

FENCON ION #3

The Official FenCon Newsletter

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2010

Madness Continues

It's Sunday and while there's not much time left for FenCon VII, we're going to make the most of it.

The morning starts with a bang as Round 5 of the "Syfy Channel Inferno Match" and our very own "Science Fiction: Fact or Crap?" quiz show kick off the day's events. Then we've got an interview with award-winning author Robert J. Sawyer, a look at men in kilts, discussions about time travel, fine art, the apocalypse, and even this very convention plus concerts with Tom Smith, Kasey Lansdale, Margaret Middleton, and many more.

At 4PM today, it's time for closing ceremonies and a fond farewell until September 2011.

Yes, There Will Be Blood!

Have we mentioned lately how much we love the fen? Well, we do, and we were reminded why once again on Saturday during the blood drive. The Carter BloodCare folks were hoping to collect 20 pints but y'all managed to donate 40 pints! They had to turn so many folks away on Saturday that they'll try to send another crew out today. On behalf of the Dallas Future Society and the many people your generous donation will save, thank you.

Arr, Mateys!

It's September 19th which means its International Talk Like a Pirate Day. To celebrate properly, join Tom Smith, the creator of the official ITLAPD theme song, for his concert at noon in the Oak Ballroom.

We Want You

FenCon is run entirely by volunteers who give many hours to helping the convention run as smoothly as possible. We're always looking for folks to lend a hand. Check at ConOps in the Dogwood room if you want to help make FenCon even better.

Sunday Programming Changes

- Dawn Mennear has joined the "Fantasy Economics" panel at 11AM on Sunday.
- "Don't Quit Your Day Job" moves to Noon in Addison Lecture Hall. Panelists are Mel Fletcher, Adrian Simmons, Mel. White, and moderator Lou Antonelli.
- "Tesla & Co." moves to 1PM in Addison Lecture Hall. Panelists are Lou Antonelli, David Gray, Mel. White, and moderator Bart Kemper.
- "The Album of the Soundtrack of the Trailer of the Creative Process" moves to 2PM in Addison Lecture Hall. Panelists are Kevin Hosey, Spider Robinson, Stina Leicht, and moderator Kathryn Sullivan.
- Joe R. Lansdale will not be on the "Down the Rabbit Hole Again" panel at 1PM.
- Maggie Bonham, Rob Rogers, Nina Romberg, Steven E. Wedel, and Craig Wolf regret that they will not be able to attend on Sunday.

Sunday's Autograph Schedule

10AM - Rachel Caine, Robert J. Sawyer, Brad Sinor, Sue Sinor

11AM - Paul Black, Kevin Hosey, Ethan Nahté, Teresa Patterson, Shanna Swendson, Mel. White

12PM - Libby Smith, Jaye Wells

1PM - Linda Donahue, Rhonda Eudaly, Julia Mandala, Dusty Rainbolt

In the Video Room

We finish up the weekend with the Hugo Award-winning movie *Moon* at noon, and at 2PM we end the con with a hilarious send up of 1950's B-movies, *The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra*.

Join Us for DeepSouthCon 49

We know the ad in the program book says “2010” but, trust us, FenCon VIII will be **September 23-25, 2011**, right here in this hotel. Be sure to get your 2011 membership before you leave today; they'll never be cheaper than they are right now. Why come back in 2011?



We've got everything you've come to expect from FenCon plus Guest of Honor author Gail Carriger, Music Guest of Honor Joe Bethancourt, Fen Guest of Honor Steven H. Silver, Artist Guest of Honor Vincent DiFate, Toastmaster Bradley Denton, and Special Guest Lou Anders.

We're also the host for DeepSouthCon 49, a major regional convention held at sites across the South since 1963. This will be the first time it's being held in Texas so we're ramping up Texas hospitality to even more crazy levels. We're also host to such DeepSouthCon traditions as the hearts tournament, the Rebel and Phoenix awards, and more.

Get your 2011 membership at Registration to secure your place in fannish history. You can get a regular membership or upgrade to Friend of the Fen for just \$15 more and get a FenCon VIII t-shirt and other cool bonuses. See you next year!

Feel the FenConvenience

Do you know where to get your official FenCon VII t-shirts and tote bags? Or vintage FenCon program books, filled with short fiction, essays, songs, and more? Or our annual charity art print, created with art from our Artist Guest of Honor, to raise money for each year's designated charity?

It's the FenConvenience Store, located just inside the entrance to the Dealer Room!



This amazing print of our FenCon VII program book cover art by John Picacio is **just \$10** and every cent of that \$10 goes to Carter BloodCare to aid in their lifesaving work across North Central and East Texas. Like all of our charity prints, it's a signed, limited edition of just 50 prints. Only a few remain so get yours right away.

Charity Begins At Home

It's true, but we're glad it doesn't *stay* there. The charity auction on Saturday night plus the sales of that amazing John Picacio art print has helped us raise **over \$1230** this weekend for Carter BloodCare.