Myths and Legends Con 2015

magic in all of us!
GUESTS OF HONOR

Keith DeCandido — Special Guest
Among many other things, Keith wrote the Serenity novelization, several Supernatural novels, and multiple Doctor Who short stories. Recent and upcoming work includes: Star Trek: The Klingon Art of War; the Sleepy Hollow novel Children of the Revolution; the Stargate SG-1 novel Kali’s Wrath; the “Precinct” series of fantasy police procedurals; the graphic novel Icarus; short stories in Buzzy Mag Online and the anthologies Bad-Ass Faeries: It’s Elemental, Out of Tune, Stargate SG-1/Atlantis: Far Horizons, V-Wars: Night Terrors, and The X-Files: Trust No One; the short fiction collections Ragnarok and Roll: Tales of Cassie Zukav, Weirdness Magnet and Without a License: The Fantastic Worlds of Keith R.A. DeCandido; and tons more that he’ll be happy to tell you all about at the convention. Find out less at his cheerfully retro web site at DeCandido.net.

Stant Litore — Author Guest of Honor
An emerging voice in weird fiction, Stant Litore has published five volumes of The Zombie Bible, which retell history (and the Bible) as a series of encounters with the restless dead. His debut novel was also the #2 horror bestseller on the Amazon Kindle in December 2011. His second novel won second place in the 2012 eFestival of Words Best of the Independent eBook Awards, Horror. Litore was interviewed extensively on the topic of “writing characters your readers won’t forget” for Jeff Vandermeer’s Wonderbook: The Illustrated Guide to Creating Imaginative Fiction.
Besides The Zombie Bible, Litore is the author of Dante’s Heart and an ongoing sci-fi series, The Ansible Stories, in which future explorers become trapped in alien bodies on alien worlds. Stant Litore lives in Denver with his wife and two daughters, where he is working on his next novel.

Vivian Trask — Editor Guest of Honor
When not fighting crime, Vivian Trask has studied under Rebecca Moesta, Kevin J. Anderson, Dave Farland and Peter J. Wacks. She has an MFA in Creative Writing from Regis University and is a member of the Editorial Freelancer’s Association. When not editing, Vivian writes across all genres of speculative fiction, and especially loves weird westerns and science fiction. She also drinks copious amounts of tea. While doing all these things, she lives in Colorado with her husband, their dog who thinks he’s a werehuman, and a supergenius cat. For more details, she can be found at http://www.viviantrask.com/

Brian Ross of Draco and the Malfoys — Musical Guest of Honor
Formed in 2005, Draco and the Malfoys sing songs about Harry Potter from Draco’s perspective. They have toured the country extensively, and have been featured on MTV, Fuse, Entertainment Weekly, USA Today and more. With a catalog of 5 full length albums, an EP and various other releases, their style spans everything from hard rock to bluegrass. Find them at: evilwizardrock.com facebook.com/dracoandthemalfoys twitter.com/datm

2015 STAFF

Convention Organizer
Nikki Ebright

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Anna Schaer

Programming (Authors)
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Welcome to the 2015 Myths and Legends Convention!

“We do not need magic to transform our world; we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better.” JK Rowling

In the welcome notes for MALCon 2013 and 2014, I wrote about how I wanted a place to bring “my people” together, somewhere I could look around and find the conversations I was missing about the fandoms I love.

This year’s theme is witches; not potions and incantation but about the magic inside of us and the magic of community. Hufflepuffs and Slytherins, Starks and Lannisters, we are all here because of our love of these characters and the writers who created them. Our fandoms come from books and screens, and we welcome those with open arms (and salt in our satchels). New to us or a returning fandom, they’re all part of our community.

I started this adventure because of the power to imagine. Because of you all, I’ve been able to make the dream come true. Individually, MALCon people are pretty cool; together, we are amazing. Thank you for adding your power of imagination to our community.

Nikki Ebright, Convention Organizer, Living the Dream

**Convention Hours**
Friday: 5:00 PM - Midnight  
Saturday: 9:00 AM - Midnight  
Sunday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**Registration Hours**
Friday: 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Vendor Room Hours**
Friday: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Knitting Circle**
Drop into the Knitting Circle when you want some time with your needles. Bring your knitting and crocheting projects and share your theories on how the muggles do it. Newbies welcome.
Important Info and FAQs

Safe Space Policy

The Myths and Legends Con is a safe space for everyone on site, including but not limited to attendees, volunteers, and members of the public passing through. We gather together to support each other in our love of our fandoms and the expression of that, also known as geeking out.

