

Events Update

There will be a concert and reception Sunday at 10pm in the Territories and Tudor 8 rooms in the Royal York to promote Mythic Journeys, a conference being held June 3-6, 2004, in Atlanta. Heather Dale, a well-known Toronto professional singer, will perform.

Changes in the Filk Track:

- The Written Word panel moves to Confederation 3 in the Royal York
- Filk Hall of Fame panel moves to PEI in the Royal York
- Open Filk moves to PEI at midnight

Fun Stuff @ Worldcon #6: The Anime Room

For those of you just waking up after Saturday's parties, good morning to you! (Yes I am perfectly aware that it will be the middle of the afternoon by the time you see this; I had a great time at the room parties last night myself). It's been three nights and days since the con began and by now you could probably use a little bit of "me" time. The anime room is open for your viewing pleasure downstairs at the Crowne Plaza.

The anime room is cool, dark and full of colourful characters in brightly coloured costumes, the perfect slow-down activity for masquerade Sunday. The anime is presented dubbed or subtitled in English. On the viewing schedule available in the front of the room is everything from episodes of *Cowboy Bebop* to *Neon Genesis Evangelion* to presentations of anime classics like *Ninja Scroll*.

Fans attending the convention with the little ones should be aware that much of the anime being shown is not suitable for children due to its scenes of explicit violence or sex. Have I mentioned lately how much fun anime is? Yay, violence!

Dealer's Room Hours

Dealer's Room Hours are 11am-6pm daily. Monday (Labour Day) hours are 11am-3pm.

Autograph sessions *before* 11am will be in the Fan/Exhibits Area.

Junkyard Poet Competition Winners

Timothy J Anderson, Scott E. Green and Neil McKellar are the winners of the Junkyard poet competition. Here is the winning poem:

Fellini's whore dances the rumba
Under rocks quietly unearthed,
Bends to gaze through the lens
Unhappy, far-off thing.
I long to ask "Are you my angel?"

The clear film canister pill bottle
Venetian glass nephew
Death drives a flat black Mercury
Spaceship Challenger, motorcade in Dallas
Hal is the real star of the show.

The centaurs banged on the bar
A little bar in northern Minnesota
At the back of the north wind.
Passages of clever cultural parody
The first word is most dangerous.

Prophylactic vent cover
Band Aids don't move me
The disposable countdown to change
The body a hieroglyph waiting
The unpublished facts of life.

It's the past you can be sure
East African cattle herders
Overpopulation if killing us
The sparkle of exhaustion
(Clinks gather)

Behind the tales of the miracles and
The mysteries of the ancients:
5000 facts about Canada.
Language lends itself to something
Permanent on most surfaces –
Preserve the secret wisdom.

Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up yesterday to help us fold and collate the Hugo programs. Your enthusiasm was appreciated.

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LA Wins 2006 Worldcon Vote

L.A.con IV has been chosen as the 2006 World Science Fiction Convention, defeating Kansas City on the first round of voting by a total of 74 votes. The announcement was made at the Sunday WSFS Business Meeting at Torcon 3. Guests of Honor will be Connie Willis (Author), James Gurney (Artist), and Howard DeVore (Fan), with Special Guest Frankie Thomas, the original star of *Tom Corbett, Space Cadet*.

Seattle defeated Charlotte by only 6 votes to be the site of the 2005 NASFiC, which will be called CascadiaCon (Cascadia is a nickname for the entire Pacific Northwest region), with guests Fred Saberhagen (Author), Liz Danforth (Artist), Toni Weisskopf (Editor), and Kevin Standlee (Fan; Kevin was co-chair of ConJose and chairman of the WSFS Business Meeting at Torcon 3).

L.A.con IV will be held August 23-27, 2006, at the Anaheim Convention Center (just south of Los Angeles, across the street from Disneyland), and the Anaheim Hilton and Anaheim Marriott. Christian McGuire is the committee chairman; Bobbi Armbruster and Craig Miller are vice-chairs, with Elayne Pelz as treasurer.

