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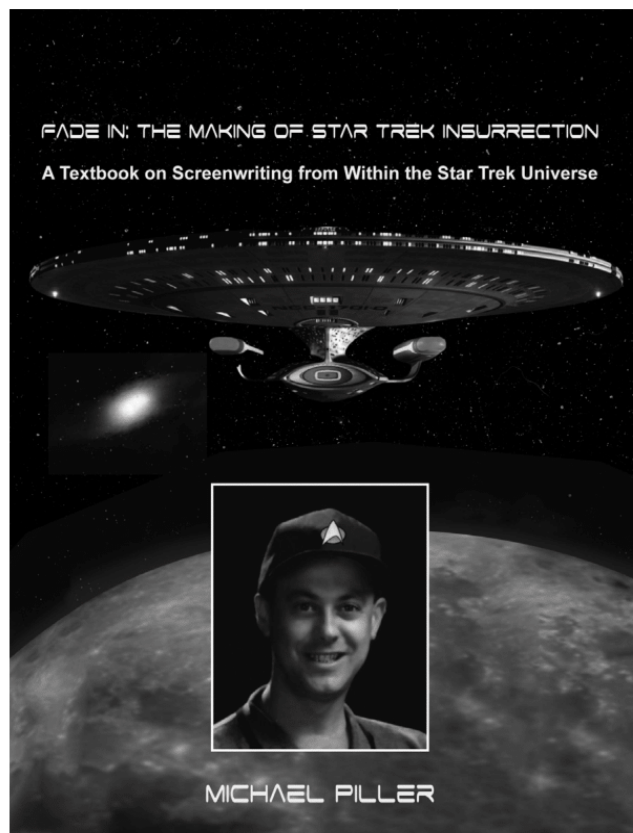
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Welcome to back to live conventions!

We are so excited and happy to see you in person again.

The time since we last were together in February 2020 has been a roller coaster of emotions for us all. We have experienced fear, anxiety, sadness and hurt. But also moments of joy and togetherness through the miracle of internet connectivity. Life is different

now. Even together in person, smiles are harder to see because of our protective masks and hugs are harder to give because of social distancing. But we can smile - we see it in your eyes - and we can hug - air hugs and fist bumps are acceptable substitutes. Most importantly, we are HERE, we are TOGETHER, we are a COMMUNITY. We are TEAM FARPOINT.

Sincerely,

Sharon VanBlarcom

Farpoint Convention Chair

on behalf of the Committee

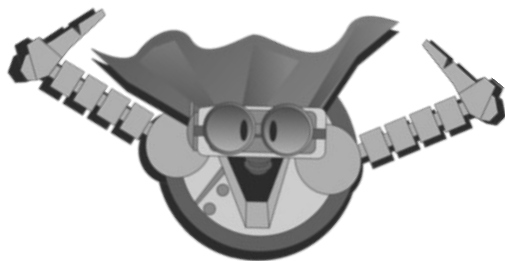


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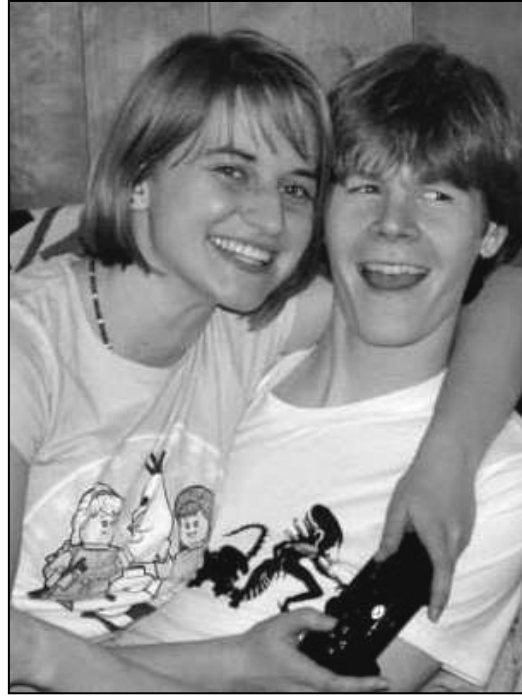
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Volker/McChesney Award for Service to Fandom



Sandra Zier-Teitler



Jessica Headlee with her husband Ethan Wilson

The Volker/McChesney Award for Service to Fandom was established to recognize extraordinary service to our fan community. It was named in honor of pioneering fans Beverly Volker (founder of Clipper-Con, co-founder and first program chair of Farpoint, and prolific writer and publisher of fanzines including the Star Trek zine *Contact*) and Marion McChesney (committee member of ClipperCon and OktoberTrek, former co-chair of Farpoint and fanzine author/editor/publisher). The Volker/McChesney winners are chosen from members of our community who have followed in their footsteps of connecting and inspiring fans to serve our community and each other.

Our 2022 recipients were giants in their own ways. Unfortunately, we must use the verb "were" as we tragically lost both of them in 2021 - our co-chair Sandra Zier-Teitler and our Author Track co-manager Jessica Headlee. Between them, they represented the past, present and future of fandom. Sandy was the founder and chair of OktoberTrek, the predecessor to Farpoint and served as our co-chair and hotel liaison. Over the years, she brought many members of her family into our community who are working with us today. Her great-niece Becky Jarvis-Stockhausen is a Farpoint committee member while Becky's son Aaron and mom Penny are part of the Farpoint staff. Jessica had worked as staff at both Farpoint and Shore-Leave for many years, being introduced to our community by family members and Farpoint committee Tom and Karen Donnelly. Jessica's mom Kim is an author and dealer at Farpoint, her dad Chris is part of our staff and her in-laws the Wilson family are Farpoint founders, committee members and lifetime members.

You could say the fandom community was in both Sandy and Jessica's DNA. We honor them this year for their past service and hope that their example of community support and engagement inspires you to join us in keeping the spirit alive. Sandy and Jessica - we will look for you amongst the stars.

Guest Biographies



Scott Grimes

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Scott was only nine when he joined the Tony Award-winning Broadway show *NINE* opposite Raul Julia. The following year he joined Anthony Newley in the West Coast production of *Chaplin* as the young Charlie Chaplin. Television and film work immediately followed including the tv movie *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* with Mickey Rooney.

Beginning in 1994, Grimes appeared as Will McCorkle on Fox's *Party of Five* for six seasons. In 2001, he played Sargent 1st Class Donald Malarkey in the award-winning HBO *Band of Brothers*. He then joined the long running NBC show *ER* as Dr. Archie Morris.

In 1995, Grimes starred opposite Denzel Washington and Gene Hackman in *Crimson Tide*. He then starred with Russell Crowe in *Mystery, Alaska*. He re-teamed with Russell Crowe as Will Scarlet for *Robin Hood* (2010), and *Winter's Tale*, also starring Colin Farrell and Will Smith. In 2014, Grimes joined the cast of FX's Emmy-nominated drama *Justified*.

Grimes is also a sought-after voice over actor with credits that include *Family Guy*, *Annoying Orange*, and *American Dad*, also starring and created by Seth MacFarlane. Grimes also writes and performs some of the songs that are part

on the show.

Currently, Grimes again pairs with MacFarlane on *The Orville*, which will begin its third season in March on Hulu. He stars as Lieutenant Gordon Malloy, considered to be the best helmsman in the fleet though with an unfortunate tendency towards impulsive pranks.

Grimes is a talented singer, songwriter, and musician, releasing three solo albums. With Russell Crowe, Alan Doyle, and Samantha Barks, he is part of the group Indoor Garden Party. Grimes is also part of Band from TV with fellow actors and television personalities Greg Grunberg, James Denton, Adrian Pasdar, Jesse Spencer and Bob Guiney. The band has raised over six million dollars for various charitable causes.

The father of two children, Grimes currently lives in Los Angeles, California.



Dr. Paul Abell

Dr. Paul Abell is the Chief Scientist for Small Body Exploration in the Astromaterials Research and Exploration Science Division at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. His main areas of interest are physical characterization of near-Earth objects (NEOs) via ground-based and spacecraft observations, examination of NEOs for future robotic and human exploration, mitigation of potentially hazardous asteroids and comets, and identification of potential resources within the NEO population for future in situ utilization.

He was a science team member on the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Hayabusa near-Earth asteroid sample-return mission and participated in the successful recovery of the spacecraft's sample return capsule, which returned to Woomera, Australia in June 2010. Paul is currently a team member of the Hayabusa2 mission and is aiding the cooperation between Hayabusa2 and NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft teams as they investigate and sample their respective near-Earth asteroids.

Since 2006 Paul has been a member of an internal NASA team that has been examining the

possibility of sending astronauts to NEOs for human missions. He is also an investigation team member on both NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) and Near-Earth Object Surveyor Mission (NEOSM) planetary defense missions, and a team member on ESA's own planetary defense mission named Hera. Asteroid 8139 (1980 UM1) is named Paulabell in recognition of Paul's contributions to NEO research and exploration studies.



Rigel Ailur

Rigel Ailur has published twenty-two novels and novellas in numerous genres ranging from science fiction to romance, fantasy to mystery, futuristic to historical. Her work includes several ongoing series such as the *Lady Pirates*, *The Angel Cats Collection*, *The Vagabonds' Adventures*, and *The Patel Family Chronicles*. The author of over eighty short stories, Rigel wrote for the *Star Trek Strange New Worlds 10* anthology and for the *Shadowrun Seattle 2072* sourcebook. Online, she's published "Azencer", a *Tales of Mimir* supershort piece of flash fiction at dailysciencefiction.com, and "Deadly Hauntings" for Story Portals. "Honoring Debts" appeared in

Spies and Heroes from S & H Publishing. She wrote "Im Offene Anblick Vertecken" in German. It's currently the only version available until she translates it to English. Her latest works in the *Tales of Mimir* series are available now on Amazon. Visit her at bluetrixbooks.com, on Twitter (@BluetrixBooks), and on Facebook (rigel.ailur).



T. Eric Bakutis

T E Bakutis is an author and game designer who has now worked on multiple AAA videogames. Aethon Books published his grimsnark sci-fi trilogy, *The Insurgency Saga*, in 2021, and will publish his powered armor mutant fighting coming of age shoot-em-up, *The Hallowed War*, in 2022. You can currently read *The Hallowed War* for free on royalroad.com.



Diane Lee Baron

Diane Lee Baron is the author of *Gal Wonder* (FireBringer Press, 2017). This contemporary novel tells the story of a kindergarten teacher who becomes obsessed with her memories of the 1966 television *Batman* show and how all her friends indulge her in her quest to meet Adam West. Her non-fiction project, *The*

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Fandom Fifty: 50+ Fascinating People of the Maryland Science Fiction Conventions, debuted at Shore Leave 2019 and includes interviews of committee members, authors, artists, costumers, techies, superfans, entertainers and more from the Farpoint, Shore Leave and Balticon conventions.

Diane warps into the science fiction realm with the upcoming *When the Skies Fell*, featuring an alien invasion and two strangers fighting for survival in a world of chaos and devastation. There are more than a few nail-biting scenes, but in the midst of it all, there is the human connections and the triumph of the spirit under impossible circumstances.

Diane teaches students having visual impairments in Montgomery County and lives in Columbia, MD.



Dr. David A. Batchelor

Dr. David Batchelor earned his undergraduate B.S. in Physics from MIT and his Ph. D. in physics from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. The PhD dissertation was based

on his research investigating solar flares as part of the science team for the NASA spacecraft Solar Maximum Mission. He later was hired by NASA and has been employed by the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD since 1988. He has performed scientific research in medical physics, and in astrophysics and elementary particle physics at NASA. He also managed educational web software development and joined in space mission proposal writing. He has served as a Radiation Physicist (forecasting the solar and cosmic radiation doses that may be encountered by NASA science satellites, space probes, and manned space missions) from 2006 to the present. He also has served as an adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Maryland University College, where he taught "Introduction to Physical Sciences" for six semesters.

His article "The Science in Star Trek" (www.nasa.gov/topics/technology/features/star_trek.html) is the most-read article about its topic on the Internet and has been widely republished. Consequently he has been consulted on futurist topics by Wired Online, *The Economist*, *Star Trek Communicator*, *The San*

Francisco Chronicle, National Geographic Online, *NBC Nightly News*, *Fortean Times*, and numerous other publications. In 2017 he was a Skype guest on the *Star Talk* television show, along with William Shatner. His first science fiction novel, *The Metalmark Contract*, was published in 2011 by Black Rose Writing, and he is currently working on the sequel. His third science fiction short story, "Hawking's Nightmare," was published in the February 2019 issue of *Communications of the Association for Computing Machines*. He and his wife Laurie recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. Laurie has worked at NASA Goddard for 20 years in astronomy and Earth science satellite data support for scientists. They have both been attending Cons since 1990.



MJ Blehart

Who is MJ Blehart?

I am a dreamer, philosopher, geek, writer, editor, voice artist, amateur photographer, and medieval reenactor – among other things. I have

been writing fiction since I was 9 years old. My first completed story was an illustrated, 50-page hand-written sci-fi adventure called *Wildfire*.

My primary fiction works are sci-fi, fantasy, and steampunk. There are many cool worlds in my head, and I love writing them and working on sharing them with everyone.

Writing is my passion. I've been writing most of my life, and words are how I best express myself. I have a number of projects in various stages of development constantly underway.

Writer/ Editor/ Voice Artist / World-Builder. That's me in a nutshell.



