

DemiCon 22

Here Be Dragons!

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**Des Moines' Annual Science Fiction,
Fantasy & Gaming Convention**
April 29 - May 1, 2011

Author Guest: Sarah Prineas
Artist Guest: Sarah Clemens

Fan Guests: John & Denise Garner

Dragon Guest: Tiamat

Toastmaster Emeritus:

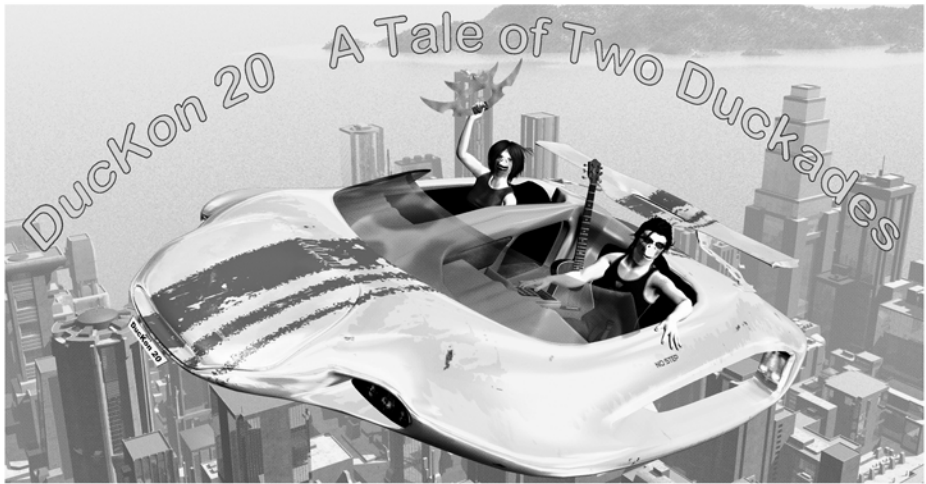
Rusty Hevelin

Toastmaster:

Tadao Tomomatsu

Music Guest: Wylde Nept





They Were Old Enough To Vote, But Too Young To Drink

June 17-19, 2011
Hyatt Regency Woodfield
Schaumburg, IL

Masquerade & Full Costuming Track
Blinkies! Religious Track
20th Anniversary Ducktillion
and More Special Events!

Our Guests of Honor

Literary:	Tamora Pierce
Artist:	Ursula Vernon
Filk:	Gary Hanak
Filk Fund Guests:	Nate & Louie Bucklin
Fan Guests:	Bill & Trudi Puda
Science:	"The Last Shuttle Team"
Writer:	Shirley Damsgaard

AND MANY MORE GUESTS, TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION!

To Register for DucKon online, go to www.duckon.org

DucKon 20 is being held at the wonderful Hyatt Regency Woodfield. It's conveniently located near I-290/RT-53 and across the street from the Woodfield Mall! Northwest of Downtown Chicago, it is close to O'Hare Airport, and well-served by public transportation. The number for the hotel is 1-847-605-1234, and the Fax is 1-847-605-0328.

Welcome to DemiCon 22 — Here Be Dragons!

We have fought and bribed our way past evil dragons, used invisibility potions to sneak silently past hungry dragons, and invited the friendlies to once again bring you DemiCon. The Staff and attending dragons wish to welcome you to our cavern for a weekend of books, movies, Anime, art, music, costumes, dancing, plays, and much much more.

At DemiCon 22, you'll get to meet old friends, such as Rusty Hevelin (Toastmaster Emeritus), Tadao Tomomatsu (master of dragon fire making toast), and John and Denise Garner (fan Guests of Honor). You'll also get to meet Sarah Prineas (Author Guest of Honor) and Sarah Clemens (Artist Guest of Honor). Be wary if you meet our Dragon of Honor, Tiamat. She expects absolute homage from her subjects and we want her to stay happy during this convention. You will meet other

old friends and make new friends.

Friday's activities begin with the opening of Dealers' Room and Art Show. Then we kick off the evening with Opening Ceremonies at 7:00 pm, followed by the latest play by the Trans-Iowa Canal Company™. Then, with a loud SLAGO, we welcome Wyld Nept to DemiCon with a concert in the Ballroom.

Whether you are new to DemiCon or you've been with us since we began in 1990, this program book will provide you with the information you need to enjoy your weekend. Inside, you'll find bios of our guests, information about events, and a separate grid of the times and descriptions of the myriad of panel discussions, workshops, performances, videos, and other fun things to do here.

The Dragons bid you: Enter if You Dare!

The Des Moines SF Society, Ltd. — Our Local Sci Fi Group

The Des Moines Science Fiction Society, Ltd. (DMSFS), is the local organization that sponsors DemiCon. But, DemiCon is not all we do. After the con is over, there are 362 days remaining in the year (363 in leap years) to be filled with fhannish fun!

Our club meets twice a month to discuss books we've read, plans for DemiCon, events we host or participate in, games, movies we've enjoyed seeing, club business... and anything that anyone in our SF community has an interest in.

We publish and mail the "Paradox" — a quarterly newsletter with DMSFS news and reviews of interest. And perhaps you've seen us participating in community parades, giving away books or bookmarks to help promote literacy.

We have gatherings for birthdays, holidays, Oscar night, movie openings... and occasionally, for no other reason than to simply enjoy each other's company. We also hold two multi-day, annual social events - one during New Year's, and one on Labor Day weekend - that transcend the "party" label to become miniature conventions in-and-of-themselves.

We meet on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at the West Des Moines Community Center on 5th Street in Valley Junction. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m., and socialization continues into dinner at a local restaurant afterwards. We hope you'll drop by our next meeting on May 13, 2011. For the latest information and other club-related events, check out our Web site at www.dmsfs.org. We would love to have you join us!

The DemiCon 22 Conclave

They who are responsible for inviting Dragons to DemiCon —

Weyr Leaders (ConCom)	Sallie Abba, Heather McBride, Tammy Mohning
Antiquarium (Art Show)	Monica Harper
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Kilderkin Perveyance (ConSuite)	Andy Wheeler
Dragonbait Virgins? (ConSuite Minions)	Rick Lancaster, Diane Dunlop
Fire-fanged Archivist (Database)	Les Roth
Guild Master (Dealers' Room)	Bob Cook
Keep Ferlarw (DMSFS Table)	Chris (Sparky) Verlo
Biwrixle Minstrel (Filking)	Robert Uy
Exchequer (Finance)	Tammy Mohning
Ye Olde Celluloid Faire (Fhannish Film Festival)	Bo3b Harper
Lehhav Dryicir (Gaming)	Scott and Wendy Arnburg
Dragon Concierge (Guests)	Mike and Candy Anderson
Demesne (Hotel)	Les Roth
Kirtle Walkist (Masquerade)	Megan Harper
Bardic Entertainment (Music Room)	Eric Coleman
Posset Woofitizer (Parties)	Diane Dunlop
Horarium (Programming)	Dave and Donna Reed
DAMD Serfs (Publicity)	Andy Wheeler, Jon Mohning, Laurre Breman, Sheril Harper
Scriptorium (Publications)	Max Rauer
Quill-Driver (Registration)	Greg Abba
Frith-Gegildas (Security)	Al Hohrmann
Scamble Squire (Tech Services)	Jon Mohning
Clashmaclaver (Venue D)	Les Roth
Broozleier (Volunteers)	Sheril Harper
Arachnid Scribe (Web Site)	Mandi Arthur-Struss
Dragonet Wrangler (Youth Programming)	Spencer Reed

