

FENCON ION #3

The Official FenCon Newsletter

SUNDAY **SEPTEMBER 25, 2011**

That's My Fun Day

It's Sunday and while there's not much time left for FenCon VIII, we're going to make the most of it.

The morning starts with a bang as Round 6 of the "Syfy Channel Inferno Match" and the Southern Fandom Confederation business meeting kick off the day's events. Then we've got an interview with award-winning author Bradley Denton, a look back at the Space Shuttle program, discussions about *Fringe*, death in comics, plus-size costuming, and even this very convention plus concerts with October Country, Ghost of a Rose, and Teresa Patterson and more.

At 4PM today, it's time for closing ceremonies and a fond farewell until September 2011.

Winning!*

In honor of Gail Carriger's appearance as our guest of honor, we challenged the fen to release their inner Ivy Hisselpenny with their most, uh, exceptional hats. We had a hard time choosing but Ms. Carriger made the final call and Sarah Brigdon took the top prize. Her hat will be immortalized in an upcoming novel by Gail Carriger.

The National Space Society challenged poets to create a poem on the Moon as Earth's 8th continent. Top honors (including publication in our program book) went to author Rie Sheridan Rose.

And congrats one more time to 2011 short story contest winner Rick Helmich of Alexander, Arkansas, for his "Rufus and Me" steampunk campfire tale.

*Hey, we resisted the Rebecca Black jokes on Friday.

We Want You

FenCon is run entirely by volunteers who give many hours to helping the convention run as smoothly as possible. We're always looking for folks to lend a hand. Check at ConOps in the Dogwood room if you want to help make FenCon even better.

Sunday Programming Changes

- Alan Bathrop and Mike Nelson join the "Syfy Channel Inferno", Sunday 10am, Trinity I-IV
- Randy Farran joins "I Learned That Song From Marty Burke" Sunday 11am, Red Oak
- Angela Lowry and Dell Harris join the autograph session, Sunday 11am, Gallery
- Guy Lillian is off of "Another Reboot to the Head", Sunday noon, Red Oak
- Gwen M. Reyes replaces Candy Havens as moderator on "Fringe Division", Sunday 1pm, Pin Oak
- Mike Nelson joins "In Comic Books, Death is To Necessarily Fatal", Sunday 2pm, Live Oak
- Jaleta Clegg joins the "Broad Universe Reading", Sunday 2pm, Pecan
- Julie Kenner (aka J.K. Beck) regrets she will be unable to attend on Sunday
- Paul Abell, James Burk, Candace "Candy" Havens, and Adrian Simmons regret they are unable to attend FenCon this year

Sunday's Autograph Schedule

- 12PM - Karen Bogen, Cat Conrad, Teddy Harvia, Melia Dawn Newman
- 1PM - Linda Donahue, Rhonda Eudaly, Julia Mandala, Dusty Rainbolt
- 2PM - Gail Carriger

In the Video Room

Inception, the 2011 Hugo Award winner for Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form, starts at 11:00am. Then laugh with a classic episode of *Quark* at 1:30pm and close out the weekend with *Back to the Future, Part III* starting at 2:00pm. (Great Scott!)

The Future's So Bright...

The end of the world? Bah! We know the the future's so bright, we're planning our best year ever with FenCon VIII on **September 21-23, 2012**, right here in this hotel. Be sure to get your 2012 membership before you leave today; they'll never be cheaper than they are right now. Why come back in 2012?

We've got everything you've come to expect from FenCon plus Guest of Honor author C. J. Cherryh, Toastmaster Peter David, Artist Guest of Honor Donato Giancola, Science Guest of Honor Dr. David Hanson, and Fan Guest of Honor Teresa Patterson.

Get your 2012 membership at Registration to secure your place in our optimistic future.

FenCon VIII Masquerade Winners

Congratulations go out to the winners of the 2011 FenCon Masquerade. Among last night's winners are:

- Rozanna Ray received a workmanship award, Best Rocket-powered Broom Flown by the Sexiest Green Witch Ever!
- Tamisan Eber received a Journeyman workmanship award for Missus Eber's dress.
- Sarah Cruise received the "Best Use of Death" award for Lady Death and Her Cat.
- Christi Leigh Richard was awarded the "Best Stalker" award for her entry, Captain J.E. Cook.
- Rie Sheridan received the "Best Character Recreation" award for her Lady Alexia Tarabotti Maccon entry.
- Raven Demonja and James Milan received the "Best Duet" award for Winter.
- Rozanna Ray received the "Novice - Best in Class" award for Witchy Poo.
- Tamisan Eber received the "Journeyman - Best in Class" award for Missus Eber's Testimony Before the Fort Worth Ladies Auxiliary Tea and Gossip Club.
- The Best in Show award went to Florencia Arrechia for Señora Escarlota. In addition to receiving a ribbon and certificate for this award, Ms. Arrechia also receives a membership to next year's FenCon.

Since certificates were not distributed during the awards presentation, the masquerade entrants can pick them up from Operations (Dogwood).

Feel the FenConvenience

Do you know where to get your official FenCon VIII t-shirts and tote bags? Or vintage FenCon program books, filled with short fiction, essays, songs, and more? Or our annual charity art print, created with art from our Artist Guest of Honor, to raise money for each year's designated charity?

It's the FenConvenience Store, located just inside the entrance to the Dealer Room!

The print of our FenCon VIII program book cover art by Vincent Di Fate is **just \$10** and every cent of that \$10 goes to Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County. Like all of our charity prints, it's a signed, limited edition of just 50 prints. Get yours right away.

Special Thanks

Thank you to the student volunteers from Richardson ISD's Pearce High School. These young people have been helping with FenKids programming Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to Ana, Carmen, Gloria, Julian, Julio, Nadia, and Rocio for all your help!

Charity Begins At Home

It's true, but we're glad it doesn't *stay* there. The charity auction on Saturday night plus the sales of that amazing Vincent Di Fate art print has helped us raise nearly **\$1900** this weekend for Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County.

Dealer Room Deals

Edge Books has *LOCUS*, The Magazine of the Science Fiction Community, on sale this weekend. Issues dated June 2010 and earlier are \$1 each. Issues July 2010 to September 2011, are only \$5 each.

Queen of Hearts

The Hearts Tournament is a traditional part of the DeepSouthCon and FenCon VIII was honored to host this year's event. Reports from the Gaming floor were that our very own Ruth Cruise took top honors over some heavy competition from across the South.

We look forward to upholding Texas' honor at next year's DeepSouthCon, the 50th, at the Lunar Party in Huntsville, Alabama. (Maybe we can get them to try a little Texas Hold 'Em while we're there.)