TA Chafin

TA Chafin is a computer professional who has been, at various times, a video store manager, painter, auto-plant worker, bookstore manager, janitor, library clerk, and a legal case administrator. He is a published photographer, a filker, an award-winning costumer and filmmaker, and has written for *Starlog*, *Analog*, and the *Star Trek* comic book and is the lead author of *The Unauthorized Nitpicker's Guide to the SW Saga*. He has spent a total of 20 minutes in zero-gravity, helped design the adult training program at Space Camp, is a SCUBA diver with an advanced rating, and a world traveler who has visited 4 of the 7 continents and plans to visit them all. He has an appearance in the final *Pink 5* chapter and, since Stacy (Pink 5) is now canon in the *Star Wars* Legends Universe, doesn't that make him canon as well?

Currently, he makes his living in the gambling community – on the house end, not as a player – and continues to lecture at conventions around the country about *Star Wars*, *Doctor Who*, and a myriad of other genres.



Michael D'Ambrosio

Michael D'Ambrosio has been writing for over twenty years, since the release of *Fractured Time* in 2001, with eleven novels and three short stories published. In addition, he

has adapted several of his novels into screenplays and recently worked with Open Gate Entertainment on the development of *Space Truckers*, the adapted script from his upcoming novel. His latest novel, *Space Truckers: Adventures of the Blue Eagle* is due out in May. Having participated

Farpoint Book Fair

Mix and mingle with your favorite authors, and discover new ones, at the Farpoint Book Fair!



Friday at 10:00pm
in the
Hunt Valley Hallway

In Memoriam



Bob Ahrens

"Auto parts professional, former Boogie Knight, part time actor, full time karaoke star, legend in nobody's mind."

That self-description barely begins to describe Bob Ahrens, a long-time member of local fandom who passed away in December 2020.

Bob was a con fixture, attending his first con in 1976 and the first Shore Leave in 1978. As a high school senior, he met Lance Woods, John Scheeler, and David Keefer (later his best man and ushers), forming a friendship based on fandom, music, and a love of performing. Somewhere along the way, a melting pot of "Weird" Al Yankovic, Monty Python, and a "Medieval Disc Jockey" Masquerade entry sparked inspiration and led to the founding of The Boogie Knights, a medieval-themed filk group. Bob was proud to perform as Syd de Vicious.

Over the years Bob appeared in the Shore Leave Showcase and Cheap Treks, even taking a turn at writing and directing. He worked Security, joined the tech crew Conventional Magic, and was a valued behind-the-scenes volunteer in countless Masquerades. No matter what, he helped make sure that the show would go on.

He is survived by his wife and daughter.

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Guest Biographies



Maisie Richardson-Sellers

Maisie Richardson-Sellers is a British actress known for her roles as Amaya Jiwe/Vixen and Charlie on The CW DC superhero series *Legends of Tomorrow*. She has also played Eva Sinclair on The CW series *The Originals*, and a starring role as King Saul of Israel's daughter Michal in the ABC Biblical series *Of Kings and Prophets*.

Born to a family of stage actors, she graduated with a degree in Archaeology and Anthropology from University of Oxford in 2013. Her first film role was in *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* as Korr Sella, aide to General Leia Organa. Her next role was Rebekah Mikaelson in *The Originals*, where the character of Rebekah inhabits a different body after a spell gone wrong. Next came a starring role in *Of Kings and Prophets*, a short-lived ABC drama series that was filmed in South Africa.

Richardson-Sellers played Amaya Jiwe/Vixen for Seasons 2 and 3 of *Legends of Tomorrow*, the grandmother of the CW Seed animated series character Vixen. Her mother, actress Joy Richardson, guest starred as Amaya's distant ancestor on the episodes, "Zari" and "No Country for Old Dads". Richardson-Sellers returned in Seasons 4 and 5 as the new character Charlie, a shapeshifter with

mysterious ties to Fate itself.

In 2018, Richardson-Sellers appeared in the short film *Melody*, directed by Bernard Kordieh. In 2020 and 2021, she starred in the final two installments of *The Kissing Booth* trilogy directed by Vince Marcello for Netflix. In 2022, she will appear in the upcoming British series *The Undeclared War*.

Richardson-Sellers is a co-founder of Shethority ("She + Authority"), an online global collective described as "a positive place for women and the feminine to inspire, empower, and share." Active members of the initiative include fellow Arrowverse actors Melissa Benoist, Nicole Maines, Chyler Leigh, Caity Lotz, Tala Ashe, Emily Bett Rickards, Juliana Harkavy, Katie Cassidy, Candice Patton, and Danielle Panabaker. Through social media, women are encouraged to share their own stories and experiences on dealing with self-acceptance, homophobia, sexual harassment at the workplace and other issues. Visit shethority.website2.me or @shetority on Instagram and Twitter.

in over one hundred conventions across the country with two as a Guest of Honor, Michael is a familiar name to many. Visit his website at www.fracturedtime.com for appearances and the latest developments on his projects.



Dax ExclamationPoint

Dax ExclamationPoint (Dax!) is a cosplaying drag performer that has taken the world by storm! Literally...! Ever since walking onto the set of

Rupaul's Drag Race season 8 bearing a striking resemblance to the mistress of the elements, (Storm of the X-Men to those in the know!), fans have been cheering her onward and upward! Dax has toured along-side the other stars of *Rupaul's Drag Race* sharing her love of comic books, science fiction, anime, and gaming with people across the world through performance, art, and cosplay! Dax loves to share knowledge with fans and performers whenever she can! Dax regularly participates in panels and discussions at conventions year-round with no plans of stopping any time soon! The "Queen of All Nerds" is paving the way for LGBTQIA+ nerds

making their way into the forefront of popular culture and fandom!

Follow Dax on Twitter and Instagram @daxclamation.



Robert Greenberger

Robert Greenberger is a writer and editor. A lifelong fan of comic books, comic strips, science fiction and *Star Trek*, he drifted towards writing and editing, encouraged by his father

and inspired by Superman's alter ego, Clark Kent.

While at SUNY-Binghamton, Greenberger wrote and edited for the college newspaper, Pipe Dream. Upon graduation, he worked for Starlog Press and while there, created *Comics Scene*, the first nationally distributed magazine to focus on comic books, comic strips and animation.

In 1984, he joined DC Comics as an Assistant Editor, and went on to be an Editor before moving to Administration as Manager-Editorial Operations. He joined Gist Communications as a Producer before moving to Marvel Comics as its Director-Publishing Operations.

Greenberger rejoined DC in May 2002 as a Senior Editor-Collected Editions. He helped grow that department, introducing new formats and improving the editions' editorial content. In 2006, he joined Weekly World News as its Managing Editor until the paper's untimely demise. He then freelanced for an extensive client base including Platinum Studios, scifi.com, DC and Marvel. He helped revitalize Famous Monsters of Filmland and served as News Editor at ComicMix.com.

He is a member of the Science Fiction Writers of America and the International Association of Media Tie-In Writers. His novelization of *Hellboy II: The Golden Army* won the IAMTW's Scribe Award in 2009.

In 2012, he received his Master of Science in Education from University of Bridgeport and relocated to Maryland where he has taught High School English in Baltimore County. He completed his Master of Arts degree in Creative Writing & Literature for Educators at Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2016.

With others, he cofounded Crazy 8 Press, a digital press hub where he continues to write. His dozens of books, short stories, and essays

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cover the gamut from young adult nonfiction to original fiction. He's also one of the dozen author using the penname Rowan Casey to write the *Veil Knights* urban fantasy series. His most recent works include Chartwell Books' *100 Greatest Moments* series, *The Dreadstar Handbook*, and editing *Thrilling Adventure Yarns*.

Bob teaches High School English at St. Vincent Pallotti High School in Laurel, MD. He and his wife Deborah reside in Howard County, Maryland. Find him at www.bobgreenberger.com or @bobgreenberger.



J.L. Gribble

By day, J. L. Gribble is a professional medical editor. By night, she does freelance fiction editing in all genres, along with reading, playing video games, and occasionally even writing. Her current work focuses on the urban fantasy/alternate history *Steel Empires* series, in which her debut novel, *Steel Victory*, was her thesis novel for Seton Hill University's Writing Popular Fiction graduate program in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Previously, she was one of the co-editors for *Far Worlds* a speculative fiction anthology.

She lives in Ellicott City, Maryland, with her husband and three vocal Siamese cats. Find her online (www.jlgribble.com), on Facebook (www.facebook.com/jlgribblewriter), and on Twitter and Instagram (@hannaedits). When not blogging for SpeculativeChic.com, she is currently working on more tales set in the world of Limani.



Kimberly Iverson Headlee

Kim Headlee lives on a farm in southwestern Virginia with her family, cats, goats, Great Pyrenees goat guards, and assorted wildlife. People and creatures come and go, but the cave and the 250-year-old house ruins — the latter having been occupied as recently as the mid-twentieth century — seem to be sticking around for a while yet. Kim has been a critically acclaimed novelist since 1999 (*Dawnflight*, Simon & Schuster; hailed as "compelling" by *The Dallas Morning News* and "intense" by *USA Today*) and a student of Arthurian literature for more than half a century.

Her science-fiction/fantasy crossover novel, *King Arthur's Sister in Washington's Court* (by Mark Twain as channeled by Kim Iverson Headlee) — *KASIWC*, for short — has been called "solidly entertaining" by *Publishers Weekly*. *KASIWC* won two national awards in the categories of science fiction and fantasy. Her latest release is book 3 in the series begun by *Dawnflight*, titled *Raging Sea*. Work on the sequel to *KASIWC* is under way.



Dr. Inge Heyer

Inge Heyer, Ph.D., has spent decades developing a unique expertise in astronomy communications across a variety of settings, including college classrooms, K-12 schools, informal educational settings, professional scientific journalism, and science fiction venues.

Born and raised in Berlin, Germany, she completed her secondary education there before accepting a scholarship to attend Tenri University (Japan), where she studied Japanese. After later earning an undergraduate degree in Astronomy and Physics from Smith College, she earned a Master's degree in Astronomy from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and a Ph.D. in Science Education from the University of Wyoming.

In addition to her professional work as senior data analyst at the Space Telescope Science Institute, Dr. Heyer also served as Deputy Press Officer for the American Astronomical Society and as the public information officer at the Joint Astronomy Centre, where she led the education

and public outreach efforts. She has earned Shodan in both Judo and Karate and contributes as guest science blogger to *StarTrek.com*.

Dr. Heyer currently teaches astronomy and physics at Loyola University Maryland. She is co-author of six books, including *Investigating Astronomy* (4th Edition) and *Being a Successfully Busy Professor*. And if you have ever wondered how those beautiful Hubble images got into science fiction series like *Babylon 5* and *Star Trek*, Inge is the trouble-maker who instigated this....

Find her at ingeheyer.com, on Facebook, and @IngeHeyer.



Nate Hoffelder, Web Designer

Nate has been helping people fix broken tech since 2010. He builds and repairs Word press sites, and acts as a virtual IT department for authors. He also blogs about the

Kindle and indie publishing. Nate is the president of the Riverside Writers Club in Fredericksburg, VA and is on the board of the Florida Writers Foundation. When he's not volunteering, he spends his time working on projects such as The Speaker Bureau, Simple Author Websites, and Author Website in a Box.

In his spare time he raises parakeets.

Find out what Nate can do for you at natehoffelder.com.

In Memoriam



Ponch Fenwick

Fandom suffered a great loss when Ponch Fenwick passed away in March 2020. A longtime fan of sci-fi, horror, and fantasy, Ponch was always ready to lend a hand when needed and a creative influence throughout his life.

A member of both STARFLEET and STAT, and a Lifetime Member of Farpoint, Ponch could be found at Farpoint, Shore Leave, Horrorfind, Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Con, and many other area conventions as well as serving as Technical Liaison Committee Head for Shore Leave. After extensive self-training in Lightwave 3D, Ponch created a first-place winning image for Farpoint's art show in 2001. The piece, entitled "It's A Good Day," depicts three Klingon K't'inga Class Warships in space.

Ponch continued to expand his artwork and created works across many fandoms. His artwork was featured in the Harford County Cultural Arts Board's venue for the month of July 2017. The "Art Without Boundaries" display included two of his pieces. He also turned his hand to book covers for some of Farpoint's author guests such as Phil Giunta and Steven H. Wilson.

His commitment to charity will be remembered. In particular, the Julien Fleming Memorial Fund, the Red Cross, and Special Olympics benefited by his assistance and generosity.



Check posted schedules and our online guide at myconschedule.com for times and locations of autograph sessions, readings, schedule changes, and more!

Guest Biographies



Timothy Zahn

Timothy Zahn was born in Chicago in 1951 and grew up in the western suburb of Lombard. He attended Michigan State University, earning a B.S. degree in physics in 1973, and moved on to the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. He earned a M.S. degree there, also in physics, in 1975, and continued work toward a doctorate. Also in 1975, he began a new hobby: writing science fiction. At first a strictly spare-time avocation, over the next three years he gradually gave more time to it until he sold his first story in December 1978 ("Ernie," *Analogue*, September 1979). In 1980 he left grad school and began writing full time.

Since then he has published fifty-four novels, over a hundred short stories and novelettes, and five collections of short fiction. Best known for his eleven *Star Wars* novels, he is also the author of the *Quadrail* series, the *Cobra* series, the *Conquerors Trilogy*, and the young-adult *Dragonback* series.