Art Show Hours

Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tour: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Dealers' Room Hours

Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Art Auction: Saturday, 6:00 p.m. — Ballroom

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Guests of Honor —

Author Guest of Honor:

Sarah Prineas

Sarah Prineas lives in the midst of the corn in Iowa City, Iowa, and can usually be found writing fantasy novels and stories on a stealthy silver MacBook called Pip. The Magic Thief and The Magic Thief: Lost, Sarah's first two novels, introduced readers to the irascible wizard Nevery and his gutterboy apprentice, Connwaer. Sarah holds a PhD in English literature and recently taught honors seminars on fantasy and science fiction literature at the University of Iowa. She has an amazing dragon action-figure collection and occasionally bakes biscuits (although she says hers never seem to turn out as tasty as Benet's do in The Magic Thief: Lost).



Sarah is married to John Prineas, a physics professor, which comes in handy when she's writing about magic prisoning devices and pyrotechnics. They are the parents of Maud and Theo.

Artist Guest of Honor:

Sarah Clemens

Sarah Clemens graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a degree in Fine Arts and Art History, and the conviction that she would always be an artist in one capacity or another. She has freelanced in logo design, book cover illustration, and photography; worked as the curator of exhibits at a science museum; and for the last fifteen years, been a medical illustrator.



But the need for self-expression is most im-

portant, and she began creating her own challenges in the form of large oil paintings of friends and family members. Her realistic approach was second nature, after so many years of meticulous detailing in medical illustration. She has shown her work at galleries in Palm Beach and Boca Raton, Florida, Scottsdale and Beverly Hills, as well as exhibiting at the Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach and the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach and the Mesa Art Center in Mesa, Arizona. A recent move to the Southwest has been inspiring, and trips to the Grand Canyon for intensive photographic shoots are sure to show up in her paintings.

Magnus and her dragon Loki join the dragons attending DemiCon 22 this year. Come and meet them in the Art Show.

Fan GoH: John & Denise Garner

John and Denise Garner have been attending SciFi and Fantasy conventions for over twenty-five years, but have been fans their entire lives. Their award winning artwork has been displayed in innumerable convention art shows, books, magazines, and on many fans' walls. You can check out their art in the art show and see their older paintings on their Web sites.

For many years, they have also been hosting karaoke parties at DemiCon into the wee hours of the morning. Please stop in and rock the room with your singing talent (even if you don't have any)!

And don't forget to drop by for the early afternoon tea party filled with all kinds of treats, conversation, and, of course, tea. If you don't like tea, this is a good place to be surprised



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with some really good tea that might change your mind. It's also your best opportunity to talk with them and all the other interesting people that show up.

John and Denise have also enjoyed costuming at conventions over the years. Denise is currently making fabulous costumes, accessories, and props for herself and several troupes of burlesque performers and belly dancers. John has also cobbled together many interesting costumes that have been seen at conventions over the years.

John and Denise would like to humbly thank all the fans that have been so immensely kind to them over the years (and who have put up with their nonsense all these years too!).

Toastmaster: Tadao Tomomatsu

So there's this guy that lives in L.A., and you want to know why we keep asking him to be our Toastmaster. After all, there have to be people closer to Iowa who can make toasts, tell stories, introduce guests, moderate discussions, and so on.

Well, you're right, but Tadao brings more to the table than that. Besides being a past Fan Guest of Honor at both Icon and DemiCon, he has run or helped run many conventions. His con credits include being the logistical coordinator at the 2006 World Science Fiction Convention (LA Con IV), and both entertaining and volunteering at the San Jose WorldCon, WesterCon, Gallifrey One, and many others.

He also has numerous performing credits. He was a police translator in an early episode of "Heroes," and Mr. Shake Hands Man in "Banzai" on American television. He's also had guest roles on many other TV programs. Tadao



won a Galaxy Award for "Outstanding Performance on a 'Stories from the Golden Age' Audio Book." Other credits include performing at comedy clubs in L.A., being a host and cyberjock on CyberRadio TV.com, being a production assistant on "Friends," and writing, directing, and producing comedy radio sketches. His most recent project is "Street Fighter High: The Musical" where he is starring as Gouken.

He has a history in Iowa. He got his BA at the University of Iowa and was involved with Mid-Western Fandom here. He's also performed with the Des Moines branch of the Trans-Iowa Canal Company™ on more than one occasion. Due to his involvement in Mid-Western fandom and because he's so much fun, he has been Toastmaster at both Icon and DemiCon.

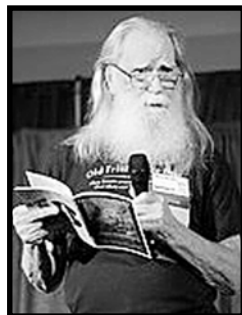
And, since Tadao's practically family, we treat him that way. That's largely his own fault, because he insists that he won't be happy unless we let him help. So he comes in early to load and unload trucks, set up the art show, ConSuite, and Grand Ballroom, run errands, and entertain the other workers. He also stays in Des Moines to do all of the above in reverse after the con.

In addition, he overdresses in American, in Scotts, and in Japanese; pitches in any time he sees a need; and talks in many different accents to any attendees who will listen.

Toastmaster Emeritus: Rusty Hevelin

In appearance, a combination of Dumbledore and the world's oldest hippie. In reality, a combination of huckster, SF/F fan of long-standing, and a source of all fan lore for decades past. You will often see him without shoes and wearing a fannish T-shirt. He's always quick with a smile, a laugh or a hug.

Rusty Hevelin joins us for the 22nd year in a row! Rusty has been a fixture at our conven-



tion for as long as we have dreamed of being a convention. Serving as Fan GoH, toastmaster, and toastmaster emeritus, he is always an entertaining and enlightening part of fandom.

Rusty's history within the fannish community dates back to 1941 at his first convention. He is so devoted to the genre that he created PulpCon and is a tireless fund-raiser for TAFF/DUFF (Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund/Down Under Fan Fund). His stories are hilarious, thought-provoking, informative, and always told with good cheer. Although he has retired from his life as a huxter bookseller, Rusty still gets to as many S-F conventions as he can and is often seen in the company of Gay and Joe Haldeman.

Eminently approachable, always ready to welcome a new fan into the fold, and full of amazing, sometimes true, and always entertaining stories, Rusty is the ultimate fan. His panels — telling attendees how to enjoy their first convention, which forgotten books are still worth reading, or how to take care of your book and magazine collections — are must-sees at conventions. Do yourself a favor and seek him out. We could all learn a great deal about how to be a good fan, a good storyteller, and an all-around good person from our honored Toastmaster Emeritus Rusty.

