

# FENCON ION #2

The Official FenCon Newsletter

**SATURDAY** **SEPTEMBER 24, 2011**

## Steamy Saturday!

There's so much great stuff going on today, we hardly know where to begin. We've got panels on science (both mad and the other kind), art, music, fandom, puns, Southern fandom, costuming, steampunk, and much more. All of our Guests of Honor give panels or presentations today, too, so be sure to read your Convention Guide for all your options. Of course, there have been a few changes since that went to press so see the column at right for updates.

Today at 2PM is the **Hearts tournament**, a traditional DeepSouthCon event, in the Gaming room on the first floor. **Gail Carriger** takes the main stage at 4pm for her Guest of Honor presentation. Tonight at 7PM in the Addison Lecture Hall is our annual **Art and Charity Auction**, your chance to buy amazing things and help a good cause. At 9PM in the Oak Ballroom is our signature event, the **FenCon Cabaret** featuring special performances, a costume contest, and the All-Star Git-Down Filk-Sing Hootenanny™.

Saturday also features our Small Press Roundtable, more FenKids programming, plenty of filk, lots of conversation, and a dealer room full of books and other amazing stuff from around the world. Have fun!

## Give and Get Great

Our designated charity this year is the Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County. This nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry seeks to "eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action". You can help by purchasing a limited-edition signed and numbered Vincent Di Fate art print from the FenCon Store for just \$10 or by bidding early and often in tonight's charity auction.

## FenCon Gets Mobile

Check out the FenCon website optimized for smart phones and mobile devices: <http://mobile.fencon.org>

## Programming Changes

- Dell Harris and Angela Lowry join "Ready, Set, Draw!", Saturday 12pm, Elm
- Nina Romberg replaces Eilis O'Neal on "Playing with Words", Saturday 1pm, Live Oak
- Jay Epps joins the "Knock, Knock, Knock, Penny" panel, Saturday 1pm, Pin Oak
- Jeff Turner and C. Dean Andersson join "From Idea to Outline", Saturday 2pm, Pin Oak
- Teresa Patterson will be reading, Saturday 4:30pm, Pecan
- C. Dean Andersson replaces Carol Douglas on "Who Took the Horror Out of My Horror?", Saturday 5pm, Live Oak
- Jackie Leaf and William Leaf join "The Last Obligatory Stargate Panel?", Saturday 7pm, Pin Oak
- Mike Nelson joins "Oh My God! You Killed Rory", Saturday 8pm, Live Oak
- Guy Lillian is off of "Pulp Fiction: Voices of the Past", Saturday 8pm, Live Oak
- Julie Kenner (aka J.K. Beck) regrets she will be unable to attend on Sunday
- Nina Romberg will be at FenCon on Saturday only.
- Paul Abell, James Burk, Candace "Candy" Havens, and Adrian Simmons regret they are unable to attend FenCon this year

## Tips for Tops

A top hat can be a serious investment. To keep it in perfect condition, always store it upside down on it's crown. Storing it right side up will warp the brim and leave your hat looking flat!

## Attention: Friends of the Fen

If you received a polyester goodie bag at Registration on Friday please return it for a replacement cotton bag. We discovered the batch had a defect and the vendor has supplied replacements.

## Autograph Schedule

- 11AM - Lou Antonelli, Cathy Clamp,  
Rosemary Clement-Moore
- 11:30 - Sarah Hoyt, Eilis O'Neal, Libby A. Smith
- Noon - C. Dean Andersson, Michele Bardsley,  
Lee Killough
- 12:30 - Paul Black, Rie Sheridan Rose,  
Steven Wedel
- 1PM - **Friend of the Fen** GoH session with  
Lou Anders, Joe Bethancourt, Gail  
Carriger, Bradley Denton, Les Johnson,  
Stephan Martiniere, & Steven H. Silver
- 2PM - Philippa Ballantine, Tracy Morris
- 2:30 - Adele Ables, Rachel Caine, P. N. Elrod
- 3 PM - Lillian Stewart Carl, Carol Nelson Douglas
- 3:30 - Chris Donahue, Kevin Hosey,  
Nina Romberg

## We Like to Party

FenCon VIII is pleased to welcome all the groups throwing room parties at the convention this year, including both the Texas in 2013 and London in 2014 bids to host the Worldcon. The second floor is a designated party area but please remember that some of your fellow fen may be resting up for a big Sunday morning. Party hard but party smart.

## Get Your Costume On

Are you a closet Timelord? Do you have a need to release your inner fairy? Like to hoist your own Picard? Or maybe just show support for the werewolf of your choice? Then FenCon Masquerade needs *you* to show off your fannish finest. Sign up at Registration and show the world the *real* you (and maybe win a prize doing it, too).

## You Know, For Kids

This year FenCon is happy to present our bigger and better than ever FenKids Programming track. Our staff has put in late nights and long weekends to put together fun educational activities for our FenKids. We encourage parents and their children to participate in our line-up of great FenKids programming this year including:

- ➔ The FenKids Suite: a room where parents and kids can hang out and play
- ➔ A Robotics Hands-On
- ➔ Beginning and Advanced Drawing
- ➔ Family Filk
- ➔ Science discussions
- ➔ And so much more!

Make sure you regularly check the FenKids Suite for activity updates. It is room 2037, next to the Admiral's Club (our Con Suite).

Parents, you knew with something this cool there would be paperwork. When you visit the FenCon Registration table, make sure you pickup a FenKids packet for each of your children.

The nice people at Registration will help you fill out a couple of short forms containing contact information and some other legally necessary stuff. You might get lost, so we need to make sure that your child has the right info to come claim you.

## Experience the FenConvenience

Have you picked up your stylish FenCon VIII t-shirt? Or the amazing FenCon VII messenger bag, perfect for hauling your stuff around the hotel? And have you seen the amazing limited edition print, hand-signed by Artist Guest of Honor Vincent Di Fate? All \$10 of the price of the print goes directly to Habitat for Huna. Stop by tables #1 & 2 in the Dealer Room for more info.

## Attention Winners:

If you are one of our short story contest winners and have not collected your prize money yet, please stop by the Ops room (Dogwood) and ask for Jim.