His latest books are the final volumes of the *Star Wars: Thrawn Ascendancy Trilogy* (*Book II: Greater Good* and *Book III: Lesser Evil*) and *A Call to Insurrection*, the fourth volume in the *Manticore Ascendant* series with David Weber and Thomas Pope. Contact him at [Facebook.com/TimothyZahn](https://www.facebook.com/TimothyZahn).



Thomas Richard Holtz

Thomas Richard Holtz is Principal Lecturer in Vertebrate Paleontology at the Department of Geology, University of Maryland, College Park. His research focuses on the origin, evolution, adaptations, and behavior of carnivorous dinosaurs, and especially of tyrannosauroids (*Tyrannosaurus rex* and its kin). He received his Bachelors in Earth & Planetary Geology at Johns Hopkins in 1987 and his Ph.D. from the Department of Geology & Geophysics at Yale in 1992. He is also a Research Associate of the Department of Paleobiology of the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History and serves on the Scientific Council of Maryland Academy of Science (which operates the Maryland Science Center (Baltimore, MD)).

In addition to his dinosaur research, Holtz has been active in scientific outreach. He has

been a consultant on museum exhibits around the world, and on numerous documentaries. He is the author of the award-winning *Dinosaurs: The Most Complete, Up-To-Date Encyclopedia for Dinosaur Lovers of All Ages* (Random House). He was co-editor of the 2014 2nd Edition of *The Complete Dinosaur* (Indiana Univ. Press) and is in the midst of co-editing the 3rd Edition.

He received the 2018-2019 Provost's Excellence in Teaching Award for Professional Track Faculty.

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Stephen Kozeniewski

Stephen Kozeniewski is the author of several horror and science fiction novels, including the Splatterpunk Award-nominated *The Hematophages*. He is also a two-time World Horror Gross-Out Contest champion. Check him out

at his blog (manuscriptsburn.blogspot.com), Amazon (amazon.com/author/kozeniewski), Facebook (facebook.com/KozAuthor), and Twitter (@outfortune).



Cheralyn Lambeth

Cheralyn Lambeth is a professional costume, prop, and puppet builder whose work includes feature films (*The Muppet Christmas Carol*, *The Patriot*, *Evan Almighty*, *The Hunger Games*), television shows (*Dinosaurs!*, *Homeland*, *Outcast*), and live/interactive properties (*Avenue Q*, *Star Trek: The Experience*, Sir Purr for the Carolina Panthers). She is also a published author, with several books including *Haunted Theaters of the Carolinas*, *Introduction to Puppetry Arts*, and her first fiction book 'Twas *Halloween Evening: A Tale of the Zombie Apocalypse*, and is currently working on a new book titled *Art in the Time of Corona*.

Most recently, Cher was a featured guest on the new *Unsolved Mysteries* podcast and had a co-starring role as Elsa Einstein in *The Vampire Diaries* spin-off show, *Legacies*. Follow Cher on Facebook (Cheralyn Lambeth) and Instagram (@cherlambeth) and visit her website at cherlambeth.webs.com.



Stephen Lesnik

Stephen Lesnik (CISSP-ISSEP-ISSMP, CCSP, CEH, CASP+, CySA+) has been in the cybersecurity and education fields for nearly forty years. He has a history of working with both government and commercial organizations providing network development, systems engineering, and security engineering to big and small cus-

In Memoriam



Jessica Lynne Headlee

Jessica Lynne Headlee served Shore Leave, Farpoint and Balticon in so many ways. As timekeeper, she told you when you had five minutes left. She told you when to stop. As author wrangler she coordinated autograph events and set up panels. She was our Shore Leave Bunny, our Stage Ninja, our smiling, laughing friend with a beautiful face and a kind word for everyone. She was a scientist, a reader, a writer, a conservationist, an explorer.

She was Ethan's wife, Karen and Tom's niece, Steve and Renee's daughter-in-law, and Chris and Kim's daughter. She was a vital part of the Baltimore Fandom Family. Jessica left us on June 6, 2021 after a year-long battle with cancer. She was 25.

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tomers. He has provided both corporate and collegiate education, teaching both specific capabilities and broad concepts in computing and cybersecurity, and has worked with independent professional organizations in the development of professionally recognized certification exams. He is a founding officer of the (ISC)2 Chapter in Annapolis Junction, Maryland. Outside of his professional career, Stephen is an avid science fiction fan who has assisted with running many, many media, literary, and costume-oriented conventions over the years, and has been a semi-pro photographer.



D'Manda Martini

D'Manda Martini is a DC area Drag performer, cosplayer, and theater artist. She is the hostess of *Eleanor's New Deal Cabaret*, a musical theater themed cabaret performing at venues across Maryland. D'Manda is a huge comic fan, especially the X-Men (their affiliated teams) and Wonder Woman. Her cosplay is mostly geared toward lesser-known characters in the X-Universe, and has a soft spot for gay icon, The Dazzler.

A DC-Area nominated actor & costume designer in community theaters, D'Manda has also performed at conventions including a standing room only event, KatsuCabaret, at Katsucon 2020, and at the Opening Ceremonies for Far-

pointCon 2020. D'Manda completed her reign as Captain Green Lantern 2018 with LGBT HQ, an organization that promotes LGBTQ+ artists and content at conventions on the East Coast.



Dr. Valerie J. Mikles

Dr. Valerie Mikles is a PhD astronomer who defected from academia to work on weather satellites for NOAA. She is a self-published author, and has recently published her eleventh sci-fi space opera, the latest featuring a nonbinary space marine. She is active in community theater as an actor, choreographer, costumer, and stage manager. She also has a few YouTube channels with short films and music videos, many themed around asexuality and queer identity. Her motto in life is that she can be everything she wants, just not all at the same time.



Dr. Timothy C. Miller

Dr. Timothy C. Miller is a member of the Principal Professional Staff at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab in Laurel, MD, where he works on various NASA space and astrophysics projects. While hunting astrophysical neutrinos earlier in his career, he traveled to the South Pole five times and to Greenland once. He also received a NIAC (NASA

Innovative Advanced Concepts) grant to look at measuring the depth of the ice sheets on the moons of Jupiter and Saturn, a possible first step toward the search for life on such moons, by detecting the interactions of ultra-high energy neutrinos from an orbiting spacecraft.



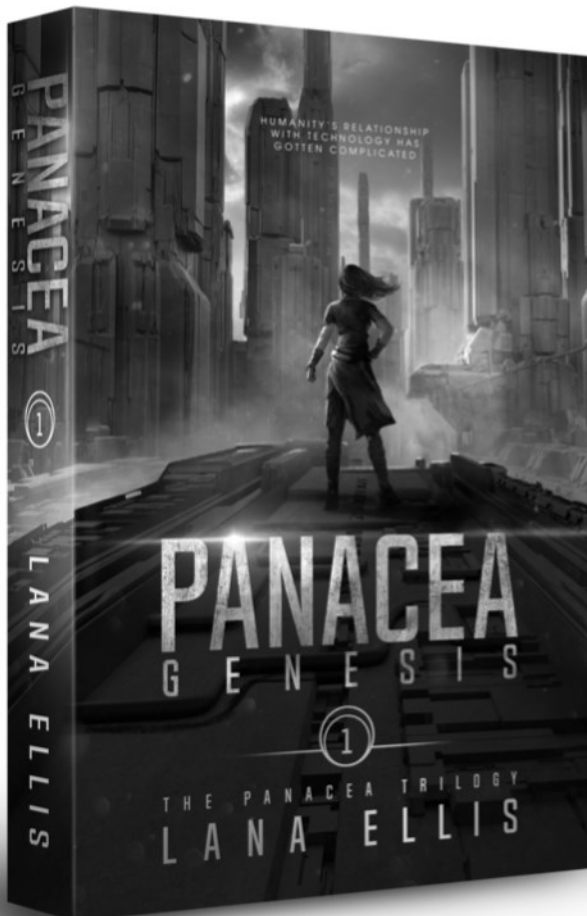
Cerece Rennie Murphy

National bestselling and award-winning author Cerece Rennie Murphy has published ten novels, children's books and short stories, including her latest release *Between Two Seas*. In addition, Mrs. Murphy and her son are also working on completing *Ellis and The Cloud Kingdom*, the 3rd book in the *Ellis and the Magic Mirror* early reader children's book series. Mrs. Murphy lives and writes in her hometown of Washington, DC with her family. To learn more about the author and her upcoming projects, please visit her website at www.cerecerenniemurphy.com.



Dr. Jay Nadeau

Jay Louise Nadeau is a professor of Physics at Portland State University, where she runs an interdisciplinary lab dedicated to the detection and characterization of microbial life in extreme environments. She is also involved with educational efforts to make graduate physics



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education accessible to students from other fields, who wish to either transfer into physics or learn some modern techniques for applications to biology, chemistry, geology, or math. Prior to PSU, she was a professor of Biomedical Engineering at McGill University in Montreal for 11 years.

She runs a small publishing house, Biting-duck Press, whose aim is to publish unusual books by, for, and about scientists. She has published one textbook, *Introduction to Experimental Biophysics* (Taylor & Francis), and is working on a popular science photo book about the extreme Arctic. She got her PhD from the University of Minnesota in theoretical physics in 1996.



Christopher D. Ochs

Christopher D. Ochs' foray into writing began with his epic fantasy *Pindlebryth of Lenland*. His short stories have been published in the Greater Lehigh Valley Writers Group and Bethlehem Writers Group anthologies and websites, and by Firebringer Press. Using his skills learned with the Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild, he crafted a collection of mirthful macabre short stories, *If I Can't Sleep, You Can't Sleep*. His latest novel is a gritty urban fantasy/horror, *My Friend Jackson*, a Finalist in Indies Today's Best Books of 2020.

His current projects include: two sci-fi/horror novels, *Sentinel of Eternity* and *No Place Like Home*, a prequel novella, and a second novel in the *Pindlebryth* saga.

Chris has too many interests for his own good. With careers in physics, EE and software, CGI animator, classical organist, voice talent on radio, DVD and OTAKON, it's a wonder he can remember to pay the dog and feed his bills. Visit him at christopherdochs.com.



Marc Okrand

Marc Okrand devised the Klingon language heard in *Star Trek* movies and television series beginning with *Star Trek III: The Search For Spock* in 1984 as well as dialogue in Vulcan, Romulan, Kelpien, and other languages heard in various *Star Trek* films and TV series. He also created the Atlantean language for the animated feature *Atlantis: The Lost Empire*.

He is the author of *The Klingon Dictionary*, *The Klingon Way: A Warrior's Guide*, and *Klingon For the Galactic Traveler*. He did the translation for the Klingon opera 'u' that premiered in The Netherlands in 2010 as well as the expanded version of the opera's story in *paq'batlh: The Klingon Epic*.

He has degrees in linguistics from the Santa Cruz and Berkeley campuses of the University of California and has conducted linguistic research as a postdoctoral fellow at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. He is an associate producer of the documentary *Conlanguing: The Art of Crafting Tongues* (2017) (conlanguingfilm.com).



Jennifer R. Povey

Jennifer R. Povey lives in Northern Virginia with her husband. She writes a variety of speculative fiction, whilst following current affairs and occasionally indulging in horse riding and role-playing games. She has sold fiction to many markets including *Analog*, *Daily Science Fiction*, and *Third Flatiron*, and written RPG supplements for several companies. Her most recent novel is the epic fantasy *Firewing*. She is an active member of SFWA.



Rick Siebigtheroth

Rick Siebigtheroth has been a presence on stage or behind the scenes for over fifty years. Rick combined his love of science fiction and passion for performing when he joined the now defunct Doctors in the House comedy troupe. When that group folded in 1997, he and his wife Cynthia formed Luna-C Productions. Rick is the director, one of the scriptwriters, and plays several roles in Luna-C in addition to producing, directing, and acting in their amateur movie and stage productions.

Rick has won multiple costuming and presentation awards as both an individual and as part of larger groups. Awards include six Best in Shows and six Best Presentation/Most Humorous awards. Costumes and characters he is known for recreating include: The Sixth Doctor (*Doctor Who*), three versions of Londo Mollari (*Babylon 5*), Hagrid (*Harry Potter*), Death (Terry Pratchett's *Discworld*), Captain Taggart (*Galaxy Quest*) Worf (*Star Trek: TNG*), and multiple Daleks (*Doctor Who*) with Old Dominion Daleks with his wife and daughter.

And, as no costume is complete without that perfect prop, Rick has received workmanship awards for Prop Recreations such as the Liberator Gun (*Blakes 7*), Farnsworths (both standard and Claudia's, *Warehouse 13*), and Proton Packs (*Ghostbusters* and *Ghostbusters: Answer the Call*). He also constructs props for Luna-C and other productions. He and his wife are featured in the books *Creating the Character Costume: Tools, Tips, and Talks with Top Costumers ...* (Cheralyn Lambeth) and *The Fandom Fifty: Fifty Fascinating People of the Maryland Science Fiction Conventions* (Diane Lee Baron).



Dr. Stephanie Slater

Stephanie J. Slater, Ph.D., is a cognitive scientist specializing in how people of all ages and backgrounds learn to navigate the intersection of science and culture. Currently, she is the Director of the CAPER Center for Astronomy & Physics Education Research. After undergraduate studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduate work at Montana State University, Dr. Slater earned her Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in socio-cultural learning studying how research experiences influence the professional career pathways and attitudes of women scientists. She is a widely read author and frequently invited speaker at science fiction conventions, describing how society reacts to the evolution of science and technology.