Dragon Guest: Tiamat

Tiamat is a greedy, vain, and arrogant goddess who embodies all the strengths of evil dragonkind. She spreads evil and never forgives a slight. Although she is not averse to



razing the occasional village, her true schemes are subtle and hard to detect. She has been compared to a puppeteer manipulating her creations from within shadows.

The Queen of Evil Dragons demands reverence, homage, supplication, and tribute from her subjects. She is often called "Her Dark Majesty" or simply "Dark Queen."

Other Guests — Writers, Artists, and Singers

Elaine Bergstrom — Author

Elain Bergstrom lives in Milwaukee, Minnesota. Her first published piece of fiction was her first novel, Shattered Glass (1989). The novel was a critical success and since then, Bergstrom has written five other novels in the series, including Daughter of the Night, which featured Elizabeth Bathory as a half-breed Austra vampire. She also works as a television critic and feature writer. Her interviews have included the novelist David Morrell and director Wes Craven.

Sara Butcher Burrier Ryan — Artist

An Iowa resident, Sarah's work comes mostly from self-motivation to learn the human figure. The daughter of an art teacher and a crafter creative, her interest in art began at an early age. Sara sees her art as an opportunity to express her highest ideals. She has always been inspired by nature's diverse and awesome beauty; yet she has learned to find, through her sincere faith, an even greater inspiration in her Source: "The Earth and all its Wonders" used to be my main source of inspiration. Though now there is another source of inspiration I thrive on, and that is God."

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Glenn Cook — Author

He is a quiet guy who absolutely loves books. He writes and sells them, and he'll sign one if you ask. Glen's hobbies include stamp and book collecting, and military history. A DemiCon regular (Writer GoH at DC 5), you'll find him and wife Carol in the dealers' room with the most amazing array of books for sale.

His series includes The Black Company, Garrett P.I., Dread Empire, and his most recent, The Instrumentalities of Night.

Erin McKee — Artist

DemiCon 4's Artist GoH, has been painting professionally for the last 30 years, but she's been an artist all of her life. Erin's style blends a realistic style with elements of fantasy. While working primarily in acrylics, pastels, and digital media, she also works on scratch board and with pen and ink.

Taylor Kent — Author

Taylor Kent, AKA the Snarky Avenger, is a longtime fan and critic of comics and graphic novels. He is the author of "The Adventures of the Snarky Avenger Comic."

Lee Killough — Author

While Lee began by publishing science fiction, her work has evolved into a combination of SF or the supernatural and her other favorite genre, mystery...producing stories about future cops, space-going cops, vampire cops, werewolf cops, and ghost cops. To take a look at some of her eBooks, check out this link: <http://bookswelove.net/killough.php>.

Dawn Obrecht — Artist

An Iowa resident, Dawn has been painting fantasy art professionally for 4 years, having drawn for as long as she can remember. She is self-taught and works primarily in watercolors, with earlier works done in colored pencil.

Dawn has won awards for her art in the past few years with 1st-place finishes for her pieces 'My Only Friend' and 'Lost in Memories' in the 2008 Hamilton County Fair. She also received the "Best Amateur" award at DemiCon 19. Dawn is also published in a few books, including the back cover art for Faeries Through the Seasons compiled by Christina Davis.

Lettie Prell — Author

Lettie is another Iowa author. Her first novel is Dragon Ring, new in 2009 with Flying Pen Press. She is also currently editor of "The Broadsheet," the newsletter of Broad Universe, an organization of science fiction, fantasy and horror writers.

Scott Ross — Artist and Musician

Scott got his first banjo (a Washburn "E") at sixteen and has played old-time clawhammer style ever since. He has worked as a graphic artist, riverboat banjo player, propagandist, and banjo teacher. He collects ray guns, robots, masks, Japanese tea kettles, and science-fiction soundtracks, and dabbles in costuming and 3D computer art. Scott holds a B.F.A. in graphic design and an M.F.A. in sculpture from Drake University. A former hippie, he wants to be a computer geek when he grows up.

Ralph Ryan — Artist

Science fiction and fantasy artist.

Mary Wilson — Author, Publisher

Jupiter Gardens was founded in January of 2007 by Mary K. Wilson. A metaphysical writer for several years, Mary has an avid interest in spirituality, and Jupiter Gardens realized a need for an electronic spiritual publisher with a focus on the pagan community, and a publisher who could market effectively to such groups. Because Mary also writes romance novels, she added a romance imprint to Jupiter Gardens Press with Pink Petal Books. Her newest venture focuses on books for children and young adults based in the fantasy and science fiction genres with Jupiter Storm.

Stephen Zimmer — Author and Filmmaker

Stephen is the author of books such as The Exodus Gate and a maker of films such as "The Sirens" featured on the Indie Movie Masters CD series "Festival of Horrors Volume One."

"Swordbearer," Stephen's latest movie will be shown at DemiCon.

Music Room at DemiCon

Bennigan's Room

Schedule of Performers:

Friday: Ballroom

9:30 p.m. — **Wylde Nept**

Wylde Nept (Traditional & Original Celtic Pub Tunes) With an emphasis on Pub tunes, Wylde Nept is a concert not to be missed.

Westan, Steven, George, Jon, Wayne, and Brian make up this crew and play a mix of modern and traditional instruments and sing to traditional tunes as well as their own original compositions.

Tiamat insisted that these Eastern Iowa fan favorites come to DemiCon to spread their revelry here in Des Moines. Come prepared to have a lot of fun at their concert and be thirsty.

Join Wylde Nept Friday night, as they turn the Ballroom into your favorite Celtic Pub. Slago!

Saturday through Sunday:

See your program grid to find out when these other awesome musicians are regaling us with their talents.

Beth Kinderman (Geek-Folk) Based in Minneapolis, Beth Kinderman & the Player Characters have been bringing their geeky, folk-influenced progressive rock music to sci-fi convention audiences across the Midwest since 2008. Beth's unique and complex original songs are inspired by everything from Star Wars to comic books to Battlestar Galactica to zombies to video games to fantasy novels and beyond. They have released three CDs so far, the most recent of which, "More Songs About Robots & Death," features a blend of original humorous material and cover songs. The band consists of Justin Hartley (percussion, accordion), Elizabeth Greenberg (vocals, keyboards, violin), Beth Kinderman (vocals, guitar), and Dave Stagner (guitar). They're thrilled to be back at DemiCon for the fourth year in a row to share their music.

Bryan Baker

Bryan Baker has been called many things, but lately his favorite is "The Zombie King". In October of 2010 he released his latest single: Zombie Love Song (if Anyone Eats my Brains) a tender story of love, loss and brains. He's also been writing send ups of Second Life for over 5 years as well as other geeky fare like Robots, Vampires and Ninjas. He is the guitarist and one of the lead vocalists for the band The Grape Ape Trust which will join him, mixing fun eclectic covers with geeky originals. The Grape Ape Trust consists of Bryan, who you've already read too much about, Justin Chastain on keyboards and vocals, Eric Jones on Bass and the right reverend CW Smith on percussion and vocals.

