

FENCON ION

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Still plenty to see and do!

Yes, it's Sunday and another FenCon is drawing to a close but it's far from being over. **Gaming** is still going strong and the **Video Room** is rolling out this year's Hugo Award winners. Concerts today include Mary Miller, Casey Sledge, **Birds of a Feather** Margaret Middleton,, plus **Bill and Brenda Sutton**. We've got readings from Rhonda Eudaly, Gloria Oliver, Rachel Caine, **Jay Lake**, Mel Tatum, and many more. Plus, we've got panels on topics ranging from **alternate history** to fine art, from

mythology and psychology to recording filks, from **customizing action figures** to debating who is really **king of the movie monsters**. In fact, there's so much going on today that you'll have to check the Convention Guide for a complete listing.

We had so much fun, we're having another FenCon in 2009

Thanks to all of our guests, program participants, staff, volunteers, and most of all you the fen, FenCon V is a tremendous success. Special thanks go out to Greg Benford, Dr. Al Jackson, and all of the Dallas Futurians for putting on that first Texas sf convention back in 1958. Based on purely scientific measurements, this has been our most fun FenCon ever.

Always seeking to outdo ourselves, FenCon VI will be about "Sci-Fi DIY" and feature a new lineup of honored guests: **Lois McMaster Bujold** will be our Guest of Honor, **Kurt Miller** will be our Artist Guest of Honor, FenCon favorite **Carla Ulbrich** returns as our Music Guest of Honor, Toastmaster will be **Joe R. Lansdale**, Southern Fandom Confederation president **Warren Buff** will be our Fen Guest of Honor, and our Special Guests include novelist **Keith R. A. DeCandido** and *Doctor Who* writer and Hugo nominee **Paul Cornell**.

Register for 2009 today - Save five bucks!

Go to Registration today before 3pm and you'll be able to sign up for FenCon VI in 2009, to be held in this very hotel on September 18-20, 2009, and you'll pay the lowest possible membership rate. **Regular weekend membership is just \$20** and the popular **Friend of the Fen** membership, which includes a FenCon VI t-shirt or totebag, is **just \$35**. If you wait to sign up online, the price jumps up \$5 so think of this Sunday-only offer as FenCon's small attempt at a financial bailout of the economy. We hope to see you here in 2009!

Program Schedule Updates

Sunday

- 10am – A. Lee Martinez is now the moderator of "Mars v. Venus" in Main Programming
- 11am – R. L. Copple has been added to the autograph lineup in the back of the Dealers Room
- 12noon – Bill Snodgrass has been added to the "ROTFL: Humor in SF" panel ion Main Stage
- 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.

Texas Fannish History Book

FenCon is 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. We're honored to welcome **Gregory Benford** and his fellow Dallas Futurian (and current NASA scientist) **Dr. Albert 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 in the **FenConvenience Store** located just inside the entrance to the **Dealers Room**. These books are **just \$10** each and all of the proceeds will go to help this year's designated charity.

Masquerade Winners

Thanks to all of the judges, and special thanks to **Kim Kofmel** for making it all happen.

The **Best Workmanship and Best Journeyman Awards** went to Tim and Lorretta Morgan for "Vabban Traders Going to Worlds Trade Bazaar", **Honorable Mentions** went to Misty Boldish and Amaya, **Best Presentation** went to Tony Sanchel as "Admiral Adama", **Best Humor** went to Dagan Aseere for "Kilted Trooper, and **Best in Show** went to Cynthia Talbot, Rebecca Collins, Ashley Crouch, Samantha Angel, Bonnie Davidson, Rick Beiswanger, David Demonja, Michelle Harper, Levine Hoyt, Lynn Sallee, Sha Sallee, and Galen Sallee. The **CANT Best Hall Costume Award** went to Scott Padget and Cynthia Talbot and company took the Cement Overshoes Award from the Chicagoland Costumers Guild.

Shop the FenConvenience Store

We've got historic **FenCon V t-shirts** and roomy **tote bags** for just \$20 each. We've got signed and numbered limited-edition **art prints** by **Cat Conrad**, **Larry Dixon**, and **David Mattingly** for the low price of \$10. Plus we're having a **super blowout on t-shirts** from previous FenCons—**just \$5 each**, while they last.

If you like the new *Doctor Who* (or just know someone who does) be sure to get your "**Vote Saxon**" shirts (\$20) and bumper stickers (\$3 or 2/\$5). Support the only candidate bent on actual galactic domination, John Saxon.

Last Chance to See

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 Sunday include the documentary *Prophets of Science Fiction* at 10am, this year's Hugo Award winner for Best Dramatic Presentation (Short Form) *Doctor Who "Blink"* at 11am followed immediately by the matching *Doctor Who Confidential* episode "Do You Remember the First Time?", and this year's Hugo Award winner for Best Dramatic Presentation (Long Form) *Stardust* at noon. As always, we wrap up FenCon with a classic film and this year's entry will settle once and for all who is truly the king of the movie monsters: *King Kong Vs. Godzilla*. Plus, be sure to check out the Video Room for surprises, short features, and plenty of bonus goodies.

Come Back in 2009!

Be sure to stop by **Registration** to sign up for FenCon VI. Prices will never be any lower for regular or Friend of the Fen memberships.