Dr. Timothy Slater

Dr. Timothy Slater is the University of Wyoming Excellence in Higher Education Endowed Chair of Science Education. Known as "the professor's professor" because he has taught many professional scientists how to

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Don Sakers

Don Sakers, science fiction fan, writer, editor, blogger, reviewer, and friend to so many, was launched the same month as Sputnik One, so it was perhaps inevitable that he should become a science fiction writer. A Navy brat by birth, he spent his childhood in such far-off lands as Japan, Scotland, Hawaii, and California. In California, rather like a latter-day Mowgli, he was raised by dogs.

As a writer and editor, he explored the thoughts of sapient trees (*The Leaves of October*), brought ghosts to life (*Carmen Miranda's Ghost is Haunting Space Station Three*, Baen 1989), and beat the "Cold Equations" scenario ("The Cold Solution," *Analog* 7/91, voted best short story of the year.) From 2009 Don was book reviewer for *Analog Science Fiction & Fact*, where he wrote the "Reference Library" column in every issue.

Don was born June 16, 1958, in Yokosuka, Japan, and died May 17, 2021. He was 62. He is survived by his spouse, Thomas Atkinson; his brother, David and sister-in-law Yvonne, niece Emily, and nephew Michael.

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teach, Professor Slater earned his Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina, his M.S. from Clemson University, and two bachelors' degrees from Kansas State University. An internationally recognized scholar supported with long-standing federal grants from NASA and the NSF, he is an author on more than 100 scientific journal articles, 16 books, the winner of numerous awards, serves a scholarly journal editor, and is frequently an invited speaker on the popularization of science.



Jay Smith

Jay Smith is a former fighter pilot in the Freedomian Revolutionary Guard who made his postwar fortune in gladiatorial ferret camps across central Europe. He has received awards recognizing his charity work in promoting proper foot hygiene, traveled the world speaking out against the evils of Slobobian arts and crafts, and spends much of his time annoying his children with Mad Libs. He also produces audio drama and podcasts. Legend states he also writes novels.

See these at www.jaysmithaudio.com.



James 'Jay' Stilpec

Better Backstories was created by Jay Stilpec, a 20-year Navy veteran and lifelong gamer. With her love for brainstorming and character development, she developed the cards and ran a Kickstarter in late 2019. She received more than \$25,000 (800% requested funding) from backers all over the world. The cards are currently available for sale at betterbackstories.com. Jay is originally from North Pole, Alaska, and currently lives in Maryland where she works as a High School English teacher.



Bryan 'Kaiser' Tillman

Bryan Tillman has been in higher education for over 12 years and served as everything from professor to program director for Media. He is currently an Assistant Professor for Graphic Design at Norfolk State University. He has an MFA from the Savannah College of Art and Design, with a focus in sequential art and a minor in drawing. As an educator Bryan has conducted many panels and solo lectures for conventions such as AwesomeCon, MegaCon, Stan Lee's Comikaze, Wizard World Conventions and San Diego Comic Con, where he has been invited back to give his panel on Proper Pitching and Promoting Yourself for the last 9

years. Read about it at Bleeding Cool News - <https://www.bleedingcool.com/2017/07/26/comic-con-bryan-tillmans-five-rules-self-promotion-pitching>

Aside from being an educator, Bryan is the owner and CEO of the Kaiser Studio Productions LLC, a production studio for comics, toys, animation, and games that has been active in the industry for over 18 years. Within Kaiser Studio Productions Bryan Tillman does many things. He is a sculptor for toys. He is the editor for all the comic books that come out from the studio. He also does layout and illustrations for multiple projects. Clients have included Marvel Comics, DC Comics, Image Comics, Valiant Comics, TOPPS, UpperDeck, Cryptozoic, Rittenhouse, Toys R Us, T.G.I. Fridays, Focal Press, Lucas Films, CDR Press, FX, Miramax and Tandem Productions.

Bryan has published three instructional books, *Creative Character Design* (Focal Press), *Creative Character Design, 2nd Ed.* (CDR Press) and *The 30 Day Pitch Bible* (Kaiser Studio Productions). He has also created and illustrated a tabletop RPG trading card game, *Dark Legacy*, acquired by UpperDeck and released in 2018.

Currently Bryan is hard at work getting ready to bring *Ninja Empire* to the public. *Ninja Empire* is a comic series of five separate stories set in world run by ninjas. This will be the first comic that Bryan has both written and illustrated.



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VioletteVerse

VioletteVerse is a young cosplayer, actress, and superhero-in-training. Her mission is to make people smile with her cosplays. She has been daily cosplaying and is over the 1,000-day mark. She loves all things superhero, wants everyone to learn about cosplay, and encourages all types of people to cosplay too.

Cosplay is for all. Always be yourself — unless you can be a superhero. Then always be a superhero! You can find VioletteVerse's many cosplays on Instagram @vi0letteverse.



Howard Weinstein

After decades writing *Star Trek* stories, Howard Weinstein turns to historical fiction with *Galloway's Gamble*, a Western Fictioneers Peacemaker Award-winning novel set in the Old West (available in paperback, ebook and hardcover from Amazon.com).

Praise from *True West* magazine: "Anyone who loves Charles Portis's style of writing in *True Grit*, or readers ready [for] a great yarn...look no farther than *Galloway's Gamble*." Fellow *Star Trek* author Dayton Ward calls it "a rich, layered story where the characters leap off the page... Extensive research infuses his tale with authenticity."

Inspired by high-spirited classics like *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* and *The Sting*, *Galloway's Gamble* is a coming-of-age romp about bickering brothers Jamey and Jake Galloway,

who grow up to be poker players in frontier Texas.

Howie's working on a sequel with a strong Maryland connection. Following a shady horse race shrouded in 'Frisco fog, Jamey, Jake and colorful friends embark on a perilous transcontinental trek, trying to reach Baltimore in time for match-race revenge against ruthless horseman Cortland Van Brunt and his unbeatable stallion at the splendid new Pimlico Race Course in 1873.

Howie's writing credits include *Star Trek: Mere Anarchy: The Blood-Dimmed Tide* and six other *Star Trek* novels; "The Pirates of Orion" animated *Star Trek* episode; story-development assistance on *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*; and *Puppy Kisses Are Good for the Soul*, a charming account of life with legendary Welsh Corgi Mail Order Annie.

Feel free to "friend" Howard Weinstein on Facebook. Find more on his books, writing news and occasional blogs at www.howardweinsteinbooks.com.



Dr. Lloyd Whitman

Dr. Lloyd Whitman is currently serving as the Assistant to the Director for Science Policy and Planning at the National Science Foundation (NSF), on detail from his position as Chief Scientist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). At NSF, Lloyd works to identify new opportunities for cooperation and collaboration between NSF and other organizations, coordinates the development and implementation of NSF-wide science policies,

and advises the Director on strategic planning, assessment, and policy analysis.

He joined NSF in 2019 after serving for over five years at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in both the Obama and Trump administrations, most recently as the Principal Assistant Director for Physical Sciences and Engineering and co-leader of the Science portfolio. At OSTP, Lloyd oversaw a broad range of S&T areas and national R&D programs and strategies. Prior to joining OSTP, he was the founding Deputy Director of NIST's Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology, a national nanotechnology user facility.

Lloyd has a B.S. in Physics from Brown University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Physics from Cornell University. He has over 160 publications and multiple patents related to his long research career at the Naval Research Laboratory studying nanostructures and their integration into advanced sensor systems.



Steven H. Wilson

Steven Howell Wilson created the Mark Time and Parsec Award-winning podcast series *The Arbiter Chronicles*, as well as authoring *Taking Liberty* and several other novels and novellas in the *Arbiters* universe. His other works include the novel *Peace Lord of the Red Planet*, short stories for Firebringer Press's *In The Middle of Eternity* series, and contributions to Sequart Press's *Star Wars* essay collections. Most recently, Steve has branched out into historical fiction, with his first effort appearing in *Hobnail and Other Frontier Stories* from Five Star Press. He was the founding Director of Farpoint when it was established in 1993, and still serves as Deputy Chair. Steve currently works as an IT contractor, having retired from Howard County Fire & Rescue after 33 years of service. He and his wife, Renee, live in a historic home in Elkridge, Maryland and have two adult sons, Ethan and Christian. He blogs often, if not regularly, at www.StevenHWilson.com.



Sherri Cook Woosley

Sherri Cook Woosley earned a M.A. in English Language and Literature from University of Maryland, where she taught Academic Writing and Introduction to World Mythology. She's a member of SFWA. Her debut novel,

In Memoriam



Sandra Zier-Teitler

Sandra Zier-Teitler was chairman of both the Farpoint and OktoberTrek conventions, chief financial officer of OktoberTrek, and publisher of the highly regarded *Star Trek* genzine *Mind Meld*. Sandy was also a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, great aunt and friend. She was the love of her late husband Bruce Teitler's life. Sandy joined Baltimore fandom in the early 1980s after meeting former Farpoint committee member Michelle Holmes at a video store. The two bonded over their love of the *Trek* films, and Michelle soon introduced Sandy to fanzines, which led to them connecting with Baltimore's "Contact Crowd," a group of artists and writers headed by sisters Beverly Volker and Nancy Kippax.

Together, the Contact Crowd produced their eponymous zine *Contact*, Marion McChesney's *Vault of Tomorrow*, and Martha Sayre's *Gateways*. Not to be outdone, and with the advantage of having a printer in the family, Sandy started *Mind Meld*. She produced a high-quality product and introduced new artists and writers to fandom while giving established names another outlet for their works. She did this while running three OktoberTrek conventions, revolutionizing the definition of a Baltimore SF convention. Sandy loved her friends and family, the Washington Redskins, her dogs, and DeForest Kelly, who became a dear friend to her in his final years.

Her absence leaves a hole that can never be filled. The Farpoint Committee mourns its big sister.

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Walking Through Fire, was longlisted for both the Booknest Debut Novel award and Baltimore's Best 2019 and 2020 in the novel category. Her latest short story is available in *Thrilling Adventure Yarns 2* by Crazy 8 Press.



Rachel Wyman

Rachel Wyman presented her first puppet show (for an actual audience that wasn't related to her) at the age of 6. A year later, on May 25th, 1977, her parents dragged her to see a movie at the Uptown Theater in DC. And she hasn't stopped being a sci-fi/fantasy fan or a performer since. This career has including being a NPS Park Ranger and a professional puppeteer. She is a performing member of, and writer for, the comedy group Luna-C Productions.

For over a quarter of a century she has been competing in costume contests and masquerades, in the process winning numerous awards, including many Best in Shows. She is infamous for her twisted takes on Klingons, most notably for putting Marc Okrand, the creator of the Klingon Language, into apoplexy for her translation and performance of Patsy Cline's song "Crazy."

For the past decade+ she has been running a workshop to help costumers create, or tweak, their presentations for that day's Masquerade, resulting in a 97% success rate of helping costumers win awards, including 5 Best in Shows (sometimes they beat her!). Her spare time is spent reading, traveling to National Parks, and being way too invested in all things Disney - especially the parks.

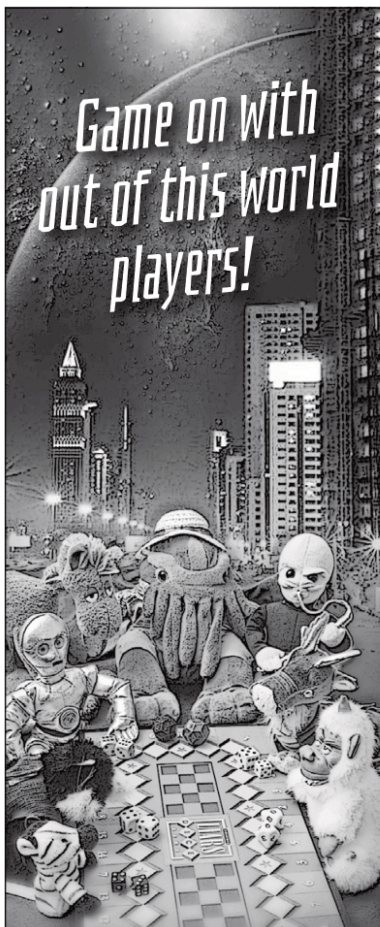


NASA Ambassador Dr. Willie Yee

Dr. Willie Yee is an amateur astronomer and a member and past president of the Board of Directors of the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association. He presently is a Solar System

Ambassador, a program supported by NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA.

Dr Yee also presents a *Star Trek* themed interactive magic act as the Vulcan S'kai. He was part of the crew of *Star Trek New Voyages/Phase II*. He has studied at the McBride Magic and Mystery School in Las Vegas. He has presented the Starship Magic show at numerous SF and astronomical gatherings, both in person and online.



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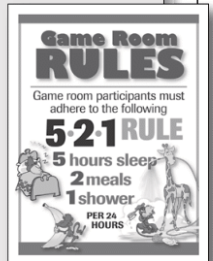
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BlerdCon

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Blerdcon is an event that high-lights and celebrates Blerd culture and creates a marketplace of ideas where sharing that culture can take place with proper context, attribution and positivity in an inclusive environment.

Blerdcon is derived from the term "Blerd" which is short for black nerd. Blerd culture encompasses creatives, fans, producers who are and have been contributing to every fandom, but don't get the recognition or notoriety.

Blerdcon celebrates our connection with LGBTQ, the disabled, POCs and the international community! All are welcome to partake in the experience as we are an open community who love all the same nerddom. Some of our many events include: panels, celebrity guests, presentations, workshops, gaming tournaments, cosplay contests, cosplay guests, music, dance, anime screenings, and a maid café.

