



Clear Ether

Sunday 2016

Special Points of Interest

The Indie Gaming Expo ends at 3 PM, not 4 PM on Sunday.

Special notice: Happy birthday to Denis Parslow, love Dr. Karen.

The Teen Unconference Panels are in! Teens: grab your friends and check out the panels YOU created!

Sun

1:00pm, Hale - General Improv Games

2:30pm, Hale - How to Introduce Your Friends to Cosplay without Scaring Them

5:30pm, Paine - Shipping Battles: Destiel vs. Johnlock and more!

8:30pm, Hale - 3 Sentence Stories

10:00pm, Alcott - The Physics of Star Wars: Can Lightsaber Crossguards Exist?

11:30pm, Alcott - Teenage Relationships: How to Navigate Hook-ups, Break-ups, and Everything In-between

Mon

11:30am, Alcott - Origami Frogs

1:00pm, Bulfinch - School vs.

Hobbies: How to get all your work done and still enjoy your hobbies

Party List

- New Orleans in 2018 in Room 1007 from 9pm to 12.
- Outer Alliance: LGBTQ+ Writers, Readers, and Friends. All are welcome! In Room 967 from 2:30 to 4pm.
- Come watch the Masquerade with other families, and bring food you'd like to share (and not pack back for home). **NOTE:** Due to this being an open party with potluck-style food, we will do our best to identify allergens, but will ask guests to be aware of likely cross-contamination. In room 907 at 7pm.

Con Chair Note

We thank everyone for your patience as we worked through the go-live with our new registration system. While we are excited about the many potential benefits for Arisia, we appreciate that the initial experience was challenging and impacted many. If you have specific feedback on ways that we can make improvements for next year, we encourage you to send them to feedback@arisia.org.

-Kris "Nchanter" Snyder

Arisia 2016 Con Chair

Report on the Arisia Ig Nobel Event

The Ig Nobel Prize organizers came to Arisia again - this time on Friday night - with dramatic readings from some interesting research papers.

Guest of Honor John Scalzi read from a research paper that set out to correlate success in the field of high-frequency financial trading with a particular ratio between the lengths of their fingers. Other papers were read by speakers nominated by the fen (on improbable.com). Paper topics included correlating sex and happiness, whether objects seem larger when looked at through one's legs, allergic responses generated by kissing, diagnosing a certain illness by driving the patient over speedbumps, and homosexual necrophilia in the mallard duck.

Each research paper was autographed by its presenter, who had no connection to the actual research involved. Readers were illuminated by the Human Spotlights (head to toe silver body paint).

3 Improbable Things to Note:

1. The next Ig® Nobel Prize Ceremony will be held (and broadcast) live on Thursday, September 22nd, 2016
2. The magazine Annals of Improbable Research is available electronically at <http://www.improbable.com/magazine/>
3. The Luxuriant Flowing Hair Club for Scientists™ (LFHCfS) is considering new members at www.improbable.com/hair

The New Wandering Minstrel program

It's hard to predict exactly where a Wandering Minstrel will end up playing, but various minstrels will be active at the following times:

Char Morgan - 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Amy Kucharik - 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Troy Daniels - 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Amy Kucharik - 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Zoë Madonna - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Marnen Laibow-Koser - 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Alec Heller - 9:30 PM to 11:00 PM

Troy Daniels - 11:00 PM to 12:30 AM

Members of Diabolis in Musica will be performing at unpredictable times.

Event Highlights

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies Dance - 4:00pm Sunday for 2hr - Commonwealth (1W)

Join us for a fun afternoon of dancing. We'll teach easy country dances and waltzes from the time of Jane Austen and perhaps time travel for some "Thriller" moves. Whether you are a Regency dandy or a Regency zombie, you'll have a great time. Note that passes may be available to a showing of the new *Pride & Prejudice and Zombies* movie later in the week!

"WorldCon in Space! A Sasquan Documentary" in Alcott, Sunday 830 PM

Join presenter Eric "in the elevator" Zuckerman as he screens the participatory documentary filmed at Sasquan (WorldCon 2015 in Spokane), created to be sent to the International Space Station for their Astronaut Guest of Honor Kjell Lindgren. Stay after for the Q&A session about the backstory and making of this film!

Fast Track Short Story Winners!

The Fast Track Short Story contest was held Saturday from 1-2:15pm. Simone Watts' story "Untitled" won Best Imagery. The Best Character award went to Annelise for "Flame." Robin/Piper's "A Fairy, Scary World" won Best Action and Allira's "Untitled" received an Honorable Mention. Congratulations to the winners!

Art Show Awards

Thank you all for visiting this year's Art Show! The judges are pleased to announce the winners in the following categories:

- Popular Choice 2D: Astronaut 2, Mike Maung
- Popular Choice 3D: Splinter & Thorn, David Lee Pancake
- Staff Choice: The Cartographer Dreams of Unmappable Things, Julia Burns Liberman
- Director's Choice: Lakeshore, Diane E Seiler
- Chairman's Choice: Stormy Rivers, Emily Garfield
- Artist Guest's Choice: Diane E Seiler (body of work)
- Best In Show: Asteroid Mining Colony, Johnna Klukas

The Art Show remains open today from 10am-6pm. The auction ends at 4pm and you can pick up your purchases between 5-7pm or Monday from 10am-Noon. Student Art Contest Winners will be announced Monday. Congratulations to the winners!

Regarding WIFI Issues

We've been hearing that people can't get onto the wifi in guest rooms using the wifi code provided (it says that the maximum number of users has been reached.) We would like to publicize that if people encounter this, they can log in using their room number, and any wifi-associated costs will be removed from their bill when they check out.

Have you enjoyed Arisia? Let us know by filling out the feedback survey at <http://arisiafeedback.questionpro.com>, or scan the QR code below!



Saturday, there was a big fluffy white therapy dog dressed in the armor from the polar bear in *Polar Express*. Today's picture, as well Saturday's were taken by *Faolan Karpf*