

Tardum Flumen #1 — Thursday Evening

Thursday Night Parties

Room 1222 – Loscon 40 PB&J Party Diplomat Suite, 12th Floor – San Diego in 2014

Operations, Lost & Found, Safety

If you need any of the above, the convention office is in the Sierra Room on the 2nd floor towards the pool end of the building. You can call the office from any house phone at 7229. Operations staff are easily recognizable by the radios and headsets. If you need their help, just ask.

Melissa Campbell

Filk Concerts

The following concerts will be taking place in the Sonoma room this weekend.

Friday, 12:30pm: Jeff and Maya Bohnhoff

Jeff and Maya are professional musicians. They perform beautiful original material and hilarious parodies of rock classics with spot-on musical arrangements.

Saturday, 1:45pm: Lynn Gold

Others have described Lynn's music and performing style as "zany." Genre-wise, you never know what you're going to hear when she performs. She uses a combination of guitar and computer accompaniment. Lynn is not related to Barry Gold.

Saturday, 2:15-ish: Barry Gold

Barry's performances range from hysterically funny to thought-provoking. His mellifluous bass voice is wellcomplemented by his folk-influenced guitar playing. Much of his material is written by his wife, Lee, who also runs the filk zine *Xenofilkia*. Neither Barry nor his wife, Lee are not related to Lynn Gold. *Lynn Gold*

Fireworks Radio

The fireworks show tonight will have synchronized music on FM 107.9 MHz.

Program Updates

Add: Reading: J.L. Doty, Saturday 10:00 (Boardroom).

Kay Pannell will be on *Climate Extremes* instead of the Baum & Carroll panel on Sunday. *Christine Doyle*

Open Open Readings

We will have a series of Open Readings sessions. Any author interested should contact Program Operations (Room 227) to sign up. Each reading should be 15-20 minutes. Signed up so far:

Friday 11:15am: Leslie Light, (2), (3)

Saturday 1:45pm: Phyllis & Cyril Kalbach, Eileen Rendahl, (3)

Sunday 10:00 am: (1), (2), (3) *Christine Doyle*

Art Show Tours

Try a walk through the Art Show with one of our perceptive, thoughtful, opinionated tour leaders. Ask them questions. Talking about art is itself an art. *John Hertz*

Thu 4:30pm John Hertz: Fanwriter, dance teacher Fri 11:15am Ctein: Photographer Fri 1:45pm Richard Hescox: Exhibiting artist Sat 11:45am Alison Stern: Renaissance woman

Sat 3:00pm Allison Hershey: Cartoonist, sculptor

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Know Your Ribbons

Westercon 66 functions through the efforts of dedicated individuals, each having earned certain ranks after rigorous screening and a selection process comprised of the question, would you be willing to [fill in the blank]? A simple badge-ribbon system has been implemented to help convention attendees decipher who answered yes to any particular filled-in blank:

Operative: This red ribbon identifies those working as staff at Westercon 66, whether it's operations, communications, facilities, registration ... you get the idea. Honor them for their sacrifices.

Special Agent: These brave souls have agreed to sit on panels. Hence the fluorescent green color of the ribbon for go, go, go!

Master Spy: These elect few are special guests of the convention, such as our writer Guests of Honor, Nicola Griffith and Kelley Eskridge.

Junior Agent: This designation denotes our younger fans, what at other conventions has been called Kid in Tow. How much cooler and empowering, however, is Junior Agent?

Angel: These generous folks have given some notable contributions to our effort, most notably in the form of donations.

Agent 66: This person ... not so fast. This information must remain classified at this time. Pay attention later in the convention for a special update on this matter.

Chuck Serface

Messages

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Can Fandom Break Free of the Geek Social Fallacies

Interesting, but sometimes meandering conversation about geeks in society. Fictional figures such as Mr. Spock and Sherlock Holmes were identified as early examples. Some fans noted why Big Bang Theory does not have any books as major props. Midway through the panel the term nerd was introduced. Similarities and differences between these terms were discussed. Are geeks really more accepted in today's society? Or are they just more present in the popular mind? Of course, when there is no agreed-upon definition of such terms as "geek", then conclusions are hard to crystalize in succinct concepts. Also, the Folsom room needs microphones. *Brad Lyau*

Overheard on a Panel

Audience question: "Can you define what you think is a geek." Program participant: "No."

Westercon Site Selection

Attention all special agents! Come participate in a transparent democracy and vote in Site Selection. The voting desk is next to registration and we are open all Friday from 10am to 7pm.

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