Orckes and Trolls (Madcap Folk)

Orckes & Trolles is a high-energy music trio that specializes in Celtic and piratey songs. Sing along with this local group who has performed at many Renaissance and Celtic festivals throughout the Midwest. Bring your Jolly Rogers and parrots and booty (hee hee) for a rollicking fun concert!

Other Activities —

Venue D Dancing and Carrying On

Have you watched the entertainment on DemiCon's main stage and thought, I can do that? If so, then Venue D is the place for you. We're looking for members that would like to provide five minutes of entertainment: dancing, comedy sketch, stand up comedy, or any other act that you think the audience will enjoy. We will provide the stage, lighting, and sound - you provide the entertainment. If you'd like to be part of Venue D, stop by the registration desk at DemiCon, no later than 5 pm on Saturday, and fill out an entry form. If you have recorded music, please drop it off as well.

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The Trans-Iowa Canal Co.™ Fhannish Theater

Join us as we present the original play *Flee* — which will be performed during Opening Ceremonies on Friday night.

The members of Fangs High School Glee Club just can't get along. And that was before the new girl arrived!

Filking See Program Grid for rooms

Filk is a genre of music consisting of song parodies related to fandom, science fiction, and fantasy. It encompasses other music like history, Society for Creative Anachronism, 60s folk songs, Irish drinking songs, or anything that the crowd likes to sing. It is a great outlet for creative song writing, music making, or just singing along.

In addition, we'll be having fun with "insty filk"! Come share your ideas, rhymes and creative energies in helping us write a song parody in about an hour.

Gaming Wisconsin Room

DemiCon will feature scheduled and open gaming events and the gaming room will be available throughout the entire convention. Roleplaying games, cards, board games and puzzles are all welcome.

If you are a gamemaster who wishes to schedule an event, just post your signup sheet in the room. Please include a short description, time of event and how many players you can accommodate.

DemiCon will also feature a LARP (Live Action Role Playing) event running

in a single 4 hour slot so you don't need to be in character while sitting in programming events or trying sing a filk song. See the programming grid for more details.

"Dragons of Destiny"

Technology has allowed us many conveniences. Steam-powered velocipedes now allow us to travel across the land, faster than ever. Dirigibles allow us to fly over the land, higher than ever. But some things are still beyond our control... For now.

In this part of the world, life can still be unpredictable.

Here, nature still has its mysteries.

Here, people seek power unimagined.

Here be dragons...

Dragons of Destiny — DemiCon 22 LARP ♦ 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, April 30th

Looking for miners, aircar drivers, London philanthropists and business tycoons, merchants, historians, local constabulary or people who are of one-mind with the dragon; and would like to be part of this Steampunk/Firefly style live action game — please contact Joe Struss (joe@newrenvideo.com) for more information.

You must be registered for DemiCon in order to pre-register for the LARP.

Art Show Minnesota Room

As one of the best Art Shows in the Midwest, we take pride in the quality of work displayed with us and the enthusiasm of our buyers.

Bidding for Artwork: You can bid on artwork in the Art Show Display Area. Write your offer on the art bid sheet attached to the piece. Artwork with two or more bids will go to voice auction Saturday night.

If a piece of art in the display area has a “Quick Sale” price listed, a buyer may purchase that piece immediately for that quick sale price - if that piece has received no bids. On Sunday, unsold artwork may be purchased for the quick sale price only.

Print Shop Artwork: We have artwork for sale in the Print Shop area on a “cash & carry” basis. We accept cash, checks, or PayPal.

Saturday Night Art Auction: Artwork with two or more bids goes to the voice auction. Prize-winning artwork (excluding Not for Sale works) will also go to auction. Our auction is also part stand-up comedy, so even if you’re not interested in buying any artwork, come and watch the show. Who knows? You might see a piece of art you can’t live without!

Buyers may pick up their auction pieces and quick sale works on Sunday morning, 10 a.m. - Noon.

Interested in meeting the artists or learning about their art? Then be sure to attend the Art Show Tour.

Art Show Hours:

Friday: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tour: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Art Auction:

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
— Ballroom



Dealers' Room Salon A

Welcome to the Dealers' Room of Demicon 22. Tiamat requests your presence. Amass your own hoard of treasure from the fine wares, precious objects, and fannish delights available here. After all, where do you think the Dragons of Old acquired theirs?

Official Dealer's List:

Asgards Wonders — Sci Fi and Fantasy Toys, Models and Other Wares

Glen Cook — Books

Isabella's Treasures — Jewelry, Stepstones and Photography

Lady Heather's Fashions — Corsets, Steampunk, Lolita Styles and Accessories

Jupiter Gardens — Books

Mohr Creations — Jewelry

Mudcat Studio — Wheel Thrown Stoneware Pottery

Mystik Waboose — Fine Clothing and Accessories

Felix Needleworthy — Fine Clothes

Shane O'Shaughnessy — Artwork

Wandering Mail — Chain Mail

Ziggy's West — Blades

Stephen Zimmer — Books, DVDs and T-shirts

Dealers' Room Hours:

Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

DMSFS Table With Registration, Iowa Room

Are you about to embark on an epic journey of adventure or vengeance? Is your future riddled with perilous fights against terrible forces you can barely comprehend? Then you need to stop in at the DMSFS +1 Emporium and Gift Shop. We've got all your +1 equipment needs covered for anything you might encounter in your travels.

Need a +1 charisma tee shirt to impress your lady fair? We've got that. Need a +1 stamina mug to keep you in good spirits with good spirits? We've got that. Need a +1 intelligence badge holder to help you remember who you are after you've knocked back a few with that other thing? We've got that.

So before you run off to slay your dragons, stop into the DMSFS +1 Emporium and Gift Shop. We've got what you need to get the job done.

Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at DemiCon! Volunteers are what make our convention work. As a fan-run convention we do not pay our staff, so all of us from ConCom to Department Heads to Badgers are volunteers. There is no financial compensation for volunteering. We all pay our own way — even the ConCom — but there are many benefits to volunteering:

- Learning more about running conventions
- Making New Friends
- Knowing you helped to make DemiCon possible
- Being "in the know" about what's happening at DemiCon this year
- Your school, scout troop, or other social organization may accept volunteer hours at DemiCon

We need volunteers in the ConSuite,

Art Show, at Masquerade, Registration, Dealer's room and many other places in the convention. We need volunteers before, during and after the convention.

ConSuite Room 513

The Consuite is the place to refresh, rest, and recharge! Here you will find beverages to brink your brim, munchies to mellow your maw, and buckets of banter to stimulate your senses.

Expect to see such delicacies of the Fhannish world such as fresh-popped popcorn, sweets and homemade treats, salty snacks, fruits, veggies, plus a few surprises. In the mornings crawl inside for a bowl of hot chicken soup or some more standard breakfast fare. Make sure to check in from time to time, as you never know when Tiamat may feel the need to drop a cow or sheep on us!

And what would a consuite be without something to wash down all that food? The bar is well stocked and ready to serve during the posted evening hours, while soft drinks such as soda, tea, and coffee will flow throughout the entire con. If you have suggestions for a particular concoction, be sure to bring your ideas to the consuite! We can't guarantee anything, but we'll certainly take all requests under consideration.