Capclave

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Capclave is a small relaxed literary convention with a program that usually focuses on the short fiction form. Our Guests of Honor and other notable authors, editors, artists, and fans of the short fiction form will explore the creation and enjoyment of short fantasy and science fiction genre stories.

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Dark Operations

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Ten years after their initial film, the cast and crew of *Dark Operations* are back for their greatest adventure yet. This three-part mini-series wraps up the story of Captain McGregor and the USS Armstrong. A devastating battle leaves one of the crew on trial for genocide. Dark Operations Command is falling apart and the UEA President wants a quick and speedy end to the trial. Young, untested Defense Council Stephanie Strouse becomes more entangled in the web of deception and lies that surrounds Dark Operations as she faces off against the prosecution led by Col Gary Massey, a seasoned officer whose only goal is self-advancement, regardless of the cost. The crew faces the ultimate test: save themselves or risk everything for one of their own.

Farragut Films

[@farragutfilms on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/farragutfilms)

Join Farragut Films, the studio who brought the adventures of the Starship Farragut to life in classic *Star Trek* '60's live action and '70's animation styles as they venture into the '80's movie era with their latest project, *Farragut Forward*.

Getting' hungry?

Lookin' for something to eat?

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for some ideas!

myconschedule.com



The Friday Night Movie Podcast

www.p4tmedia.com/frinightmovie

[@frinightmovie on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/frinightmovie)

Do you crave sibling rivalry that isn't too mean? How about some pop culture analysis and a few much-needed TV and movie recommendations?

Since 2017, the Friday Night Movie Podcast has delighted listeners with humor and heart, all while building a loyal following and racking up tens of thousands of downloads along the way. Every week, Shai, Lily, and Becky Korman invite you to join their family dinner table as they argue about the latest movies and TV shows and reflect on life in the 80s and 90s growing up Jewish in Montreal.

The Heinlein Society

heinleinsociety.org

The Heinlein Society exists to preserve the legacy renowned writer Robert Anson Heinlein left us in novels, essays, speeches, and short stories that remain as fresh as ever. We need your help to do it. We intend in Heinlein's words to "PAY IT FORWARD," since we can never pay back the benefits we got from him, by spreading the wisdom of Robert Anson Heinlein to others.

Our Pay It Forward programs include blood drives at conventions, Heinlein For Heroes (books for active military personnel, their families, and veterans in veterans' hospitals), scholarships, education (materials for educators interested in using Science Fiction to teach their students, and The Heinlein Journal (the leading source of new scholarship on Robert A. Heinlein).

Legends of the Fog

legendsofthefog.com

The best all-in-one haunted attraction in MD, PA, & DC! Last year visitors experienced terror like never before on our Classic Haunted Hayride, checked in at Farewell Hotel at their own risk, frantically navigated through the Cornstalkers Haunted Maze, and dared to visit the butchers in the condemned Slaughterhouse.

Who knows what horrors lurk at Legends of the Fog 2022?

Luna-C

comedyoflunac.com

facebook.com/comedyoflunac

Luna-C Productions is a comedy troupe that has been writing and performing live vaudeville style sketch comedy for the past 20+ years. Their spoofs are based on science fiction and fantasy movies and television shows. Nothing is safe from them; *Star Trek*, *Star Wars*, *Once Upon a Time*, *Stargate*, *My Little Pony*, *Doctor Who*, *Warehouse 13*, and *Harry Potter* have all fallen prey to their humor. Luna-C is also the creator of *Potter Live in 45*, a raucous summary of all seven *Harry Potter* books in 45 minutes.

Tell your friends, tell your relatives: come and see the show!



DEALERS ROOM

FRIDAY
3PM - 7PM

SATURDAY
10AM - 6PM

SUNDAY
10AM - 3PM

Groups and Organizations

MarsCon

marscon.net

We like to think of MarsCon as a weekend long party for people who enjoy Science Fiction and Fantasy. It's a chance to gather with 1,200 or so of your closest friends (or make new friends if you don't know all 1,200 of us), and talk about science fiction, fantasy, cosplay, gaming, your favorite author, or whatever else you like to talk about.

If you're looking to game, we have lots of gaming. We have Japanese Animation. We have Special Musical Guests and excellent Comedy. We have Writers, Artists, and Costumers who discuss their trade. We have scientists from NASA. The 501st, Klingons and many other clubs line our hallways. We've even been visited by some friendly GHOSTS! We always have Marso the Martian! And, Panels and Workshops, a great Dealers Room, Artist Alley, and an excellent Art show. There is our Costume Contest and Charity! We feature programming for your kids, so you can bring along the whole family, and they won't get bored! Add to all that, the Bounteous Magnificence of our Martian ConSuites and you have a great recipe for a con. Basically, we are lots of fun for everyone.

MD Comic Cons

mdcomiccons.com

Annapolis Comic Con and Southern Maryland Comic Con are Maryland's celebrations of geekdom and pop culture. Expect a wide assortment of comic books, collectibles, toys, games, original art, cosplay, and more. Events include costume contests, gaming, and activities for kids.

Maryland Kunst des Fechtens

marylandkdf.com

hemaalliance.com

MKdF is a school of European swordsmanship and part of the Historical European Martial Arts (HEMA) community. We primarily teach the art of the longsword based on medieval German fight-books, but also delve into sword and buckler, spear and pole-arms, messer, dagger, wrestling, and other esoteric weapons.

Training sessions include cutting practice, sparring games, fencing fundamentals and mechanics, technical interpretation drills, and coached free fencing. We also organize visits to other regional groups in an effort to remain involved in the wider HEMA community.

Nova Labs

nova-labs.org

Located in Reston, VA, just outside Washington, DC, Nova Labs is a membership-driven, all-volunteer makerspace, founded in 2011 with the purpose of empowering our community to Rediscover the Joy of Making Things!

Our current 10,500 sq. ft. facility houses classrooms, workspace, incubator offices, and a shop that includes both common tools and advanced fabrication equipment. Members enjoy

24/7 access and help co-manage our space by teaching classes, maintaining equipment, and promoting making in the community. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, supporting a wide range of open-source development projects that benefit both the local community and the world. Consider joining today to learn how and meet the people behind these projects!

Philcon

philcon.org

Join us at the world's first and longest-running conference on science fiction, fantasy, and horror!

Started in 1936, Philcon features cutting-edge programming about literature, art, television, film, anime, comics, science, gaming, costuming and cosplay, music, and other topics of interest to fans of sci-fi, fantasy, and horror. We will also have many other attractions, such as our awesome Art Show and Auction; a Vendors Room full of unique merchandise; Children's/Family programming; a full-featured Tabletop Gaming room; our Writer's Workshop (featuring professional authors and editors); Concerts; Dorian's Dance Party, our Masquerade/Costume Competition, and more!

SciFi Diner Podcast

scifidinerpodcast.com

Welcome to the SciFi Diner where we serve up spicy conversations from a tasty menu of the latest sci-fi movies and television shows! Whether you're in the mood for interviews with your favorite actors, reviews of new movies, recaps of the hottest shows, or rewatch/discussions of old favorites, there's something for every appetite at the Diner.

Shore Leave/STAT

shore-leave.com

The Star Trek Association of Towson, Inc. (STAT) was founded in 1978 by a small group of people who shared an interest in *Star Trek*. A year later, we held the first Shore Leave Convention, which attracted even more Star Trek enthusiasts to the group.

As the club grew, our interests expanded to include the promotion of not only *Star Trek*, but also of science fact and other areas of science fiction. Activities have included costumed visits to local hospital pediatric units, visits to libraries and schools to promote literacy, participation in the Towson 4th of July Parade and pre-parade entertainment. Our current major activity, of

course, is holding our annual Shore Leave Convention in July.

STARFLEET

sfi.org

For over 35 years, Starfleet has provided *Star Trek* fans a way to meet each other, make friends, have fun, give back to their communities, and show that the dream of Gene Roddenberry can live long and prosper. On the local level, members can gather with other fans for a variety of enjoyable activities. On the international level, Starfleet offers our members a wealth of resources that you won't find in any other *Star Trek* fan clubs. In addition to a great set of membership materials and our regularly-published newsletter, Starfleet offers members the chance to get involved with Starfleet Academy, the Starfleet Marine Corps, the Department of Technical Services, and much, much more.

StarQuest

starquestconvention.com

StarQuest was formed to embrace the imagination of the universe, to scrutinize the knowledge of what we think the future will be, and to share this incredible experience with other tellurian beings. We are a fan run convention organized and brought to other fans by the media. We are fans of and celebrate all things science fiction (sci-fi) and fantasy. We embrace the vastness of the Science Fiction Universe including *Star Trek*, *Star Wars*, *Babylon 5*, *Flash Gordon*, *Warehouse 13*, and *Doctor Who*, just to name a few.

After meeting over the years and discussing how one show related to the another, and debating the enormous sci-fi universe, we decided that we should have a fan based convention here in Frederick, to (1) find how many fans there are in our community, (2) to celebrate our interests with other fans, and (3) to make the rest of the cosmos aware that we are here to Experience the Universe together.

Station Unity

station-unity.org

Station Unity is an annual 3-day fan convention held in the D.C. metro area for Science Fiction & Fantasy enthusiasts and entertainment. Station Unity is produced by Katsucon Entertainment, Inc. (KEI), an educational organization dedicated to bringing information about animation, culture, society, and entertainment to fans everywhere.



DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR OF FREE TIME?

As good as the Farpoint Committee is, we can't be everywhere or do everything that is needed to make Farpoint go.

That's where you come in!

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Author Panels

Authors Online:

Maintaining Your Digital Footprint

Have a question about your platform? Want to promote your work on social media? Our panel of experts led by web and tech guru Nate Hoffelder will answer marketing, design, and technical questions and help authors to promote themselves on the World Wide Web. *Nate Hoffelder, Christopher Ochs*

The Business of Writing

Our panelists will discuss all the things a writer needs to do that AREN'T writing. *Stephen Kozeniewski, MJ Blehart*

Climate Fiction as Activism

Some stories give us a vision of what Earth's future could be, depending on how humanity responds to environmental crises. What are some books, series, or films that have captured the crux of this issue evocatively, and how might this genre serve as a tool of real-world change? *Jennifer Povey, Sherri Cook Woosley*

First Person vs. Third Person

We'll discuss the pros and cons (in both writing and reading) of first-person fiction versus third-person fiction. *Christopher Ochs, Arrow J. Knight*

Gaming In Science Fiction

How is a satisfying sci if gaming experience similar to or different from a satisfying reading experience? What are the peculiar advantages and disadvantages of each? What can each borrow

from the other going forward? *T Eric Bakutis, Jennifer Povey, MJ Blehart*

Gender Tropes and How To Avoid Them

What are some of the negative/harmful gender tropes common in fiction and film? How can authors avoid them? What is a fan's role in navigating this subject? Panelists offer insight from their own experience. *JL Gribble, Rigel Ailur, Sherri Cook Woosley*

How To Sell Books From Your Website

If you are struggling with direct sales or are unclear on where to begin, this presentation is for you. Web design expert Nate Hoffelder will show you the basics of selling books and ebooks via your website. Letting Amazon handle all of a publisher's sales is a great way to give Amazon control over your future. No one wants that to happen! *Nate Hoffelder, Sherri Cook Woosley*

The Keys to "Authentic" Military Fiction

What elements lend authenticity to the story and the characters? How do you employ them without taking trope into stereotype? *Kim Headlee, Stephen Kozeniewski, Cheralyn Lambeth*

Magic as a Character

Well-written magic systems take on a life of their own ... and a personality. How do you create that for your books, and how does it influence the story and the (other) characters? *Christopher Ochs, MJ Blehart*

Now a Major Motion Picture:

From Books to Films

It's the age-old story: your favorite book has been made into a movie. You buy your ticket, sit down... and discover that your favorite story has been mangled into something unrecognizable on screen. Why can't Hollywood stay true to the text? Are there any examples where they did? Our panelists will discuss. *Michael D'Ambrosio, Cerece Rennie Murphy, JL Gribble*

Publishing Your E-Book

Sit down, buckle in, and be prepared to ask lots of questions while twenty-year publishing veteran Kim Iverson Headlee helps you investigate how to publish and distribute your e-book. Topics include ISBNs, imprints, publication plans, vendor platforms, and more. *Kim Headlee*

Robert Heinlein in 30 Minutes

A discussion of the author and his works. *Steven Wilson*

Sci-Fi and Fantasy Evolution

When does a Sci-Fi or Fantasy story become both genres? How do authors separate sci-fi from fantasy, or the other way around? This panel will examine the Sci-fi and Fantasy genres' evolution. *Sherri Cook Woosley, Cerece Rennie Murphy*

Series Arcs

We'll discuss how to plan, start, and conclude a book series. *Christopher Ochs, Michael D'Ambrosio, Arrow J. Knight*

Time Management and Self-Care for Writers

How do writers juggle multiple projects, keep track of deadlines, answer editorial e-mail, keep up with social media, and still have time to write? What tools, strategies and approaches are successful in striking a balance? And how did the pandemic affect your work? *MJ Blehart, Michael D'Ambrosio*

The Value of Research A discussion of the importance of research to any story. *Jennifer Povey, Christopher Ochs, JL Gribble*

Writing Within Constraints

Our panelists will offer advice on how to work within guidelines, especially IPs. *Stephen Kozeniewski, T Eric Bakutis*

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Authors Programming

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Costuming/Cosplay Panels

The Fix-n-Finish Room

Open work area and "lounge" for costume repairs and completion all day Friday and whenever the room is not otherwise in use. *Brian Sarcinelli, Sarah Yaworsky*

Cosplay From 2D to 3D

How to adapt a 2D picture to a 3D cosplay. *D'Manda Martini, Dax ExclamationPoint*

Cosplay Self-Destructs

Prat falls of cosplay and how to deal with them. *D'Manda Martini, Cheralyn Lambeth*

Farpoint Masquerade 101

Are you new(ish) to competing a costume at Farpoint? This panel will go over the standard operating procedures for this convention from the perspective of the costumer. If you have any questions like "Where do I go?" "What do I need to do beforehand?" "What happens in the green

room & backstage?" "Where should I go on-stage?" "What do I do when I'm done?", this is the place to get them answered. *Rachel Wyman*

I Ain't Afraid of No Cosplay

A discussion on building elaborate cosplay and props. *Richard Siebigteroth*

Lions & Tigers & Baby Yodas, Oh, My!

