phandemonium / Capricon staff member at all times while at Phandemonium events. Members of the press who have not been issued a Press Badge may not conduct interviews or take photographs, audio or video footage without an escort.

Financial Transactions

Checks that are presented against insufficient funds will be charged a fee of \$30 per check.

Anyone who has an outstanding balance due to Phandemonium must settle that balance before being permitted to attend Capricon.

Corporate Response to Violations of the Code of Conduct

- Phandemonium reserves the right to revoke membership from and eject anyone at anytime from a Phandemonium event without a refund.
- 2. Failure to adhere to any of the above policies may result in a number of possible consequences. Consequences include, but are not limited to:
 - Talking with all parties involved and attempting to mediate a solution to the problem
 - Issuing verbal warnings

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- Revoking memberships and requesting that the person(s) leave the event
- Involving hotel or facility staff or security
- Contacting local law enforcement
- Banning of attendance and membership to future Phandemonium events



In addition to the General Phandemonium Code of Conduct, Capricon members are expected to abide by the following Code of Conduct.

Badges

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Capricon is a membership-only event, hosted by Phandemonium. All members must wear their membership badges at all times. A badge is id only for the person to whom it was issued; badges may not be share under any circumstances. Capricon requires that any children 12 or older have a purchased membership for the convention.

General Rating of the Convention

All convention areas are open to members of all ages, with the exce tion of events or exhibits that are specifically noted to be inappropriat for minors and access to which is controlled.

Hotel

Please follow any and all rules set by the convention Hotel. Phande monium asks that you pay special attention to the following:

Damages:

Any act of vandalism, deliberate or excessive damage to hotel propert or interference with hotel staff in the performance of their duties will have negative consequences for individuals and the convention. Consequence for individuals could range from being billed for damages, evicted from hotel and/or convention, and criminal charges. These types of incidents can also harm the relationship Phandemonium has with the hotel, result ing in monetary losses or cancellation of our contract.

The person in whose name a sleeping room is rented is solely response for the conduct of all individuals in the room as well as for the conditio of the room. Excessive trash, soiling or other damage to hotel property, any circumstance that may present a hazard to hotel housekeeping staff will also result in negative consequences as noted above.

Smoking:

Illinois has an indoor clean air ordinance; this is beyond the control of Phandemonium and the hotel. Smoking is not allowed in any public Parties buildings, including restaurants and bars, nor within 15 feet of building Only certain convention hotel rooms are available for hospitality entrances. Designated smoking locations can be found outside the ensuites, and all hospitality events / parties must be coordinated with the trances to the hotel. The hotel does not allow smoking in sleeping rooms Capricon Party Liaison and occur in these designated spaces. NOTE: Members who smoke in sleeping rooms are subject to cleaning charge.

Pets:

The legal drinking age in Illinois is 21. Hosts of registered hospitality The hotel does not allow pets in function space. This is for the protecevents are required to card anyone who wishes to drink at their event. tion of the pet, the pet owner, our members, and hotel guests. Service Capricon does not allow alcohol consumption in convention function animals are permitted in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. space. Please follow the hotel policies on alcohol consumption / transportation in hotel public spaces, such as the lobby.

Signs:

Signs may be posted only in designated areas. Any signs posted in designated areas must be affixed using "blue painter's tape" ONLY. Do not affix anything to the walls of the hotel, to the elevators, to the windows, or to Capricon signage.

Non-convention guests/General Public:

Please remember that the convention is held in an area where we will come into contact with non-fans. Please try and be respectful of the hotel's other guests and use common sense, especially in the public areas of the hotel.

Weapons

1. No actual weapon or any item that can be mistaken for one may *Thank you to Anthrocon for sharing portions of their Code of Conduct. be carried either openly or concealed at any time on properties being used for Capricon, regardless of any government permits

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val- ed		which you may possess, unless it has been peace bonded by Op- erations. If you wish to carry such a weapon, it must be presented to Operations. Operations staff is the final arbiter of what weap- ons require peace bonding. In some instances particular weapons may be prohibited as appropriate. If you are unsure about wheth- er your weapon may be considered realistic, Operations staff will be happy to check it for you.
p- ce	2.	Any actual weapon or any item that can be mistaken for one that is purchased in the dealer room must be wrapped and immediate- ly transported to your room or vehicle. If you wish to use the item at the convention, please refer to section 1 of this policy.
-	3.	If an actual weapon or any item that can be mistaken for one is part of your masquerade costume, you must transport it to and from the masquerade green room wrapped securely unless peace bonded. The masquerade director must approve your use of any weapons during the masquerade.
zy, ave ces	4.	Live steel is prohibited. Operations is the final arbiter of what constitutes live steel.
the the tt-	5.	Any weapon, actual, realistic, or toy/prop, that is utilized in a threatening or harmful manner may result in confiscation of the item and/or removal of your membership without refund.
ible	6.	Failure to adhere to any of the above policies is grounds for the removal of your membership without refund.
or or	7.	We are a private and voluntary membership-based organization. As a condition of membership, no member shall carry concealed firearms at our event. Any open carry is subject to the above

Common Sense Footnote: Party floors are crowded; we encourage you to leave your weapons/props in your Room or vehicle.

Alcohol

Privacy, Photographs, and Recording

noted weapons policies.

Electronic Information

The usage of photographic or recording devices is prohibited within certain areas of the convention, including the Film Room, Anime Room, Art Show, and Art Auction. Where allowed, we suggest that photographs be taken before or after a program event to avoid distracting panelists and audience members from the discussion.

Sales of Merchandise

The offering for sale of any merchandise at the convention may be undertaken only in designated spaces with permission from the convention.



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GUESTS OF HONOR

The Guests of Honor help make each convention special in their own way. Please make some time to spend with this year's Guests either by attending a panel they are on, stopping them in the hallways to say hi, or helping carry them back to their rooms if they pass out on the party floor.

SCOTT LYNCH

Heists, Capers, and Jobs: Crime Stories in SF & F Thursday, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm - Ravinia A

Opening Ceremonies Thursday, 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm - Botanic Garden A

Reading: Scott Lynch Friday, 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm - River B

When the Heroes Are Bad Guys Friday, 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm - Ravinia A

Autographing Saturday, 11:30 am to 12:15 pm - Autograph Table

Depression in Fandom: You Are Not Alone Saturday, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm - Birch A

Star Wars Episode VII - So Was It A Trap? Saturday, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Birch A

Closing Ceremonies / Feedback Session Sunday, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Botanic Garden A

ERIC WILKERSON

Mythical Beasts in Lore, Stories, and Games Thursday, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm - Birch B

Opening Ceremonies Thursday, 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm - Botanic Garden A

How to Create a Book Cover Friday, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm - Botanic Garden A

Art Show Docent Tour 1 Friday, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm - Outside Art Show

Alien Landscapes on Earth Friday, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Willow

The Art of Eric Wilkerson Saturday, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm - Botanic Garden A

Autographing Saturday, 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm - Autograph Table

Life as a Pro Artist Sunday, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm - Teen Lounge

Closing Ceremonies / Feedback Session Sunday, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Botanic Garden A

Mark Oshiro

Opening Ceremonies Thursday, 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm - Botanic Garden A

"Adult" Mad-Libs Thursday, 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm - Birch A

Judging Books by Page 119 Friday, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm - River B

Mark Does Stuff Friday, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm - Botanic Garden A

Queer Eye for Sci-Fi: Season 2 Friday, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm - Ravinia A

Diversity in Writing and Media Saturday, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm - Botanic Garden B

Fan Feuds and Social Media Saturday, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Willow

Star Wars Episode VII - **So Was It A Trap?** Saturday, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Birch A

Random Panel Topic Sunday, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm - Birch B

Reading: Mark Oshiro Sunday, 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm - Birch A

Closing Ceremonies / Feedback Session Sunday, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Botanic Garden A

MAE THE BELLYDANCER

Opening Ceremonies Thursday, 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm - Botanic Garden A

Dance as a Way to Tell a Story Friday, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm - Birch B

Bellydance Performance! Friday, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Botanic Garden A

Kids Dance Workshop Saturday, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm - River B

Bellydance Workshop Sunday, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - River B

Iconic Costume Pieces Sunday, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Birch B

Closing Ceremonies / Feedback Session Sunday, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Botanic Garden A



How the Voice/Mannerisms of Characters Define the Character Thursday, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm - Ravinia A

Opening Ceremonies Thursday, 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm - Botanic Garden A

Puppetry in the Classroom Friday, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm - Willow

Hands Can Be Puppets Too! Friday, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm - Birch A

Puppet Making with Stacey - Friday (Kids Programming) Friday, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Botanic Garden B

Puppet Building 101 Saturday, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm - Willow

Art Show Docent Tour 2 Saturday, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm - Outside Art Show

Adult Late Night Puppet Slam Saturday, 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm - Birch B

Creating Stories and Characters for Live Events Sunday, 10:00 am to 11:30 am - Birch B

Closing Ceremonies / Feedback Session Sunday, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Botanic Garden A

Wendy Zdrodowski

Opening Ceremonies Thursday, 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm - Botanic Garden A

"Adult" Mad-Libs Thursday, 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm - Birch A

Fluxx with the Fan GoH - Friday Friday, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm - Lake Michigan A

Traditional Storytelling Friday, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm - Elm

Old School Gaming Friday, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Birch B

Random Reloading Friday, 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm - Birch A

Reinterpretations of Fairy Tales Saturday, 10:00 am to 11:30 am - Ravinia A

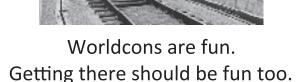
How Cosplay Changed Fandom Saturday, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm - Willow

Fluxx with the Fan GoH - Saturday Saturday, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Lake Michigan A

Iconic Costume Pieces Sunday, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Birch B

Closing Ceremonies / Feedback Session Sunday, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Botanic Garden A





Join your fellow fans for the 7-hour coach trip on the Southwest Chief between Chicago and MidAmericon II in Kansas City, MO. Discuss SF, the con, or whatever come to mind. Let the fun begin!

For further information contact Bill Thomasson bill.thomasson@att.net

Scott Lynch Author Guest of Honor

written by Marinda Darnell

I have to confess, I had not met Scott Lynch prior to writing this biography. Everything I know about him is from third hand sources, tales from people who have met him, his own website, and his very prolific online writing. But it is all four of those that made me fall in love with Scott as a writer and human being, besides reading his fantastic books.

Scott has published both long and short form fiction. His awesome series, *The Gentlemen Bastards*, that starts with *The Lies of Locke Lamora* that continues through *Red Seas Under Red Skies* and *The Republic of Thieves*, and the soon to be released *The Thorn of Emberlain*, are what hooked me on his actual books.

Online, Scott is very active on twitter and his personal blog (@scottlynch78 & http://www.scottlynch. us/blog/). It is on twitter and his blog that I discovered just how much I really wanted to invite Scott as the Author Guest of Honor at Capricon. He pulls no punches on such topics as depression, misogamy, wish-fulfillment fantasy writing (Yes! Thank you for Zamira Drakasha!), publishing, and life in general. You would be hard pressed to not find yourself nodding along and appreciating how frank Scott is on his chosen online media.

"In my fictional world, opportunities for butt-kicking do not cease merely because one isn't a beautiful teenager or a muscle-wrapped font of testosterone." When I read this from Scott to a critic complaining about a pirate character who is a black, middle aged, mother of two, I thought this, this is exactly what I want to be reading. Scott is a contemporary of N.K. Jemisin and John Scalzi in his forward thinking and approach to writing strong characters that are not the standard template. He is helping break that mold.

There is more to Scott then just his writing. He is a geek who loves games, game development, movies, Choose Your Own Adventure Books, and so much more. He has held various jobs, including being a volunteer firefighter (still!), working with charities, and living a full life with his partner, Elizabeth Bear.







CRIC WILKERSON Artist Guest of Honor

written by Eric Wilkerson

Eric Wilkerson is a freelance illustrator, Concept artist and teacher who has worked in the entertainment industry for the past 10 years.

In his career, Eric has worked for ad agencies, film studios and various publishing companies. He recently spent a few years working primarily as a costume designer for a unannounced science fiction production from the creators of the Blue Man Group.

His freelance clients include: Blue Man Group, WETA Workshop, Show Creators Inc., ROBOT COSTUMES USA, Nickelodeon, TOPPS, Science Fiction Book Club, Fantasy Flight Games.

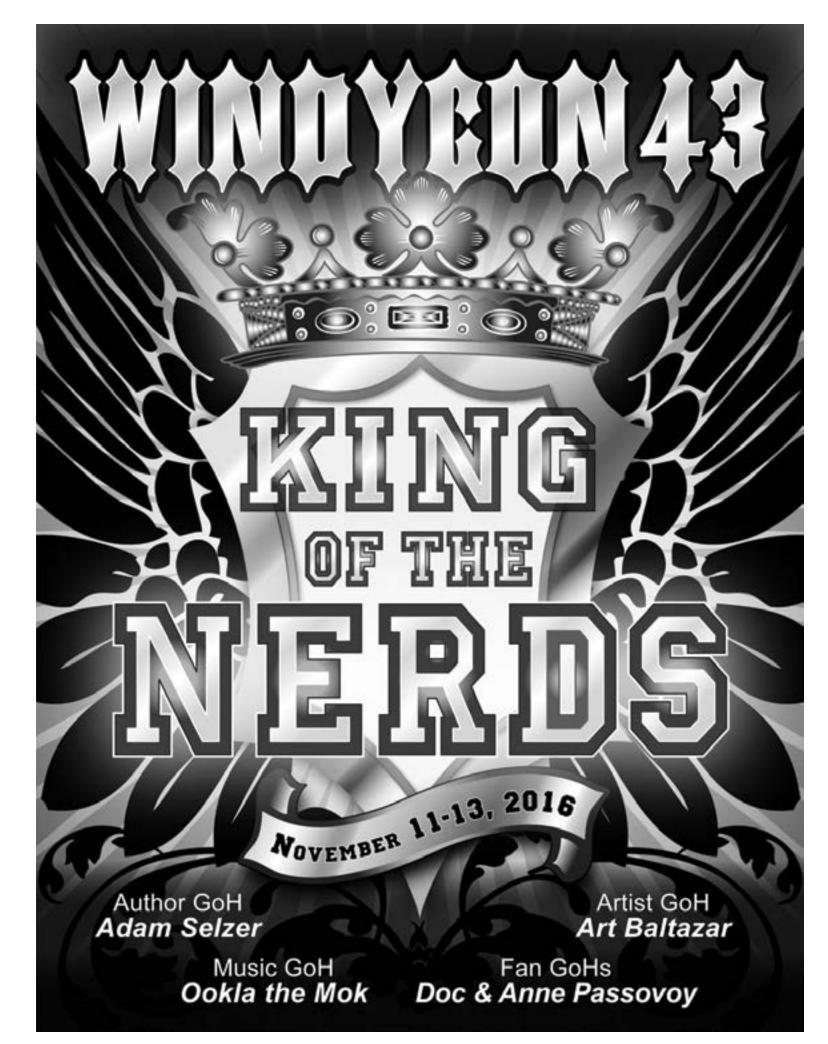
A graduate of School of Visual Arts in NYC, he has taught in the illustration department at Syracuse University and spoken at Syracuse University's Visual Communication Symposium.

Recently Eric had the honor of designing the 9 foot tall robot mascot for Rock in Rio USA. Held in Las Vegas it was the new north american version of the nearly 30 year old world music festival typically held in parts of south america, Portugal and Spain. Pop music performers such as Taylor Swift, Bruno Mars, No Doubt, Linkin Park all turned out while a giant robot walked around greeting fans.

Eric is currently hard at work on new concepts and paintings for his own personal projects. Some of which he hopes to share at Capricon 36!







WENDY ZDRODOWSKI FAN GUEST OF HONOR

written by Camille Lufkin

Tam The Duchess Winslet von Thumpington Land I am pleased to be invited as Bunny Guest of Honor, which is only proper for somebun of my Great Dignity and Beauty. I am certain that I will be the perfect Bunny Ambassador to SF fandom and it will be a delight to meet my many fans. My companion, Wendy-Lady, is, as many of you already know, the most appropriate Champion of Bunnies, having rescued many off the mean streets of Chicago and has promoted fund raisers. She has even designed and participated in Bunny Costuming (Yes! Costuming is not just for hoomins,) for portraits to raise money for homeless bunnies. I myself Thump my paw at dressing up just to keep up the show of Great Dignity, but I have to admit that I look simply PAWSOME in any costume! She is always creating something new and experiments with different styles, techniques, fabrics, and more things than a bunny would ever know. I've tried to help, but she apparently does not believe that her creations are improved by nibble-marks, and so I am now barred from the sewing room. Alas.

My Wendy-Lady also grows the most delectable garden oasis on her balcony, which of course I carefully supervise and sample. How else to keep my perfectly plump figure and shiny-soft coat without the perfect selection of greens and herbs? In this subject, a bunny's knowledge is invaluable, as is her *ahem* litter box contents.

Among her other many talents, Wendy also sings and plays many instruments and has been in bands featured at Renaissance festivals for many years. Although I do enjoy the music, I do not appreciate being left being while she travels



and performs, so I do hope to use this convention as a "hopping" point so that more cons might have Bunny GOHs at which I might appear with my Wendy-Lady. And then Wendy will not have to return home to my sulking and wrath, which can be mighty. That bathroom rug is MINE. If you should see us in the hallways, feel free to greet us and I shall nibble a pawtograph for you... and a personalized one, if you offer a bit of something to nibble on in return... a banana slice perhaps. Yes, banana is a suitable tribute. Mmmm.... Banana....

JOHN-HENRI HOLMBERG NALO HOPKINSON JOHANNA SINISALO CLAIRE WENDLING WALTER JON WILLIAMS

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ADULT	95€/\$110	60€/\$70	
YOUTH (16-25)	80€/\$92	45€/\$52	
CHILD (6-15)	55€/\$65	N/A	
KID-IN-TOW (5 AND UNDER)	0E	0€	
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STACEY GORDON Puppeteer Guest of Honor

written by Marinda Darnell

My friend, Stacey Gordon, is a puppeteer. She is a writer, artist, crafter, mother, wife, aunt, friend, small-business owner, and all around fantastic person. As I sat down to write this I thought Mwhahahaha! I get to roast Stacey! But then the irreverent thought came into my head, but what about roasting the sheep puppet Claire, or Harvey, or any of the others awesome puppets Stacey has made and brought to life? Too many choices!

Years ago while previewing some test scenes from *The Bob & Angus Show* by Mayfair Games I came across the sheep puppet Claire for the first time. And I had giggle fits. Soon after I was able to meet the bouncy, short, vibrant red head who was behind the physical making of the sheep puppets, and who brought Claire to life. The fun hasn't stopped since that time.

Stacey has been performing for years as a puppet maker, designer, and puppeteer. She has brought her puppets to life in so many places, I can't name them all. Recently, after a very successful Go Fund Me, Stacey has been able to bring her studio for Puppet Pie out of her house and into it's own space in Phoenix, AZ. At Puppet Pie she teaches children and adults how to make their own puppets and to bring them to life. http://puppetpie.com

A few years ago at the Chicago Toy & Game Fair I watched as Stacey was surrounded by a large group of children who all had eye balls



attached to their hands, and they learned that with just their imagination and their hand they had a puppet. As they went through words, and how to work through speaking and using fingers as the puppets mouth and face, showing emotions and such, I couldn't help but giggle and be amazed at the creativity, patience, and just sheer joy Stacey showed as she worked with the children.

Stacey doesn't only work with kids. She is just as well known for her adult themed puppet shows, and tongue in cheek finger puppets (Just do an internet search for bedazzled tampon puppet).

I am truly blessed to be able to call Stacey friend. And I can't wait for everyone at Capricon to meet her.

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CDARK OSHIRO Special Guest of Honor

written by Meg Frank

Tf there is one person to meet this weekend, Lit's Mark Oshiro. If you're looking for a cool person that is funny, kind, utterly genuine that makes life more brilliant, get yourself to one of his readings.

