



Tardum Flumen #3 — Friday Evening

Friday Night Parties

Detroit NASFiC in 2014, Presidential Suite, 9pm-1am
Helsinki in 2015, 1226, 9pm
Westercon 67 in Salt Lake City, 1223-5, 9pm
Sime-Gen Faith Day Party, 1201, 8pm-midnight

Attention Party Hosts

The city of Sacramento has a strict 2am alcohol curfew. NO alcohol may be sold *or served* after 2am. ConOps will make the rounds after 1am to reconvey this message.

Meet Christopher J. Garcia

Chris Garcia is the Fan Guest of Honor at next year's Westercon in Salt Lake City. Chris is pretty excited about the honor. "I'm actually kind of terrified. It's like Worldcon lite!" Plans are still under development, but so far they include a special fanzine that will be distributed to all convention members, which is what you'd expect from a Hugo-winning fanzine publisher.

Chris says that his main role as a fan guest of honor is to make unreasonable requests of the concomm. He hasn't decided yet what demands he'll make of Utah, but he has some ideas. "I'm tempted to say Milky Ways and hot rod magazines as the first one, and then come up with another one. It might actually be a 5¹/₄ floppy disk and elk jerky. Or I want to be followed around by someone dressed like a hitman in a Sonny Chiba movie."

Well, yes, that does sound unreasonable, and so far Salt Lake City is only willing to commit to providing boys dressed in shorts. But whatever the final requests and results, Chris' reign as Westercon Fan Guest of Honor is sure to be full of madcap fun and unruly beards. Be sure to join the convention now, because you'll want a front row seat for this show.

Meanwhile at Westercon 66 you can find Chris manning the fanzine lounge in room 221. Bring him some elk jerky, why don't you?

Randy Byers



Chris Garcia — by Randy Byers

California as a Setting for Speculative Fiction

Kim Stanley Robinson, Philip K. Dick, Clark Ashton Smith, Gregory Benford, C. M. Kornbluth, Tim Pratt, and Pat Murphy — all California writers who successfully have exploited what California offers to writers of speculative fiction. And why not? The Golden State with its diverse population, varying geography, and technology centers inspires not just because authors live here or because they think its cool, but because enormous diversity leads to enormous possibilities in plot and thematic exploration. Thank you to my fellow panelists — Brad Lyau, Frederick J. Mayer, Rebecca Inch-Partridge, and Arlin Robins — for a thoughtful discussion and for expanding my reading list.

Fredrick Mayer noted that since California lies in the west, it has become a center of utopian philosophy and apocalyptic thinking, which addresses why so many “end of the world” stories get set here. Arlin Robins brought to mind earthquakes, the Gold Rush, and general Californian history that begs for creative mining. Brad Lyau expanded on this by enumerating writers who had done so. Finally, the audience contributed instances where a lack of knowledge about California culture or geography stalled reader or viewer enjoyment. Specifically, audience member Gregg Castro wondered how many ways film makers have devised for destroying the Golden Gate Bridge. Special thanks to moderator Rebecca Inch-Partridge for her wonderful job keeping us focused.

Chuck Serface

The Zine That Folded Itself

Tardum Flumen issue #3 for “Saturday” was actually supposed to be #2 for Friday. Conspiracy theorists may think it was a secret move to increase the collectible value of the newszine, but really, we’re not that organized. Our excuse is accidental time travel.

Tom Becker

Astronomical News

On June 23rd, 2013, asteroid (5099) was officially named Iainbanks by the IAU (International Astronomical Union), and will be referred to as such for as long as Earth Culture may endure.



London in 2014 Cheese Tasting — by Michael Ward

London in 2014 Cheese Party

The North American agent for London in 2014, Kathryn Duval, hosted a cheese- and wine-tasting party Friday afternoon in the consuite. Four different kinds of cheddar got the party started, with three additional waves of cheese awaiting deployment. However, this reporter got so drunk on a single glass of muscat that he began to fling his wine on the heads of passersby and was forced to leave. London in 2014 has a table in the registration room where you can buy memberships to the convention (the 72nd World Science Fiction Convention), which should be a jolly good time, wot?

Randy

Messages

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