CascadiaCon will be held September 1-5, 2005 (*not* September 3-6 as stated on their Progress Report #0; a representative pleaded lack of sleep) at the SeaTac Airport Hilton in Seattle. Bobbie DuFault is Con Chair.

(Note: If Tokyo wins the 2007 Worldcon Site Selection {which will be decided at Noreascon 4, the 2004 Worldcon, to be held September 2-6, 2004, in Boston}, the site of the 2007 NASFiC will be decided at CascadiaCon and only attending and supporting members of CascadiaCon – *not* members of Interaction, the 2005 Worldcon {to be held August 4-8, 2005, in Glasgow, Scotland} – will be permitted to vote for the site of the 2007 NASFiC. Of course, if Columbus wins the 2007 Worldcon Site Selection, there won't be a need for a 2007 NASFiC.)

Everyone who voted in the 2006 Worldcon Site Selection is automatically a supporting member of L.A.con IV. There is a complicated schedule of prices to convert your supporting membership to a full attending membership, or to

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Warm Bodies
on site
3646

Attending
Members
4018

Members
4735

Warm Body Count includes each unique person who purchased a membership and has

Total attending memberships includes full attending memberships sold plus day memberships converted to full attending by way of a formula.

Total members included the warm body count plus attending & supporting members who did not attend at the door.

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Similarly, everyone who voted in the 2005 NASFiC Site Selection is automatically a supporting member of CascadiaCon and can convert their supporting membership to full attending by paying a conversion fee. Again, check at the conversion table.

Torcon 3 congratulates L.A.con IV and CascadiaCon and wishes them all the best. We can’t wait to attend your cons, which we are sure will be memorable and fun. To Kansas City and Charlotte, we honour you for races well run, and hope you will continue to be a contributing part of fandom for many years to come.

Art Show Awards

Amateur
Tina Klein Lebbink – “Captain’s Kitten”
Jacob & Wayne Fowler – “Phoenix Rising”
Cheryl Garrett – “The Egg – Fire Dragon 3 of 4”
Dan J. O’Driscoll – “Metropolis”
Rachael Mayo – “Serpent Star 3: Bluestar”

Professional
Erin McKee – “Green Man”
Mai Q. Nguyen – “Sea Dragon”
Theresa Mather – “Mariner’s Tale”
John Platt – “Chariots of New Frontiers”
Jean-Pierre Normand – “Asimov June”
SoMK Sophie Klesen – “Cherudek”

Doughnut Wars!

Toronto Trek (tcon.icomm.ca) wants to thank everyone who in our Krispy Kreme vs. Tim Horton’s Doughnuts Wars party Fridy night. After working their way through forty dozen samples, these brave souls with selfless dedicated their bodies to science, voted, and the results are (we swear on our honour this is how it worked out): Tim Hortons: 47.7%, Krispy Kreme: 47.7%, Undecided: 3.8%, and one vote for Al Gore. (Really we swear this is how the vote went, we were really hoping that there would be a clear winner!)

Sunday Party Listings

L.A.con IV, win or lose, 9pm-Late, RY 1-263
Kansas City in 2006, win or lose – Hawaiian shirts! 9:30pm-Late, RY 1-291
RFF Members, 8-midnight, CP 409
Charlotte thank-you, Post-Masquerade-1am, RY 1-297
Noreascon 4 9:30pm-Late, RY 1-175
Christian Fandom 8:23pm-2am, RY 2-298
Writers & Illustrators of the Future 8pm-Late, RY 2-188
Mythic Journeys, “Live Music” 10pm-Midnight, RY Tudor 8 & Territories
Tanya Huff/Fiona Patton, GLBT Fandom 8pm-Late, RY 2-109
Con Suite 9pm-Late, RY 1-277
Imaginings Anthology Pub.Party 9pm-Late, RY 2-164 “probably”
Strange Horizons/Ideomancer Tea Party 3:30pm-6pm, CP 2137
General Technics, no times given, RY 1-147

Once More, With Seating

The closing ceremony for Torcon 3 will take place at 3pm on Monday in the Royal York Concert Hall. Seating arrangements will be theatre-style – that is, with seating for all. (Hurrah!)