You know that thing when you fall in love with a story and cannot wait to share with with one of your friends? Enter Mark, your new best friend. What started as a joke (with Twilight as the punchline) in 2009 with an editor at Buzznet quickly turned into so much more.

Mark is a one man book club exploring fandom's favorite books and TV shows. He records himself reading and watching these stories, post these videos so you can follow along and writes up his feelings and critical analyses from a fresh and often hilarious perspective. Run, do not walk, to MarkReads.net, and prepare yourself to fall in love with all of your favorite stories, all over again.

When I met Mark in 2013, I didn't quite understand Mark Does Stuff. We were introduced by our mutual best friend Jesi, at Worldcon in San Antonio. I knew Mark was up for a Hugo so while I figured that he was probably pretty cool, I was in no way prepared for the amount of awesomeness soon to be a part of my life.

For those of you wondering if Mark is just as awesome offline as he is on, let me tell you, yes. 106% yes. What you see is what you get with Mark, if anything, he is in fact more awesome in person.

I spent several weeks with Mark this past summer traveling by train throughout Europe on tour with him. Between losing his voice, way too many early trains, and a surprise ferry, Mark never stopped being awesome. In fact, he was kind, endlessly patient, and eternally optimistic.



Mark continues, near or far, to be one of the best and coolest people that I've ever had the opportunity to meet. He's following his dreams of writing, and helping fans all over, fall in love with fandom over and over again in new exciting ways.

He's an excellent friend - he's kind, funny and an excellent listener. He's never afraid to tell you how he feels. He's also one of those rare people that make your memories sparkle. Time spent with Mark is time excellently spent, and I encourage you to get as much of it in as you can.

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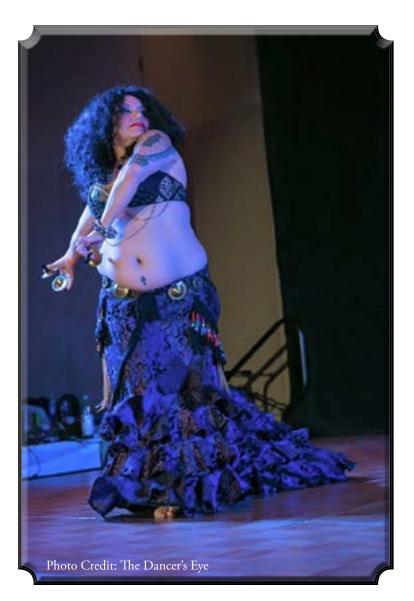


CDAC THE BELLYDANCER DANCE GUEST OF HONOR

Mae the Bellydancer is a tribal fusion bellydancer, performance artist, producer and teacher in Chicago, IL. She is the producer of the tribal and tribal fusion bellydance event, the Glint and the director of the troupes the Black Silk Road and Down Hips Down. Mae has incorporated her 23 years of training and performance to create a style uniquely her own, with effortless athleticism, a flair for storytelling, yet still faithful to her Middle Eastern dance roots.

Mae began her bellydance training in 1992, joining MEDO (Middle Eastern Dance Organization) in Midland, TX under the guidance of Karen Sharma, a long time Amaya devotee. After seeing MEDO perform in her city's spring art festival, Mae found out where these lovely women practiced, and sat in the lobby of the dance studio where they practiced every week for almost 6 months, until they finally let the then 13 year old into their fold. Mae cut her teeth in American Cabaret style bellydance performing at oil baron galas (Midland is headquarters to many oil companies) with Arabian nights themes, doing bellydance tricks for tips, while balancing the tip basket on her head. In 2004, she moved to Chicago where she was welcomed by the burlesque community with open arms, and soon started her own burlesque troupe, the Varietease Cabaret with her co-producer, Back Door Aly. In 2008, she created the Glint, a wildly successful bimonthly tribal and tribal fusion bellydance event where long form bellydance has been resurrected and creativity is always encouraged.

Mae has taken instruction all over the country in Middle Eastern dance as well as Polynesian dance, Flamenco, Sevillanas, North African Dances, tribal and tribal fusion dance, and most



recently fire spinning classes with the great and wonderful Ellie Sorokin. In her mid twenties, after over 12 years performing, Mae decided to focus on teaching bellydance with an emphasis on intentional movement, influenced by the new tribal fusion bellydance styles coming out of California.

Today, she continues to wreak havoc all over the country teaching, producing and performing in halfas, burlesque shows, clubs, bars and at festivals.



Capricon 36 Charity: BARREL OF COONKEYS

Consent. Bullying. Love. Abuse. Acceptance. Family.

Some of these things are not like the others, and frankly are things that do not belong together. Barrel of Monkeys is the charity for Capricon 36. Why? They work hard to help support those who struggle with these issues by offering a creative outlet and a space to talk. Please help us support them in their wonderful cause of weeding out those issues such as bullying, abuse, and discrimination.

Mission

Barrel of Monkeys (BOM) is an ensemble of actor-educators that creates an alternative learning environment in which children share their personal voices and celebrate the power of their imaginations. BOM accomplishes this through creative writing workshops and in-school performances of children's stories. Barrel of Monkeys also engages the broader community in support of the visions of children through public performances of their work.

Vision

A radically kind Chicago that champions children's ideas.

What We Do

BOM's residency program brings 4-5 teaching artists into the classroom, creating an engaging and extremely personalized learning environment. The multi-week residency includes interactive drama, storytelling, and a variety of writing exercises. Each child writes a minimum of 6-8 individual stories in a residency. When the residency has finished, BOM's professional actors, improvisers and musicians transform the stories, poems and essays into a fast-paced sketch show for the stage. The actors then return to the school and perform these works for the young authors themselves and their entire school community.



Core Values

- To build student confidence in self-expression and self-esteem by providing workshops that create a safe and supportive place to explore thoughts and ideas, while validating those ideas through high quality professional performance;
- To raise student enthusiasm for language arts by providing an interactive residency that creates a joyful environment to express ideas followed by a hyper-energetic performance of the students' writing;
- To build confidence in English writing skills for all students by providing creative writing alternatives that include storyboards, student dictation, one-on-one writing work and more;
- To provide consistent and nurturing relationships with an adult role model over a sustained period of time by providing weekly one-on-one time between BOM facilitators and students;
- To provide high quality, critically-acclaimed theater to the students we serve and the broader Chicago community.

For more information or to donate, please go to: www.barrelofmonkeys.org

JICO STRAUS



by Greg Williams on behalf of Phandemonium

Jim Straus passed away on Dec 26. He was an amazing human being, a joy to work and play with, and had more joie de vivre than two normal people put together. He had impeccable taste in all things (food, clothes, wine, cars, and people), and was the ultimate Gentleman, always poised and gracious.

The world is a poorer place in his absence.

Jim was a consummate sales professional, and loved working in the hospitality industry. He worked with Capricon for many years, both at the Sheraton and here at the Westin. Creating an event with Jim was like planning a party with a close friend. He embraced fandom well before other people in the industry, and always loved roaming the halls at Chicago cons. In fact, Jim's influence greatly helped Capricon at a time when it was struggling, and allowed it to grow.

Being able to call Jim Straus a friend was an honor to cherish – and Chicago Fandom should always remember this wonderful man, who did so much to add to our lives.



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Catherine (kT) FitzSicocons



by Steven H Silver on behalf of Phandemonium

kT FitzSimmons (b.1956) died on January 10, 2016 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was a long-standing mainstay of the Chicago fannish community, helping run Windycon, Capricon, and multiple Chicons, including heading programming for Chicon V in 1991.

kT joined Chicago fandom from Houston in the early 1980s and helped kick off the ISFiC Writers Contest. kT was generous with her time and money when fans needed help and she felt that she could do something to make their lives easier.

Her enthusiasm for fandom was often demonstrated in her eagerness to volunteer and support Chicago fannish endeavors and she shared her love of science fiction with anyone who would let her push a book into their hands. Chicago fandom is better for having had kT in it, and she shall be missed.



Hotel

In order to make everyone's stay here at the Westin as comfortable and enjoyable as possible we ask all our members and guests to follow the following rules:

- No open alcohol in the lobby of the hotel. Remember, you wouldn't like people drinking in front of you while you are working.
- 2. Park your cars between the lines in the parking lot and not over them.
- 3. There are bathrooms located next to the pool: they're there for a reason.
- 4. Do not loiter in the hallways. If you are in the hallways you should be going somewhere and therefore moving. (Like to the dealers room to spend your money!)
- 5. The luggage carts are for all hotel guests to use, please don't horde them in your room from Thursday to Sunday.
- 6. This is a nice newer hotel. If you break or damage it, you will be expected to buy it.
- 7. Finally, there is absolutely no *bleep* in the *bleep.*

At our favorite base of operations, the Westin North Shore, we enjoy several amenities, such as high speed internet connections, a pool and fitness center, and Saranello's restaurant, a Lettuce Entertain You enterprise, on site. Saranello's serves breakfast buffet, lunch, and dinner options. There are other dining options on the property just outside the front door of the Westin North Shore. Check with the Info Desk for menus and other nearby dining options.

The Westin provides bus service within a five mile distance based upon the availability of the shuttle. You should contact the hotel in advance to arrange pickup from local train stations, etc.

To help you find your way, there is a map of the hotel at the back of this book.

There are a few Rules that everyone should be aware of:

Smoking: The Westin is a completely nonsmoking hotel, and will charge significant damage and cleaning costs to people smoking in their rooms.

Hygiene: Smokers aren't the only air polluters—please be sure to bathe at least once a day out of respect for your fellow attendees.

Flyers: Please don't affix anything (flyers, small children, etc.) to the walls in public space—anything attached to the walls will be removed. We will have specific areas for signage. Please be respectful of the Westin's property.

Clothing: Clothing (including shoes) must be worn in all public spaces. While individual definitions of "clothed" and "within the boundaries of good taste" may vary (wildly), please remember that we are not the sole occupants of this hotel for the whole weekend. If your outfit would get you arrested walking down the street, it's probably not appropriate for the public spaces in the hotel.

Alcohol: Due to village ordinance, open alcohol cannot be transported through the public spaces of the hotel. Please help us comply with local laws and restrict drinking to the bar area or designated hospitality areas.

Everyone is looking forward to having a great Capricon 36 at the Westin! Join us in making this a weekend of fun and excitement.

If you have any hotel related issues, please contact the Hotel Liaison.







Operations is once again in our traditional haunt, the Oak boardroom. The doors will be open from 10:00 AM on Thursday until 5:45 PM on Sunday.

Operations is here for the Convention. You are here for the Convention. The best way we can achieve the mutual goal of Having A Good Time at Capricon is to ensure that Operations has a good time by following the below:

- 1. Before you go do that Thing You Were Going To Do, ask yourself "WWOD?"*
- 2. DO always be courteous, kind, and respectful of other people's personal space. This rule applies whether or not you are in Con space, and enthusiastic and vigorous consent is the only consent that matters.
- 3. DO read and follow the Code of Conduct. As a Reminder, Capricon does not tolerate harrassment of any form. All attendees are expected to treat other attendees, vendors, staff, and the general public with respect. Please help do your part to provide a safe and welcoming environment for those around you.
- 4. DO Remember that Operations is here for the Convention. If there is a question or a concern, ask. We'll do our best to get answers to your question ourselves, or get you to the right place.
- 5. DO follow the directions of Con Staff. After 35 years, we've got a remarkably good handle on how things need to be done.
- 6. DON'T be that person. See Rule 3.
- 7. DO Remember that Operations hates doing paperwork. Help us do less paperwork by not doing things that will cause us to do paperwork. Seriously, don't make us do paperwork. Paperwork is us Not Having A Good Time.

*WWOD is an acronym for "What Would Operations Do?" Think about whether or not your action will Result in Operations Having A Good Time, and adjust accordingly.







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REGISTRATION (COAT CLOSET BY RAVINIA F)

Princesses and gallant knights, heroes and anyone who dares! Sign up to get your own Capricon 36 badge. Venture to all the panels and events with friends, sidekicks, allies, and partners. Our badges come in 6 fantastic flavors, Full Weekend, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Kid-in-Tow! For any after-hours Registration issues, please visit Operations in the Oak Room.

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TEEN LOUNGE (3rd Floor Suite)

It's story time! Teens like that...right? Anyway, it's story time at Teen Lounge! You can come in and write your own stories. We'll have board games to help make stories. We even have video game tournaments...to do stories with? (They're fun, okay?) Teen Lounge will be the place to share your weird, meme-filled stories to others, but for teens. It's fun, okay?



CONSUITE (Lake CDichigan B)

Stop by the ConSuite in Lake Michigan B for refreshing beverages and snacks all weekend long.

GOAT DROPPINGS

Goat Droppings is your daily source for program changes, Guest of Honor interviews, suggestions of things to do, and reports of things that may or may not actually be happening during the course of Capricon. *Goat Droppings* also features the fan favorite "Out of CON-text" column, showcasing random quotes heard around the hotel throughout the weekend. Copies of the newsletter can be found every morning at Operations, Con Suite, Registration, and the Information Desk. Contributions are welcomed at our drop-off box located in Operations. Out of CON-text quotes can also be emailed directly to ooc@capricon.org. Deadline for the next day's edition is 7:00pm. As Capricious says, "Pick it up, or you might step in it!"

INFORMATION DESK (COAT CLOSET BY RAVINIA B)

Good storytelling often means research. The Information Desk can help you tell yours, whether you seek a panel, a Special Event, or local restaurant. Whatever answer you need, if we don't know it, we'll do our best to find it. Check your map and stop by our booth, located where the Lake Michigan and Ravinia Pre-Function Hallways meet. Or just pass by and grab a piece of chocolate. Many do. We can always buy more.

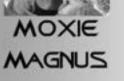




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Commemorate with us the anniversary of WorldCon's TriCon 1966, held in Cleveland. And, join in huge celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Star Trek franchise.









Filk

For those of you who aren't familiar with filk, it's the music of science fiction fandom and runs the gamut of genres and moods, from folk to rock to rap, from the ridiculously silly to the deadly (sometimes very deadly) serious. We have plenty of filk music here at Capricon, and one thing filkers do really really well is tell stories.

At the Capricon Café on Friday and Saturday afternoons, we have a diverse slate of concerts in a wonderful coffeehouse atmosphere, ranging from solo artists to small groups and this year we even have a group of Girl Scouts performing scenes from Star Wars in the style of Shakespeare. We're nothing if not eclectic!!

Friday evening in main programming we'll have Capricon's first appearance of Dan the Bard, with songs about dragons, and the dungeons they live in. Dan has been a fixture at the Bristol Renaissance Faire for 20 years and we're looking forward to his unique brand of musical storytelling at Capricon. Saturday's main musical event will be in the Café, as we end the day's concert slate with the musical awesomeness of local favorites Three-Fifths. Come enjoy Three-Fifths in the more intimate and relaxed setting of the Café. Then on Sunday morning, we have the return of Toast & Jam, where musicians of all stripes gather together to jam in an unstructured environment. Toast and jam (and scones!!) will be provided along with a variety of coffees and teas, making it an awesome place to destress on a Sunday morning after a late night of parties on Saturday.

CDAGIC BEAN CAFÉ (RIVER C) Sponsored by Musecon

Fertile grounds to help your stories and ideas sprout!

Whether you be faerie, knight, witch, or simple traveler, we have the mythic treats you need to feed your muse. Our café offers a bounteous selection of flavored coffees, espresso, mocha, tea, hot chocolate, and yummy baked goods to help you relax amid all that dragon slaying (or befriending). Stay and listen to others tell their tales in a variety of ways while you create your own.

And don't forget to stop by on Sunday for Toast and Jam to see what happens when the many musicians of Capricon get together to just have fun! They will jam until the doors close, while our café servers provide toast and other tasty food until supplies run out.

Hours

Friday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm Saturday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am - 2:00 pm



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ART SHOW (Ravinia C)

Located next to the Dealer's Room, the art show is a place where you can enjoy a wide variety of work from many talented artists. You can find almost anything in the art show, from traditional paintings to photography, digital art, jewelry, fiber arts, mixed media, and more. Exhibitors here range from established professionals to up-and-coming amateurs, and we even have space for artists to do demonstrations and talk about their work. Everything culminates in the Artist Showdown and the Live Art Auction on Saturday night, so be sure to stop by before it's too late!

Bidding at the Show

The Art Show is divided into two sections: the **Auction Gallery** and the **Print Shop**.

The **Auction Gallery** is run primarily as a written auction. Bid sheets will be adjacent to the piece, and you may bid by writing your name, badge number, & bid amount on the sheet. The first bid on a piece must be at or above the minimum bid; subsequent bids must be greater than the previous bid by at least \$1.

If a piece in the Auction Gallery receives 3 (or more) qualifying bids, it will go to the Live Art Auction on Saturday night. If a piece receives fewer than 3 bids, the highest bid on that piece prior to close of the Art Show on Saturday will win.

Pieces placed in the **Print Shop** are available for immediate sale at set prices as marked.

Artists' Demo Tables

Artists of all kinds can be found at the tables in front of the Art Show, demonstrating their skills and answering questions about their work. A partial list of participating artists can be found below - check the schedule at the door to see what times your favorite artist might be in residence!

Emerging Artist Program

The Emerging Artist Program (EAP) is a special section of the art show reserved for art students of all kinds to exhibit their work. The EAP has its own award that all attendees are encouraged to vote on; as with the other awards (see below), votes will be tallied Saturday evening and the winner will be announced at the live art auction.



This year, the Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Artists has agreed to sponsor the Emerging Artist Program, adding a \$50 (USD) prize to the trophy presented to the winner.

Charity Items

A special section in the Art Show is dedicated to items donated towards our annual charity and may be bid upon in the same way as Art Show pieces. In order to keep the Art Auction sane and speedy, the head of the Art Show may determine which items will be go on to the live Charity Auction.

Artist Showdown

Back by popular demand, we will be hosting our fifth annual Artist Showdown on Saturday before the Art Auction. Guided by audience input (submit your ideas at the Art Show throughout the convention!) and our stalwart announcer, artists square off against each other in a competition of wit and speed - skill is useful but not a deciding factor. Brave souls who wish to enter the fray should sign up at the Art Show desk on Friday or Saturday before the event.

Art Auction

Our accomplished and entertaining auctioneers will help you in your acquisition of the very best the art show has to offer. Complete – or start - your collection while feeling that heady rush of besting the competition: only at the Auction!

Picking Up Art

Buyer pickup and print shop sales will be open on Sunday. We will also offer early buyer pickup on Saturday night after the auction by appointment only. You may schedule an early art pickup with art show staff during open hours before the auction begins.

We accept payment via cash, check, or charge (Visa and MasterCard only, please). No art will be released without payment. You'll also need your badge with you to verify your bid and that you're a member of the con.

Art Show Awards

As usual, all art awards are decided by you, the attendees Ballots and a ballot box will be available in the Art Show every day of the con until we close on Saturday. The award – works of art in their own right - will be on display in the art show until they are awarded during the live auction on Saturday night.

Work in the art show (NFS pieces included, but Print Shop pieces excluded) may be eligible for the following awards: **Best in Show, Best Pro Work, Best Non-Pro Work** (previously "Best Fan Work"), **Best Emerging Artis Entry** (see above), and **Best Challenge Entry**.

The **Best Challenge Entry** award goes to the artist voted to best fulfill the Artist's Challenge by creating work that in corporates a goat (the convention's mascot) and three of the following five items: a book, a hearth, a film strip or reel, a musical instrument, &/or a writing or drawing implement



Hours

Viewing/Bidding: Thursday 5 pm – 8 pm Friday 11 am – 9 pm

Saturday 10 am – 6 pm

Buyer Pickup:

Saturday after auction by appointment ONLY Sunday 10 am – 2 pm

Print Shop:

During all viewing/bidding hours & during buyer pickup on Sunday.