Safe space means that our attendees are free express themselves and their interests without fear of being attacked for their love of their fandom. It is an inclusive space for people of all sexual orientation (including by not limited to straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, pansexual, and asexual people) people of all gender identity and expression, and all allies.

Safe space means that harassment will not be tolerated. Per Merriam-Webster, harassment is any activity or behavior that annoys persistently, bothers, creates an unpleasant or hostile situation or threatens another person or group of people. For example: unwanted or uninvited physical contact, unwelcome verbal conduct, following someone around (also known as stalking), or making threats against their person.

If you wish to not harass or threaten, here are some guidelines you can follow:

- Before you touch (for example: hug, glomp, touch a cosplayer’s costume), ask permission. "May I give you a hug?" "May I touch that fabric?"
- Also clarify if this is a one-time permission or if it extends longer (that day, that weekend, etc.).
- Ask before you take anyone’s picture.
- Accept no as a reasonable answer without follow-up questions.
- Their reasons are not your business unless they choose to share them with you.
- If you find someone’s outfit interesting, it is acceptable to tell them so, but do not expect further interaction after giving your compliment.
- Appropriate compliments include “Nice craftsmanship”, “You captured the character really well”, “Thank you for representing my favorite character.”
- Inappropriate comments can include (depending on context) “You look sexy”, “Here’s my number”, “My cosplay is better than yours”. If you are unsure, ask a friend to help you phrase your compliment.
- We recommend you avoid comparisons. (For example: “Your outfit is much better constructed compared to his”.) Let each person’s work stand for itself.
- Absolutely inappropriate behavior includes groping, looking up skirts/kilts, positioning yourself to look down shirts/dresses, coercing someone to do or say anything, hate speech (using words that purposely offend or insult).

If you or another person are being harassed, please find a con staff member immediately to report the situation.

Con Rules and Weapons Policy

Please feel free to dress up as your favorite character(s) during the convention. (We sure plan to!) When planning your costume, please mind the following guidelines:

- Keep it PG: This is a family-friendly convention.
- Be nice to strangers and to your friends.
- No realistic-looking weapons: If security (hotel or ours) can’t tell from a distance that it is a fake weapon, then it is too real. We applaud your authenticity, but must ask that you leave it at home.

Specifically: metal weapons are not permitted. Working projectiles are not permitted.

Green Screen Adventures

Green Screen Adventures puts you into the action. With a daily variety of backgrounds, you can put yourself into the Tardis, sit upon the Iron Throne, walk the hallowed halls of Hogwards, cruise the ‘Verse with the shiniest of rogues, and many more. Brought you by DH-P/FX and benefiting the Make a Wish Foundation (through donations), Green Screen Adventures is a returning feature of MALCon we hope you will enjoy.

Silent Auction

Check out the Silent Auction on Saturday in Gallifrey. All proceeds benefit Stories For Students, a Colorado registered 501(c)(3) non-profit that distributes eBooks to students at no charge to them. Learn more at storiesforstudents.org.

Art Show

Friday from 5pm to 9pm  |  Saturday from 10am to 8pm  |  Sunday from 10am until bidding closes

Stop by Octagon Alley in Market Square and take home some amazing art! You can bid to win or purchase it outright with the Buy It Now price. Bidding ends Sunday between noon and 2pm and you may pick up the items you have won as soon as bidding ends. All art must be picked up by 4pm. Anything not picked up by that time will go to the next bidder. The check-out table is next to the Art Show area. Don’t miss it!

This year’s featured artists: Peri Charlifu, Chaz Kemp, Bob & Beverly Pfeifer, Sarah Menzel, Jim Humble, and Jody McDonald

Food and Drink

Local restaurants are plentiful in the areas surrounding the hotel, including the hotel bar & grill, which doesn’t even require leaving the building.

If you are daring enough to venture outside the safety of the Ramada, Jim-n-Nick’s is offering $5 off any order of $20 or more if you show your badge!

Local restaurant menus are available at registration.

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Preregister for MALCon 2016 for a super discount price of $10! Sign up at MALCon Registration.
GAMING

Faerie Bag Game
You know them as Pirate Plunder and Barter Bags and now we have Faerie Treasures! The popular trading game returns!