Be a ConSuite Collaborator! If you're feeling particularly generous, we'd be happy to help put that good feeling to use! Feel free to drop off donations of cash, checks, edibles or drinkables at the consuite. Everything will go towards making an even better spread, and we'll let everyone know just how COOL you are! If you contribute \$25 or more, you receive a nifty sponsor ribbon for your con badge.

Blood Drive Indiana Room

Once again we will be holding the blood drive on Saturday morning. Please remember to drink plenty of fluids, eat a good meal before donating, and try to increase your iron intake before donating blood. We have had 5 successful blood drives and would like to continue this tradition. Every blood donation has the potential for helping up to 3 individual patients. Let's pay it forward and help our fellow humans.

Room Parties Fifth Floor

The fun doesn't stop just because the sun goes down. There's plenty of enjoyment to be had at the Room Parties, conveniently located on the 5th Floor. A variety of themed parties will take place on both Friday and Saturday nights. We remind all Convention members to party responsibly, and to contact Security for assistance if needed.

Fhannish Film Festival Missouri Room

Join us as we peruse the submissions of those filmmakers among us. We love Dragons, and hopefully they have inspired short films to be made telling their side of the tale. Regardless, the theme of the film, there will be merriment and enjoyment in the films we show.

Anime/Video Kansas Room

Konnichiwa mina san! We will be having a Bring-Your-Own Animé room this year. See your Pocket Program or posted Program Grid for a listing of viewing times.

DemiCon Costume Contests

Two Ways To Have Fun!

Greetings, adventurers and dragon lovers! At the pleasure of Her Most Royal Dark Majesty, Tiamat, Demicon 22 continues with its traditional Hall Costume contest, beginning after Opening Ceremonies. Be sure to get to our photographer to have your photo taken! No photo, no chance to win. Photographer on duty from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Additionally, this year, to pay homage to Her Most Royal and Dark Majesty, we will be giving out a special Hall Costume award for the new "My Tail's A-Dragon" contest! Your dragon tail may be part of an entire dragon costume or not; be creative! Come to the judge at 9:30 p.m. in "The Dragon's Lair" near the photographer, to enter. Be sure to have your picture taken as well!

Formal Masquerade Ballroom

**Saturday, April 30, 2011,
8:00 p.m.**

**12:30 p.m. — Masquerade meeting —
MANDATORY for contestants.**

1:00 p.m. — Tech Walks begin.

Please be on time for yours, sign up will be during the meeting.

7:00 p.m. — Green Room Opens.

Adult contestants should arrive by 7:15 contestants under 13 should arrive by 7:30 unless instructed otherwise by the Masquerade Director.

Contestants are required to attend the Masquerade meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and should bring a completed entry form and any music they plan to use. The preferred format for music is CD.

Contestants are required to take a tech walk across the DemiCon stage.

For the convenience of all, tech walks will be scheduled by sign up. All props, music and footwear are to be brought to the rehearsal walk.

All contestants are required to arrive in the green room prior to the beginning of the Masquerade.

There are 2 categories for competition and 1 for display.

Apprentice: costume designed and executed primarily by someone under 13 years of age on the event date of April 30, 2011.

Artisan: costume designed and executed by someone 13 years of age or above on the event date of April 30, 2011.

Exhibition: costume worn for display/non-competitive purposes.

The Masquerade Coordinator will be available at posted times during the convention to answer questions and assist with forms. When in doubt, ask at the 12:30 p.m. meeting.



Masquerade Rules —

1. All participants must be registered members of DC 22.
2. All contestants must complete and turn in the required paperwork and participate in a rehearsal walk. The Forms can be found near the masquerade poster at Registration.
3. Entries are allowed a maximum of two minutes for presentation. Music to ac-

company your entry is encouraged. The preferred format is mp3 or CD.

4. A parent or guardian must supervise all child participants at all times.

5. Costumes that are past winners in any DemiCon Costume Contest are not eligible for competition in the Masquerade and may be worn for exhibit only. This also applies to costumes worn in the Hall Costume Contest on Friday night or any other time prior to the Masquerade while at DemiCon. Commercially available / mass produced costume pieces are not permitted without significant modification.

6. Costumes must be completed prior to arrival in the Green Room. Emergency repair and final assembly of large props or costumes is permitted.

7. Weapons of any type must be approved by the Masquerade Coordinator in advance. Only those deemed safe will be allowed on stage. Those using a weapon of any type assume all risk by signing the Masquerade entry form.

8. The following cannot be allowed on stage for any reason: nudity, pyrotechnics or flame of any type, live animals (service animals excepted), projectiles, liquids, chemicals, foods.

9. If you are planning something unusual, let us know well in advance. We want to work with you to present your entry at its very best.

10. The Masquerade Coordinator is sole arbiter of what will be allowed and reserves the right to eliminate an entry that may endanger the audience, participants, or venue. An entry may also be eliminated for failure to comply with any of the previous rules or for any other reason deemed sufficient. Please keep in mind that the rules are here to protect us all. No one has ever been asked to leave a DemiCon Masquerade. By working together, we can keep it that way.

Hotel Information

The Holiday Inn Northwest

There is lots of function space, room to wander, and fun and friendly Hotel staff. They look forward to seeing our costumes. Enjoy the 24-hour hot tub and pool! — they should be open the entire convention!

The meeting rooms for programming sessions are on the 1st floor and take the circular stairway one level down for the rest. Salon C - the ballroom is large enough to provide seating for all of us attending Opening Ceremonies, the Masquerade, Venue D and the Wylde Nept concert. Check out the ConSuite — off the elevators on 5th floor and turn left. Please don't take refreshments to programming floors!

Parties are on the 5th floor. For easier, quicker, and healthier access, use the stairs.

The entire hotel is non-smoking.

The pool can be accessed from the first floor, across from the hotel main desk. A hotel room key card is required for entry. Did we mention that the pool and hot tub DON'T CLOSE? We hope you enjoy your stay at this hotel.

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Programming Schedule

— By Title*

* As of printing. Last-minute additions will be posted with program grid wall posters displayed throughout the Con.