Artists Only:

Thursday 2 pm – 5 pm (setup) Friday 9 am – 11 am (setup) Sunday 2 pm – 4 pm (pickup)

Emerging Artists:

Asha Akosua Megan Frank Patrick O'Connor Shayna Steinberg Donna Lynne M. Stevenson

Artists in the Show:

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	Orlando BeLisle Jr.
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	Bill Cavalier
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	Rob Hogan
	Karen Ann Hollingsworth
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	Theresa Mather
	Christine Mitzuk
	Carla Morrow
	Janice Mueller
	Shelagh Nikkel
	Kevin Owens
	David Lee Pancake
	Photons-N-Parsecs
	Thomas Peters
	SamHain Press
	Sunshine
	Laurie Rich
	Brandy Stark
	Cheryl Storm
	Lucy Synk
	Julie Wilmore
	WoolWeed
	Yolanda Zachwieja
	and more!

PARTIES

Come on in, pull up a chair, have a drink or a snack, and let us tell you a story. Since the dawn of time whenever anyone starts a story with "So I was at this party..." you know whatever comes next is going to be an epic tale. We want to help get the stories of tomorrow started today. How are we going to do that you're probably asking yourself. Well, up on the 15th and 16th floor there are a group of brave souls that are going to throw some amazing parties for everyone else, so that by Sunday evening you'll all be telling stories that begin.... "So I was at this party at Capricon...."

Throughout the convention space, and near the elevators on the Party Floors our hosts will be able to post signs with the particulars about their parties. Our daily newsletter Goat Droppings will also have the most up to date information in case anything changes.

Important Stuff to Make the Best **Stories Possible:**

Obey the Law:

You'd think this would go without saying, but here we go anyway.... Things such as underage drinking and/or property damage cause serious problems for everyone involved, and Capricon as a whole. Remember, if it is illegal outside of the convention, it's illegal inside the convention.

Respect the Party Throwers:

The people throwing the parties are working hard at their own expense to throw parties for you to enjoy. Please remember to appreciate the effort that they are expending on your behalf.

Respect Everyone Else:

A party is no fun, if you're the only one there... If you don't respect the other party goers you may find yourself without people to party with.

No Liquor in the Lobby:

Please remember that you may not transport any container that obviously contains alcohol through the lobby of the hotel. Any bottles must be in a box. That box cannot have the name of the alcohol on the side of it. Any box or container that obviously contains alcohol WILL BE CON-FISCATED BY THE HOTEL. This is hotel policy. Rubbermaid containers are your friend.

Please note that although drinks are allowed on the party floors, it is at the discretion of the party host on whether or not to allow party goers to leave their party with a drink in hand.

Party Awards:

Once again there will be party related prizes. What a great way to start off some future story. "Let me tell you about the time when I won Best Party at Capricon 36." seems like a good introduction. We'll be giving out at least four awards this year (Maybe more if inspiration strikes us). The categories will be:

- Best Overall Party Voted on by the attendees during the convention
- Best Thursday Night Party There are a lot of us already at the convention on Thursday. Entertain us with your stories!
- Best Story Book Themed Drink Have fun with this one. Alcohol is not required. Do you have a "Little Red Riding Hood" version of a Shirley Temple, A Goblet of Fire (Please no real fire!!!!), a Hercules Hurricane? Show off your drink making skills.
- Party Staff's Choice That's right, they gave us power and we're going to abuse it.

We will have ballots near the elevators on the 15th and 16th floors. Ballots may also be cast in Operations.

Ballots will be collected at 10 am on Sunday (assuming someone from the party staff is conscious).

All awards are announced at Closing Ceremonies on Sunday. We encourage all attendees to show up for Closing Ceremonies to find out who won.... Who knows? Maybe it's you.

Thank You to Our Party Hosts!

While you are visiting the many Parties at the convention, please thank the hosts/hostesses. They put in a lot of time and energy into decorations, drinks and entertainment for you. Since we all love our party hosts, and appreciate the tremendous amount of effort that goes into hosting parties at a conventions, we do encourage you to tip your bartenders if a tip jar is out, and at the very least give the party hosts a big "thank you" as you're leaving. Enjoy the Parties and take care,

Peter Heltzer, Parties Liaison Sondra de Jong (aka Pretty Peter), Parties Fifth

Please check the daily edition of *Goat Droppings* and signs around the convention for the most up to date listing of parties and room numbers



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GOPHERS (COAT CLOSET BY RAVINIA B)

Be part of the convention! By volunteering 12 hours gophers can earn their registration back. You can earn 2 hours of credit for each hour worked by volunteering for our set up (Wednesday evening, and Thursday morning before the convention opens), tear down (Sunday after closing ceremonies), and door guards during parties.

Gophers are eligible for crash space in our Gopher Hole after 4 hours worked each day. As always Gopher swag will be available. The Gopher who volunteers the most hours will receive the "Gopher of the Year" award. Congrats to Brandon Bogs, last year's "Gopher of the Year", who volunteered over 50 hours!

ROOM OF WONDERS Dealers Room (RAVINIA DEF)

There you will find a diverse array of goods to tempt you. Items to help you tell stories, remind you of stories, bring others to stories.

Hours:

Thursday: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday: 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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The fun doesn't stop after Closing Ceremonies at Capricon. Your membership to Capricon is also a membership in Phandemonium, the organization that runs Capricon every year. Here are just a few of the events that we run other than Capricon - please join us for fannish fun all year round!

Book Club - Join your fellow fans to discuss various books.

Sunday, March 20, 7:00pm at Cosi, 1740 Sherman Avenue, Evanston The book is The Mote In God's Eye by Larry Niven & Jerry Pournelle

Euchre Club – It's never too early to start practicing for the Capricon Euchre tournaments!

Euchre Club is on a temporary hiatus as we work on finding a new home. Please keep an eye out on our social media sites for more information.

Check out the Phandemonium Blog, Goat Droppings, at www.capricon.org/blog for updated events, dates, times, titles, and locations

SPECIAL EVENTS

Blinky Land

Welcome to Blinky Land, a magical place of flashing lights and molten metal. What are Blinkies? They are little circuit boards with blinking lights. The friendly locals will provide you a kit (circuit board, LED's, and other electronic parts) and solder to let you make your own Blinky. You can wear your very own Blinky as a pin or attach it to a lanyard as a necklace.

Don't worry if you have never touched a soldering iron before. The folks running the show have plenty of techs that will gladly help you out. Hundreds of folks of all ages have been building blinkies - many of them who have never soldered before. They have everything you need to go from never touching electronics to becoming an experienced Blinky builder.

The first 200 people will get one Blinky that they can build for free, and the folks running the show have several more kits that they will be happy to sell you so you can continue practicing soldering after finishing your first one.

SpaceTime Theater

SpaceTime Theater specializes in science-fiction and fantasy improv comedy. Join us for an evening of stories and laughter that's never the same twice, because we're making it up as we go along.

Midwinter Faire

Come share a story with old friends, or perhaps make a new one while listening to their tale. There will be pizza, games, events, and more for your enjoyment.

Otherworld Theatre

Otherworld Theatre Company was founded in June 2012 with the mission to bring a theatrical experience to the science fiction and fantasy genre. Their work celebrates the depth of human imagination by engaging spectators with high quality storytelling. www.otherworldtheatre.org

Masqued Ball

Our usual Saturday night dance has been transformed into a Masquerade! Come dance the night away behind a mask and costume of your choice. Fancy dress isn't necessary, but it enhances the stories you will tell about it afterward.





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Programming

The programming department was really excited when we got the theme of storytelling. Stories are the basis of so much of fannish life. We don't just read, listen and watch stories. We create them. Fiction of all types, songs, epic poems, and most importantly our own histories. Fen are masters of telling stories that start with "No really, there I was..." Stories bring us together. Stories remind us where we've been, and can point us in the direction of where we want to go. Join me this weekend in not only listening to a good tale, but in creating the story of what we did. We have theater, art, writing, science, fandom, literature, media, music and technology. We also made an effort to be a welcoming and inclusive program, and hope that the panels we are offering will help create a stronger and more vibrant Capricon community.

As with last year's schedule, panels are 75 minutes with a 15 minute passing period unless otherwise noted. Readings are 25 minutes with a 5 minute passing period unless otherwise noted.

Please let us know what you think about your experiences with programming. We need your input to make it better every year! You can stop by Program Ops in the Maple Room and give immediate feedback, come to the Feedback Session after Closing Ceremonies, or send us an email after the convention (programming@capricon.org). Feedback on topics and panelists is welcome, along with programming ideas for next year.

Finally, a huge thank you to our wonderful program participants! Thank you for sharing your time, expertise, humor, and knowledge with us. We couldn't do this without your help.

Now, members of Capricon and Phandemonium! I have one thing I ask of you. Tell me a story.

Jason Betts

Programming Brain Trust:

Helen Montgomery, Sondra de Jong, Dan Berger, Samantha Haney Press, Sandra Levy, Leane Verhulst, Pam Burr, Sharon Waltham, Marinda Darnell

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Thursday – 3:30 PM

How the Voice/Mannerisms of Characters **Define the Character**

Time: Thursday - 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Location: Ravinia A Panelists: Katherine Finegan (M), Stacey Gordon, Mark Huston, Daniel Levin How many characters are based on an aspect of their voice or a particular mannerism? Would they change drastically if that small quirk was changed in some way?

The Buying Power of Genre Readers

Time: Thursday - 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Eric Beebe, Arin Komins (M), Dina S. Krause How can we vote with our wallets to influence what is published?

Mythical Beasts in Lore, Stories, and Games

Time: Thursday - 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Karen Ann Hollingsworth, Jeana Jorgensen (M),

David Lee Pancake

A look at mythical beasts found in ancient lore, modern literature, and gaming. We will explore their classical origins, how they have been adapted over the years, and how people are inspired to create their own.

Practical Magic: A Primer

Time: Thursday - 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: H. Dresden, R. Grint, H. Houdini, Baron K.A. Mordo Come learn the basics of evocation magic from masters of the art. (Note: No attendees will be admitted without verified life and medical insurance.)

Convention Tour Thursday

Time: Thursday - 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Location: Outside Art Show Hosts: Leane Verhulst Welcome to Capricon! Our convention hosts are here to help introduce you to the convention, show you where everything is, and make some suggestions of things that you shouldn't miss this year. Highly recommended for anyone who hasn't attended Capricon before!

Thursday – 4:00 PM

Space Battleship Yamato: Resurrection

Time: Thursday - 4:00 PM - 6:15 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime)

PG - Fifteen years after sacrificing itself to save the world, the Yamato is rebuilt as earth is endangered by a black hole. Can she help humanity escape from certain destruction?

Thursday – 5:00 PM

Heists, Capers, and Jobs: Crime Stories in SF & F

Time: Thursday - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Location: Ravinia A Panelists: Elizabeth Bear, Scott Lynch Crime, heists, capers, and odd jobs in SF/F. What have been some of the best? How is it to write a combination of mystery and SF?

Zeerust: How Authors Got the Future Wrong

Time: Thursday - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Will Frank (M), Chris Gerrib, Mark Huston, Natalie Silk Looking back at old Science Fiction and seeing how they got technology wrong, why they missed their mark, and what we did instead.

Evolving Meanings Behind Urban Fantasy Creatures

Time: Thursday - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Location: Birch B

Panelists: Rebecca L. Frencl (M), Jessica Guggenheim, John Nikitow

Dracula used to be a sex scandal horror in Victorian England. Now vampires are misunderstood bad boys just trying to survive. What changed witches from stake-burning pagans to nature's protectors and beautiful problem solvers? Urban fantasy has put new twists on many old standards of myth and folklore. What is driving these thematic changes in the old standards and what do those changes tell us about ourselves today?

Games, Books, and More

Time: Thursday - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Stop by the kids programming room for games, coloring, and reading!

Time Travel and Storytelling Part 2

Time: Thursday - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: Dr. E. Brown, C. Eccleston, C. Reeve We continue our exploration of how time travel can be used in telling stories. Coming to this without first going to Time Travel and Storytelling Part 1 is not recommended.

Thursday – 5:30 PM

Midwinter Faire

Time: Thursday - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Location: Lake Michigan AB Come join us! There will be pizza, games, crafts, and much more for your enjoyment. Sit down, find your old friends

again, and enjoy a nice relaxing evening of entertainment with your friends.

Thursday – 6:15 PM

Pretear #1-5

Time: Thursday - 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime)

TV-14 - Himeno was a normal sixteen-year old girl until seven men called the Leafe Knights burst into her life and revealed that she is a being known as the Pretear. Blessed with the power to merge with the Leafe Knights and wield their elemental powers, Himeno must aide her new friends in their quest to stop the evil Princess of Disaster!

Thursday – 6:30 PM

The Resurgence of Serial Storytelling

Time: Thursday - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Ravinia A Panelists: Brendan Detzner, Gail Z Martin TV Show meta plots, blog published stories and more are revitalizing this venerable way to tell a story. How is it currently being used and what makes it a good idea?

Reading: Natalie Silk

Time: Thursday - 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Natalie Silk Natalie is the author of *Stars' Fire*, and her next book is soon to be published.

Shows That Should Have Been Cancelled

Time: Thursday - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Toni Lichtenstein Bogolub, Greg Press Like a bad horror movie monster, some shows just wouldn't die. We will debate which shows just kept going well after their story was told.

Death Flags

Time: Thursday - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: G.R.R. Martin, G. Reaper, R. Shirt, N. Stark Death flags are things that you say or do that make your death all but unavoidable. Have you just done one of these fatal things? Join us and see if your fate is sealed.

Thursday – 7:00 PM

Reading: Amanda Daly

Time: Thursday - 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Amanda Daly Amanda writes science fiction and fantasy novels for both adult and young adult audiences. Her writing is character

39 driven, fast-paced, humorous, and light-hearted.

Reading: David Jordan

Time: Thursday - 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: David Jordan Join David Jordan for a reading from his ZHackers books. Big ideas mix with humor, character, and heart in and exciting tale of clever geeks using their brains to survive the zombie apocalypse. Can science, engineering, and the power of a really good science fiction reference save the day?

Thursday – 8:00 PM

Opening Ceremonies

Time: Thursday - 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: David Abzug, Mae the Bellydancer, Capricious, Marinda Darnell, Stacey Gordon, Scott Lynch, Mark Oshiro, Eric Wilkerson, Wendy Zdrodowski Welcome to Capricon 36: Once Upon a Capricon. Join us

as we kick off this year's event and get some idea of what to expect, and to meet our Guests of Honor (GoHs), Special Guests, and the people who make it all possible.

Thursday – 8:15 PM

Saiyuki #1-5

Time: Thursday - 8:15 PM - 10:00 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime)

15+ - Many years ago, humans and demons lived in harmony. But that unity ended when demons started attacking humans and plotted a mission to unleash Gyumao - an evil demon imprisoned for thousands of years. Now, Genjo Sanzo, a rogue priest, must team up with three demons -Sha Gojyo, Son Goku, and Cho Hakkai - and embark on a perilous journey to the west to stop these demons from resurrecting Gyumao and restore the balance between humans and demons on Earth.

Thursday – 9:15 PM

Time Travel and Storytelling Part 1

Time: Thursday - 9:30 PM - 11:00 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: H. Granger, S. Moffat, H.G. Wells In this pair of panels we will go over how to use time travel in stories, and discuss good uses of it in great literature. Make sure to come to part two to see all of this topic.

Thursday – 9:30 PM

Open FILK Thursday

Time: Thursday - 9:30 PM - 2:30 AM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: Debbie Gates

Thursday – 10:00 PM

Late Night Stuff - Thursday

Time: Thursday - 10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Location: Ravinia B (Anime)

NC-17 - If you want a description of this I don't have one. What I do have is a list of shows. Shows that are too crude and mature for normal hours. If you do not want to be exposed to them, don't come and it will end there. But if you do come, I will offend you, I will disgust you, and I will make you laugh.

Adult Mad-Libs

Time: Thursday - 10:00 PM - 11:30 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Andrea Hawkins-Kamper, Mark Oshiro (M), Wendy Zdrodowski

How naughty can we make regular Mad-Libs? Come add the raunchiest words you can think of and we will see how well they turn out. (18 and older)

Friday - 8:00 AM

Friday Morning Cartoons - Kids

Time: Friday - 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) We know our youngest con-goers don't sleep in - so come and join us for some early morning cartoons and breakfast snacks! We'll even have coffee available for the adults!

Friday – 10:00 AM

Obligatory Star Trek Panel

Time: Friday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Ravinia A Panelists: Dale Cozort, Melissa Huston, Patricia Sayre McCoy (M) Come together to talk about your favorite captain, themes each show explored, and any other aspect of the franchise that comes to mind, such as the new movie coming out.

Friday Morning Cartoons

Time: Friday - 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM Location: Ravinia B (Anime) 12+ - Our version of early morning cartoons includes the animated adventures of Iron Man. This series was originally produced in Japan and is presented in its original Japanese.

Why I Don't Want a Flying Car

Time: Friday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Willow Panelists: Jason Betts, Will Frank (M), Henry Spencer, Joseph Stockman, Kelly Strait The problems with popular science fiction technology. Should they ever exist?

Reading: Chris Gerrib

Time: Friday - 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Location: Birch A Panelists: Chris Gerrib Chris Gerrib's first novel, Pirates of Mars, came out from Hadley Rille Books in February, 2012. He admits to being a bit obsessed with Mars, but in a healthy way.

Is a Library "Con" a Real Con?

Time: Friday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Birch B Panelists: Ed Friman, Valli Hoski (M) As cons, cosplay and fannishness become more commonplace in popular culture, those same features can now be found in the world of public library programs. Are these library events legitimate conventions? Marketing vehicles? Literacy initiatives? How are libraries appropriating fannish culture for their own use? Or are they joining fandom?

Games

Time: Friday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Play a game with us. Bring one of your own or use one of ours.

Time: Friday - 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Location: Birch A Once Upon a Time in the Old West: A New Panelists: Valya Lupescu Novel by JRR Tolkien and Harper Lee Valya Dudycz Lupescu is the author of Amazon bestselling novel, The Silence of Trees (Wolfsword Press) and found-Time: Friday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM ing editor of Conclave: A Journal of Character. Her poetry Location: Lake Wobegon and prose have been published in numerous collections. Panelists: F. Baggins, C. Eastwood, S. Finch, B. Lash Co-written with Stephen H. Segal, her book Geek Parenting Release party of the newly discovered epic by the story tellwill be out with Quirk Books in April 2016. ing greats JRR Tolkien and Harper Lee! The novel features magic, courtroom drama, and gunslingers of West Earth.

Don't You Ever Change Clothes?

Time: Friday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Jessica Guggenheim, Regina Hoppel (M), Cecil James, Daniel Levin

Characters in classic shows and many movies tend to only wear one outfit. Is this sloppy film making, or part of the Stories Over Lunch character design? Does it add to the character or pull view-Time: Friday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ers out of the story because it doesn't make any sense? Bring Location: Elm (Kids Programming) your favorite examples of this phenomenon to discuss! Bring a story to share or read one of our favorite selections! Bring your own lunch.

What Would SF Look Like in a Science **Fiction World?**

Time: Friday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: River B Panelists: Tim Akers, Gail Z Martin, Kristine Smith (M) If starships and robots are part of your everyday life, what would your science fiction be about?

Reading: Frederick Crook

Time: Friday - 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Location: River C (Café)

Panelists: Frederick Crook

Frederick is the author of three novels, the most recent being Campanelli: Sentinel in 2014. He has also published four short stories.

Friday – 10:30 AM

Reading: Patrick O'Connor

Time: Friday - 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Location: River C (Café) Panelists: Patrick O'Connor Patrick is a costumer and the author of science fiction novels.

Friday - 11:30 AM

Puppetry in the Classroom

Time: Friday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Willow Panelists: Stacey Gordon Puppets and ideas you can create with kids from the living room to the library & classroom.

Reading: Valya Lupescu

Life in the Universe

Time: Friday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Dr. Michael Unger A mathematical modelling of the chances of there being life elsewhere, based on the Drake Equation.

Playing Zero-G Sports

Time: Friday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: J. Glenn, M. McFly, H. Potter, E. Wiggin We demo the latest in Zero-G tech and give you a chance to actually play the latest sports designed for Zero-G!