Using puppets with your costumes. *Rachel Wyman, Cheralyn Lambeth*

Makerspaces: The Ultimate Resource for Cosplayers

Members of Nova Labs will discuss the various ways cosplayers can use makerspaces for their costumes and props. *Super LaMario*

Masquerade Critique

Re-live the Masquerade and discuss what worked and what did not in a round table discussion. *Brian Sarcinelli, Sarah Yaworsky*

Masquerade Presentation Workshop

For those who have a costume and need help with a presentation for Masquerade. Or if you already have an idea and want a fresh pair of eyes to help you with it. Or if you need help with audio. Even if you need a complete presentation! I am here to help you make a better Masquerade. *Rachel Wyman*

Masquerade Workmanship

What are the Workmanship awards and how are they judged? What is documentation? Tips on what to show – and what not to show! – when you take your costume to be judged for the work you put into making it. *Rachel Wyman, Sarah Yaworsky*

Science Panels

Astronomy Update – JWST, Mars, and Exoplanets

We will discuss the latest exciting developments and discoveries of select astronomy missions. This will include the launch, journey (so far), and future plans of the James Webb Space Telescope, the activities of the currently deployed and active rovers on Mars, and the latest on planets around other stars (exoplanets). *Dr. Inge Heyer*

Famous Eclipses in Science Fiction

A total eclipse of the Sun is one of the most wondrous events Mother Nature provides for Earthlings. Given the tremendous emotional power of natural events, one wonders if creative science fiction authors have found intriguing ways to bring the wonder of eclipses to illuminate and add to the story they are trying to tell. As it turns out, solar eclipses are common in the science fiction genre, and make for a wonderful story telling addition. *Dr. Timothy Slater, Dr. Stephanie Slater*

Looking at Bacteria on the International Space Station

Although physics predicts that bacteria are too small to respond to a gravitational field, experiments have shown that exposure to microgravity changes how bacteria grow, including influencing their virulence. This has important implications for astronaut health, and so it is important to study bacteria on the ISS. We are preparing a microscope to fly and image bacterial growth and motility, and here I discuss some of the challenges involved with preparing such an experiment for space. *Dr. Jay Nadeau*

Moons of the Solar System

The planets of the solar system harbor hundreds of moons. We will examine each planet's moon system, and how NASA missions have explored them. The uniqueness of Earth's Moon will be explored. *Dr. Willie Yee*

Planetary Defense: Defending the Earth from Hazardous Asteroids

This presentation will provide some background on potentially hazardous asteroids, recent Earth impacts, and NASA's activities to help protect Earth from asteroids. The presentation will describe NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission as well as share information on the European Space Agency's (ESAs) Hera mission. DART will be the first demonstration of the kinetic impactor technique to change the motion of an asteroid in space. *Dr. Paul Abell*

Ransomware Revealed

One of the top cybersecurity threats keeping companies, governments, and the general populous up at night is Ransomware. In this presentation, information about this scourge of the Internet is revealed. Attendees will learn about the general types of Ransomware, how it gets in to damage systems and holds them for ransom, the underlying ecosystem that supports it and enriches criminals, some details on how it functions, and some measures that can be taken to prevent being one of the growing list of victims. Join us to get some knowledge and help save yourself some restless nights. *Stephen Lesnik*

SmallSats and the Miniaturization of Space-based Observatories

From SmallSats to MicroSats, we are testing the limits of launching practical and powerful new observatories in tiny containers. Are these swarms of tiny satellites poised to take over for our large, multi-purpose observatories? Dr. Mikles talks about her work with the current flagship weather satellites, and looks at how these new miniature wonders can change the future. *Dr. Valerie Mikles*

The Space Junk Crisis - an Update

Since the dawn of the space age, junk left in orbit by space missions has accumulated, threatening existing and new missions with random collisions at artillery velocities. The problem is acknowledged by many spacefaring nations, but solutions are in embryonic stages, negligible compared with the scale of the threat. It's a growing crisis, endangering astronauts and expensive, vital space vehicles. In this talk, I will review the status and proposed solutions for this problem. *Dr. David Batchelor*

What's New in the World of Dinosaurs in 2022?

The latest discoveries from the fossil record of Earth's most magnificent ancient beasts. *Thomas Richard Holtz*

See our online guide at myconschedule.com



Cosplay



Science



- Up-to-the-Minute Updates •
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Masquerade Costume Contest

You are cordially invited to Farpoint's Masquerade – one of the highlights of the con! Novices and seasoned pros alike bring their original and recreation costumes to the stage in a feast for the senses and the funny bone!

Don't be shy -- new costumers are encouraged to compete!

WHERE • WHAT • WHEN

Masquerade Registration

Downstairs under the escalators
across from Convention registration
Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Entries cannot be accepted after 4:00 pm.

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Workmanship Judging

During Green Room
immediately preceding Masquerade



Art Way Alliance is committed to providing students with opportunities and experiences in media arts and related careers.

AWA provides these opportunities to those who would otherwise not have direct access to instructors, materials, and other like-minded individuals. AWA teaches students how to create and market their original comic books, manga, and cartoons in an environment free of judgment and derision. AWA works through classes, events, conventions, and partnerships with wonderful and dedicated artists and volunteers.

AWA emphasizes the educational value of comics and cartoons by incorporating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) or Common Core elements into our curriculum. In the past year, AWA has hosted multiple workshops and classes in the DMV area. Our STEAM program in particular has been incredibly popular. We've also participated in events ranging from a Back to School Jamboree to Awesome Con and have created amazing partnerships with schools, non-profit, and profit businesses.

For more information see us at <http://www.artwayalliance.org>

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Live Events & Performances

The Bob & Howie Show

Books, movies, tv, baseball. The important things in life.... *Robert Greenberger, Howard Weinstein*

Book Fair

Meet and mingle with the authors at the Book Fair! Be sure to check out our authors with new and premiering books.

Charnock's Comedy Cabaret

If you, like Data, want to know what is funny, stop in for nerdish performances from great local stand-up comics! *Dave McOwen, Jason Fliegel, Hannah Piper, Dani Riedel, Riva Riley, Robert Schneider*

Cocktail Party

Everyone's welcome to mix and mingle! A cash bar will be available. For an additional cost, you can buy a ticket for all-you-can-eat light buffet. A limited number of tickets available at the door.

Colonial Ministry of Defense Meeting (Battlestar Galactica)

Club Meeting *Robert Smith*

ConQueens: Cosplay Drag Show

A show of drag cosplayers performing two numbers each for an audience. *D'Manda Martini, Tiffany D. Carter, Charlemagne Chateau, Logan Stone*

Friday Night Podcast... on Saturday!

Do you crave sibling rivalry that isn't too mean? How about some pop culture analysis and a few much-needed TV and movie recommendations? The Korman siblings delight listeners with humor and heart, all while building a loyal following and racking up tens of thousands of downloads along the way. Tonight you're invited to join their family dinner table for talk about the latest movies and TV shows and reflections on life in 80s and 90s growing up Jewish in Montreal. *Shai Korman*

Let's Make a Deal

How are you at guessing the prices of grocery store items? Or fannish items? Are you able to spin a wheel to get the highest number? Are you sure you can pick the curtain that has the coolest prize? Then *The Price is Right* game show hosted by Diane Baron is where you want to be! All 12 participants will walk away with something, but will it be a consolation prize or a major award? It's up to you! *Diane Lee Baron*

The Amazing Maker's Challenge and Fun

Paper roller coasters and ball runs! Paper circuits and balloon cars! Science experiments! Puzzles and riddles! Art and so much more. Come spend time with us as we freely explore all aspects of STEAM! It will be EXCITING and FUN! *Eta Hack*

Cookie Decorating with Princess Leia

Decorate Princess Leia and Chewbacca cookies. *Stephanie Kiss*

Cosplaying For Kids: With A Kid!

Come on over to learn some tricks and tips to cosplay on a budget and make some easy co-

Luna-C

Nothing is safe from them. *Star Trek, Star Wars, Once Upon a Time, Stargate, My Little Pony, Doctor Who, Warehouse 13, Harry Potter* – Luna-C sets their sights on all your favorite science fiction, fantasy and even children's shows. Tell your friends, tell your relatives. Come and see the show! *Rick Siebigteroth, Chris Carothers, Cynthia Hardesty, Rachel Wyman, Bella Siebigteroth*

Maisie Richardson-Sellers

An hour with our guest (Saturday & Sunday) *Maisie Richardson-Sellers*

Marc Okrand

If you've ever heard Shakespeare the way it was meant to be spoken, thank Marc. He's the man who taught the Klingons their own language and inspired linguists all over the galaxy. *Marc Okrand*

Masquerade

Join us for one of the best Masquerades in fandom. Stay for the Saturday Live Charity Auction at Halftime, featuring awesome items including special items donated by our guests.

MD KdF - Clash, Bang!

Swords in Movies vs. Reality

Outlining your nefarious plan mid-sword fight is a hallmark of many fantasy movies and shows, but what really goes on during a proper sword fight? Is it quick and precise like *The Princess Bride* or is it slow and noisy like *Highlander*? Come find out the answers to these questions and more in this one-of-a-kind talk that guarantees to ruin how you watch your favorite shows! Come see a showcase of European weapons from the longsword to the rapier and even watch two armored knights fight! *Maryland Kunst des Fechtens*

MD KdF - Learn to Fight Like a Witcher!

Have you ever wanted to slay monsters like Geralt? Wield a greatsword like Ned Stark? Conquer enemies like Eowyn? If you want more that stage combat, this is the class for you! Come learn the basics of historical European longsword so you too can take on whatever monsters prowl your way! *Maryland Kunst des Fechtens*

Opening Ceremonies

The party continues! Please join us for the presentation of the Volker/McChesney Award,

the Friday Live Charity Auction, and a performance by Prometheus Radio Theatre (w/special guests).

SciFi Diner Podcast

Check out the Sci-Fi Diner crew as they record their podcast at Farpoint! *Scott Hertzog, Miles McLoughlin, M. Garcia Sierra*

Sci-Fi Game Show Surprise

Sci-fi Games continue to bring fun and excitement to the sci-fi cons of the DMV with games like *Blockbusters, Family Feud, Jeopardy & Hollywood Squares*! After a long hiatus, our host Dean Rogers is ready ask the questions and deliver the fun. Get ready for a new game in 2022 – if you like solving puzzles, then you'll have a "Wheely" good time! *Dean Rogers*

Scott Grimes

An hour with our guest (Saturday & Sunday) *Scott Grimes*

Starfleet International Meeting

Club meeting *Robert Smith*

Starship Magic

A 50-minute science fiction themed magic show. Science fiction effects such as transporters are presented as magic tricks with humor and multiple references to *Star Trek* and other SF genres. The show is highly interactive, involving all the members of the audience. **NOTE:** The show is adult-oriented and family friendly but is not recommended for children under 8. *Dr. Willie Yee*

TA Chafin

Whether he's discussing *Star Wars* bloopers and minutiae, or sharing tales of movie-themed road trips, TA Chafin will provide an interesting hour of information. *TA Chafin*

Ten Forward

Dance and party the night away!

Timothy Zahn

An hour with our guest (Saturday & Sunday) *Timothy Zahn*

Vic's Place

Karaoke party! *Chris Carothers, Terpette, Chris Szverra, Cailey Smith, Robert Smith, Branden Steele, Catie Steele, Trae Vogelsang*

Post-Convention Meeting

What did you think of Farpoint? Chat with members of the Farpoint Committee about it! *Farpoint Committee*

Young Fan Panels

splays yourself. Meet veteran 9-year-old cosplayer VioletteVerse! She can tell you all about getting your parents involved and having fun co-playing! *Violetteverse*

Lego Fun

Create amazing structures! *Eta Hack*

Lightsaber Training

Learn this essential skill every Jedi must!

Movie Party

Come watch a fabulous flick and enjoy yummy snacks! *Eta Hack*

Podcasting For Kids

The positive power of podcasting is an amazing way for kids to learn communication skills and build confidence. *Friday Night Movie* host, Shai Korman, shares a lightning round version of his signature 5-day course for kids ages 6-13, focusing on listening skills, finding your voice, and developing show segments. We'll even record a portion that will be posted online! Please bring your parents or guardian (and their permission to participate). *Shai Korman*

Movies & TV Panels

"Bright Suns!" A Visitor's Guide to Batuu

Droids, sabers, boarding groups, drinks, pilots, sporks, porgs and more.... Everything you want to know about the Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge lands at Disneyland, California and Disney's Hollywood Studios, Florida. *Rachel Wyman*

Animated X-Men – Disney+ Style!