Friday Programming

Art Show Opens • Friday 2PM ♦
Minnesota

Bo3b's Movies ♦ Catch an fine flick with Bo3b. A Demicon Tradition! ♦ Friday 4PM - 7PM ♦ Illinois ♦ (Bo3b Harper)

Bring Your Own Anime • Come on down and see what the other fans brought with them. If you've brought something, stick it in the DVD player and let's have a look! ♦ Friday 9PM - Saturday 1AM ♦ Kansas

Consuite Games ♦ Winnit-in-a-minuit, bar games, and whatever else strange and wonderful we can think of. ♦ Friday 12AM - Saturday 1AM ♦ Consuite ♦ (Robert Uy)

Consuite Opens ♦ Friday 9PM-10PM ♦ Consuite

Gaming Room Schedule ♦ See the schedule posted at the room and details in your Pocket Program. ♦ All weekend ♦ Wisconsin

Great Books For Young People ♦ OK, we all know the Magic Thief series is great, but what OTHER books are great for getting young people hooked on F/SF? Come discuss the question with some real, live Young People! ♦ Friday 6PM-7PM ♦ Missouri ♦ (Spencer Reed, Theo Prineas)

Grow Your Group ♦ Want some great ideas on growing your club membership? Me, too! Bring your best stuff and we'll discuss it together! Plus — work-

ing on ideas for attracting younger members! ♦ Friday 5PM-6PM ♦ Michigan ♦ (Dave Reed, Spencer Reed)

Men are from Mars, Women are from Neo-Tokyo ♦ Do you find it hard to talk to that con-crush of yours? Well it doesn't have to be, we will give you the lowdown on meeting and connecting with your fellow con-goers. Learning to break the ice and how to relax while talking, as well as getting contact info are all just a few things to be covered. ♦ Friday 11PM-12AM ♦ Michigan ♦ (Rob "Vash" Lewis)

Movie ♦ Join us for a film. ♦ Friday 10PM - Saturday 12AM ♦ Colorado ♦ (Spencer Reed)

Opening Ceremonies ♦ Introduction of the Guests, Reading of the rules (there is no rule 6!) and TICC! Don't Miss this one! ♦ Friday 7PM-9PM ♦ Ballroom ♦ (Tammy Mohning, Tal Roth, Tadao Tomomatsu, Sheril Harper, Sallie Abba, Rusty Hevelin, Robert Cook, Rick Lancaster, Rachelle Hrubetz, Monica Harper, Mike Anderson, Martin McClure, Mandi Struss, Lyndsey Griffey, Les Roth, Jon Mohning, John Garner, Joe Struss, Heather McBride, Diane Dunlap, Denise Garner, Dani Roth, Candy Anderson, Bo3b Harper, Alan Guile, Sarah Prineas, Sarah Clemens, Tadao Tomomatsu)

SteamJunk Weapons from Stuff you have at Home ♦ Have you seen those spiffy SteamPunk weapons some fans carry? Come learn how to build one with

things you have at home. ♦ Friday 9PM-10PM ♦ Missouri ♦ (Evil Dave Duncan)

The Dragon in Art ♦ Learn more about The Art of The Dragon - see pretty pictures and learn what you're really looking at! ♦ Friday 4PM-5PM ♦ Missouri ♦ (Ralph Ryan, Tammy Mohning)

The Dragon in Literature ♦ Come and hear about Dragons in Books and Stories. ♦ Friday 5PM-6PM ♦ Kansas ♦ (Rose Field)

Wylde Nept ♦ Starting at 9:30, Wylde Nept will be taking the stage ♦ Friday 9:30 PM - Saturday 12 AM ♦ Ballroom

Youth Lounge Opens ♦ Are you 12-17? Wanna get away from those old folks that just don't get whatever it is we don't get? this is the place! ♦ Friday 9PM-10PM ♦ Colorado ♦ (Spencer Reed)

Saturday Programming

A Photo Op for Bearded Men. ♦ Are you a Bearded Wonder? Come and have a group photo taken with Rusty - a memento of this occasion! ♦ Saturday 11:00AM ♦ Lobby ♦ (Dennis Lynch, Steve Houle)

All your brains are belong to us! ♦ Think you can survive the zombie apocalypse? We think not! Let us show you the way. "Gentlemen, we can rebuild him. Make him faster, stronger, we have the technology!" ♦ Saturday 7PM-8PM ♦ Missouri ♦ (Rob Lewis)

Anime 101 ♦ Saturday 10AM-11AM ♦ Missouri ♦ (Tadao Tomomatsu)

Art Auction ♦ Come and Bid on your piece of art to see if you get it. ♦ Saturday 6PM-8PM ♦ Ballroom

Art Auction Set Up ♦ Saturday 5PM-6PM ♦ Ballroom

Art in about an Hour ♦ Come on over and see AND PARTICIPATE in art being made. ♦ Saturday 5PM-6PM ♦ Michigan ♦ (Erin McKee, Ralph Ryan)

Art Show ♦ Saturday 8AM - Saturday 1AM ♦ Minnesota

Astronomy and Stargazing ♦ This year's astronomy panel will bring back the 4 horsemen of the Epoch-eclipse for an enlightening discussion of what is in the space above us. After the discussion the panel will adjourn to the outdoors for an observing session. ♦ Saturday 11PM - Sunday 1AM ♦ Missouri ♦ (Brian Adams, Larry Stevens, Lewis Hainlin, Mitch Thompson)

Audio Books: Good - Bad - Ugly ♦ Audio Books have grown in popularity a lot of late. Come find out about all the great sources and books out there. ♦ Saturday 7PM-8PM ♦ Illinois ♦ (Taylor Kent)

Blood Drive Pay it forward ♦ Saturday 9AM-2PM ♦ Indiana ♦ (Sheril Harper)



Programming continued...

Blood Drive Setup ♦ Saturday 8AM-9AM ♦ Indiana ♦ (Sheril Harper)

Bo3b's Movies ♦ Catch an fine flick with Bo3b. A Demicon Tradition! ♦ Saturday 7PM-10PM ♦ Indiana ♦ (Bo3b Harper)

Bring Your Own Anime ♦ Saturday 9PM - Sunday 1AM ♦ Kansas

Dialect 101: Talk like a Scotsman ♦ Listen to our experts explain what "Hoot Mon" really means, and why you roll your Rs. With these panelists, expect the conversation to wander wildly. I think you have to see to believe Japanese Texan with a Scottish accent. ♦ Saturday 1PM-2PM ♦ Nebraska ♦ (Robert Uy, Bo3b Harper, Tadao Tomomatsu)

Dragon Construction 101: Building Smaug ♦ A recent production of "The Hobbit" required the dragon, Smaug to put in an appearance. His construction was managed by two of our local experts, who will share the story with you. ♦ Saturday 11AM-12PM Nebraska ♦ (Greg Abba, Mandi Struss)

E-Publishing (tentative) ♦ What's the difference between publishing for the screen and publishing on paper? Is it easier, harder? Come hear from someone who did it. ♦ Saturday 10AM-11AM ♦ Kansas ♦ (Lee Killough)

Fhannish Film Festival ♦ Relax and enjoy short films from Fhans. Entries will be judged and the winner will be presented at closing ceremonies. ♦ Saturday 12PM-1PM ♦ Missouri ♦ (Bo3b Harper)

Filk in About an Hour ♦ Join our group of rascally rhymers to write a parody song in less than an hour. It's the 12th year of Instant Filk! ♦ Saturday 5PM-6PM ♦ Indiana ♦ (Robert Uy)

Filk Singing ♦ Song parodies, SCA songs, Irish songs, popular songs...hey,

we sing just about anything. Come bring your instruments and voices and share your songs and music. ♦ Saturday 11PM-12AM ♦ Indiana ♦ (Robert Uy)

Filthy Filk ♦ An adults only filk sing where the songs are bawdy and the times are merry! ♦ Saturday 12AM - Sunday 1AM ♦ Indiana ♦ (Robert Uy, Dave Reed)