Autographing: Natalie Silk, Frederick Crook, Elizabeth Anne Hull

Time: Friday - 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM Location: Autograph Table Panelists: Frederick Crook, Elizabeth Anne Hull, Natalie Silk

How to Create a Book Cover

Time: Friday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: Eric Wilkerson There is far more to designing a book cover than just putting a slick picture on it and adding the title. Join our Artist Guest of Honor Eric Wilkerson as he shows us the ins and outs of book covers.

Introduction to Mahjong

Time: Friday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Dina S. Krause Introduction to American Mahjong - learn how Americans play this ancient game of Chinese tiles. This is not a computer game, it's the real thing!

Judging Books by Page 119

Time: Friday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: River B Panelists: Helen Montgomery (M), Mark Oshiro, Leane Verhulst

How true is the saying that page 119 will tell you everything you need to know about a book? We will test this theory with multiple novels, read aloud for your entertainment by our panelists.

Convention Tour Friday AM

Time: Friday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Outside Art Show Hosts: Tracy Lunquist (M) Welcome to Capricon! Our convention hosts are here to help introduce you to the convention, show you where everything is, and make some suggestions of things that you shouldn't miss this year. Highly recommended for anyone who hasn't attended Capricon before!

Fluxx with the Fan GoH - Friday

Time: Friday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) Game Master: Wendy Zdrodowski The classic card game with ever changing rules with our Fan Guest of Honor Wendy Z! It starts out simple: draw one card and play one card — but New Rule cards quickly make things chaotic. Even the object of the game will often change as you play, as players swap out one Goal card for another. Can you achieve World Peace before someone changes the goal to Bread and Chocolate? (Card Game, 2-6 Players, Ages 8+)

Friday - 11:45 AM

Overman King Gainer #11-15

Time: Friday - 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime) 13+ - Sometime in the distant future, mankind is forced to live in domed cities while the rest of the world is left to recover from years of environmental hardships. In the Siberian Dome-polis, professional gamer Gainer Sanga and mercenary Gain Bijou commandeer an Overman and lead a mass exodus out of the city.

Friday – 12:00 PM

Reading: Neal Litherland

Time: Friday - 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Neal Litherland

A genre-hopping author, Neal Litherland has written a little bit of everything from romance and science fiction to horror and fantasy. He's worked with role playing games publishers like Paizo (the creators of the popular Pathfinder RPG) as well as with publishers like TPK Games to create unique, fun material for gamers everywhere.

Reading: Stephen Segal

Time: Friday - 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Location: River C (Café) Panelists: Stephen Segal Stephen is the editor and co-author of Geek Wisdom: The Sacred Teachings of Nerd Culture, and his next book, Geek Parenting, co-written with Valya Lupescu, will be published in April 2016. He is also the Hugo Award winning former editorial director of Weird Tales magazine.

Friday – 1:00 PM

Non-binary Gender in Stories

Time: Friday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Ravinia A Panelists: Mari Brighe, Lauren Jankowski (M), Jeana Jorgensen, Kai Pope Asexual or non-binary gender characters are almost universally used in a way to make them less human. Why is this, and what can we do to change it?

Drawing Magic with MS Paint

Time: Friday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Willow Panelists: Patrick O'Connor Drawing tricks with Microsoft Paint and/or Photoshop

New Books for Children

Time: Friday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Rebecca L. Frencl (M), Valli Hoski, Kelly Strait 42

What are the best new books that are coming out for young adults, tweens, and kids? Come tell us your recommendations.

Syntax of Visual Storytelling: Symbolism, Colour, & Composition

Time: Friday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Brian Babendererde, Alisa Kober, Daniel Levin, Kris "Nchanter" Snyder (M) How do the visual elements of comics, movies, games, and TV contribute towards the narrative(s)?

LEGO Mania

Time: Friday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Tell your own story in plastic bricks! You're only limited by your own imagination – so come and build with us! Please note DUPLO bricks are limited.

Red Shirts vs. Stormtroopers: Can Either Win?

Time: Friday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: Lt. Kerensky, L. Nimoy, M. Stover, D. Vader Between Stormtrooper accuracy and the average life span of a Red Shirt, can a force of either of these groups actually prevail over the other?

Coloring Therapy for All Ages

Time: Friday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Katherine Finegan, Mary Winters-Meyer Coloring is not just for kids! Pick up a crayon or colored pencil and join us for coloring time. Learn about the therapeutic aspects of coloring and some of the simple colored pencil techniques. A variety of coloring designs will be available, along with colored pencils for coloring. Please do bring your own markers / pencils as well since supplies are limited. For a small kit fee, 2.25" circle template designs can be made into keychains, magnets, or bottle openers after coloring.

Religion in SF & F

Time: Friday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: River B Panelists: Tim Akers, Melissa Huston, Jesi Pershing (M), Isabel Schechter From the Fosterites in Stranger in a Strange Land to the Necromongers of Chronicles of Riddick, religions in SF & F have shaped the stories where they appear. Which books and movies have done religion well?

Reading: Kristine Smith

Time: Friday - 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Location: River C (Café)

Panelists: Kristine Smith

Kristine Smith is an award-winning author of science fiction and fantasy novels and short stories. She also writes supernatural thrillers under the name Alex Gordon.

Snow Goons!

Time: Friday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Outside Art Show Panelists: Helen Montgomery Bring your snowpants and gloves and come outside with us to build Snow Goons! What are Snow Goons, you ask?

Snowmen, but seriously twisted, a la Calvin and Hobbes. (Weather permitting)

The Village Crone 1

Time: Friday - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) Become a witch and enter the medieval world of Wickersby in this worker placement, resource management game with spellcasting! Make villagers fall in love, turn them into frogs, or teleport them to different locations. Use your familiars to gather ingredients and cast spells on the villagers to achieve goals and score victory points as you vie to be named the village crone. (Board Game, 2-6 players, Ages 13+)

Friday – 1:45 PM

Lodoss Wars #1-5

Time: Friday - 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime)

PG-13 - Five years after the Death of the evil Emperor, our heroes from the first are now well known throughout the land. However, the former Emperor's former right hand man is determined to carry on their work.

Friday – 2:30 PM

Girls Who Make Games

Time: Friday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Ravinia A

Panelists: Brian Babendererde, Jessica Guggenheim (M), Alisa Kober

Female game designers really exist! In the face of Gamer-Gate, game design is a challenging field for women. We'll talk about the current mood of the industry, how women are shaping game design, and what we think the future holds.

Mold Making & Casting for Art and Costumes

Time: Friday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Willow

Panelists: David Lee Pancake

Sculptor David Lee Pancake will give a video demonstration of his mold making and casting techniques. He will discuss various mold making and casting products and reveal where to purchase products. Learn how you can make replicas of ¹³ your art or costume accessories.

Hands Can Be Puppets Too!

Time: Friday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Stacey Gordon Join our Puppeteer Special Guest, Stacey Gordon, and learn the basics of puppetry! This hands-on workshop will have you on your feet and your hands inside a puppet! (ages 13+)

Dance as a Way to Tell a Story

Time: Friday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Mae the Bellydancer, Glint Bellydance Troupe, Jeana Jorgensen (M) Multiple forms of dance are done as a way to tell a story. Join Mae, our Dance Special Guest, to talk about the different ways dance can be used to tell a story.

Traditional Storytelling

Time: Friday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Panelists: Sandy Heltzer, Wendy Zdrodowski Kids will tell stories in the round, each speaking one word and then passing the story off to the next child.

The Con Runner's Guide to Necromancy

Time: Friday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: A. Blake, P.R. Sapienza, Sauron, H. West When you really need an old hand at a position, sometimes you just need to go dig one up.

Autographing: Dale Cozort, Kristine Smith

Time: Friday - 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM Location: Autograph Table Panelists: Dale Cozort, Kristine Smith

Mark Does Stuff

Time: Friday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: Mark Oshiro What if you could re-live the experience of reading a book (or watching a show) for the first time? Our Special Guest, Mark Oshiro, provides just such a thing on a daily basis on Mark Reads and Mark Watches, where he chronicles his unspoiled journey through various television and book series. He's a two-time Hugo nominee in the Fan Writer category,

Cross Genre Books

and he's here to do stuff just for you!

Time: Friday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Eric Beebe, Rebecca L. Frencl, Neal Litherland (M), Gail Z Martin Some stories just don't fit neatly into just one genre. We discuss books that fit in multiple genres and whether this makes them great or just a mess.

Reading: Scott Lynch

Time: Friday - 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Location: River B Panelists: Scott Lynch Please join our Author Guest of Honor, Scott Lynch, for a reading of his work.

Café Concert: Open Mic

Time: Friday - 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM Location: River C (Café) Open time for new performers or those who just aren't quite ready to hold down a full 45-minute concert slot. Music... poetry... dramatic readings... all are welcome. See the Filk staff to sign up. (See the Café staff if you can't find us.)

Friday – 3:00 PM

Reading: Elizabeth Bear

Time: Friday - 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Location: River B Panelists: Elizabeth Bear Elizabeth is the Hugo, Sturgeon, Locus, and Campbell Award winning author of 27 novels and over 100 short stories. Her most recent is Karen Memory, a Weird West adventure.

How To Play Catan 1

Time: Friday - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) In Catan, players try to be the dominant force on the island of Catan by building settlements, cities, and roads. On each turn, dice are rolled to determine what resources the island produces. Players collect these resources to build up their civilizations to get to 10 victory points and win the game. Please note that this is a How To session for those who have always wanted to learn how to end friendships... play *Catan.* (How To Play, 3-4 players, Ages 10+)

Munchkin Steampunk 1

Time: Friday - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table B (Gaming) Munchkin Steampunk adds gears, goggles, and steam-powered robots to the backstabbing and goofy humor of the long-lived card game Munchkin, a game in which you kick down doors, battle monsters, gain treasure, and try to reach level ten before anyone else. (Card Game, 3-6 players, Ages 10+)

Friday – 3:15 PM

Café Concert: Bill Roper

Time: Friday - 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM Location: River C (Café) Performers: Bill Roper Bill Roper has been a filker in five decades, which is a little frightening. Once known as "The Grim Roper" because of his habit of leaving dead bodies strewn about in his songs,

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he has mellowed considerably since marrying Gretchen and How did Barfleet come to the Chicago cons? Why are they is now more selective about his musical slaughter. When not here? What is jet fuel? Come find out the answers to these writing songs of death and destruction, he writes love songs, burning questions and many more. and funny songs, and songs about and for children. All of this makes for a rather eclectic concert experience. Drop by **Build Your Own Spaceship** and see which of his protagonists survive.

Friday – 3:45 PM

Short Films

Time: Friday - 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime) PG-13+ - A collection of films too short to fit in the schedule on their own. Some are funny, some utterly blasphemous, but all of them are memorable.

Friday – 4:00 PM

Queer Eye for Sci-Fi: Season 2

Time: Friday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: Ravinia A Panelists: Mari Brighe, Andrea Hawkins-Kamper (M), Mark Oshiro

After a stellar first season at Capricon 35, Queer Eye for Sci-Fi returns for Season 2! There is a long and complex history Time: Friday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM of queerness in science fiction, from queer-coded villains in Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) pulp novels to the more diverse spectrum of characterization Panelists: Bill Higgins in the last decade. Join panelists as they discuss the history of queerness within the genre, both the good and the bad.

The Importance of Visual Design in Movies and TV

Time: Friday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: Willow Panelists: Dexter Fabi, Karen Ann Hollingsworth, Daniel Levin, James Plaxco, Lucy Synk (M) The look of a movie or TV show can greatly affect how you visualize the setting. We discuss how SF & F design has impacted people's perceptions of the future & past.

Women with Purple Hair

Time: Friday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Meg Frank, Jesi Pershing, Kris "Nchanter" Snyder (M), Linda Wenzelburger

In both larger society and fandom, there are expectations of Good GMing 101 "normality". Sometimes those expectations overlap, but at Time: Friday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM other times what is seen as "normal" in one place is decided-Location: River B ly "odd" in the other. Join our panel of women with purple Panelists: David Abzug, Aimee Dundon, Neal Litherland, hair as they talk about their experiences of not conforming Dr. Michael Unger (M) to the norm. Tips and tricks on how to be the GM your friends want behind the Screen.

The History of the U.B.S. Abandon

Time: Friday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Richard France, Susie France, Thomas Kozak (M), Donald Meyer, Terrence Miltner

Time: Friday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Build a spaceship to the stars using a recycled materials! Is your spaceship from Earth or is it being flown by aliens? We can't wait to find out.

Burn It With Fire!

Time: Friday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: J. Betts, M. Darnell, H. Montgomery, L. Verhulst Join in the celebration as the Programming Team burns all of the post-it notes that were used to create this year's Capricon programming schedule. Dress warm as this will take place outdoors in the woods. The fire may be hot enough to need a bathing suit though. And lots of frozen drinks with rum and Grey Goose.

Plauback from Pluto: Recent News from NAŚA's New Horizons Spacecraft

There's a treasure at the edge of the Solar System. It's a data recorder, aboard the New Horizons spacecraft, slowly sending to Earth several gigabytes acquired during last summer's flyby of Pluto. That information is still coming down. At the mission's home base in Maryland, Bill Higgins witnessed the excitement during the encounter. Now he reviews results, downlinked in recent months, that are illuminating the mysteries of Pluto, its five moons, and its neighborhood.

The History of the Book

Time: Friday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Ada Palmer, Lauren Schiller The panelists will bring samples of real printed books and manuscripts from the 14th to 18th centuries so people can touch and feel things like vellum, papyrus, manuscript pages, etc.

Café Concert: Tempus Ornamentum

Time: Friday - 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM Location: River C (Café) Performers: Kerri-Ellen Kelly, David Ordonez Tempus Ornamentum is inspired by early music, entranced by games and soundtracks, intrigued by original compositions and embarrassed by their own humble and shy natures (DISCLAIMER: Neither Kerri-Ellen nor Ordo is humble or shy. You have been warned.). This adventurous duo (and any guests they may be able to bribe to join them on stage) will use their voices and a variety of instruments to share their musical journey with you as they ornament time with music.

Art Show Docent Tour 1

Time: Friday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: Outside Art Show Panelists: Eric Wilkerson Join Eric Wilkerson, our Artist Guest of Honor, for a tour of the Capricon Art Show.

Friday – 4:45 PM

Café Concert: Moonshine

Time: Friday - 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Location: River C (Café) Performers: Margie Dziadzka

Moonshine was created to showcase the hauntingly beautiful voice and incredible creativity and versatility of singer/ songwriter Margie Dziadzka. Moonshine is an acoustic group playing folk, pop, blues, and original music. In addition to a variety of coffee houses and cafés around the Northwest suburbs of Chicago, Moonshine can be found shedding its light at music festivals, the filking events of science fiction conventions, open mics, and private events.

Friday – 5:00 PM

Upon A Fable 1

Time: Friday - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) Players assume the role of a grand ruler in the fairy tale lands and start the game with one Small Realm overseen by a loyal subject. Each ruler seeks to expand their fortunes through a variety of methods. None of these paths to greatness can be ignored, for only the most well-rounded ruler without weakness in any domain shall be granted victory over the others and awarded the title of High Emperor or Empress. (Strategy Game, 2-6 players, Ages 13+)

Firefly Board Game

Time: Friday - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table B (Gaming) Based on the popular television series – players captain their own Firefly-class transport ship, traveling the with a handpicked crew of fighters, mechanics and other travelers. Double-dealing employers, heavy-handed Alliance patrols, and marauding Reavers are all in a day's work for a crew at the edge of the 'Verse. (Board Game, 2-4 players, Ages 12+)

Friday – 5:30 PM

Galaxy Quest

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime) PG - In tribute to Alan Rickman we present Galaxy Quest. 25 years ago, Galaxy Quest was an under-appreciated show, but even today it still has its fans. However, all of them aren't human and they think the show was real.

Special Needs in Fandom

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: River B Panelists: Marinda Darnell, Helen Montgomery (M) Lots of fans have either physical or mental special needs. How do we make cons more welcoming to those fans, and give them what they need to thrive in fandom?

What Are SF Comics Currently Exploring?

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Willow Panelists: Brendan Detzner, Jessica Guggenheim,

Valli Hoski

Why the current interest in robots, space, and sentient technology? What else is hot right now, and what do we think is coming next?

Ingress Meetup & Mission

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Jason Betts, Debbie Fligor Enlightened and Resistance players will get together to talk about the game, help new players level, and network.

Political Propaganda in SF

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Amanda Daly, Chris Gerrib, Elizabeth Anne Hull, Gail Z Martin, Isabel Schechter (M) Science Fiction and Fantasy literature often has politics at the core of the story, and where there's politics, there's propaganda. What stories have done it well? What influence does the "real world" have upon authors in this aspect of the genre?

Full Body Games

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Burn off that energy from Friday at school! We'll untangle ourselves from a human knot and play some freeze dance. Do you have a favorite game to get us moving? We'd love to learn it too!

Filling the Spaces in the Periodic Table of Storytelling

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: J. Campbell, M. Curie, J. Harris Will cold fusion finally fill all the blank spots in the table?

Science Gone Bad

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: Mari Brighe, Mark Huston, David Jordan, Patrick O'Connor, Henry Spencer, Kelly Strait (M), Tom Trumpinski Science is less Eureka!, and more "Well, that didn't work." Come hear about the times that science went horribly wrong. #FieldWorkFail

Puppet Making with Stacey (Kids Programming)

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Stacey Gordon Stacey Gordon, our Puppeteer Special Guest, will lead a class that will take you through all the steps of building a puppet. Come with interest, leave with a finished puppet. Class is limited to 10 children.

Makerspaces and Hackerspaces

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Ravinia A Panelists: Laurie Rich (M), CaryAnn West, Ananda Stevens Want to make a THING, but don't have the space or the tools? Come find out where people have both and are willing to help you create.

Convention Tour Friday PM

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Outside Art Show Hosts: Leane Verhulst

Welcome to Capricon! Our convention hosts are here to help introduce you to the convention, show you where everything is, and make some suggestions of things that you shouldn't miss this year. Highly recommended for anyone who hasn't attended Capricon before!

Friday – 6:00 PM

BattleTech

Time: Friday - 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Location: Lake Michigan A - *BattleTech* Table (Gaming) The *Battletech Grinder* is the most popular Battletech event. It runs every day during the convention. So, feel free to show up and play as your schedule permits. All ability levels are welcome. Total Warfare rules are exclusively used on the tables and all supplies are provided.

(Miniatures/War Games, 2+ players, Ages 12+)

Friday – 7:00 PM

The Chosen One

Time: Friday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Location: Ravinia A Panelists: Amanda Daly (M), Valya Lupescu, Natalie Silk, Shannon Williams YA has a huge number of story series that feature a special character that is chosen by some great power. We will go

over good and bad examples, and talk about if we are over this trope yet.

Alien Landscapes on Earth

Time: Friday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Location: Willow Panelists: Dexter Fabi, Sandra Levy (M), James Plaxco, Lucy Synk, Eric Wilkerson The landscape of Earth is greatly varied; some could call it almost alien. How have these Earthly, yet alien, landscapes influenced authors and artists?

Reading: Gail Z. Martin

Time: Friday - 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Gail Z Martin

Gail's newest book is *Vendetta: A Deadly Curiosities Novel* in her urban fantasy series. She is also the author of *Shadow and Flame* (the fourth and final book in the Ascendant Kingdoms Saga), *Iron and Blood* (a new Steampunk series co-authored with Larry N. Martin), and several other fantasy novels.

Old School Gaming

Time: Friday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Daniel Levin, Elizabeth McCarty (M), John Railing, Wendy Zdrodowski What are some of your favorite old school games?

Pajama Party!!

Time: Friday - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming)

Wear your most awesome PJs, bring a pillow and favorite fluffy friend and join us for a movie night! Snacks will be provided. Stop by the kids programming room on Friday and vote for your favorite movie. The one with the most votes will be shown. The movie will be appropriate for all ages.

Bellydance Performance!

- Time: Friday 7:00 PM 8:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage)
- Panelists: Mae the Bellydancer, Glint Bellydance Troupe, Helen Pope
- Bellydance show starring our Dance Special Guest Mae the Bellydancer and her Troupe, Glint!

