

# FENCON ION #2

The Official FenCon Newsletter

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

## Saturday, What A Day!

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, the end of the world, costuming, vampires, 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.

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 (patent pending). Then at midnight, we're screening *Bubba Ho-Tep* with author Joe R. Lansdale in the Addison Lecture Hall to introduce it.

Saturday also features our blood drive, 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 Blood TODAY

The Carter BloodCare bloodmobile will be on-site in the hotel parking lot from 10AM to 4PM today. This is your chance to give life to a person in North Texas through the donation of blood. If you can't give blood, they also need cash donations to keep their vital efforts going across the 54 counties they serve. You can also help by purchasing a John Picacio art print from the FenConvenience 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

- "Puns - Can They Be Stopped" moves to Noon in Trinity VI. Panelists are Pat Blair, Mickey Finn, Kathy Turski, and Tom Smith\*
- Tim Miller will not be on the "Conventions in (and Around) Texas" panel at 1PM.
- "Mobile Holmes" moves to 1PM in Trinity I/II. Panelists will be Angeline Hawkes, Bobb Waller, Dawn Mennear, and Rob Rogers\*
- "Seriously? You Write Humorous Stories?" moves to 2PM in Trinity I/II. C. Dean Andersson joins the panel as moderator.
- "Tesla & Co." moves to **Sunday** at 1PM.
- Ethan Nahte' has joined the Children's Writers' Workshop.
- Maggie Bonham, Nina Romberg, Steven E. Wedel, and Craig Wolf regret they will not be able to attend FenCon this year.

## Autograph Schedule

- 10AM - Michele Bardsley, Carole Nelson Douglas, Rie Sheridan Rose, Kathryn Sullivan
- Noon - **Friend of the Fen** GoH session with Jeff Bohnhoff, Maya Bohnhoff, Joe R. Lansdale, John Picacio, John Randall, Kevin Roche, Andrew Trembley
- 2PM - Lillian Carl, Chris Donahue, Melanie Fletcher, A. Lee Martinez, Mel Tatum

## Video Room Highlights

It's all about the fans today as local fan clubs take over the video room. At **1PM** IHOD, the local *Doctor Who* fan club, presents the Hugo Award-winning *Waters of Mars*. At **3PM**, *Star Trek* fans from the USS *Trinity River* present *Star Trek III The Search For Spock*. At **5PM** the D/FW Browncoats present Joss Whedon's *Serenity* and at **7PM** the video room will have a special presentation of *Stargate Universe* that fans will definitely not want to miss.

## You Know, For Kids

This year FenCon is happy to present our bigger and better than ever Children's 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 Food Decorating Demo
- ➔ A live video-conference with the *JOIDES Resolution*, Deep Sea Science!
- ➔ A Mini-Writer's Workshop for Children (sign up early! slots are limited!)
- ➔ A NASA Robotics Hands-On
- ➔ Beginning and Advanced Drawing
- ➔ Cartoons in the Video Room
- ➔ Family Filk
- ➔ Science discussions including DINOSAURS!
- ➔ And so much more!

Make sure you regularly check the FenKids Suite for activity updates. It is room 2021, 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.

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*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.  
At three o'clock he had his great fall.  
The King set the Time Machine back to two.  
Now Humpty's unscrambled and good as new.*

— Frederick Winsor

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## Experience the FenConvenience

Have you picked up your stylish FenCon VII "Mad Science" t-shirt with the table of fannish elements? Or a roomy FenCon VII tote, perfect for hauling your stuff around the hotel? And have you seen the amazing limited edition print, hand-signed by Artist Guest of Honor John Picacio? All \$10 of the price of the print goes directly to Carter BloodCare, Texas' largest blood center, providing more than 330,000 units of lifesaving blood components for patients annually. Stop by tables #1 & 2 in the Dealer Room for more info.

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## FenCon VII - It's Elemental

### Deep Sea Science, Live!

If you think science is cool, we have a real treat for you. Join science teacher Julie Pollard at 3PM in the Addison Lecture Hall for a **live video conference** and virtual tour of the deep sea scientific drilling ship *JOIDES Resolution*. Come meet the scientists and crew of the *JR* via a live video connection while they are at sea doing real science!

### We Like to Party

FenConVII 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.