At Registration you’ll find bags filled with treasures and sparkly items sure to attract all the faeries.

1. Decide what you’d like to keep and what you’d like to trade away. It’s ok if you change your mind when you see a better treasure!
2. Find other collectors and trade treasures with them to gather up the best collection of sparklies.
3. Need more bags of Faerie Treasure? You can purchase more at Registration as long as they last.
4. Look for the Faeries at 1 pm on Sunday when they give away prizes for the best treasure collections!

Play to Win Games

Star Trek Catan
Donated by Time Well Spent
Celebrate 20 years of Catan with this fun space version. Fabulous illustrations and gorgeous pieces make this a must-own for any Star Trek or Catan fan.

La Isla
Donated by Time Well Spent
Easy to learn and fun to master, decide your roles and use your abilities in this fun and colorful game.

The Game: Spiel...so lange du kannst!
Donated by Time Well Spent
Nominated for 2015’s Spiel des Jahres (premier game award)
The Game is a cooperative card game in a tiny box that places restrictions on what you can say during the game. See if you and your group can win!

Love Letter
Donated by Shep’s Games
See if you can get your Love Letter to the Princess before you are discovered by a rival. A quick and easy game for 2 - 4 players.

Apples to Apples
Donated by Shiny Productions
It’s as easy as comparing apples to apples. The original Cards Against Humanity, without the horribleness.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this weekend happen.

You make it look effortless but I know how hard you work. You help make this dream real for all of us.

You rock.

- Nikki Ebright
Aaron Michael Ritchey - Author
Aaron Michael Ritchey is the author of The Never Prayer, Long Live the Suicide King, and, Elizabeth’s Midnight. His upcoming young adult sci-fi/western epic will be published through Kevin J. Anderson's WordFire Press. He lives in Colorado with his wife and two ancient goddesses of chaos posing as his daughters.

Amalie Howard - Author

Becca Sakamoto - Artist
In love with everything crafty, Fantasy, and Science Fiction, Becca makes sure to spend part of every day doing something creative and reading. When not sewing and playing with yarn, Becca can be found in the kitchen trying out new recipes.

Bryan and Baxter - Performer
With over 25 years of experience, Bryan and Baxter use sound scientific methods to investigate everything from psychics to ghosts, poltergeists, cryptids, and UFOs. Check the website for event listings. www.bryanandbaxter.com

Carolyn Fritz - Author
Carolyn Fritz enjoys writing about an eclectic variety of things, and imagining what normally inanimate things would do if given life. She is collaborating with award-winning illustrator, Chaz Kemp, on the World of Ashelon – novellas set in a steampunk fantasy world. You can see her works at bewitchinghips.com and fanfiction.net.

Catherine Winters - Author
Catherine Winters is an undefeated four-time Chopped champion and the principal mezzo-soprano for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Denver. When she's not writing, she teaches French to cats. One of these things is actually true.

Chaz Kemp - Artist
Bram Stoker Award finalist Chaz Kemp embraces an Art Nouveau style that incorporates vibrancy and color scheme into fantasy and steampunk art in a way that is rarely seen. As an illustrator, the influence of Alphonse Mucha & Ivan Bilibin is evident in his award winning work that combines the artistic energy of the Roaring 20s with the untamed possibilities of steampunk and fantasy.

Damon Alan Smithwick - Author
Damon Alan is a retired air traffic controller. He currently writes military space opera and is author of the Dark Seas series. Living in Colorado Springs with his amazing bride, Damon writes stories, drives too fast, and devotes hours a day to research on current tech, military and otherwise.

David Boop - Author
David Boop is a bestselling Denver-based speculative fiction author. He's also an award-winning essayist, and screenwriter. He has had over forty short stories published and two short films produced. He regularly tours the country speaking on writing and publishing at schools, libraries and conventions. Find him at facebook.com/dboop.updates or @david_boop.

Eneas Brodski - Author
Guy Anthony De Marco - Author
Speculative fiction author Guy Anthony De Marco was a finalist for the 2012 Graphic Novel Bram Stoker Award®. He collects professional organization memberships such as SFWA, WWA, IAMTW, HWA, SFPA, and ASCAP. More information about Guy can be found at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guy_Anthony_De Marco and GuyAnthonyDeMarco.com.

Ian Brazee-Cannon - Author
Ian Brazee-Cannon is a writer, film maker, game designer, podcaster. He has a dozen or so stories published in various magazines and anthologies. He is a founder and regular cohost of the Amateur Skeptics podcast. He has worked on various short films as a writer and director.