David Bowie: The Legend Lives On

Time: Friday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Dan Berger (M), JohnPaul Kroschel David Bowie mixed glam rock and science fiction in a way that broadened both. Please join us as we celebrate his life by sharing stories about his hugely influential body of work.

Trivia for Chocolate

Time: Friday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Location: River B Panelists: Steven H Silver Answer trivia questions correctly, get a piece of chocolate. Whoever has the most pieces of candy at the end wins. It is harder than it sounds because empty wrappers don't count!

Car Wars 1

Time: Friday - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) In the near future, combat between armed and armored cars will be an arena sport. You shoot at the other cars, trying to destroy their tires and armor. The last player with an operating car is the winner! (Card Game, 2-6 players, Ages 10+)

Friday – 7:15 PM

The Adventures of Baron Munchausen

Time: Friday - 7:15 PM - 9:15 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime) PG - The tale of the enchanting adventures of Baron von Munchausen on his journey to save a town from defeat. Being swallowed by a giant sea-monster, a trip to the moon, a dance with Venus and an escape from the Grim Reaper are only some of the improbable adventures.

Friday - 7:30 PM

Reading: Tim Akers

Time: Friday - 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Tim Akers Tim Akers is the author of *Heart of Veridon, Dead of Veridon, The Horns of Ruin* and the upcoming epically weird fantasy, *The Pagan Night*.

Friday - 8:00 PM

Chez Geek

Time: Friday - 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table B (Gaming) It's another Friday night at *Chez Geek*. Set up house with your friends – for as long as you can stand them. Get a job – they're all bad. Spend money and your precious spare time to accumulate Slack points. Do unto your roomies before they do unto you. (Card Game, 2-5 players, Ages 13+)

Reading: Ada Palmer

Time: Friday - 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Ada Palmer Ada's first SF novel, *Too Like the Lightning*, will be published in May 2016. She publishes on manga and anime, blogs for Tor.com, and writes the blog ExUrbe.com.

When the Heroes Are Bad Guys

Time: Friday - 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Elizabeth Bear (M), Phyllis Eisenstein, Chris Gerrib, Scott Lynch

Heroes and protagonists are not always the traditionally heroic "Good Guy". They can also be criminals and unpleasant people. How can we root for someone who does "Bad Things"? What is it like for an author to write an unlikable main character?

Classic Monsters

Time: Friday - 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Location: Willow Panelists: Eric Beebe, Brendan Detzner, Gail Z Martin (M) Old School Monsters - the Universal Classics

Rehabilitating Yourself Through Public Service for Fun and Profit

Time: Friday - 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: A. Carnegie, J. Digriz, E. Scrooge, H. Solo You have a checkered past that you would like to make up for, but still need to make a buck. Our panelists will show you how to redeem yourself and make a living through Public Service.

Concert: Dan the Bard

Time: Friday - 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Performers: Dan Marcotte Dan the Bard sings songs about Dragons...and the Dungeons in which they dwell! Come hear The Drunken Gnome Illusionist, Screw You, DM! and of course, The Owlbear Song. Dan the Bard performs at GenCon, Gary-Con, ACEN, WindyCon, GameholeCon, CODCon, 3Con, ConontheCobCon, OPCon and Stronghold. He is also the Music Director of the Bristol Renaissance Faire where he has performed for the last 20 years. Dan has 9 CDs! His 3 most popular are his gamer's trilogy, Manticores and Owlbears, Bard Camp! And Epic Lute! Bonus XP for attending. www.danthebard.com www.facebook.com/danthebard

History of "Mainstream" Fanfiction

Time: Friday - 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Location: River B Panelists: Jesi Pershing, Samantha Haney Press (M) *Fifty Shades of Grey* wasn't the first fan-written story to find a mainstream audience - let's talk about the tangled histories of fanwork and professional publishing.

Friday – 9:00 PM

Double Feature

Time: Friday - 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) For the older kids in the crowd, we'll be showing a second movie – complete with fencing, fighting, torture, revenge, giants, monsters, chases, escapes, true love, miracles...

Friday – 9:15 PM

Expelled from Paradise

Time: Friday - 9:15 PM - 11:00 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime) PG-13 - Most of humanity has evolved into an existence where each being is turned into data that composes their personalities living inside Deva, an utopian society which governs its individuals through a virtual reality interface in a base above earth's atmosphere. The continuous interference of a hacker from planet Earth called Frontier Setter is seen as threat and Deva sends security agent Angela Balzac to deal with it. She will have the assistance of Dingo, a terres-

Friday - 9:30 PM

Party Crawl Friday

trian agent who refused to join Deva.

Time: Friday - 9:30 PM - 11:00 PM Location: Outside Art Show Panelists: Peter Heltzer, Terrence Miltner New to the Capricon party scene? Our two party floors are renowned for being fabulous, but they can be a bit overwhelming if you're new. Join some of our party hosts and our Party Liaison on a "party crawl" where they will introduce you to people and show you where all the fun can be had. Must be 21 years of age or older, alcohol will be served in many of the parties.

Friday - 10:00 PM

Random Readalong

Time: Friday - 10:00 PM - 11:30 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Wendy Zdrodowski We take five random books and have people read one line from each in the round. Will we get an epic story or complete chaos?

Adult Erotic Fairy Tales

Time: Friday - 10:00 PM - 11:30 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Jeana Jorgensen These tales aren't for kids. Gather round while we hear some naughty tales told and interpreted by our resident expert. (18 and older)

Why CEOs Are Always Villains

Time: Friday - 10:00 PM - 11:30 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: L. Business, G. Gecko, M. Shkreli The Chief Executive Officer just never catches a break. Can't we have just one hero corporate raider?

Open FILK Friday

Time: Friday - 10:00 PM - 3:00 AM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: Debbie Gates

Euchre Tournament

Time: Friday - 10:00 PM - 11:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Helen Montgomery The 1/th Appual Euclide Tournement

The 14th Annual Euchre Tournament! Get ready to play some cards! Bring your partner or, if you don't have a partner, we'll find you one - for the game only, anything else is your responsibility. Remember, this is a friendly game. Weapons policy will be strictly enforced at the tournament.

Friday – 11:00 PM

Late Night Stuff - Friday

Time: Friday - 11:00 PM - 2:00 ÅM Location: Ravinia B (Anime) NC-17 - More stuff we can't show in the light. (See description from Thursday night.)

Tales of Arabian Nights 1

Time: Friday - 11:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming)

In *Tales of the Arabian Nights*, you are the hero in a story of adventure and wonder just like those told by Scheherazade to her spellbound sultan! You will travel the land seeking your own destiny and fortune. You will learn stories and gain wisdom to share with others. Will you be the first to fulfill your destiny? The next Tale is yours to tell! (Board Game, 2-6 players, Ages 12+)

Saturday – 2:00 AM

Late Night Fluxx 1

Time: Saturday - 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) The classic card game with ever changing rules! It starts out simple: draw one card and play one card – but New Rule cards quickly make things chaotic. Even the object of the game will often change as you play, as players swap out one Goal card for another. Can you achieve World Peace before someone changes the goal to Bread and Chocolate? (Card Game, 2-6 Players, Ages 8+)

Saturday – 3:00 AM

Mad Scientist University 1

Time: Saturday - 3:00 AM - 6:00 AM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) Polish up your laser gun, get your maniacal laugh ready. You're about to enroll in Mad Scientist University! Whichever student devises the most evilly ingenious schemes will pass with honors. Each player in turn takes on the role of an evil genius Teacher's Assistant and selects the best evil plan from the ones presented. (Card Game, 3-7 players, Ages 10+)

Saturday – 8:00 AM

Saturday Morning Cartoons - Kids

Time: Saturday - 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) We love cartoons, so come on and watch your favorites while munching on some breakfast snacks.

Saturday – 9:00 AM

Munchkin Bites

Time: Saturday - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) It's the World of Dorkness! The Munchkins are now vampires, werewolves and changelings. Bash through the haunted house and slay the monsters – the other monsters, that is. You can't slay your fellow munchkins, but you can curse them, send foes at them, and take their stuff. (Card Game, 3-6 players, Ages 10+)

Saturday – 10:00 AM

Reinterpretations of Fairy Tales

Time: Saturday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Ravinia A Panelists: Phyllis Eisenstein (M), Melissa Huston, Jeana Jorgensen, Wendy Zdrodowski There are some stories that are constantly retold in new ways. Why do we keep going back to these same enduring tales, and what are the most recent versions we have made?

Saturday Morning Cartoons

Time: Saturday - 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM Location: Ravinia B (Anime) 12+ - The story started on Friday morning continues. (See description from Friday morning.)

The Technical Photographer -Photography for Left-Brained People

Time: Saturday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Willow Panelists: Jay Kreibich What EXACTLY, do all those numbers on your lens mean? You know depth-of-field gets smaller when apertures get bigger, but WHY? This is a photography workshop for people that like answers based on scientific fundamentals. Understand how your camera and lenses work on a new level.

Phandemonium Book Club

Time: Saturday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Birch A Panelists: Jerry Gilio (M), Helen Montgomery The Phandemonium Book Club will be discussing Lies of Locke Lamora by the Capricon Author Guest of Honor, Scott Lynch.

ISFiC Open Board Meeting

Time: Saturday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Birch B Panelists: John Donat (M), Susie France, Phoenix, Bill Roper, Drew Scheeler, Steven H Silver, Joseph Stockman, Rick Waterson ISFiC, the parent corporation of Windycon, invites you to attend an open meeting of the Board of Directors.

Plot Twister

Time: Saturday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: M.Bradley, U. Moneybags, M. N. Shyamalan Spin the wheel and change up your boring old story with some help from a classic party game!

The Globalization of the Solar System

Time: Saturday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: James Plaxco (M) The economics of a human civilization that spans the solar system.

How to Build Your Own Computer

Time: Saturday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Chris Gerrib (M), Dave Ifverson, Dave McCarty Where to find resources and parts for building your own computer.

Fannish Olympiad - Children's Edition

Time: Saturday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Car Wars 2 Location: River B (Kid's Programming) Time: Saturday - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Panelists: Pam Burr, Capricious, Mike (Ciggy) Cyganiewicz Location: Lake Michigan A - Table B (Gaming) (M), Alex Heltzer, Sandy Heltzer In the near future, combat between armed and armored cars Geared for our youngest Phans, cheer the younglings on as they complete their own version of the Fannish Olympiad.

Convention Tour Saturday AM

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Saturday – 10:30 AM

Reading: Rebecca Frencl

Time: Saturday - 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Location: River C (Café) Panelists: Rebecca L. Frencl Rebecca writes paranormal, romance, urban fantasy, and traditional fantasy.

Saturday – 10:30 AM

Cthulhu & Zombie Dice 1

Time: Saturday - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) Post Antibiotic Era Serving Cthulhu is fun... except for all those other cultists Time: Saturday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM out to get you. So get them first! Destroy your opponents' Location: Birch B sanity before they destroy yours! The last sane cultist wins... Panelists: Dr. Lisa Freitag, John Nikitow, Dr. Bob Passovoy, Unless everyone goes mad together, then Cthulhu wins! Eat Kristine Smith, Dr. Michael Unger (M) brains. Don't get shotgunned. In Zombie Dice, you are a What do we do if we run out of antibiotics? Between antizombie. You want braaains - more brains than any of your biotic resistant bacteria, and the possibility of civilization zombie buddies. The dice are your victims. Push your luck to eat their brains, but stop rolling before the shotgun blasts will be none left. How can we take care of infections and end your turn! (Dice Game, 2-6 players, Ages 6+) diseases without them?

Saturday - 11:00 AM

- will be an arena sport. You shoot at the other cars, trying to destroy their tires and armor. The last player with an operating car is the winner! (Card Game, 2-6 players, Ages 10+)

The Year of the Puppies

Time: Saturday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Ravinia A

Panelists: Will Frank, Michael Lee, Dave McCarty (M)

The aftermath of the Puppies - a discussion of slate voting, 4 & 6, E Pluribus Hugo, and how the Hugo Awards will adapt.

Saturday - 11:30 AM

Beginning, Middle, and End

Time: Saturday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

- Location: Willow
- Panelists: Tim Akers, Elizabeth Bear, Richard Chwedyk (M), Phyllis Eisenstein, Elizabeth Anne Hull
- Does structure matter when telling a story? Should there be a clearly defined beginning, middle, and end? Is it really needed? Can the end come first, or in the middle?

Trans 101

Time: Saturday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Birch A

Panelists: Mari Brighe (M), Andrea Hawkins-Kamper, Kai Pope Fandom has been considered by many people to be a space where they can be their authentic selves. Currently, we are seeing a massive shift in transgender representation, both in popular media and within the fannish community. To help curious members understand some of these changes and to dispel some of the myths and misinformation about trans folk, our panelists have graciously volunteered to answer your questions.

falling, it is a distinct possibility that in the near future there

LEGO Mania Part 2

Time: Saturday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Tell your own story in plastic bricks! You're only limited by your own imagination – so come and build with us! Please note DUPLO bricks are limited.

Schrödinger's Beat Box

Time: Saturday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: W. Heisenberg, B. Pilgrim, Skrillex Has the bass been dropped? It is both dropped and undropped until you check.

Autographing: Scott Lynch, James Plaxco, Neal Litherland

Time: Saturday - 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM Location: Autograph Table Panelists: Neal Litherland, Scott Lynch, James Plaxco

The Importance of Cover Art

Time: Saturday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: Meg Frank (M), David Lee Pancake, Stephen Segal, Lucy Synk How much are books judged by their cover art and movies by their posters?

Lightsaber Making for Kids

Time: Saturday - 11:30 ÅM - 1:00 PM Location: Botanic Garden B (Kids Programming) Panelists: James Bacon Come, finish your Jedi trials and pass the final test. Building your own lightsaber. We provide the parts, you bring it together in the form you and the Force agree on.

Fannish Olympiad

Time: Saturday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: River B Panelists: Pam Burr, Mike (Ciggy) Cyganiewicz (M), Helen Pope Are you a Phan with the mettle to complete our games?

Come play our set of games to see if you can finish all of our fiendish and silly tasks. May the best Phan win!

Reading: Brendan Detzner

Time: Saturday - 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Location: River C (Café) Panelists: Brendan Detzner Brendan Detzner has been published in several zines and

anthologies. His new short story collection *Beasts* is available on Amazon. Brendan has also been featured at the Twilight Tales and Reading Under the Influence reading series in Chicago and runs his own reading series, Bad Grammar Theater.

Saturday – 11:45 AM

Dragonaut: the Resonance #21-26

Time: Saturday - 11:45 AM - 2:15 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime) TV-14 - Here we are, after six years we reached the end of the series. Come join us as the humans and their dragon partners finally face the asteroid hurtling towards Earth.

Saturday – 12:00 PM

Reading: Steven H Silver

Time: Saturday - 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Location: River C (Café) Panelists: Steven H Silver Steven has published numerous short stories, and has been nominated for the Hugo Award 15 times for his fan writing and fanzine. His story "Well of Tranquility" will appear in *Genius Loci* in March 2016.

Settlers of America

Time: Saturday - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) The 19th Century has arrived, and Americans are heading west. Wagon trains are forming up and heading out to settle new lands and build new cities. These new cities will need railroad lines to bring in new people and necessary goods. As the population grows, resources will dwindle. Look west for lands to settle and fortunes to be made! (Board Game, 3-4 Plays, Ages 12+)

Saturday – 1:00 PM

Otherworld Theatre Staged Reading

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Ravinia A Panelists: Otherworld Theatre Company (M) Unleashed as one of its most crowd-pleasing and critically acclaimed shows to date, Otherworld Theatre is proud to present a staged reading of *Fight Girl Battle World* using projection, puppetry, and- in some cases, fight choreography. An action packed sci-fi saga set in a futuristic universe, *Fight Girl Battle World* revolves around E-V, a gladiator known as the female human in the galaxy... at least- as far

Puppet Building 101

as she knows.

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Willow Panelists: Stacey Gordon The tools and tricks for making puppets. Please note: this is a lecture, not a hands-on workshop.

Chicago-SF Bookclub

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Kimberly Newton (M) Discuss *The Just City* by Jo Walton with the Chicago-SF Book Club.

Reading: Melissa Huston

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Melissa Huston Melissa will be reading a few short stories about heroes in Celtic folklore, Native American folklore and Swedish folklore.

Minecraft Snacks

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Panelists: Lance Fligor, Michelle Friman Use starbursts and skittles to create your own Minecraft inspired snack.

Intro to Vapormancy

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: J. Camel, M. Cleo, C. Ghost, M. Man Learn how to tell the future in e-cigarette vapor.

Autographing: Gail Z. Martin, Brian Babendererde, Rebecca Frencl

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM Location: Autograph Table Panelists: Brian Babendererde, Rebecca L. Frencl, Gail Z Martin

The Art of Eric Wilkerson

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: Eric Wilkerson Join Artist Guest of Honor Eric Wilkerson as he shows his extremely wide range of art to Capricon.

Diversity in Writing and Media

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Mari Brighe (M), Mark Oshiro, Isabel Schechter Diversity in stories is very important; however, it is under represented in the majority of mediums. How can we encourage more diversity, and what are some good examples of diversity in current works?

Introduction to Con-Running for Teens

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: 3rd Floor Suite (Teen Lounge) Panelists: Meg Frank, Peter Heltzer (M), Connor Williams Wish there were more panels for you? Tired of people twenty or thirty years older calling the shots for you? Why not try doing it yourselves? We will show you how.

Dance Workshop (Kids Programming)

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: River B Panelists: Mae the Bellydancer, Capricious Dance Special Guest Mae Phillips shows our younglings the basics of dance.

Café Concert: Court & Country

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM Location: River C (Café)

Performers: Kerri-Ellen Kelly, David Ordonez Step back in time with Court & Country and their rich Renaissance harmonies. This local a capella choral group performs early music with a fannish flair, telling their musical stories in English, Latin, French, Spanish, Italian, Hebrew and Klingon. Join them on Saturday afternoon as they tell the tales of days gone by with the words of the great composers and lyricists of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

The Village Crone 2

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Lake Michigan A - Table B (Gaming) Become a witch and enter the medieval world of Wickersby in this worker placement, resource management game with spellcasting! Make villagers fall in love, turn them into frogs, or teleport them to different locations. Use your familiars to gather ingredients and cast spells on the villagers to achieve goals and score victory points as you vie to be named the village crone. (Board Game, 2-6 players, Ages 13+)

Saturday – 1:30 PM

Reading: Mark Huston

Time: Saturday - 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Mark Huston Mark is a writer and engineer. He writes mostly in the *1632* universe.

Saturday - 1:45 PM

Café Concert: Sassafrass: Trickster & King

Time: Saturday - 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: River C (Café)

Performers: Ada Palmer, Lauren Schiller

Ada Palmer and Lauren Schiller perform close harmony a cappella music with complex narratives and interwoven lyrics, including Viking mythology pieces from the song cycle "Sundown: Whispers of Ragnarok" which narrates the creation of the Norse cosmos, the death of Baldur, and the relationship between Odin and his blood-brother Loki, along with other science fiction and fantasy themed pieces.

Saturday – 2:00 PM

Sentinels of the Multiverse

Time: Saturday - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) A mad scientist holds the world hostage with his terrifying inventions. An alien warlord from a far away galaxy brings his limitless army of bizarre minions to conquer the planet. And who will stand in their way? A team of heroes, all with impressive powers and abilities stand between the world and the forces of evil. Will you help them? (Co-op Card Game, 1-5 players, Ages 8+)

Saturday – 2:30 PM

One Piece: Strong World

Time: Saturday - 2:15 PM - 4:30 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime)

TV-14 - 20 years after his escape from Impel Down, the legendary pirate Shiki "the Golden Lion" reappears causing massive upheaval to the Marines. During his long seclusion, he was able to come up with a scheme to bring the World Government to its knees. On his way to execute the plan, Shiki crosses paths with the Straw Hat Pirates and becomes so impressed with Nami's knowledge of meteorology that he abducts her to forcedly enlist her into his crew. Luffy and the gang end up on a strange land populated with monstrous beasts as they desperately search for Shiki and Nami.