Disney+ has announced that a continuation of the 1990s *X-Men* cartoon series will be put into production. Our panel will fondly remember favorite moments from the original and ponder what may happen in the new series. *D'Manda Martini, Bryan Tillman*

B5 Reboot

A *Babylon 5* reboot has been announced. We will discuss all current news about the reboot and speculate where the story may take us. *Neil Ottenstein, Cheralyn Lambeth*

BYOF - Bring Your Own Fandom

Round table discussion. What shows have we missed? We'll discuss the shows that you are dying to talk about with others who understand your passion. *Betsy Childs, Miles McLoughlin*

Crossing The Streams

Our panelists share their favorite streaming services and why. Can you survive "cutting the cord" on cable tv? *Betsy Childs, Miles McLoughlin, Jill Marron*

Hero Worship

Our favorite tv & movie heroes... and why! *Jill Marron, Cerece Rennie Murphy, Jennifer Povey*

How Does Legends of Tomorrow

Get Away with... That?

The DC/CW time traveling "superhero" show touches serious themes such as addiction and the power of representation... but it does them with this severe layer of, well, goofiness. Alien tentacle mpreg? Evil dinner theater? Using the Earth as a bowling ball? Do we love this show even though... or because... it's SO over the top? *Jennifer Povey, Neil Ottenstein*

Marvel on the Small Screen

We'll discuss the plethora of Marvel miniseries that have aired or will air on Disney+. *JL Gribble, Rigel Ailur, Miles McLoughlin*

The Old Guard

First a graphic novel, now a Netflix film, a team of immortal crimefighters must stay one step ahead of a megalomaniac scientist who wants their DNA for nefarious purposes. Our panelists will discuss. *JL Gribble, Ryan Permison*

Outlander: Come What May

Visiting the latest installment of our favorite fictional characters, Jamie, Claire, Brianna, and Roger. Delving into the world at the start of the Revolutionary War. Are our heroes on the right

side of history? How will they deal with new perils? Not only are they facing perils from the outside, but now they have perils right on their own doorstep on Fraser's Ridge! *Annie Brugmans, Maggie Restivo, Mattie Rogers*

Resident Alien

We'll discuss this offbeat comedy, based on a Dark Horse comic. Will Harry succeed in his mission to destroy the planet, or will he become even more bemused by humanity in Season 2? *Betsy Childs, Jay Smith*

The Return of The Orville

After a lengthy delay, season 3 of *The Orville*, *Orville: New Horizons*, will be released in March on Hulu. Will you watch? What are your expectations? *Betsy Childs, Terpette*

This Is The [Disney] Way

While we wait for Season 3 of *The Mandalorian*, let's talk about *The Bad Batch*, *The Book of Boba Fett*, *Star Wars Visions*, and other recent and upcoming series due to hit Disney+. *Rigel Ailur, Ryan Permison*

Who's Next After the Flux?

We'll discuss Jodie Whitaker's final season as the Doctor, the return of Russell T. Davies as showrunner, and who we'd like to see take over as the Doctor. *Jennifer Povey, Richard Siebigteroth*

New Media & Fannish Interest Panels

Audio Drama How-To's

The ins and outs of creating audio dramas. *Jay Smith, Nathan Schell, MJ Blehart*

Better Backstories

Better Backstories is an inspiration and brainstorming tool for authors, roleplayers, teachers, and more. Come see how this innovative deck can help create characters, plotlines, weather patterns, and maps from the flip of a few cards. *Jay Stilipec*

Breaking Into Videogame Design

T. Eric Bakutis, an experienced AA game designer, will talk about ways to break into the game industry as a designer or a writer. *T. Erik Bakutis*

Character Design in Cosplay

With ArtWay Alliance. *Kurenai Kiba*

Dark Operations: Terminus - Status Report

An anticipated update on where *Dark Operations: Terminus* is in a post Covid world. *Nathan Schell, Royce Essig*

Drawing Diversity in Sci-Fi

With ArtWay Alliance. *JP Jackson*

Fandom In Miniature: Toy Collecting

Come join our panelists as they discuss the toys they love, how their collections got started, how toys have changed over the years, the advent of high-end collectible toy crowdfunding, and the age-old question: to open or not to open! *Royce Essig, Thomas Atkinson*

Farragut Films

We get the latest from Farragut Films, including any new projects. *John Broughton, Dean Rogers*

Ghost Hunting vs. Ghostbusting:

The Science and The Fiction

Ghostbusters film creator Dan Aykroyd was himself interested in the paranormal and based much of the theory and equipment seen in the films on the actual science of the day. Come and learn the science behind paranormal investigating (and whether or not you can actually bust ghosts!). *Cheralyn Lambeth*

How to Effectively Create an IP

Stephen Kozeniewski, Nathan Schell

Proper Pitching and Promoting Yourself

In this presentation you will learn about the art of presentation, body language, elevator pitches, standing out, interview skills, and how to make an opportunity when there isn't one. This is a great lecture for those who have a product and would like to be able to pitch that product to companies. *Bryan Tillman*

Ready Set Draw!

You vs. an ArtWay Alliance guest artist.

Sci-Fi Character Design

The theme will be Farpoint guests. With ArtWay Alliance. *Tyrone Barnes*

Serialization on Royal Road

How to use Royal Road as a platform for serialized SFF fiction. Are there monetization options (including Patreon)? How can you take a successful serial to Kindle Unlimited? *T Erik Bakutis*

Sketch Card Design For Freelance Artists

With ArtWay Alliance. *Darren Soto*

Writing For the Many Faces of Sci-Fi

With ArtWay Alliance. *Rod Van Blake*

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Live Events



Young Fan



Movies & TV



New Media

FARPOINT 2022 ART SHOW AND AUCTION

Welcome to the Farpoint Art Show and Auction! We are in Maryland 1 and 2 which is near the top of the escalators. We are open on Friday evening and all-day Saturday for bidding! Please stop by, admire, and buy some artwork!

New Bidder Rules:

New! A piece with **7 BIDS** is sent to the Auction on Sunday morning. Bidders must be registered with the convention and with the Art Show desk. Art Show staffers will assign you a bidder number. Pieces with **6 BIDS** or less when the Art Show closes on Saturday evening will be sold to the highest bidder on the card. Pieces with **7 OR MORE BIDS** go to auction. If you place the seventh bid on a piece of art, plan to attend the auction. The Art Auction is **SUNDAY** starting at **11:00 AM** in Maryland 1 and 2. ALL registered convention members (one-day and weekend) may attend the Art Auction.

Quick Sale on Saturday:

When our doors open on **Saturday morning**, if an item **DOES NOT** have a bid on it, it may be purchased at the **QUICK SALE PRICE** listed on the bid sheet. On the bid sheet itself, write your Bidder Number where indicated, but instead of writing a dollar amount, write "QS." Once you have purchased the item, you may take it with you, or you may leave the item to hang in the Art Show until Sunday. If the item you wish to purchase is 2D (flat art), you may remove the art from the panel and bring it to the Art Show table for checkout. If the item you wish to purchase is 3D (ceramic/jewelry, etc. – something breakable) please ask one of the friendly Art Show staffers to remove the art for you. Please do not handle the breakable items yourself!

Payments for artwork can be made by **CASH, CHECK, TRAVELER'S CHECKS, or CREDIT CARDS (VISA, MASTERCARD, AMEX, DISCOVER).** Maryland sales tax (6%) will be collected on all sales. Complete rules for bidding and purchasing will be available at the art show desk.

Art Show Reminders:

NO photographs may be taken inside the Art Show room. **NO** food or drink allowed. Small children must be supervised while in the art show room. Larger children will be put to work by the Art Show staff...

ART SHOW SCHEDULE:

Friday:	Artists' Registration:	4:00 PM to 7:30 PM
	Art Show Hours:	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM*
Saturday:	Artists' Registration:	10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	Art Show Hours:	10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Sunday:	Art Auction:	11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
	Art Sales Pickup:	SHORTLY AFTER AUCTION ENDS to 1:00 PM BUT NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM
	Artists' Pickup:	BEFORE or AFTER AUCTION, CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTING BUT NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM

***Art Show will close at 7:30 PM Friday night so that the Art Show staff can participate in the opening festivities; Art Show may reopen at 9:00 PM if demands warrant.**



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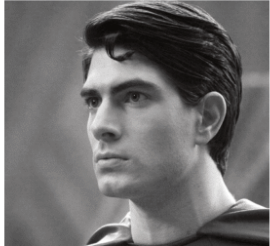
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Brandon Routh

Superman Returns – Clark Kent
Arrow – Ray Palmer/The Atom
Chuck – Daniel Shaw



Aimee Garcia

Lucifer – Ella Lopez
Dexter – Jamie Batista
Rush Hour – Didi Diaz



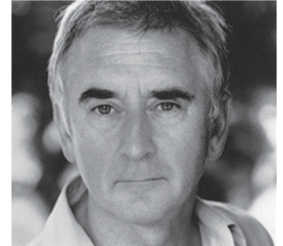
Adam Baldwin

Firefly – Jayne Cobb
Chuck – John Casey
The Last Ship – XO Mike Slattery



Jewel Staite

Firefly – Kaylee Frye
Stargate Atlantis – Dr. J. Keller
The L.A. Complex – R. Westbrook



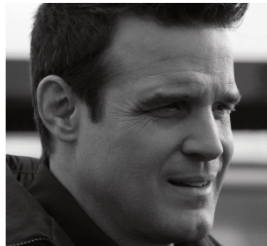
Denis Lawson

Star Wars – Wedge Antilles
Bleak House – John Jamdyce
New Tricks – DI Steve McAndrew



BarBara Luna

Star Trek – Marlena
Buck Rogers – Koori
Zorro (1958) – Theresa Modesto



Eddie McClintock

Warehouse 13 – Pete Lattimer
Supergirl – Col. James Harper
Agents of SHIELD – Vin-Tak

*More media guests will be announced.
All guests will appear in person.*

Convention registration is open.

**You must be fully vaccinated to attend.
See our full COVID policy on our website.**

Our confirmed author, artist, and scientist guests:

Chris Abbott, Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Rigel Ailur, Lorraine Anderson, Derek Tyler Attico, Diane Lee Baron, Christopher L. Bennett, The Boogie Knights, Alan Chafin, John Coffren, Russ Colchamiro, Greg Cox, Kathleen David, Peter David, Keith DeCandido, Kevin Dilmore, Mary Fan, Kelli Fitzpatrick, Michael Jan Friedman, Phil Giunta, Robert Greenberger, Glenn Hauman, Andrew Hiller, Heather Hutsell, Amy Imhoff, Jim Johnson, Luna-C, David Mack, Mike McPhail, Christopher D. Ochs, Susan Olesen, Joshua Palmatier, Scott Pearson, Roberta Rogow, Aaron Rosenberg, Jenifer Rosenberg, Hildy Silverman, Dayton Ward, Laura Ware, Howard Weinstein, Richard White, and Steve Wilson.

More participants will be announced as they are confirmed.

For Hotel Information:

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Tel. 410-785-7000 or 866-764-8359

(Hotel reservations for 2022 are being taken now)

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Farpoint COVID Guidance

1. Farpoint encourages all attendees, guests, vendors/dealers, and staff who are eligible to receive a COVID vaccination to please do so, as the vaccines have proven safe and effective in preventing the transmission of the virus and lowering the severity of your illness if you are unfortunately infected. While COVID-19 exposure is a risk in any public place, we are dedicated to protecting our attendees as much as possible by implementing CDC, Maryland, and Baltimore County event guidelines. We will be sanitizing touch points regularly and taking measures to ensure social distancing is observed at the con. We encourage you to clean your hands/face as necessary after interaction with others, either with soap and water or hand sanitizer.

2. Available tickets will be limited to 1000 per day (half venue capacity) to assist with social distancing. We will reserve a portion of this quantity for our walk-in purchasers and will announce via social media each day if tickets are available at the door. Your best bet is to buy in advance to ensure availability.

3. Seating in panel rooms will be managed for maximum social distancing. If a room does not have an available seat, you are requested to wait until one comes available.

4. All attendees over 2 years of age, guests, vendors/dealers, and staff are required to wear a mask in convention areas. CDC guidelines recommend use of N95/KN95 masks for best level of protection. Farpoint will have KN95 and N95 masks to provide to anyone on request. If you are seen without a mask in the convention area, you will be offered a mask and given ONE warning to comply with the mask requirement. Continuing to not wear a mask after one warning will result in removal from the convention for the remainder of the weekend with no refund. Masks may be removed temporarily in the circumstances listed below and must be put back on when the action is completed.

- a. For eating and drinking - you must remain stationary when consuming your food and drink
- b. For photos if all persons in the photo agree
- c. Guest speakers may remove their mask for clarity while on-stage/at panelist table provided all other speakers agree.
- d. Vendors may remove their mask for a break when eating and drinking. Masks should be worn during customer interactions.

5. Masks must completely cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly around the face and chin. N95/KN95 masks are recommended for your best protection. Face coverings with valves, mesh, costume masks, damaged masks, neck gaiters and face coverings that cannot be secured under the chin will not be allowed. Any headwear or cosplay pieces that cover the face but do not follow these fit guidelines will not be allowed. Face shields without masks are not allowed as their open style is still undergoing evaluation as to effectiveness against virus transmission. Face shields with masks are allowed.

6. Guests will be making their own decisions on whether to remove masks for photos and the level of contact they are comfortable with. Their signing stations will include a plexiglass shield on the table, and they may choose to remove their mask while behind the shield and stationary at their table. Please be respectful of each Guest's decision in these matters.