Finish My Filk ♦ Do you have a filk song that you are writing that you just can't complete? Get input from our experienced filkers to help finish your filk. ♦ Saturday 7PM-8PM ♦ Michigan ♦ (Robert Uy)

Hall Costume Judging ♦ Judges Only! ♦ Saturday 10AM-11AM ♦ Nebraska Room Closed

Hor-RIFF-ic ♦ Ya know when you're watching those old movies and you and your friends are coming up with great lines and riffs and everybody's hot and the movie is like, TEN times better because you're all clever and it's great? Ever had a night like that? Well, Erin and Gary do that all the time, and they'd like you to come in and listen. If you've seen what MST3K does to old SciFi, then you know what they do to Horror films. ♦ Saturday 7PM-9PM ♦ Kansas ♦ (Gary Wickering, Erin Wickering)

Hor-RIFF-ic Setup ♦ Saturday 6PM-7PM ♦ Kansas Room Closed

LARP - Dragons of Destiny ♦ Technology has allowed us many conveniences. Steam-powered velocipedes now allow us to travel across the land, faster than ever. Dirigibles allow us to fly over the land, higher than ever. But some things are still beyond our control... For now.

In this part of the world, life can still be unpredictable.

Here, nature still has its mysteries.

Here, people seek power unimagined.

Here be dragons...

Looking for miners, aircar drivers, London philanthropists and business tycoons, merchants, historians, local constabulary or people who are of one-mind with the dragon; and would like to be part of this Steampunk/Firefly style live action game. ♦ Saturday 1PM-5PM ♦ Michigan, Kansas ♦ (Owen Reynolds, Mandi Struss, Joe Struss, Jeff Mowen)

LARP Set-up ♦ Room closed for set-up ♦ Saturday 12PM-1PM ♦ Michigan, Kansas ♦ (Joe Struss)

Masquerade ♦ Enjoy the pageantry of the formal Masquerade ♦ Saturday 8PM-10PM ♦ Ballroom

Masquerade Meeting ♦ If you are a contestant in the Masquerade, you must attend this meeting. ♦ Saturday 12:30PM-1PM ♦ Ballroom

Masquerade Tech Rehearsals ♦ Saturday 1PM-5PM ♦ Ballroom

Movie ♦ Saturday 3PM-5PM and 9PM-11PM ♦ Colorado ♦ (Spencer Reed)

Music Room Performances ♦ See your Pocket Program or posted Program Grid for times ♦ Bennigan's Room

Podcasting 101 ♦ Podcasts. What are they? Where can I find them? How to start one of my own. Come find out the answers to those questions and many others at this panel. ♦ Saturday 3PM-4PM ♦ Nebraska ♦ (Taylor Kent)

Pro Signing and Chat ♦ This is a gathering of authors, artists and other folks we admire. They're here to sign books, answer questions, and make themselves available to their fans. ♦ Saturday 4PM-5PM ♦ Lobby ♦ (Elaine Bergstrom, Erin McKee, Lee Killough,

Lettie Prell, Ralph Ryan, Sarah Clemens, Sarah Prineas, Stephen Zimmer, Tom Ashwell)

Rapid Fire Reading ♦ Rapid readings from the works by Members of the Broad Universe. We'll just divide the hour into however many authors show up. Come in for the fun. ♦ Saturday 10AM-11AM ♦ Illinois

Reading: Elaine Bergstrom ♦ Come listen to Elaine Bergstrom reading from her own work. ♦ Saturday 11AM-12PM ♦ Illinois ♦ (Elaine Bergstrom)

Reading: Lee Killough ♦ Come listen to Lee Killough reading from her work. ♦ Saturday 12PM-1PM ♦ Illinois ♦ (Lee Killough)

Reading: Lettie Prell ♦ Come listen to Lettie Prell reading from her work. Saturday 2PM-3PM ♦ Nebraska ♦ (Lettie Prell)

Reading: Sarah Prineas ♦ Come listen to our Author Guest of Honor reading from her own work. ♦ Saturday 11AM-12PM ♦ Michigan ♦ Sarah Prineas)

Reading: Stephen Zimmer ♦ Come hear some of his own material from Stephen Zimmer. ♦ Saturday 12PM-1PM ♦ Nebraska ♦ (Stephen Zimmer)

Reading: Tom Ashwell ♦ Come hear Tom Ashwell reading from his work. ♦ Saturday 1PM-2PM ♦ Illinois ♦ (Tom Ashwell)

Red Neck Wine Tasting ♦ Hey y'al ya gotta try this. Come on it and sample some of the best wines ever to pour from a screw-top bottle! ♦ Saturday 2PM-3PM ♦ Consuite ♦ (Laurre Breman, Candy Anderson, Andy Wheeler, Mark Anderson)

Role Playing Games 101 ♦ Do you know what it means to make a saving throw? Do you know why we carry those funny dice? Do you want to know what all the fuss is about? Drop by and join the discussion. ♦ Saturday 5PM-6PM ♦ Illinois ♦ (Dave Reed)

RPG's you might have missed. ♦ Every gamer has heard of D&D, Gamma World, Path Finder, Champions, and Call of Cthulhu. Come to this panel to find out about some of more obscure games out there like Dread and Don't Rest Your Head. ♦ Saturday 6PM-7PM ♦ Nebraska ♦ (Taylor Kent)

Speed Dating for Authors ♦ Sit down and chat with our Author Guests. Sign up at the DemiCon Table for your chance for a seat. ♦ Saturday 3PM-4PM ♦ Indiana ♦ (Tom Ashwell, Stephen Zimmer, Sarah Prineas, Lettie Prell, Lee Killough, Elaine Bergstrom, Dave Reed)

Swordbearer - Page to Screen ♦ Learn how the words in H. David Blalock's novel "Ascendent" became the pictures in the film "Swordbearer". ♦ Saturday 1PM-2PM ♦ Missouri ♦ (Stephen Zimmer)

Swordbearer - Screening ♦ See the short film "Swordbearer" and participate in a Q and A session afterward. ♦ Saturday 2PM-3PM ♦ Missouri ♦ (Stephen Zimmer)

The Dragon in Film ♦ Examples of Dragons in film. See a little history, learn a little about dragons. Watch a little video. ♦ Saturday 8PM-9PM ♦ Nebraska ♦ (Dave Reed)

Tiamat, The Queen, The Dragon, The Legend ♦ Come hear more about our Dragon of Honor. Didn't you always want to attend a panel dedicated to a Dragon-

Queen-Demon? ♦ Saturday 4PM-5PM ♦ Illinois ♦ (Andy Wheeler, Dave Reed)

Venue D ♦ Saturday 10PM - Sunday 12AM ♦ Ballroom

WTF Youtube: Season 2 ♦ We destroyed your childhood last time, now we're back to finish the job! Horror, comedy, and WTF moments, Oh My! ♦ Saturday 4PM-5PM ♦ Missouri ♦ (Rob Lewis)

Youth Lounge Closes ♦ Saturday Midnight ♦ Colorado ♦ (Spencer Reed)