How Cosplay Changed Fandom

Time: Saturday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Willow Panelists: Regina Hoppel, Linda Wenzelburger (M), Wendy Zdrodowski Cosplay has added new fans, but what else has it done for fandom? Has it changed fandom into a more performative event? What is the impact of professional cosplayers on fandom?

FILK Stories

Time: Saturday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Bill Higgins, Anne Passovoy, Dr. Bob Passovoy, Bill Roper (M) 40+ years of FILKing means a lot of war stories. Come and listen.

Meet the Candidates

Time: Saturday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Sondra de Jong, Helen Montgomery (M) Phandemonium, Inc. is the parent corporation for Capricon. Each year Capricon members elect two new members of the Board of Directors at our open Board Meeting held on Sunday at Capricon. This panel offers the opportunity for you to meet the candidates prior to the vote.

Wonderful Watercolors

Time: Saturday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Panelists: Karen Ann Hollingsworth Share a fun way to work with watercolor and colored pencil. It's a great way to relax and ignite your creative juices. Go with the flow, if you'll pardon the pun. Open to all skill levels. Parents are welcome to join in with their kids.

The First Foglio

Time: Saturday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: P. Foglio, B. Jonson In 1623, William Shakespeare's plays were first published, with illustrations by the Jacobean artist John Foglio, who lent his name to the publication. John's notes and style have been passed through the ages from father to son, each of whom was an artist. We review the works of the Foglios through the centuries.

Autographing: Eric Wilkerson, Elizabeth Bear, Tim Akers

Time: Saturday - 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM Location: Autograph Table Panelists: Tim Akers, Elizabeth Bear, Eric Wilkerson

Hugo Awards Nominating

Time: Saturday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: Michael Lee, Dave McCarty (M) It's our favorite time of year! Hugo Award nominating is happening now! Join our roundtable discussion for a look back at 2015 and some thoughts on who and what deserves to be nominated this year. (Note: This panel will provide a very brief overview of the process of how to nominate, but the focus is on discussing which works deserve nomination.)

Just One Little Change

Time: Saturday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Dale Cozort, Elizabeth Anne Hull, Steven H Silver (M) How minor changes in the history of your world can drastically alter it and create alternative universes, dimensions, and realities.

Fencing Demonstration (Yes, with Swords)

Time: Saturday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: River B

Panelists: Capricious, Deerfield-Highland Park High Schools' Fencing Club

The Deerfield-Highland Park High School Fencing Club will be demonstrating the finer points of fencing.

Café Concert: Klingon Pop Warrior

Time: Saturday - 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: River C (Café) Location: Birch A Performers: Jen Usellis-Mackay Panelists: Marinda Darnell, Scott Lynch, Evan Middleton, The Klingon Pop Warrior and her acoustic guitar slinging Helen Montgomery (M) Red Shirt perform pop songs you thought you knew in the Mental health is a hot topic in both fandom and the general original Klingon. Jen sang HIchop! for a podcast episode of public in recent years. We discuss why it has been taboo in Improvised *Star Trek* and the subsequent music video was the past, and why going forward it should be, and is, okay featured on Time.com, The Mary Sue, MtvGeek & more. to talk about mental health. In 2014, she ran a successful Kickstarter to produce a CD **Obligatory** Doctor Who Panel of 5 more translations. Her Klingon version of "Let It Go" from Disney's Frozen is the 47th translation put into the Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Disney Archives.

Saturday – 3:00 PM

Upon A Fable 2

Time: Saturday - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table B (Gaming) Players assume the role of a grand ruler in the fairy tale lands and start the game with one Small Realm overseen by a loyal subject. Each ruler seeks to expand their fortunes through a variety of methods. None of these paths to greatness can be ignored, for only the most well-rounded ruler without weakness in any domain shall be granted victory over the others and awarded the title of High Emperor or Empress. (Strategy Game, 2-6 players, Ages 13+)

Saturday – 3:15 PM

Café Event: Shakespearean Star Wars

Time: Saturday - 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM Location: River C (Café) Performers: Cathy McManamon Teen fans perform dramatic readings of favorite scenes from *Episode IV* in the style of the greatest intergalactic Bard ever. Performed by Girl Scout Troop 20863 and Guests.

Saturday – 4:00 PM

Dragon Sculpture Demonstration

Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: Willow

Panelists: David Lee Pancake

Sculptor David Lee Pancake will give a dragon sculpting demonstration. He will show how to construct a wire armature for the dragon figure and the application of Aves Apoxy Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM clay. He will use a variety of techniques to apply textures Location: Botanic Garden B and detail to the sculpture. David has been sculpting for 20 Panelists: James Bacon, John Donat years in a variety of media and invites artists, hobbyists, and art admirers to come and learn about the sculpting process.

Autographing: Phyllis Eisenstein, Brendan Detzner

Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM Location: Autograph Table Panelists: Brendan Detzner, Phyllis Eisenstein

Depression in Fandom: You Are Not Alone

Location: Birch B Panelists: Dan Berger (M), Frederick Crook, Katherine Finegan, Gail Z Martin, Lynne M. Thomas A favorite Doctor debate, companion comparison, and discussion on the current direction of the show.

Open Puppet Making

Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Open to all kids. Come create a puppet and learn how to

make them come to life with your imagination. Some of the puppets will be used for a puppet show to be performed before SpaceTime Theater!

Willisian Influence on H.G. Wells

Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: H.G. Wells, C. Willis Any look at H.G. Wells' writing shows that he was clearly influenced by the time travel screwball comedies written by Connie Willis. Willis' Doomsday Book pointed the way for Wells' Morlock society and her fingerprints can be seen all over The Invisible Man. Once her impact is pointed out, you can't not see it.

How Does That Planet Work?

Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: Bill Higgins (M), Mark Huston, David Jordan, Kelly Strait, Tom Trumpinski Planets in SF & F do not always follow physics as we know it. How does that actually work?

Trains! (Kids Programming)

- Come learn about the wonderful world of trains! Models will be set up for the kids to watch.

Swing Dancing for Beginners

Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: River B Panelists: Ariela Housman (M), Bonnie Jones Come learn the basic steps of Swing Dancing and find out if you have two left feet, or are really able to cut a rug.

Café Concert: Mike Nixon

Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM Location: River C (Café) Performers: Mike Nixon

Mike's claim to infamy is as a founding member of Toyboat, which despite public outcry, still exists. He has been doing more solo shows lately because he has a lot of songs he has written that are not suitable for Toyboat. (Let that sink in for a minute. I mean Toyboat will play *anything*.) The songs are demanding he go out and play them for actual people, so please come see him in concert or he'll get a (bigger) complex.

Art Show Docent Tour 2

Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Location: Outside Art Show Panelists: Stacey Gordon Join Stacey Gordon, our Puppet Special Guest, for a tour of the Capricon Art Show.

How To Play Catan 2

Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) In Catan, players try to be the dominant force on the island of Catan by building settlements, cities, and roads. On each turn, dice are rolled to determine what resources the island produces. Players collect these resources to build up their civilizations to get to 10 victory points and win the game. Please note that this is a How To session for those who have always wanted to learn how to end friendships... play *Catan.* (How To Play, 3-4 players, Ages 10+)

Saturday - 4:30 PM

Labyrinth

Time: Saturday - 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime) PG - In honor of the passing of David Bowie, we present him as the Goblin King who, when a girl wishes her baby brother gone, takes the baby and gives her thirteen hours to try and win him back.

Saturday - 4:45 PM

Café Concert: Three-Fifths

Time: Saturday - 4:45 PM - 6:15 PM Location: River C (Café) Performers: Daniel Gunderson, Cathy McManamon, Jason Neerenberg

Weaving guitar, bass, and keyboards with smooth vocal harmony, this Pegasus-nominated trio made up of Cathy McManamon, Daniel "Gundo" Gunderson and Jason Neerenberg plays music that includes a little bit of everything - stories, magic, wisdom, tragedy, humor, and good old rock 'n roll.

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Munchkin Steampunk 2

Time: Saturday - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table B (Gaming) Munchkin Steampunk adds gears, goggles, and steam-powered robots to the backstabbing and goofy humor of the long-lived card game Munchkin, a game in which you kick down doors, battle monsters, gain treasure, and try to reach level ten before anyone else.

(Card Game, 3-6 players, Ages 10+)

Saturday – 5:30 PM

Fan Feuds and Social Media

Time: Saturday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Willow Panelists: Mari Brighe, Meg Frank (M), Michael Lee, Elizabeth McCarty, Mark Oshiro Has the rise of social media allowed fan feuds to fester or burn out faster? Are feuds more in the public eye due to social media? Has this hurt fandom?

Sports and SF Fandom: The (not-so) Great Divide

Time: Saturday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Dan Berger, Sondra de Jong, Dennis Dombrowski, Jerry Gilio (M), Helen Montgomery Some of us love sports. Some of us hate them. For every fan with a favorite team there's another fan deriding anyone's love of "sportsball." Where do sports and science fiction fandoms find a meeting of the minds? Where do they

part ways?

Marvel/DC Reboot Retrospective

Time: Saturday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Dale Cozort, Valli Hoski, Cecil James Big changes are happening in both the Marvel and DC universes. How do they relate to current society and the past?

Book Making and Storytelling

Time: Saturday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Create your own story and make a book or play our storytelling games. We'll be adding a sentence at a time or drawing an element in a picture. Let's see how crazy they can become!

The Care and Feeding of Mythical Beasts

Time: Saturday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: R. Hagrid, J. Hanna, S. Irwin, N. Scamander There is a long history of magical creatures and mythical beasts in stories. Unfortunately, the guidance provided on the appropriate care and feeding of these beasts is often conflicting. Our experts try and separate truth from fiction when it comes to advice on raising unicorns and dragons.

Intro to Game Development

Time: Saturday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Location: 3rd Floor Suite (Teen Lounge) Panelists: Brian Babendererde, Alisa Kober (M), Daniel Levin, John Railing Professional game developers are here to spend time in the teen lounge and answer questions about the industry.

Fluxx with the Fan GoH - Saturday

Time: Saturday - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Mark Oshiro, CaryAnn West Location: Lake Michigan A - Table C (Gaming) Game Master: Wendy Zdrodowski The classic card game with ever changing rules with our Fan Guest of Honor Wendy Z! It starts out simple: draw Game Night one card and play one card – but New Rule cards quickly Time: Saturday - 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM make things chaotic. Even the object of the game will often Location: Elm (Kids Programming) change as you play, as players swap out one Goal card for Everyone enjoys a good game night! Play one of ours or another. Can you achieve World Peace before someone bring one of your own! changes the goal to Bread and Chocolate? (Card Game, 2-6 Players, Ages 8+)

Saturday – 6:00 PM

Family Business

Time: Saturday - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) Family Business takes mob warfare to a new level of backstabbing, revenge, and general bloodthirstiness. Every player controls a 'family' and plays various cards to off other players' family members. In a game with this little structure, it's possible for everyone to gang up on one unlucky soul, or for the damage to be fairly evenly spread. Either way, the last family standing is victorious.

(Card Game, 3-6 players, Ages 8+)

Saturday – 6:30 PM

Artist Showdown

Time: Saturday - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Ravinia AB Panelists: Capricious, Samantha Haney Press In this event, artists are encouraged to face off against one another in a quick-draw challenge in front of a live audience. *Please note: While this is a drawing competition, it is not necessarily judged on skill alone. Artists of all disciplines may find themselves on even footing. If you wish to participate please sign up in the Art Show any time prior to 6pm Saturday evening.*

Saturday – 7:00 PM

Must Read Comics Outside of Marvel and DC

Time: Saturday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Willow

Panelists: James Bacon (M), Michael Lee, Valva Lupescu, Joseph Stockman

Outside of the Big Two, what are the things that you should be reading? Join our panelists as they suggest indie comics they believe you should add to your pick list.

Saturday – 7:00 PM

Star Wars Episode VII – So Was It A Trap? Time: Saturday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Jason Betts (M), Daniel Levin, Scott Lynch, Did we get a masterpiece, or another Phantom Menace? Join us to give your opinion of the latest episode of Star Wars.

If Only I Had Shot First

Time: Saturday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: J. Fett, Greedo, H. Solo There are times to keep your trusty blaster holstered, and times to get in that crucial opening shot. Listen to the life experiences of our panelists to find out when to seek peace, and when to fire.

Puppet Show

Time: Saturday - 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Some of the kids will be performing a puppet show as the opening act to SpaceTime Theater. Join us to see their story come to life!

Bellydance Workshop

Time: Saturday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Location: River B Panelists: Mae the Bellydancer, Glint Bellydance Troupe Join our Dance Special Guest, Mae Phillips, for a varied workshop talking about technique and how to adapt dance for all body styles. There will be audience participation with live music and dancing!

Saturday - 7:30 PM

SpaceTime Theater

Time: Saturday - 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: Bonnie Jones, Sam Paris, Bill Roper, Gretchen Roper, Katie Roper, Steve Salaba, Caetlin Williams, Greg Williams, Shannon Williams Join fandom's favorite science-fiction comedy improv troupe, SpaceTime Theater, and their all-improv show. In improvisation, it's never the same show twice, so you'll only have one chance to see what happens tonight.

Saturday – 8:00 PM

Art Auction

Time: Saturday - 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM Location: Ravinia AB Panelists: Capricious, Dr. Bob Passovoy Attend the live voice art auction on Saturday evening. Over the years, we have had great auctioneers, and we expect to be impressed and amused again this year by the auctioneers AND the art! Remember, artists need to eat too, so bring your credit cards.

Chez Goth

Time: Saturday - 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) Just another Friday night at *Chez Goth*. Similar to *Chez Geek*, you're still living with a bunch of roommates . . . but now you're a Goth! You can earn Slack for buying Clothes, Shinies, and Booze . . . or you can just Cough, Complain, or even Faint Dramatically, especially if you have an audience. (Card Game, 2-5 players, Ages 13+)

Saturday – 8:30 PM

Caging the Magic Smoke

Time: Saturday - 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: H. 9000, S. Cunningham, H. Dresden, Marvin Some followers of New Age religions don't shun technology, they embrace it. Hear about times when debugging included a cleansing ritual, or cyber security included warding the server.

Saturday – 9:00 PM

Dance / Masqued Ball

Time: Saturday - 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: DJ Sin You are formally invited to the grande masqued ball of Capricon. Masks aren't required, but they are half the fun. Join DJ Sin as he spins all the greatest hits of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Saturday – 9:30 PM

Party Crawl Saturday

Time: Saturday - 9:30 PM - 11:00 PM Location: Outside Art Show Panelists: Charlie Bernstein, Sondra de Jong New to the Capricon party scene? Our two party floors are renowned for being fabulous, but they can be a bit overwhelming if you're new. Join some of our party hosts and our Party Liaison on a "party crawl" where they will introduce you to people and show you where all the fun can be had. Must be 21 years of age or older, alcohol will be served in many of the parties.

Saturday – 10:00 PM

Adult Consent Culture in Kink

Time: Saturday - 10:00 PM - 11:30 PM Location: Willow

Panelists: Marinda Darnell, James Hart, Lola Hart, Jeana Jorgensen (M)

50 Shades of Grey has thrown the kink community into the spotlight. The book/movie has raised many questions, including "What is consent?" and "Why it is so important?". *Note* This is not a discussion on the 50 Shades book. This is an adult themed panel about consent in the kink community. (18 and older)

Adult Late Night Puppet Slam

Time: Saturday - 10:00 PM - 11:30 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Noah Ginex, Stacey Gordon These puppets aren't for kids. Come enjoy a decidedly adult show of short skits featuring the puppets of Stacey Gordon and Noah Ginex. (18 and older)

The Love Fest

Time: Saturday - 10:00 PM - 11:30 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: L. Correia, D. Gerrold, G.R.R. Martin, B. Torgersen It's time to put aside grievances and come feel the love for science fiction.

Open FILK Saturday

Time: Saturday - 10:00 PM - 3:00 AM Location: River B Panelists: Debbie Gates

Exploding Kittens: NSFW Deck

Time: Saturday - 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) *Exploding Kittens* is a kitty-powered version of Russian Roulette. Players take turns drawing cards until someone draws an exploding kitten and loses the game. This version contains cards that were too horrific and/or incredible to be included in a kid safe version. (Card Game, 3-5 players, Ages 18+)

Lupin the 3rd: Castle Cagliostro

Time: Saturday - 11:00 PM - 12:30 AM Location: Ravinia B (Anime)

PG-13 - Twenty one years we been showing this movie. Don't you know the story by heart now? Do I have to tell you it's about a famous thief who ends up trying to save an heiress from being forced to a marriage to the man who is taking over her country while he floods the world with counterfeit money?

Tales of Arabian Nights 2

Time: Saturday - 11:00 PM - 1:00 AM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table B (Gaming) In *Tales of the Arabian Nights*, you are the hero in a story of adventure and wonder just like those told by Scheherazade to her spellbound sultan! You will travel the land seeking your own destiny and fortune. You will learn stories and gain wisdom to share with others. Will you be the first to fulfill your destiny? The next Tale is yours to tell! (Board Game, 2-6 players, Ages 12+)

Sunday – 12:30 AM

Late Night Stuff - Saturday

Time: Sunday - 12:30 AM - 2:00 AM Location: Ravinia B (Anime) NC-17 - Last night of shows your mother would be ashamed to catch you watching. (See description from Thursday night.)

Sunday – 2:00 AM

Late Night *Fluxx* 2

Time: Sunday - 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) The classic card game with ever changing rules! It starts out simple: draw one card and play one card – but New Rule cards quickly make things chaotic. Even the object of the game will often change as you play, as players swap out one Goal card for another. Can you achieve World Peace before someone changes the goal to Bread and Chocolate? (Card Game, 2-6 Players, Ages 8+)

Sunday - 3:00 AM

Mad Scientist University 2

Time: Sunday - 3:00 AM - 6:00 AM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) Polish up your laser gun, get your maniacal laugh ready. You're about to enroll in *Mad Scientist University*! Whichever student devises the most evilly ingenious schemes will pass with honors. Each player in turn takes on the role of an evil genius Teacher's Assistant and selects the best evil plan from the ones presented.

(Card Game, 3-7 players, Ages 10+)

Sunday – 8:00 AM

Sunday Morning Cartoons - Kids

Time: Sunday - 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) One more morning of animated happiness! Come and join us for a lazy start to the day.

Sunday - 10:00 AM

Phandemonium Board Meeting

Time: Sunday - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Location: Ravinia A

Phandemonium, Inc. is the parent corporation for Capricon. As a member of Capricon, you are a member of the corporation and have voting rights! Join us at our annual open meeting where you will elect two new board members, have an opportunity to hear what else Phandemonium is doing, and tell us what you would like Phandemonium to do for fandom outside of Capricon.

Sunday Monday Cartoons

Time: Sunday - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Location: Ravinia B (Anime) 12+ - Iron man's story concludes. (See description from Friday morning.)

Geek Parenting: Raising Kids on Comics, Sci-Fi & Fantasy

Time: Sunday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Birch A

Panelists: Valya Lupescu, Stephen Segal (M) The Kents tried to help their exceptional child figure out how to channel his great powers. Morticia Addams showed her daughter by example that weird is wonderful. What geek character families have you shared with your kids and parents?

Creating Stories and Characters for Live Events

Time: Sunday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Stacey Gordon (M)

How to create stories and characters for puppet shows or other live events.

Valentine's Day Celebration

Time: Sunday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Create something special for your Valentine. We will have doilies, stickers and construction paper for traditional valentines and some special supplies to create an amazing surprise!

Hangover Commiseration

Time: Sunday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: S. Archer, Dionysus, H. MacGuiness, U.B.S. Abandon Crew Our livers have been punished, and now getting their revenge. Gather with us as we share hangover cures, and a bloody mary.

MCU Catch Up

Time: Sunday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Will Frank, Jessica Guggenheim (M), Cecil James The Marvel Cinematic Universe covers 12 movies, 4 TV shows, and more. What are they doing and where are they going?

Critter Crunch

Time: Sunday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: River B Panelists: Jeff Wincentsen (M) Want to drive a combat robot and do battle for a good cause? Join us and bid on the driving rights to one of over 30 robots. Proceeds go to our sponsored charity Barrel of Monkeys.

