

FENCON ION #1

The Official FenCon Newsletter

FRIDAY

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Welcome to FenCon VIII!

And a special welcome to folks from across the South joining us for DeepSouthCon 49, the first DSC to be held in Texas. We've got a full slate of FenCon fun plus the Hearts tournament, Rebel and Phoenix Awards, and a few surprises. By now you've heard that our artist guest of honor, Vincent Di Fate, will be here virtually thanks to the miracle of the internet. We've got lots of new faces, lots of familiar friends, and we go 3-D as our Gaming room moves down to the first floor. Be sure to check your convention guide for the complete schedule and each issue of the *FenCon ION* for the inevitable updates. (See column at right.) Enjoy a concert, participate in a panel, try a snack in the Admiral's Club (our con suite), and have fun.

Dealer Room Deals

Lazy Dragon is offering a free pocketknife when you spend at least \$25 in a single transaction; spend \$50 and get a free fixed blade knife; spend \$75 and get a free sword.

Release Your Inner Ivy

Create a hat inspired by Alexia's best friend and her inventive view on hats then bring it to FenCon on Saturday afternoon and have it judged by Gail Carriger. Sign up at the Costumer's Anonymous of North Texas table in the Gallery.

Rent-A-Table

Are you an author looking to sell your books? Try our "rent-a-table" option where you can buy half of a table in the main gallery for two hours for just \$5. See Robyn in the Dealer Room at the FenConvenience Store for all the details.

Friday Programming Changes

- Guy Lillian replaces Tracy Morris on "Superhero Summer", Friday noon, Live Oak
- Gwen M. Reyes replaces Candy Havens as moderator on "Heard Any Good Books Lately?", Friday 1pm, Pin Oak
- Jeff Turner is off of "Sci-Fi Tech: What's Next?", Friday 2pm, Pin Oak
- Mike Eber joins "But, Minecraft!", Friday 3pm, Red Oak
- Frank Summers reading is now 3pm Friday
- J. Kathleen Cheney reading added 3:30pm Friday
- Angela Lowry joins "The South Will Write Again", Friday 5pm, Pin Oak
- Gwen M. Reyes replaces Candy Havens as moderator on "The Sanctuary Network", Friday 6pm, Pin Oak
- Jackie Leaf joins the "Remembering Sarah Jane and the Brig" panel, Friday 8pm, Pin Oak
- Ethan Nahté is off "Patriotism Turns 70" in Live Oak and joins "Starcruisers in Concert", Friday 10pm, Trinity I-IV
- Peri Charlifu joins "Aether Aesthetics: Importance of Style in Steampunk", Friday 10pm, Addison Lecture Hall
- Shawn Murphy, Dell Harris, and Angela Lowry join "SF Pictionary", Friday 10pm, Red Oak
- Paul Abell, James Burk, Candace "Candy" Havens, and Adrian Simmons regret they are unable to attend FenCon this year