

# FENCON ION #2

The Official FenCon Newsletter

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## Saturday Highlights

**10am**

- FenCon Squares – Trinity I-IV
- Geoffrey Landis Spotlight Interview – Addison Lecture Hall
- Lyric Writing Workshop (Part 1) – Suite 2021

**12pm**

- Interview with Amber Benson – Trinity I-IV
- The Art of Charles Vess – Addison Lecture Hall

**4pm**

- Cory Doctorow Keynote Address – Trinity I-IV

**5pm**

- Heather Dale Guest of Honor Concert – Trinity I-IV

**8pm**

- FenCon Cabaret – Trinity I-IV

**11pm**

- Saturday Night Chaos Filk – Live Oak
- Saturday Night Open Bardic Filk – Pin Oak

## Program Schedule Updates

While we do our best to ensure all programming is locked in so you know what to expect, life happens. Pick up a "Pink Sheet" that includes any changes made since the Convention Guide went to print.

- *Almost Alive: An Introduction to Ball-Jointed Dolls* has moved to the Directors room.
- *Death Becomes Her* has moved from Friday at 4:00 in Pin Oak, to Saturday at 5:00 in Red Oak.
- Unfortunately, Dell Harris, Juan M. Perez, and Steve Wedel will not be able to attend FenCon.
- Due to the government shutdown, Paul Abell is not allowed to participate in programming.
- John Ringo is unable to join the Friend of the Fen GoH autograph session, and will be signing at 5:00 in the Gallery instead.
- The FenKids *Intro to Role Playing Games* panel has moved from the FenKids room to Directors.

## Saturday in the Video Room

This evening is dedicated to independent film-makers. We have the first season of the web series "Continuum" (no relation to the Syfy series). Local film-makers, Taurian Films, present some of their latest works. The steampunk themed war film "Wars of Other Men" follows, and we round out the evening with a test screening of the Texas produced "Frankenstein's Monster."

## ATC – Autism Treatment Center

This year's FenCon charity is the Autism Treatment Center. The mission of the Autism Treatment Center is to assist people with autism and related disorders throughout their lives as they learn, play, work and live in the community. ATC is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation providing its services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Services include residential, educational, therapeutic, adult programs, diagnostics and research.



We'll have our annual charity auction on Saturday night, in conjunction with our art auction, plus a donation jar so you can give directly to this worthy cause.

We will have a donations table outside the Art Show for Charity Auction items. Please make sure that donated items are in good condition.

## Gaming

**NetRunner Demo & Tournament:** On Saturday, Roll2Play's Kevin Foster will be available for those who want to learn NetRunner, a cybernetic card game. There will be demonstrations of the game and afterwards, a tournament will also be going on. There will be 2 sessions, so you can choose where and when you want to go.

**Game Library:** If you want to learn a new game or are just looking for something to do in between panels, our Games Library is the place to go! We have a cache of board games for you to learn and play available. Our library will be stocked, so you can play whatever and whenever you want!

## Costume Contest

FenCon proudly includes a costume contest in the Saturday night Cabaret festivities. If you have a costume to share, consider entering it for competition! Check ConOps in Dogwood and the CANT table for forms. You must report to the Masquerade Muster at 7pm in Red Oak.

## Notes from around the Con

- Our sewing room, 2011, opens at 11pm after the cabaret. It will no be open after room parties. For costume emergencies, please go to ConOps in Dogwood.
- Temporary disabled parking spaces are located in the garage on the south side of the hotel.
- Lazy Dragon will be featuring a free pocketknife with the minimum purchase of \$25.00 or a free ninja sword with the minimum purchase of \$50.00 or more (not cumulative) in the dealers' room.

## FenCon 2014 Writers' Workshop

Are you a writer interested in honing your craft while having fun at a friendly convention? Why not plan to attend FenCon XI's Writers' Workshop? Each year our workshop is taught by a publishing professional. Past instructors have included Pyr editor Lou Anders, Baen editor Toni Weiskopf, as well as authors Keith R.A. DeCandido & Jay Lake. The name of the instructor for our 2014 class will be announced at Closing Ceremonies.

There is a sign-up sheet at Registration if you would like to be reminded before sales open online in mid-February.

## We LOVE Volunteers

Would you like to be a part of our FenCon family? Serving on the FenCon team as a volunteer is a great way to meet new people and to help out with various areas of the convention. Whether you can work one shift or several, we need your help. FenCon is "of the fen, by the fen, for the fen" and this is a classic "by the fen" opportunity.