BattleTech

Time: Sunday - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - *BattleTech* Table (Gaming) The Battletech Grinder is the most popular Battletech event. It runs every day during the convention. So, feel free to show up and play as your schedule permits. All ability levels are welcome. Total Warfare rules are exclusively used on the tables and all supplies are provided.

(Miniatures/War Games, 2+ players, Ages 12+)

Sunday – 11:00 AM

Toast & Jam

Time: Sunday - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Location: River C (Café)

We tried Toast & Jam as an experiment, four years ago, and now it's become one of our favorite parts of the con. Come hang out in the Café on Sunday morning and enjoy some tasty pastries while a whole roomful of musicians hang out and jam. :-)

Cthulhu & Zombie Dice 2

Time: Sunday - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) Serving Cthulhu is fun... except for all those other cultists out to get you. So get them first! Destroy your opponents' sanity before they destroy yours! The last sane cultist wins... Unless everyone goes mad together, then Cthulhu wins! Eat brains. Don't get shotgunned. In Zombie Dice, you are a zombie. You want braaains - more brains than any of your

zombie buddies. The dice are your victims. Push your luck to eat their brains, but stop rolling before the shotgun blasts end your turn! (Dice Game, 2-6 players, Ages 6+)

Sunday – 11:30 AM

Construct a Jet Pack

Time: Sunday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Ever wonder what it's like to fly with a jet pack? Well... keep wondering! But maybe constructing our hotel friendly jet packs will spark your imagination. Create your very own non-flying jet pack with recycled materials so you can join us as part of the jet pack parade into closing ceremonies!

Mommy, Where Do Babies Come From?

Time: Sunday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: S. Claus, J. McCarthy, B. Spock We tell our kids some pretty fantastical stories just to avoid talking about uncomfortable subjects or get them to behave. Storks? Your face will freeze like that? We have eyes in the back of our head? How do these lies traumatize our children?

Sunday – 12:00 PM

Intersection of the LGBTQ Community and SF Fandom

Time: Sunday - 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Mari Brighe, Andrea Hawkins-Kamper (M), Kai Pope

Why is there an overlap? How do fans feel about that? Why is there a burgeoning queer presence in the convention community, and is it causing friction? Can we do something about that?

Random Panel Topic

Time: Sunday - 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Sondra de Jong (M), Peter Heltzer, Mary Mascari, Mark Oshiro

What happens to the panel ideas that get rejected? They are reborn here as random panel topics! Our panelists will choose a topic (at random, of course) and speak expertly on them for 5 minutes each. You'll be rolling on the floor with laughter!

Stories with Song

Time: Sunday - 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: Michael Lee, Jesi Pershing (M) Are stories enhanced by adding music to them? Should authors attempt to write their own lyrics? What has worked, what hasn't? Will our panelists break into song?

Science Literacy for All

Time: Sunday - 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: Alicia Choi (M), Dexter Fabi, Patrick O'Connor, James Plaxco, Henry Spencer, Kelly Strait How can we increase science literacy among youth? Have we already seen an impact on science literacy from laws that limit what can be taught in schools? How can the internet be a useful tool for increasing it, and how do we direct youth to good sites?

Life As a Pro Artist

Time: Sunday - 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Location: 3rd Floor Suite (Teen Lounge) Panelists: Eric Wilkerson Our Artist Guest of Honor, Eric Wilkerson, visits the teen lounge to chat about life as a pro artist.

Arkham Horror

Time: Sunday - 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Location: Lake Michigan A - Table A (Gaming) The year is 1926, and it is the height of the Roaring Twenties. Yet a dark shadow grows in the city of Arkham. The gates have begun to open and must be closed before the Ancient Ones make our world their ruined domination. Only a handful of investigators stand against the Arkham Horror. Will they prevail? (Co-op Adventure, 2-6 players, Ages 14+)

Sunday – 1:00 PM

LEGO Mania Part 3

Time: Sunday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Elm (Kids Programming) Tell your own story in plastic bricks! You're only limited by your own imagination - so come and build with us! Please note DUPLO bricks are limited.

Naked Bellydancing: How to Shake It in the All Together

Time: Sunday - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: L. Godiva, B. Page, M. Phillips, N. Uhura Come shake it without a care, and without any clothes!

Sunday – 1:30 PM

From a Dream to a Real Product

Time: Sunday - 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Location: Ravinia A Panelists: Dale Cozort, Will Frank, Mark Huston (M), Patrick O'Connor, David Lee Pancake How many items we use every day were first thought up in a Science Fiction story?

Reading: Mark Oshiro

Time: Sunday - 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM Location: Birch A Panelists: Mark Oshiro Join Special Guest Mark Oshiro, a two-time Hugo Nominee for Fan Writer, as he reads from his own work.

Iconic Costume Pieces

Time: Sunday - 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Location: Birch B Panelists: Mae the Bellydancer, Jessica Guggenheim, Regina Hoppel, Ada Palmer, Linda Wenzelburger (M), Wendy Zdrodowski

The 4th Doctor's scarf, Indy's Hat, Dorothy's shoes, and many more costume items are instantly recognizable by most people, even if they aren't fans of the series or film. Why do certain costume pieces become so iconic? Is it something that a creator can plan, or does it just happen organically?

The Illusion of Choice (Or How to Railroad Your Players without Them Noticing)

Time: Sunday - 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

- Location: Botanic Garden B
- Panelists: Aimee Dundon (M), Neal Litherland, Fred Pyter, Dr. M. Unger
- There are times when you really need your players to go in a specific direction. How can you make them do this without it feeling forced or having them notice?

Temple Run (Kids Programming)

Time: Sunday - 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Location: River B

Panelists: Alex Heltzer, Sandy Heltzer

No adventure story is complete without having to escape the booby-trapped halls of a secret and mystical place. We will construct our own temple run using yarn and supports. How fast can you escape with the golden idol?

Sunday – 2:00 PM

Reading: Thomas Trumpinski

Time: Sunday - 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Tom Trumpinski

Tom is a retired teacher and scientist who taught college chemistry and built detectors for Fermilab. He writes short pieces, fiction and non-fiction, fantasy and science fiction.

Sunday – 2:30 PM

To Run or Not to Run Time: Sunday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Lake Wobegon Panelists: J. Agutter, R. Ebert, Pheidippides, M. York Is all that running really worth it to find Sanctuary? Tighten the laces on your running shoes and find out with us. Brought to you by FitBit.

Sunday - 3:00 PM

Closing Ceremonies / Feedback Session

Time: Sunday - 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden A (Main Stage) Panelists: David Abzug, Mae the Bellydancer, Capricious, Marinda Darnell, Sondra de Jong, Stacey Gordon, Peter Heltzer, Scott Lynch, Helen Montgomery, Mark Oshiro, Eric Wilkerson, Wendy Zdrodowski Sadly, every convention must come to an end, and so must this one. Come end the weekend in style and tell us your thoughts, good or bad; your feedback helps us make every Capricon fun! The Powers That Be of Capricon 37 will also give a hint of what's to come when we convene again in 2017.

Jet Pack Parade

Time: Sunday - 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Location: River B Panelists: James Bacon, Sandy Heltzer Bring your jet pack and join us as we parade through the convention to closing ceremonies!





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ANIME PROGRAMMING (RAVINIA B)

Once upon a time...So many stories start that way. But ours don't. Ok, maybe one or two do but that's it. The point is stories start and come in all forms and our video programming aims to cover as many of them as possible. We offer you a variety of both animated and live features that will hopefully draw you into their worlds and leave you the better for it.

DRAGONAUT: THE **R**ESONANCE #21–26

Time: Saturday - 11:45 AM to 2:15 PM

Description: TV-14 - Here we are, after six years we reached the end of the series. Come join us as the humans and their dragon partners finally face the asteroid hurtling towards Earth.

Friday Morning Cartoons

Time: Friday - 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM

Description: 12+ - Our version of early morning cartoons includes the animated adventures of Iron Man. This series was originally produced in Japan and is presented in its original Japanese.

LABYRINTH

Time: Saturday - 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Description: PG - In honor of the passing of David Bowie, we present him as the Goblin King who, when a girl wishes her baby brother gone, takes the baby and gives her thirteen hours to try and win him back.

LATE NIGHT STUFF – THURSDAY

Time: Thursday - 10:00 PM to 1:00 AM Description: NC-17 - If you want a description of this I don't have one. What I do have is a list of shows. Shows that are too crude and mature for normal hours. If you do not want to be exposed to them, don't come and it will end there. But if you do come, I will offend you, I will disgust you, and I will make you laugh.

Late Night Stuff – Friday

Time: Friday - 11:00 PM to 2:00 AM Description: NC-17 - More stuff we can't show in the light. (See description from Thursday night.)

Late Night Stuff – Saturday

Time: Sunday - 12:30 AM to 2:00 AM Description: NC-17 - Last night of shows your mother would be ashamed to catch you watching. (See description from Thursday night.)

Lodoss Wars (TV series) #1–5

Time: Friday - 1:45 PM to 3:45 PM Description: PG-13 - Five years after the Death of the evil Emperor, our heroes from the first are now well known throughout the land. However, the former Emperor's former right hand man is determined to carry on their work.

LUPIN III (LIVE ACTION)

Time: Saturday - 2:15 PM to 3:45 PM Description: PG - Join us for a live action version of the world's most famous thief.

LUPIN THE 3rd: CASTLE CAGLIOSTRO

Time: Saturday - 11:00 PM to 12:30 AM

Description: PG-13 - Twenty one years we been showing this movie. Don't you know the story by heart now? Do I have to tell you it's about a famous thief who ends up trying to save an heiress from being forced to a marriage to the man who is taking over her country while he floods the world with counterfeit money?

ONE PIECE: Strong World

Time: Saturday - 3:45 PM to 5:45 PM

Description: TV-14 - 20 years after his escape from Impel Down, the legendary pirate Shiki "the Golden Lion" reappears causing massive upheaval to the Marines. During his long seclusion, he was able to come up with a scheme to bring the World Government to its knees. On his way to execute the plan, Shiki crosses paths with the Straw Hat Pirates and becomes so impressed with Nami's knowledge of meteorology that he abducts her to forcedly enlist her into his crew. Luffy and the gang end up on a strange land populated with monstrous beasts as they desperately search for Shiki and Nami.

Overman King Gainer #11–15

Time: Friday - 11:45 AM to 1:45 PM

Description: 13+ - Sometime in the distant future, mankind is forced to live in domed cities while the rest of the world is left to recover from years of environmental hardships. In the Siberian Dome-polis, professional gamer Gainer Sanga and mercenary Gain Bijou commandeer an Overman and lead a mass exodus out of the city.

Pretear #1–5

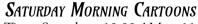
Time: Thursday - 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM

Description: TV-14 - Himeno was a normal sixteen-year old girl until seven men called the Leafe Knights burst into her life and revealed that she is a being known as the Pretear. Blessed with the power to merge with the Leafe Knights and wield their elemental powers, Himeno must aide her new friends in their quest to stop the evil Princess of Disaster!

Sаіуикі #1-5

Time: Thursday - 8:15 PM to 10:00 PM

Description: 15+ - Many years ago, humans and demons lived in harmony. But that unity ended when demons started attacking humans and plotted a mission to unleash Gyumao - an evil demon imprisoned for thousands of years. Now, Genjo Sanzo, a rogue priest, must team up with three demons - Sha Gojyo, Son Goku, and Cho Hakkai - and embark on a perilous journey to the west to stop these demons from resurrecting Gyumao and restore the balance between humans and demons on Earth.



Time: Saturday - 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM Description: 12+ - The story started on Friday morning continues. (See description from Friday morning.)

GALAXY QUEST

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Description: PG - In tribute to Alan Rickman we present Galaxy Time: Sunday - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Quest. 25 years ago, Galaxy Quest was an under-appreciated Description: 12+ - Iron man's story concludes. show, but even today it still has its fans. However, all of them (See description from Friday morning.) aren't human and they think the show was real.

Short Films

Time: Friday - 3:45 PM to 5:15 PM Description: PG-13+ - A collection of films too short to fit in the schedule on their own. Some are funny, some utterly blasphemous, but all of them are memorable.

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Space Battleship Yamato: Resurrection

Time: Thursday - 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Description: PG - Fifteen years after sacrificing itself to save the world, the Yamato is rebuilt as earth is endangered by a black hole. Can she help humanity escape from certain destruction?

SUNDAY MONDAY CARTOONS

The Adventures of Baron Munchausen

Time: Friday - 7:15 PM to 8:15 PM Description: PG - Here we are, after six years we reached the end of the series. Come join us as the humans and their dragon partners finally face the asteroid hurtling towards Earth.



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Every game tells a story. Every dice roll writes a chapter. Every card advances the plot. And every player is a character in that story. Whether you want to trade some wood for sheep, kick down some doors, or throw down with that wicked goblin deck, the Capricon Game room is the perfect place to start your story.

We have a wide variety of games for you to enjoy. We'll have gaming events throughout the weekend hosted by our very own Gaming Crew. Check the schedule and sign-up sheets to join one of our fantastic GMs on an adventure or browse through the contents of our game library if you'd prefer to adventure with your own party. We may even have someone available to teach you that game you've been dying to learn!

The game room will be open on Thursday night and reopen Friday morning for nonstop gaming til the con closes. Sign-up sheets will be available for all scheduled games and early sign-up is highly encouraged. We'd hate for you to miss out!

Game Descriptions:

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Co-op Adventure, 2-6 players, Ages 14+, 2 hours

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Miniatures/War Games, 2+ players, Ages 12+, 90 minutes

CAR WARS: THE CARD GAME

In the near future, combat between armed and armored cars will be an arena sport. You shoot at the other cars, trying to destroy their tires and armor. The last player with an operating car is the winner!

Card Game, 2-6 players, Ages 10+, 45-60 minutes

CHEZ GEEK

It's another Friday night at Chez Geek. Set up house with your friends - for as long as you can stand them. Get a job – they're all bad. Spend money and your precious spare time to accumulate Slack points. Do unto your roomies before they do unto you.

Card Game, 2-5 players, Ages 13+, 60 minutes

Chez Goth

Just another Friday night at Chez Goth. Similar to Chez Geek, you're still living with a bunch of roommates . . . but now you're a Goth! You can earn Slack for buying Clothes, Shinies, and Booze . . . or you can just Cough, Complain, or even Faint Dramatically, especially if you have an audience. Card Game, 2-5 players, Ages 13+, 60 minutes

CTHULHU DICE

Serving Cthulhu is fun... except for all those other cultists out to get you. So get them first! Destroy your opponents' sanity before they destroy yours! The last sane cultist wins... Unless everyone goes mad together, then Cthulhu wins! Dice Game, 2-6 players, Ages 6+, 10-15 minutes

EXPLODING KITTENS: NSFW DECK

Exploding Kittens is a kitty-powered version of Russian Roulette. Players take turns drawing cards until someone draws an exploding kitten and loses the game. This version contains cards that were too horrific and/or incredible to be included in a kid safe version.

Card Game, 3-5 players, Ages 18+, 20 minutes

FAMILY BUSINESS

Family Business takes mob warfare to a new level of backstabbing, revenge, and general bloodthirstiness. Every player controls a 'family' and plays various cards to off other players' family members. In a game with this little structure, it's possible for everyone to gang up on one unlucky soul, or for the damage to be fairly evenly spread. Either way, the last family standing is victorious.

Card Game, 3-6 players, Ages 8+, 30 minutes

Firefly the **B**oard **G**ame

Based on the popular television series – players captain their own Firefly-class transport ship, traveling the with a handpicked crew of fighters, mechanics and other travelers. Double-dealing employers, heavy-handed Alliance patrols, and marauding Reavers are all in a day's work for a crew at the edge of the 'Verse.

Board Game, 2-4 players, Ages 12+, 2 hours

Five Year Mission

Star Trek: Five-Year Mission is a cooperative dice placement game. Players take the roles of crew members on the USS Enterprise. Players try to cooperatively solve a series of alerts of varying difficulty to score points to win before it's too late. Co-Op Dice Game, 3-6 players, Ages 8+, 30-45 minutes



The classic card game with ever changing rules! It starts out simple: draw one card and play one card – but New Rule cards quickly make things chaotic. Even the object of the game will often change as you play, as players swap out one Goal card for another. Can you achieve World Peace before someone changes the goal to Bread and Chocolate? Card Game, 2-6 Players, Ages 8+, 5-30 minutes

MAD SCIENTIST UNIVERSITY

Polish up your laser gun, get your maniacal laugh ready. You're about to enroll in Mad Scientist University! Whichever student devises the most evilly ingenious schemes will pass with honors. Each player in turn takes on the role of an evil genius Teacher's Assistant and selects the best evil plan from the ones presented.

Card Game, 3-7 players, Ages 10+, 45 minutes

MUNCHKIN BITES

It's the World of Dorkness! The Munchkins are now vampires, werewolves and changelings. Bash through the haunt ed house and slay the monsters - the other monsters, that is. You can't slay your fellow munchkins, but you can curse them, send foes at them, and take their stuff.

Card Game, 3-6 players, Ages 10+, 90 minutes

Munchkin Steampunk

Munchkin Steampunk adds gears, goggles, and steam-powered robots to the backstabbing and goofy humor of the long-lived card game Munchkin, a game in which you kick down doors, battle monsters, gain treasure, and try to reach level ten before anvone else.

Card Game, 3-6 players, Ages 10+, 60 minutes

Sentinels of the Multiverse

A mad scientist holds the world hostage with his terrifying inventions. An alien warlord from a far away galaxy brings his limitless army of bizarre minions to conquer the planet. And who will stand in their way? A team of heroes, all with impressive powers and abilities stand between the world and the forces of evil. Will you help them? Co-op Card Game, 1-5 players, Ages 8+, 3-60 minutes

CATAN (HOW TO PLAY)

In Settlers of Catan, players try to be the dominant force on the island of Catan by building settlements, cities, and roads. On each turn, dice are rolled to determine what resources the island produces. Players collect these resources to build up their civilizations to get to 10 victory points and win the game. Please note that this is a How To session for those who have always wanted to learn how to end friendships... play Catan.

How To Play, 3-4 players, Ages 10+, 30-60 minutes

Settlers of America – Trails to Rails

The 19th Century has arrived, and Americans are heading west. Wagon trains are forming up and heading out to settle new lands and build new cities. These new cities will need railroad lines to bring in new people and necessary goods. As the population grows, resources will dwindle. Look west for lands to settle and fortunes to be made!

Board Game, 3-4 Plays, Ages 12+, 2 hours

Tales of Arabian Nights

In Tales of the Arabian Nights, you are the hero in a story of adventure and wonder just like those told by Scheherazade to her spellbound sultan! You will travel the land seeking your own destiny and fortune. You will learn stories and gain wisdom to share with others. Will you be the first to fulfill your destiny? The next Tale is yours to tell!

Board Game, 2-6 players, Ages 12+, 2 hours

THE VILLAGE CRONE

Become a witch and enter the medieval world of Wickersby in this worker placement, resource management game with spellcasting! Make villagers fall in love, turn them into frogs, or teleport them to different locations. Use your familiars to gather ingredients and cast spells on the villagers to achieve goals and score victory points as you vie to be named the village crone.

Board Game, 2-6 players, ages 13+, 90 minutes

UPON A FABLE

Players assume the role of a grand ruler in the fairy tale lands and start the game with one Small Realm overseen by a loyal subject. Each ruler seeks to expand their fortunes through a variety of methods. None of these paths to greatness can be ignored, for only the most well-rounded ruler without weakness in any domain shall be granted victory over the others and awarded the title of High Emperor or Empress. Strategy Game, 2-6 players, ages 13+, 60 minutes

Zombie Dice

Eat brains. Don't get shotgunned. In Zombie Dice, you are a zombie. You want braaains - more brains than any of your zombie buddies. The dice are your victims. Push your luck to eat their brains, but stop rolling before the shotgun blasts end your turn!