7. The hotel has installed hand sanitizer dispensers in the public areas and plans to actively monitor the cleanliness of restrooms during our event. Please be aware, however, that supply chain disruptions have interfered with the availability of supplies for public restrooms and the hotel is being diligent in efforts to compensate. Attendees are requested to inform convention operations of any dispensers or restrooms that require maintenance.

8. This guidance is published with the intention to allow the public to make an informed decision on whether to attend Farpoint Convention. Anyone choosing to participate after publication of this guidance is thus assumed to release Farpoint Convention and Farpoint Foundation from any liability if they test positive for COVID after attending the event.

We work to keep the content of our programming at Farpoint Convention friendly to all ages - young fans, teens and adults. However, in the course of active discussion, topics may stray into areas parents or guardians may not wish their children to participate in. It is ultimately the parent/guardian's responsibility to monitor the program events their children attend and to remove the child from any discussions they do not wish their children to participate in.

Panel Information is accurate as of publication. Please check the Schedule Insert, Room Notices, and Online Guide for any changes.



Farpoint Rules and Policies

Convention Attendance:

1. Farpoint is a public event and will take place regardless of weather or travel conditions. Convention membership tickets are nonrefundable. Attendees may resell or gift tickets privately, with notice to Farpoint of the registration name change.
2. Seating is on a firstcome, firstserved basis in all programming rooms. There is disabled Attendee and VIP (Guests and Staff) seating available in the ballroom. Please observe all reserved signs for these seats.
3. Purchase of a convention membership ticket does not guarantee a Guest's autograph. Attendees are responsible for attending the scheduled autograph session(s) to secure a Guest's autograph.
4. You must wear your Farpoint badge to gain admittance to all convention areas. Badges are nontransferable. Lost badges will be replaced for a \$20.00 fee with proper photo identification.

Hotel:

1. Causing a disruption in any part of the hotel (rooms or convention areas) is grounds for expulsion without a refund from the convention. Farpoint and the Delta Hotel has sole discretion in determining the severity of the disruption.
2. All smoking is prohibited in the hotel (tobacco products, e-cigarettes and vaping). Attendees should use designated smoking areas on the lobby level outside the hotel, which comply with Maryland requirements that smoking areas be 15 feet away from building entrances/exits.

Conduct:

1. Farpoint does not tolerate harassment of Attendees, Staff, Vendors/Dealers or Guests by any other Attendee, Staff, Vendor/Dealer or Guest. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Stalking
 - b. Intimidation
 - c. Offensive Verbal Comments
 - d. Physical Harassment and/or Unwelcome Physical Touching or Attention
 - e. Symbols or Statements of hate toward, but not limited to, a person's Race, Color, National Origin, Gender, Sexual Orientation, Age, Body Size, Disability, Appearance or Religion
2. The above harassing actions, symbols and/or statements are also not permitted as part of a presentation, panel, exhibit, show or cosplay. Farpoint in its sole discretion will determine if a harassing action or statement has occurred or symbol has been used. Farpoint Staff will take prompt action in any form deemed appropriate toward anyone found in violation of this policy, which can range from asking an Attendee, Staff or Guest to leave the convention floor for a specified time up to expulsion from Farpoint Convention with no refund or a lifetime ban from the convention.
3. Any Attendee, Staff, Vendor/Dealer or Guest experiencing an uncomfortable or unsafe situation is asked to bring the matter to the nearest Farpoint Staff member, identified by their convention badge. They will be escorted to the convention operations office to make an official report. Attendees, Staff, Vendors/Dealers and Guests may also go directly to the convention operations office, located in the Pimlico Room around the corner from Convention Registration on the lower level, as circumstances dictate. After making a report, Farpoint Staff will contact local law enforcement or medical assistance, provide an escort, offer a safe place and/or otherwise assist the Attendee, Staff, Vendor/Dealer or Guest to feel safe for the remainder of the convention.
4. Overtly sexual imagery and language is not appropriate except during events or panels specified as covering adult topics that are open only to Attendees over 18 years of age. Attendees violating these rules may be expelled from Farpoint without a refund at the discretion of the co-chairs and/or committee.
5. Convention Attendees are expected to follow Maryland's Drug and Alcohol Abuse laws. The drinking age in Maryland is 21. Violation of these laws will result in immediate expulsion from the convention. The Delta Hotel requires all alcohol consumed in the bar, restaurant or convention space be served by hotel employees. Outside purchase alcohol must be consumed in the privacy of the Attendee's room.
6. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their minor children. If a child is seen behaving in a disruptive manner or in a way that might cause harm to themselves or others, Farpoint reserves the right to ask that the parent accompany the child when in convention areas.
7. Attendees should be aware that convention activities are often videotaped or photographed by other Attendees and the press. The photographer should ask for your permission prior to taping or photographing you at the convention. Attendees should be aware that they may appear in the background of someone else's video or photo and are responsible for notifying that photographer if they do not wish to be included in the image.
8. Celebrity Guests' contracts may prohibit videotaping of their stage ap-

pearance. An announcement will be made from the stage prior to the celebrity's appearance. Videotaping of other programming events is subject to the approval of the convention and person(s) on stage.

9. Video and still cameras may not be used to capture images in the Art Show or Dealers Rooms.
10. Requesting a Guest's personal information is considered a privacy violation and is grounds for expulsion from the convention. Examples include an Attendee asking a Guest for their hotel room number, travel itinerary or other contact information that the Guest considers private.
11. Onstage presentations of gifts or awards to or by any Attendee or Guest must be preapproved by the Farpoint co-chairs. Making a presentation without this approval is grounds for expulsion from the convention.
12. No gunplay or swordplay is allowed at any time unless it is taking place at a demonstration event scheduled by the convention. All weapons must remain holstered or sheathed. Staff members may ask to inspect your weapon to verify it is a prop. When this happens, your weapon will be marked with a removable marker, such as a zip tie, to identify that the inspection has occurred. Items considered weapons include but are not limited to: paint ball or splatter guns; prop, blank or cap guns; laser tag guns; swords, lightsabers and similar articles with edges, blades and/or projectile capability. Laser target designators or laser pointers are not allowed in the convention areas (except as used by Guest speakers during a presentation) as they can cause injury if not used properly.

Service Animals and Pets:

1. The Delta Hotel allows pets in the sleeping rooms per their policy found online at <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/factsheet/travel/bwidthdelta-hotelsbaltimorehuntsvalley/>. This policy limits Hotel Guests to 1 pet per room (pet maximum weight 50 pounds) with a nonrefundable \$75 fee per stay. The animal must not be left unsupervised in the sleeping room or the convention levels and must be on a leash when not in the sleeping room.
2. Animals are not allowed on the convention levels except for Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) service animals. Service animals must be leashed and always wear proper identifying tag, collar or vest on the convention levels. The ADA allows for trained service animals to accompany their matched partner in a place of business. Per the ADA, service animals are:
 - a. individually trained animals matched with a specific disabled person to perform assistance tasks for that person; and
 - b. working animals, not pets

The following animals are not considered service animals per the ADA and not allowed on the convention levels:

- a. household pets
- b. animals in training to be service animals who are not accompanying their matched partner; and
- c. animals used for emotional support or easing anxiety

This rule also applies to Search and Rescue (SAR) animals in training. A SAR animal is trained in public at either organized training events or only after permission is granted by the owners of the public premises for the training to take place. The hotel will not grant such permission unless the public event is an SAR training event or demonstration, which Farpoint is not.

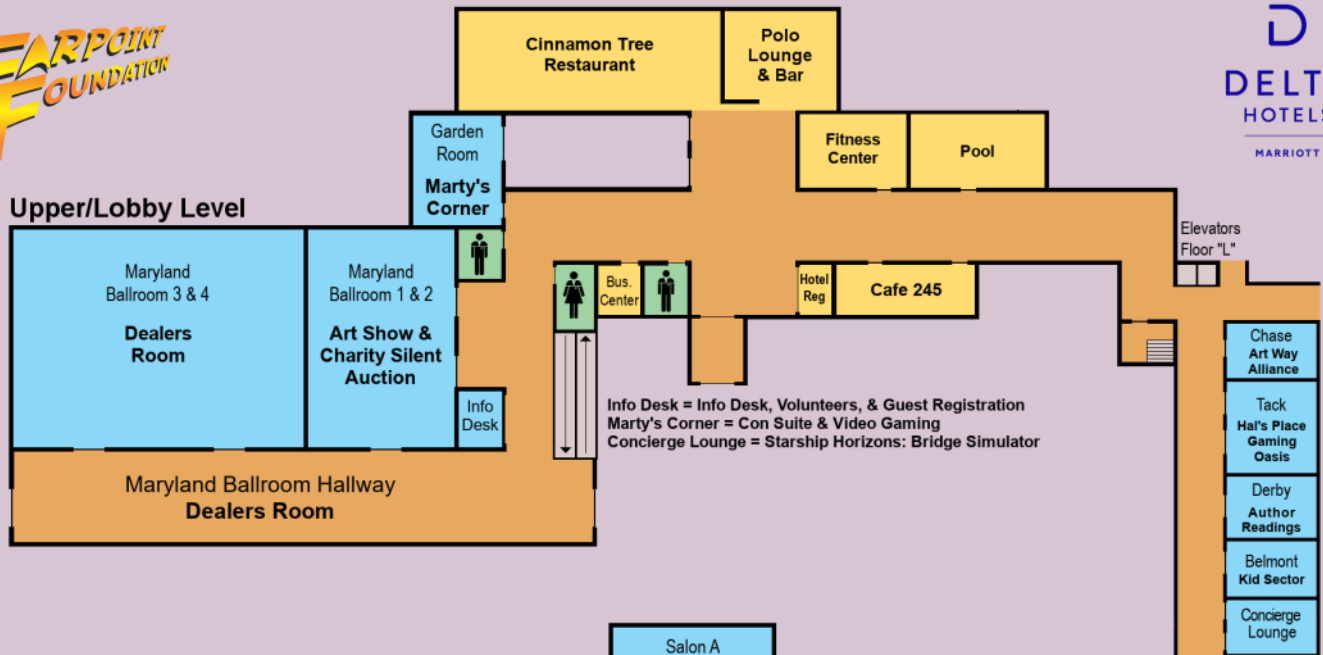
3. All service animals on the convention floor are expected to behave in accordance with their training. Farpoint and the Delta Hotel will request the animal be removed if an animal becomes disruptive to the proceedings, to include (but not limited to) the following:
 - a. Barking, growling, biting or snapping at Attendees, Staff, Vendors/Dealers or Guests
 - b. Jumping on Attendees, Staff, Vendors/Dealers or Guests
 - c. Knocking over, chewing on or otherwise damaging hotel or convention floors, furniture, equipment, displays and signage, including that of Guests, Vendors/Dealers and exhibitors
 - d. Urinating or defecating on hotel or convention floors, furniture, equipment, displays and signage, including that of Guests, Vendors/Dealers and exhibitors
 - e. Running loose on the convention floor and otherwise not staying with their matched partner while attending the convention

4. The seating area for disabled Attendees in the Valley Ballroom for main programming will include specified seats with enough floor space for an Attendee to keep their service animal safely next to them and out of the way of foot traffic. Attendees with service animals who do not utilize this reserved seating may be asked to relocate to this specific area and/or leave the ballroom if the Attendee places their animal in a way that blocks foot traffic or causes a tripping hazard for Staff, Guests and Attendees.

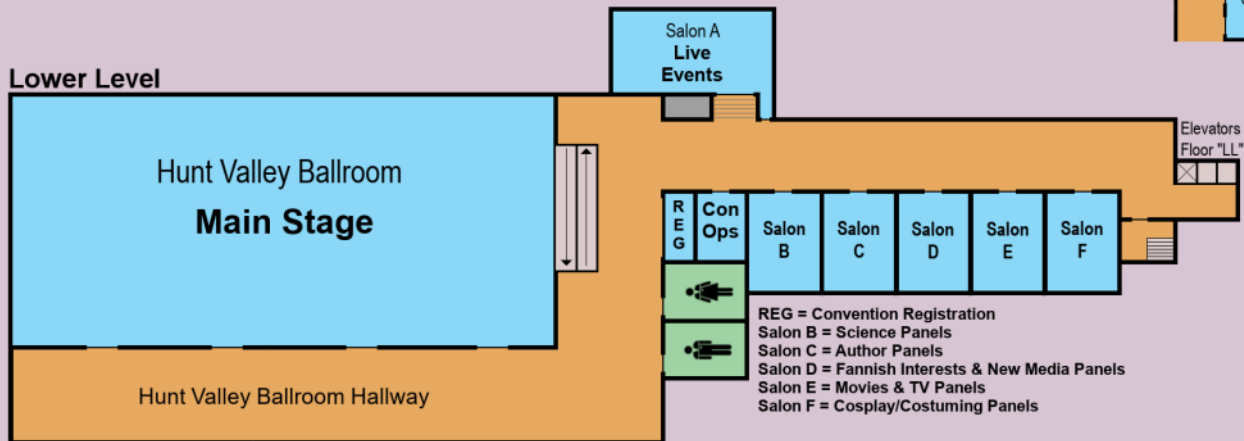
5. Anyone experiencing an issue with an animal in the convention areas is asked to go to the Con Operations office in the Pimlico Room, the Registration Desk on the lower level of the convention center or the Information Desk on the upper level of the convention center and ask for a convention chair to be contacted.



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Lower Level



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