Sunday Programming

Are you lost without "Lost"? ♦ Come join a discussion of Lost Did the ending meet your expectations? How has the series impacted the landscape of SF/F film and TV? What has the series offered as new possibilities? ♦ Sunday 10AM-11AM ♦ Indiana ♦ (Megan Bygness)

Art Show ♦ Sunday 10AM-2PM ♦ Minnesota

Atheism ♦ What's going on in Atheism? Is it an "alternate" life style. Is it growing? What's taking so long? What about Atheism in SF/F? ♦ Sunday 11AM-12PM ♦ Illinois ♦ (Robert Cook, Eric Oppen, Denny Lynch, Al Hohrmann)

Care and Feeding of Dragons 101 ♦ Sunday 12PM-1PM Kansas ♦ (Mary Wilson)

Closing Ceremonies ♦ All good things must come to an end. Meet next year's ConCom. Find out who won contests. Say good-bye for another year. ♦ Sunday 3PM-4PM ♦ Ballroom ♦ (Heather McBride, Jon Mohning, Sallie Abba, Tammy Mohning, Susan Stewart, Mandi Arthur-Struss)

CopyRights and Wrongs ♦ Is it OK to copy a movie? Can you rip a CD? what about downloading things from the net? How SHOULD it all work in the 21st Century? Come join the discussion. ♦ Sunday 1PM-2PM ♦ Michigan ♦ (Tom Ashwell, Sarah Clemens, Dave Reed)

DemiCon Squares ♦ Come and learn the history of DemiCon in this wacky way - 9 squares, 1 crazy MC and one host trying to hold it all together. ♦ Sunday 1PM-2PM ♦ Ballroom ♦ (Tadao Tomomatsu, Susan Stewart, Susan Leabhart, Steve "Wookie" Huele, Mitch Thompson, Mike Cole, Megan Harper, Joe Struss, Gregg Parmentier, Denny Lynch, Tal Roth)

Fear 101 ♦ Are you afraid of the Boogeyman? Should you be? How about a terrorist? Are you afraid of the things you SHOULD be afraid of? Come discuss what's REALLY out to get us and what's not. (Wanna guess which animal kills more Americans, sharks or honey bees?) ♦ Sunday 10AM-11AM ♦ Kansas ♦ (Laurre Breman, Dave Reed, Andy Wheeler, Peggy Miller)

Iowa Writer's Forum ♦ Back for it's second year, this is open to authors who are from Iowa or have lived in Iowa. Topics will be announced, and will include round-table discussions and moderated panels. Everyone is welcome to come to hear this con-within-a-con as author discuss their craft!

12:00-1:00: Iowa Writer's Forum:
Writing Careers

1:00-2:00: Iowa Writer's Forum:
Writing Science Fiction & Fantasy

2:00-3:00: Iowa Writer's Forum:
Revision & Critique

♦ Sunday 12PM-3PM ♦ Bennigan's Room ♦ (Karen Bovenmyer)

Living on the Fringe ♦ Are you a budding Fringe Scientist? Interested in where the series will go next? Come in and discuss it with like-minded fans. ♦ Sunday 11AM-12PM ♦ Indiana ♦ (Megan Bygness)

Midwest SCI FI Modeler's Contingency ♦ Model building is one of the oldest parts of fandom. Come see the models! ♦ Sunday 10AM-Noon ♦ Colorado ♦ (Kevin Carroll)

Nigel And Bridgette ♦ Welcome to the World of Nigel and Bridgette! Take a fragment of "Fawlty Towers", a modicum of "Monty Python", a granule of "Good Neighbors", a dash of "Dr. Who", a pinch of "The Prisoner", a scrap of "Star Trek". Think of it as Rob and Laurie Petrie meet the X-Files – but in England. ♦ Sunday 11AM-1PM ♦ Ballroom

Playing the Theremin 101 ♦ Wanna learn how to make that neat SciFi music? Wanna almost touch a theremin? Come learn how from the multi-talented Sarah Clemens. ♦ Sunday 10AM-11AM ♦ Missouri ♦ (Sarah Clemens)

Scavenger Hunt Wrap-up ♦ Come tell the tale of your Dragon Hunt! Listen to other teams tell the tale of "the one that got away" ♦ Sunday 12PM-1PM ♦ Consuite ♦ (Spencer Reed, Nicki Reed, Dave Reed)

Superstition Bash ♦ Break a mirror, open an umbrella. Laugh in the face of superstition! ♦ Sunday 12PM-1PM ♦ Nebraska ♦ (Alan Koslow, Robert Cook)

Win Lose or Draw ♦ DAGOBDAH is back with the cruel box to torment our artists as they draw and have the audience guess the movie, book or play. ♦ Sunday 2PM-3:PM ♦ Ballroom ♦ (Scott Ross, Sara Butcher, Nancy Wirsig McClure, Erin McKee, Susan Leabhart)

Convention Rules

More helpful suggestions from The Committee

Rule #1 — Weapons Policy: All weapons must be peace-bonded; no projectile weapons of any type may be carried or used. Exceptions may be made for certain weapons that are part of the formal masquerade costumes, provided that arrangements have been made in advance with the masquerade director. Any violations of the weapons policy, or refusal to cooperate with the requests of our security staff regarding weapons matters, may result in actions ranging from confiscation of weapons to being evicted from the convention.

Rule #2 — Drinking Policy: The drinking age in Iowa is 21. We cannot serve any alcoholic beverages to persons born after May 14, 1989. If you turn 21 during the convention, come see us at registration so we can arrange a special badge for you. The barkeep on duty has the right to card anyone, even if I.D. has been previously presented. Persons hosting room parties are responsible for ensuring that their guests are of legal age before serving them alcohol. Any one serving alcohol has a right and a legal responsibility to refuse service to anyone who may be imbibing irresponsibly.

Rule #3 — Badge Policy: Badges are required for all convention functions. Anyone not wearing a badge will be asked to produce it or leave the function space. If you lose your badge, report it immediately at the registration table. If you find someone else's badge, please return it to the registration table. Burden of

proof of lost badges rests with the badge holder, not the convention staff. It's our call whether to replace a badge with a charge or at no charge.

Rule #4 — Kids in Tow Policy: All children under age 10 must be accompanied by a paid adult when in convention areas. Parents/Guardians are responsible for controlling the behavior of their offspring. DemiCon is not a day care facility.

Rule #5 — Compliance Policy: If you have any problems, suggestions or complaints, please contact a DemiCon staff member, not a hotel staff person (unless the problem is with your personal sleeping room). There is always a radio at Registration, the Art Show, the Dealer's Room, and the ConSuite if you need assistance summoning Security or a member of ConCom.

Rule #6 — There is no rule six.

Rule #7 — Chocolate Policy: Yes, thank you. Preferably dark, please. The more, the better.

Rule #8 — Non-Smoking Policy: All areas of the hotel are designated as non-smoking. If you smoke outside, please dispose of cigarette butts appropriately.

Rule #9 — Pool Policy: Pool hours are 24/7. Please cooperate if you are asked to leave by our security or hotel staff. The pool is on the 1st floor, and you need a sleeping room key to access the area.

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