Dice Game, 2+ players, ages 6+, 10-20 minutes



GACOING SCHEDULE (LAKE CDICHIGAN A)

Thursday (8pm-Midnight)

Open Gaming/No Scheduled Events

Friday (Open at 8am)

Fluxx with the Fan GoH: 11:30am – 1pm *The Village Crone*: 1pm – 3pm How to Play *Catan*: 3pm – 5pm *Muchkin Steampunk*: 3pm – 5pm *Firefly* Board Game: 5pm – 8pm Battletech: 6pm – Midnight *Upon a Fable*: 5pm – 7pm Car Wars: 7pm – 9pm Chez Geek: 8pm - 10pm Tales of Arabian Nights: 11pm – 1am Late Night Fluxx: 2am – 3am Mad Scientist University: 3am – 6am Saturday (Open 24 hours)

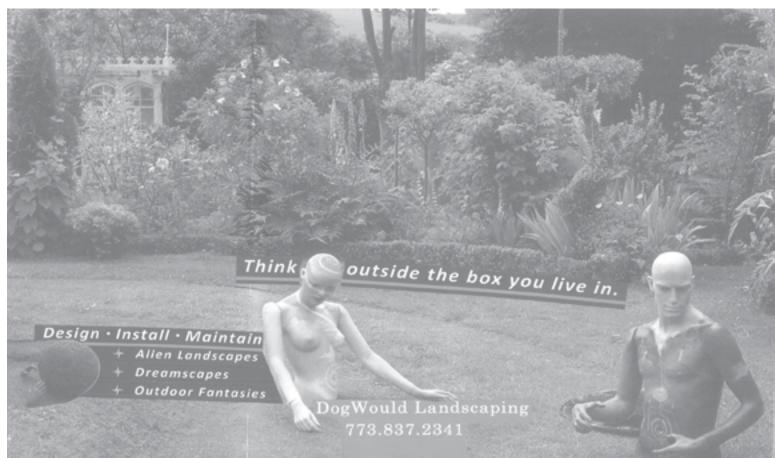
Munchkin Bites: 9am – 11am Car Wars: 11am – 1pm

Saturday (continued)

Cthulhu & Zombie Dice: 11am - Noon *Settlers of America*: Noon – 2pm *The Village Crone*: 1pm – 3pm *Sentinels of the Multiverse*: 2pm – 4pm Upon A Fable: 3pm – 5pm How to Play *Catan*: 4pm – 6pm Munchkin Steampunk: 5pm – 7pm *Fluxx* with the Fan GoH: 5:30pm – 7pm *Family Business*: 6pm – 8pm *Chez Goth*: 8pm – 10pm Exploding Kittens: NSFW Deck: 10pm - Midnight Tales of Arabian Nights: 11pm – 1am Late Night Fluxx: 2am – 3am Mad Scientist University: 3am – 6am Sunday (Closing at 3pm)

Battletech: 10am – 2pm

Cthulhu & Zombie Dice: 11am – Noon Arkham Horror: Noon – 3pm



CapKidz is the place for budding storytellers under the age of 13. We will read, sing and create stories of our own! Come and join us for some excellent fun as we battle evil, explore ancient temples and create story scenes. Look for us in the Kids Programming room and throughout the convention!

Please note that CapKidz is not babysitting and only children with paid memberships can attend programming unaccompanied. Children under 5 may need assistance for some activities.

Thursday

GAMES, BOOKS AND MORE

Time: Thursday - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Location: Elm Description: Stop by the kids programming room for games, coloring, and reading!

Friday

Friday Morning Cartoons

Time: Friday - 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Location: Elm

Description: We know our youngest con-goers don't sleep in - so come and join us for some early morning cartoons and breakfast snacks! We'll even have coffee available for the adults!

GAMES

Time: Friday - 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM Location: Elm Description: Play a game with us. Bring one of your own or use one of ours.

STORIES OVER LUNCH

Time: Friday - 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Location: Elm Description: Bring a story to share or read one of our favorite selections! Bring your own lunch.

Lego Mania

Time: Friday - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Location: Elm Description: Tell your own story in plastic bricks! You're only limited by your own imagination - so come and build with us! Please note DUPLO bricks are limited.

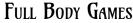
TRADITIONAL STORYTELLING

Time: Friday - 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM Location: Elm Panelists: Wendy Zdrodowski Description: Kids will tell stories in the round, each speaking one word and then passing the story off to the next child.

Build Your Own Spaceship

Time: Friday - 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM Location: Elm Panelists: Sandy Heltzer Description: Build a spaceship to the stars using a recycled materials! Is your spaceship from Earth? Or is it being flown by aliens. We can't wait to find out.

KIDS PROGRAMMING



Time: Friday - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM Location: Elm

- Description: Burn off that energy from Friday at school! We'll untangle ourselves from a human knot and play some freeze dance.
- Do you have a favorite game to get us moving? We'd love to learn it too!

Puppet Making with Stacey

Time: Friday - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: Botanic Garden B

Panelists: Stacey Gordon

Description: Stacey Gordon, our Puppet Special Guest, will lead a class that will take you through all the steps of building a puppet. Come with interest, leave with a finished puppet. Class is limited to 10 children.

Pajama Party!!

Time: Friday - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Location: Elm

Description: Wear your most awesome PJs, bring a pillow and favorite fluffy friend and join us for a movie night! Snacks will be provided. Stop by the kids programming room on Friday and vote for your favorite movie. The one with the most votes will be shown. The movie will be appropriate for all ages.

DOUBLE FEATURE

Time: Friday - 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM Location: Elm

Description: For the older kids in the crowd, we'll be showing a second movie - complete with fencing, fighting, torture, revenge, giants, monsters, chases, escapes, true love, miracles...

Saturday

SATURDAY MORNING CARTOONS

Time: Saturday - 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Location: Elm Description: We love cartoons, so come on and watch your favorites while munching on some breakfast snacks.

FANNISH OLYMPIAD – CHILDREN'S EDITION

Time: Saturday - 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Location: River B Panelists: Pam Burr, Capricious, Mike (Ciggy) Cyganiewicz (M), Alex Heltzer, Sandy Heltzer Description: Geared for our youngest Phans, cheer the younglings on as they complete their own version of the Fannish Olympiad.

LEGO MANIA PART 2

Time: Saturday - 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Location: Elm

Description: Tell your own story in plastic bricks! You're only limited by your own imagination - so come and build with us! Please note DUPLO bricks are limited.

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CAPRICON HISTORY

Year	Dates	LOCATION	Chair	Тнеше	Guests
1	February 20-22, 1981	Holiday Inn, Evanston	Chip Bestler	None	Author: Terry Carr Author:Wilson Tucker Fen: J.R. & Mary Jane Holmes
2	February 1982	Radison Hotel, Chicago	Leah Bestler	None	Author: Gene Wolfe Fan: Mike Stein
3	February 1983	Radison Hotel, Chicago	Virginia Meisinger	None	Author: Stephen R. Donaldson Fan: Otlie & Phil Foglio
4	February 1984	Continental Hotel, Chicago	Marty Coady Fabish	None	Author: Paul O. Williams Fan: Jeff Duntemann
5	February 1985	Lincolnwood Hyatt	Virginia Meisinger	None	Author: Frederik Phol Fan: Darlene P. Coltrain
6	February 1986	Lincolnwood Hyatt	Virginia Meisinger	None	Author: David R. Palmer Fan: Tim Allen
7	February 1987	Lincolnwood Hyatt	No Chair	None	Author: Jerry Oltion Artist: Stephen Hickman Fan: Joan Hanke-Woods
8	February 1988	Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	Alice Bentley	None	Author: Lawrence Watt-Evans Artist: Kay Reynolds Fan: Kathleen Meyer
9	February 1989	Lincolnwood Hyatt	Alice Bentley	None	Author: Howard Waldrop Fan: Ken Fletcher
10	February 1990	Lincolnwood Hyatt	Amy Schaefer	None	Author: P.C. Hodgell Artist: Todd Cameron Hamilto Fan: Bill Higgins
11	February 21-24, 1991	Lincolnwood Hyatt	Alice Bentley	None	Author: Ellen Kushner Editor: Beth Meacham Fan: Becky Thomson
12	February 20-23, 1992	Lincolnwood Hyatt	Amy Schaefer	None	Author: Terry Bisson Special: Kim Stanley Robinson Special: Paul Park Fan: Steve Scherer
13	February 8-21, 1993	Pheasant Run, St. Charles	Amy Schaefer	None	Author: Terry Pratchett Artist: Darlene P. Coltrain Fan: George Laskowski
14	February 1994	Wyndham Hamilton, Itasca	Karen Babich	None	Author: Connie Willis Artist: Mary Lynn Skirvin Fan: David Dyer-Bennet
15	February 16-19, 1995	Wyndham Hamilton, Itasca	Kathy Nerat	None	Author: Nancy Kress Fan: Sue Blom
16	February 1996	Wyndham Hamilton, Itasca	Doug Winkler	None	Author: Sean Stewart Artist: Scott Gustafson Media: Michael Stein
17	February 20-23, 1997	Oak Brook Hilton	Doug Winkler	None	Author: Robert J. Sawyer

LIGHTSABER MAKING FOR KIDS

Time: Saturday - 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: James Bacon Description: Come, finish your Jedi trials and pass the final test. Building your own lightsaber. We provide the parts, you bring it together in the form you and the Force agree on.

Kids Dance Workshop

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Location: River B Panelists: Mae the Bellydancer Description: Dance Special Guest Mae the Bellydancer shows our younglings the basics of dance.

MINECRAFT SNACKS

Time: Sunday - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Location: Elm Panelists: Lance Fligor Description: Use starbursts and skittles to create your own Minecraft inspired snack.

Wonderful Watercolors

Time: Saturday - 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM Location: Elm Panelists: Karen Ann Hollingsworth

Description: Share a fun way to work with watercolor and colored pencil. It's a great way to relax and ignite your creative juices. Go with the flow, if you'll pardon the pun. Open to all skill levels. Parents are welcome to join in with their kids.

Open Puppet Making

Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM Location: Elm

Description: Open to all kids. Come create a puppet and learn how to make them come to life with your imagination. Some of the puppets will be used for a puppet show to be performed before SpaceTime Theater!

TRAINS! FOR KIDS

Time: Saturday - 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden B Panelists: James Bacon, John Donat Description: Come learn about the wonderful world of trains! Models will be set up for the kids to watch.

BOOK MAKING AND STORYTELLING

Time: Saturday - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM Location: Elm

Description: Create your own story and make a book or play our storytelling games. We'll be adding a sentence at a time or drawing an element in a picture. Let's see how crazy they can become!

Game Night

Time: Saturday - 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM Location: Elm Description: Everyone enjoys a good game night! Play one of ours or bring one of your own!

PUPPET SHOW

Time: Saturday - 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM Location: Botanic Garden A Description: Some of the kids will be performing a puppet show as the opening act to SpaceTime Theater. Join us to see their story come to life!

Sunday Morning Cartoons

Time: Sunday - 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Location: Elm Description: One more morning of animated happiness! Come and join us for a lazy start to the day.

Valentine's Day Celebration

Time: Sunday - 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Location: Elm Description: Create something special for your Valentine. We will have doilies, stickers and construction paper for traditional valentines and some special supplies to create an amazing surprise!

Construct a Jet Pack

Time: Sunday - 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Location: Elm

Description: Ever wonder what it's like to fly with a jet pack? Well... keep wondering! But maybe constructing our hotel friendly jet packs will spark your imagination. Create your very own non-flying jet pack with recycled materials so you can join us as part of the jet pack parade into closing ceremonies!

LEGO Mania Part 3

Time: Saturday - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Location: Elm Description: Tell your own story in plastic bricks! You're only

limited by your own imagination – so come and build with us! Please note DUPLO bricks are limited.

Temple Run – Kids

Time: Sunday - 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM Location: River B

Panelists: Alex Heltzer, Sandy Heltzer

Description: No adventure story is complete without having to escape the booby-trapped halls of a secret and mystical place. We will construct our own temple run using yarn and supports. How fast can you escape with the golden idol?

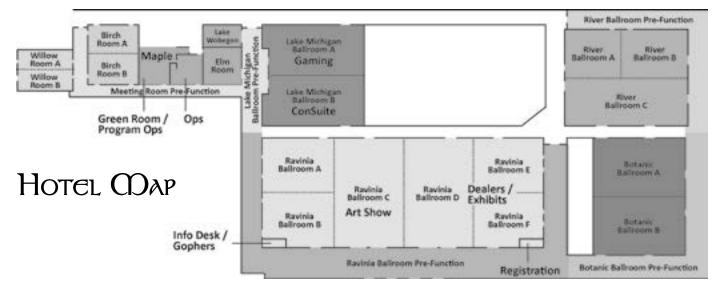


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18	February 5-8, 1998	Holiday Inn O'Hare, Rosemont	Dina Krause	None	Author: Josepha Sherman Editor: Steve Hockensmith
19	February 11-14, 1999	Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	Tracy Lunquist & Dave McCarty	Villains	Pro: David Weber Artist: Todd Cameron Hamilton Fan: Phoenix
20	January 27-30, 2000	Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	Dave McCarty	Armageddon	Pro: Larry Niven Science: Chris Luchini Fan: Joseph "Uncle Vlad" Stockman
21	February 8-11, 2001	Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	Tracy Lunquist	PROGRESS	Pro: Allen Steele Fan: Geri Sullivan
22	February 7-10, 2002	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Deb Kosiba	Fun & Games	Fun: Dr. Demento Game: James Ernest Artist: Kaja Foglio Fan: David Abzug
23	February 6-9, 2003	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Cary Williams & Marnie Gucciard	Gods & Monsters	Author: Tim Powers Artist: Amy K. Brown Fan: Bill Roper
24	January 29- February 1, 2004	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Dave McCarty	Sensawondah!	Author: Spider Robinson Author: Jeanne Robinson Artist: Kimberly Reck NASA: Bryan Palaszewski
25	February 10-14, 2005	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Deb Kosiba	Mad Scientists	Author: James P. Hogan Artist: Shaenon K. Garrity Fan: John Morse
26	February 9-12, 2006	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Greg Williams	University of Fandom	Guest Faculty: Peter S. Beagle, Guest Faculty: Bryan Palaszewski Guest Faculty: Kat Eggleston Guest Faculty: Michael Longcor Guest Faculty: Dr. Mary Crowell Guest Faculty: Nick Pollotta Guest Faculty: Jody Lynn Nye Guest Faculty: Bill Fawcett Guest Faculty: Phyllis Eisenstein
27	February 8-11, 2007	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Gretchen Roper	A Celebration of High Fantasy	Author: Lois McMaster Bujold Artist: Erin McKee Fan: Cat Faber
28	February 14-17, 2008	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Leane Verhulst	Pirates	SF Author: Mike Resnick Pirate: John Baur ("Ol' Chumbucket") Pirate: Mark Summers ("Cap'n Slappy") Artist: Don Maitz

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29	February 19-22, 2009	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Helen Montgomery	Camp Capricon	Author: Sharon Shinn Artist: Gary Lippincott Fan: Christian McGuire Filk: Barry Childs-Helton Filk: Sally Childs-Helton NASA: Bryan Palaszewski
30	February 11-14, 2010	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Helen Montgomery	Celebration!	Author: Frederik Pohl Author: Spider Robinson Author: Jeanne Robinson Author: Robert J. Sawyer Artist: Lucy Synk Fan: Alice Bentley
31	February 10-13, 2011	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Chair: Erik V. Olson Vice Chair: Sondra de Jong	Escape!	Author: John Scalzi Artist: John Picacio Fan: Stephen Boucher Fan: Janice Gelb Special Guest: Bryan Palaszewski
32	February 9-12, 2012	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Sondra de Jong	Amazing Adventures	Author: Cory Doctorow Artist: Les McClaine FanL Steven H. Silver Special: Javier Grillo-Marxuach
33	February 7-10, 2013	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Mike Cyganiewicz	Artificial Intelligence	Author: Daniel H. Wilson Artist: Karen Ann Hollingsworth Fan: Helen Montgomery
34	February 6-9, 2014	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Laura Dombrowski	The 4th Dimension	Author: S.M. Stirling Artist: Tom Peters Fan: Tadao Tomomatsu Music: Silent Nightmare Special: Jan Stirling Special: Sherrilyn Kenyon
35	February 12-15, 2015	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Chair: John Ickes Vice-Chair: Terrence Miltner	R & R	Author: Matt Forbeck Artist: John Bivens Fan: Elizabeth Huffman Music: Alexander James Adams Gaming: Margaret Weis Special: John Anealio Special: Patrick Hester
36	February 11-14, 2016	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Marinda Darnell	Once Upon A Capricon	Author: Scott Lynch Artist: Eric Wilkerson Fan: Wendy Zdrodowski Special: Mark Oshiro Puppeteer: Stacey Gordon Dance: Mae The Bellydancer



DEPARTMENT HOURS

Anime – Ravinia B

Thursday, 4:00 PM – 1:00 AM Friday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM Saturday, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, 11:00 PM - 2:00 AM Sunday, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Art Show – Ravinia C

Viewing/Bidding: Thursday, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Friday, 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM Saturday, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM **Buver** Pickup: Saturday after auction by appointment ONLY Sunday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM **Print Shop:** During all viewing/bidding hours & during buyer pickup on Sunday. Artists Only: Thursday, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (setup) Friday, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (setup)

Sunday, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM (pickup)

BLINKY LAND – RIVER A

Friday, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Saturday, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Sunday, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Café (Magic Bean Café) – River C Friday, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

ConSuite – Lake Michigan B

Thursday, 3:00 PM - 12:00 AM Friday, 8:00 AM - Saturday, 1:00 AM Saturday, 8:00 AM - Sunday, 1:00 AM Sunday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Dealers (Room of Wonders) – Ravinia D–E–F Thursday, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday, 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Saturday, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Gaming – Lake Michigan A

Thursday, 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM Friday, 8:00 AM - Sunday, 3:00 PM

Gophers – Coat Closet by Ravinia B Thursday, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Friday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Green Room – Maple

Thursday, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday, 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Saturday, 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Sunday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Info Desk – Coat Closet by Ravinia B

Thursday, 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ops – Oak

Thursday, 10:00 AM - Sunday, 5:45 PM

Programming Ops – Maple

Thursday, 2:30 PM - 10:15 PM Friday, 9:30 AM - 10:15 PM Saturday, 9:30 AM - 10:15 PM Sunday, 9:30 AM - 3:15 PM

REGISTRATION – COAT CLOSET BY RAVINIA F

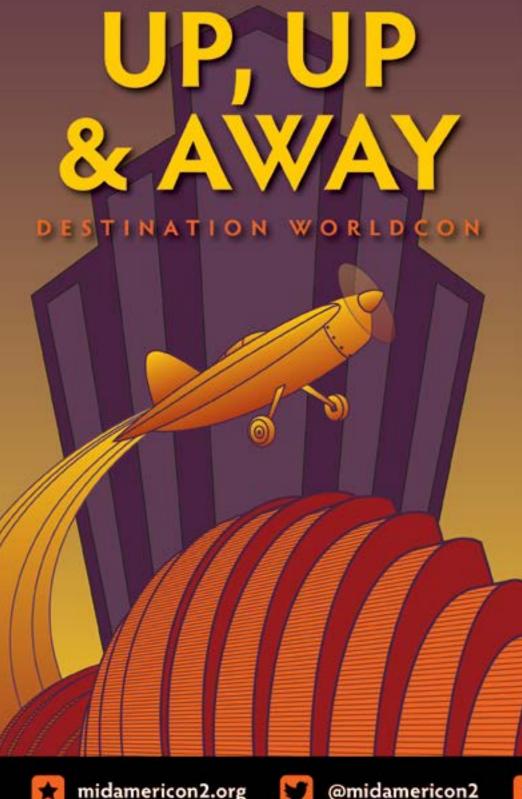
Thursday, 2:30 PM - 9:00 PM Friday, 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM Saturday, 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM Sunday, 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Teen Lounge – 3rd Floor Suite

Thursday, 8:00 PM - 2:00 AM Friday, 11:00 AM - Saturday, 2:00 AM Saturday, 11:00 AM - Sunday, 2:00 AM Sunday, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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