James Humble - Artist
I live in Colorado and attend or mail artwork to shows across the country. I paint mostly digitally and sculpt in clay. My art is mythically themed and was heavily influenced by a 3 year stay in Europe. You can see my work on at WWW.humblestudios.com.

Jason Evans - Author
Jason Evans is an educator, writer and a bon vivant. He worked as a classroom teacher for 13 years. Now he is Editor-in-Chief of Man-Gazine, an online portal for all things manly. Jason holds two bachelor degrees; one in History & one in Renaissance studies, from UC Santa Barbara. In addition to a teaching certificate, he holds a Master's degree in History from CU Denver. Currently, Jason teaches courses for Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers, and is finishing his first novel.

Jason Kent - Author
Lt Col Jason Kent, USAF (Ret) is an Amazon Best Selling science fiction/steampunk author and military space expert. Join him as he shares his in-depth knowledge of military space and his passion for exploration. Jason's books include Kindle #1 Best Seller New Sky: Eyes of the Watcher, New Season: Sparrow's Quest, and Far Space.

Jessica Brawner - Author
Ms. Brawner has developed and taught self-defense classes, worked as an event planner, an entertainment agent, a computer teacher, and a personal assistant. More recently she has channeled her adventures into writing and running several different small businesses. Her newest ventures are Story of the Month Club – excellent stories to your inbox (www.storyofthemonthclub.com) and Life Stats. Find out more at jessicabrawner.com.

Josh Vogt - Author
Josh Vogt's work ranges across numerous genres and formats, including writing for a wide variety of RPG developers. His debut fantasy novel, Forge of Ashes, is a tie-in to the Pathfinder roleplaying game. WordFire Press has also launched his urban fantasy series, The Cleaners, with Enter the Janitor and The Maids of Wrath. He's a member of SFWA, the International Association of Media Tie-In Writers, and a Scribe Award finalist. Find him at JRVogt.com.

Julie Campbell - Author
Julie is the author of many Vampire and Ghost-Hunting Dog stories and the young adult fantasy series Tales of the Travelers. She's a member of the Horror Writers Association and the Dog Writers of America Association and the editor for Steampunk Trails fiction magazine.

Kathryn Renta - Artist
Kathryn S. Renta is an award winning artist and recent immigrant to Colorado. In addition to 15+ years as a graphic artist and illustrator, her work includes over a decade of lettering comics for Viz Media, Dark Horse Comics, DC Comics and several independent publishers. These days she devotes her creative energy to designing and illustrating book covers. You can find her at latchkeyartist.com.
Kevin Ikenberry - Author
Science fiction author Kevin Ikenberry’s debut novel, Sleeper Protocol, was contracted for publication by Red Adept Publishing in October 2014. His novel Runs In The Family was contracted for publication by Strigidae Publishing in February 2015. Both novels are due in late 2015. Kevin lives in Colorado with his family.

L.J. Hachmeister - Author
Although frequently reminded that she’s a “transplant,” L.J. Hachmeister is proud to call Denver home. A nurse by day and author by night, L.J. doesn’t have much free time, but when she does, she enjoys pretending to cook (i.e. WholeFoods takeout) and drinking tea with her lovely wife.

Lou Berger - Author
Lou J Berger is a Denver-based writer who tends to focus on Science Fiction. He’s been writing for nine years and is a full member of SFWA, the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America. He’s mostly been published in Mike Resnick’s GALAXY’S EDGE magazine, but also has stories in various anthologies. His website is: www.LouBerger.com.

Mario Acevedo - Author
Mario Acevedo is the author of the bestselling Felix Gomez detective-vampire series, which includes Rescue From Planet Pleasure from WordFire Press. He is currently at work on a steampunk western. Mario lives and writes in Denver, Colorado.

Mike Cervantes - Author
Mike Cervantes is a graduate of creative writing and communication from The University of Texas at El Paso. He is a humorist, a cartoonist, a steampunk enthusiast, a regular contributor to Denver’s local steampunk convention, AnomalyCon, and just a swell person besides. He writes and publishes stories featuring his steampunk hero characters “The Scarlet Derby and MidnightJay” regularly on his website, TheScarletDerby.com.

