

FENCON ION



The Official FenCon Newsletter

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Art Print almost sold out!

Each year, FenCon's artist guest of honor creates an original piece of art for the cover of our program book and we offer a limited edition signed and numbered art print of that cover art to raise money for that year's charity.

This year, **Real Musgrave** has drawn an amazing cover for us and it makes an even more stunning 1x14 art print. So stunning, in fact, that of our limited edition of 50, we only have **six left for sale!** And these six are available only as part of a complete matching-number set of all five of our charity prints.

For your donation of \$50, you'll get limited edition signed and numbered prints from

Cat Conrad, Larry Dixon, Darrell K. Sweet, David Mattingly, and, of course, **Real Musgrave**. You'll also get the right to continue your matched number set at every future FenCon as we'll put your number "on reserve" in our art print database.

If you do miss out on one of these last six sets, you will have one last chance to get a copy of this print. Saturday night at the Art and Charity Auction (7pm in the Addison Lecture Hall) we'll have a signed Artist Proof copy up for auction. All funds raised by the Charity auction will also go to benefit this year's designated charity, Reading & Radio Resources, which provides audio books, magazines, news, and other services for the visually impaired so bid early, bid often.

Know your Roots: Dallas Futurians Commemorative Volume Available

FenCon is celebrating our fifth year and, even more importantly, celebrating **fifty years of science fiction conventions in Texas**. The very first, Southwestercon 6, was held in Dallas in July 1958 and organized by the Dallas Futurians. One of those young folks was a teenager named **Greg Benford**. Yes, the noted scientist, legendary science fiction author, and our Guest of Honor—*that* Greg Benford. We're also honored to welcome his fellow Dallas Futurian and current NASA scientist, **Dr. Al Jackson**. Dr. Jackson has provided us with a copy of "**Crifanac**" and some other fanzine material from the period, including some by Greg Benford, and our own **Julie Barrett** has restored and compiled these fannish treasures into a commemorative volume available for purchase. All of the proceeds will go to help this year's designated charity.

Program Schedule Updates

Saturday

- 10am – K. Hutson Price is now the moderator of the "Sci-Fi Channel Cage Match Round 2" on Main Stage
- 10am - *The Sarah Jane Adventures*: "The Last Sontaran" (2008) replaces "Looking For Steven Ditko" in the Video Room
- 11am – Chris Fulbright's former 1pm reading has been moved up to 11am in the Reading Room
- 12noon - K. Hutson-Price has been added to the "Blended Genres" panel in Main Programming

Sunday

- 10am – A. Lee Martinez is now the moderator of "Mars v. Venus" in Main Programming
- 3pm - Joy Lanterman will not be on the "Subversion in our Schools" panel in Program Two

Also, **Bev Hale** is ill and Toastmaster **Howard Waldrop** remains under doctor's orders so neither will be attending this weekend. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Saturday Programming Highlights

Start your Saturday off right with panels with on the **Sci-Fi Channel**, slush piles, **asteroids**, audio books, and comics plus a couple of **readings**—all at 10am!

We've got concerts, art presentations, a game show, readings, the **Costumers Cat Walk**, plenty of panels, plus science experiments for kids, gaming, interviews with our guests of honor, **Dr. Gregory Benford's** Keynote Address at 4pm, **Three Weird Sisters** in concert at 5pm, the **Art and Charity Auction** at 7pm, and so much more. Oh, and the **fifth annual FenCon Cabaret** featuring the **Masquerade** and the legendary **All-Star Git-Down Filk Sing Hootenanny** caps off the evening. (And of course open filking runs all night.)

This is only a small taste of what we have planned for Saturday. Check the Convention Guide for the full schedule.

Eat Something

MacArthur's on the first floor of the Crowne Plaza is convenient, tasty, and now it's extra-affordable. As a special deal for FenCon members, MacArthur's is serving buffet meals at special low prices. All prices below *include tax and tip*. Yes, a hot all you can eat breakfast for a flat ten bucks. Why leave the hotel?

Saturday's breakfast buffet is \$10.00, the lunch buffet featuring Mexican favorites is \$12.95, and the **Saturday night BBQ buffet is \$14.95**. On Sunday, the breakfast buffet is once again a mere \$10.00 and the lunch buffet featuring sandwiches, soup & salad is only \$12.95. And these prices include the tax and tip! Stay, eat, and get right back to FenCon.

We Like to Party

A special welcome to all the groups throwing **room parties** at FenCon this year. Tonight's parties include **ConDFW** and the second of two from our good friends at **ApolloCon**. Look for posted signs with the exact times and locations plus we'll announce more at the FenCon Cabaret.

Shop the FenConvenience Store

We've got historic **FenCon V t-shirts** and roomy **tote bags** for just \$20 each. We've got the limited-edition **Real Musgrave art print** for the low price of \$10. We've also got a very limited supply of charity prints from previous years, including a few **matched-number sets**. (If you buy a complete matched-number set for \$50, we'll give you a set of program books from the first four FenCons at no charge.) Plus we're having a **super blowout on t-shirts** from previous FenCons—**just \$5 each**, while they last.

On a political note, get your "**Vote Saxon**" shirts (\$20) and bumper stickers (\$3 or 2/\$5).

Where to See and Be Seen

This year's FenCon Video room offers a fresh mix of classics, cheese, documentaries, and rarities. Some of the **not to be missed** entries on Saturday include fresh new **Sarah Jane Adventures** episodes at 10am, local science fiction club presentations all afternoon, an hour with **Doris Egan** and one of her favorite **Smallville** episodes at 6pm, locally made film festival favorite **Primer** at 10:30pm, and fun films overnight. Plus check the Video Room all weekend for surprises, short features, and plenty of bonus goodies.