Hope to see everyone there!

The Dam Write Daily staff

Sunday Abraham, Caryn Babstock, Krista Babstock, Tom Beck, Michelle Boyce, Christina Caldarelli, KIM Campbell, Stephen R. Cooper, L.A. Danell, Jan van’t Ent, Sabrina Fried, Melanie Howard, Barry Newton, Frederica Panon

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2-Year Worldcon Lead Time Approved

Starting in 2006, new Worldcons will have only 2 years to prepare, if the amendment to the WSFS Constitution adopted at the Sunday WSFS Business Meeting at Torcon 3 is ratified by the Business Meeting at Noreascon 4, the 2004 Worldcon in Boston. By a razor-thin margin of just 7 votes out of 173 cast, attendees at the Torcon 3 Sunday WSFS Business Meeting voted to amend the WSFS Constitution to reduce the lead time between Worldcon Site Selections and the Worldcon so selected to two years from the current three. The vote on the amendment was 90 in favour and 83 against. Amendments to the WSFS Constitution must be passed by the WSFS Business Meeting at two successive Worldcons to take effect.

If ratified at the 2004 WSFS Business Meeting at Noreascon 4, this amendment will take effect starting in 2006. There will be no Site Selection at Interaction in 2005 (but Interaction members will be eligible to vote in the 2008 Site Selection, even if they are not members of L.A.con IV). Instead, L.A.con IV in Los Angeles will administer the Site Selection for the 2008 Worldcon (if the amendment is not ratified, L.A.con IV will administer the Site Selection for 2009, and Interaction will administer the 2008 Site Selection).

The argument in favour of the amendment is that it will basically reduce the burnout rate of Worldcon committees, many of which reportedly do little during the first year after winning the site selection but sell memberships. The amendment was supported by many, although not all, of the recent Worldcon chairs.

Opponents argued that two years is just not enough time, in many cases, to fully plan and staff a Worldcon and that the recent change to a “no zone” bidding system needs time to work out before making any further changes.

In any case, nothing will be finally decided until next year in Boston. If you are interested in this issue on either side, please make plans to attend the WSFS Business Meeting at Noreascon 4 to cast your vote. All members of a Worldcon are eligible to attend and vote at the WSFS Business Meeting at that Worldcon.

Torcon 2 Footage

Due to technical reasons with the tape, the film of Torcon 2 was not shown before the Hugo Awards as announced. Attempts are being made to slot in this showing elsewhere on the schedule.

Attention Eager Beavers!

If you have not already run into the Chair for your Eager Beaver Ribbon and your special thank you item, please do so. He is guaranteed to be at the daily 1pm feedback sessions. Otherwise it will be mailed to you.

Lost and Found

Lost – a 10-12” stuffed Chinese Dragon finger puppet, green with red & gold trim, red tongue and tail. Lost Friday somewhere in the MTCC Lobby, or in front of the Center. Please return to Derek (AKA “Aah-tchoo”) or to any Art Show security Dorsai Irregular.

Could Beverly Williams, Dr. Kato, Joan Hindy, Hugh Spencer, Andrew Brownbill, and Joe Leslie Adams.

There are many other things at Lost and Found. Please, if you find anything, turn it in at the Convention office.

Hugo Report Correction

The typo gremlins snuck in last night and changed Jane Espenson’s name to Rick Green for *Dam Write Daily* #6. Our apologies to Rick Green for thinking he looked so good in a dress.

Fan in Need

Milwaukee fan Tom Cason was taken to hospital just before noon Sunday. The exact situation is unknown, but kidney problems are suspected. As far as is known, his HMO may not cover part or all of his medical expenses (he could not reach the HMO’s toll-free number). Messages may be left for him at Holiday Inn on King St, Room 2017. Contact “Orange Mike” Lowrey for further details.