Pandora Celtica - Performer
Greetings, felicitations, and hello!
We are Pandora Celtica, a dark faerie Celtic Acappella band from the land of dreams and myth. The Queens and Kings of the Fae have ordered the creation of our band that we may be a beacon of magic and high art in the mundane realms, both for the mortals and for you, our fellow Bright Beings, who make your home here. Visit them online at www.pandoraceltica.com and www.facebook.com/pandoraceltica.

Paul Lell - Author
Paul Lell is a Sci-Fi/Fantasy Author, Game Designer, and publisher with seven novels and two Role Playing games in print and dozens more of both on the way. He is into fashion and Cos-Play design, playing games, watching movies, reading, and enjoying time with his family.

Peri Charlifu - Artist
Peri Charlifu is a professional artist and has been self employed for 34 years. He participates in 30-40 convention art shows a season and has made 40,000+ pieces of pottery in his professional tenure. A local Colorado Artist, Peri has been Artist Guest of Honor at a dozen conventions, including, Windycon, Bubonicon, Apollocon, and many others.
Peter J. Wacks - Author
Peter J. Wacks is a #1 bestselling cross-genre writer and the Managing Editor of Kevin J. Anderson's WordFire Press. In his editorial capacity he has worked on Stories by Tracy Hickman, Kevin J. Anderson, David Farland/David Wolverton, and many others.

Quincy J Allen - Author
Quincy J. Allen has been published in multiple anthologies and magazines. He has a critically acclaimed cross-genre short story collection entitled Out Through the Attic, his novel Chemical Burn continues to gain momentum, and Blood Ties the first book in his epic western steampunk fantasy series The Bloodwar Chronicles is due out in the Fall of 2015.

Robert Hay - Artist
Robert Hay has an appreciation for all forms of art. He likes to lay in the sun and sketch for hours at a time. When not sketching, he can be found doing leatherwork, painting, and digital work.

Robert Spiller - Author

Sam Knight - Author
As well as being part of the WordFire Press Production Team, Sam Knight is Senior Editor for Villainous Press and author of four children's books, three short story collections, two novels, and more than a dozen short stories, including a Novella co-authored with Kevin J. Anderson. He can be found at SamKnight.com and Sam@samknight.com.

Kilted Man - Performer
Matthew Gurnsey delights audiences with his rousing performances of traditional Irish and Scottish music. Through the marriage of wit and finesse, Gurnsey charms his audiences, sweeping them into tales of wayward voyages, unrequited love and the vibrantly colorful lives of the every-man beloved of many Irish tales. thekiltedman.com

Thomas A. Fowler - Author

Tomas O’Dreams - Performer
Tomas O’Dreams gathers stories and faerie-tales to entertain Queen Titania, and shares his knowledge of the faerie and myths of old to any who will listen. When not with Her Majesty; Tomas likes to play games like Faerie Chess, clean his Pot of Gold, and meet new Humans. Facebook.com/pages/Tomas-ODreams

Tonya De Marco - Author
Tonya L. De Marco is a Costume Designer, Cosplayer, Model, and Author. She splits her time between the Ozark Mountains of Missouri and the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Tonya has over twenty years of sewing experience which includes designing and sewing numerous costumes for school plays and local theater. Visit her at http://GuyAndTonya.com
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We sell bath salts, salt/sugar scrubs, lip balms, bath fizzies, massage bars, lotions, body sprays, hand sanitizers, and massage oils, and anything else that pops into my tiny little mind. Or anything that you, my friends would like me to concoct for you.

Alli Cat Crafts
Alli Cat Crafts offers handcrafted hats and small accessories from professional milliner Allison Lyndes. A collection of fandom inspired pieces including mini top hats, fleece squid hats, and geeky headbands, will be created especially for MALCon! Allison will also be available to discuss custom commissions.

Art Twister & Pins and Needles
Art Twister along with Pins and Needles have combined forces to bring you the best a convention has to offer. With items to decorate yourself, your bag, and even your walls.

Beauty and the Beads / Rockhound Studio
Sparkles, Critters, and Rocks, Oh My! Unusual and handmade rock art (fantasy and new age), jewelry (fantasy, animals, steampunk crossover), and fantasy jewelry boxes.

Bottlecap Graphics
BottleCap Graphics offers a line of posters, mini prints, stationery, plushies and other fun miscellany.

Brannan Bath Soaps
All natural handmade bath products, including soap, bath salts, sugar scrubs, bath bombs and body butter.

Cabochon & Persnickity
A Bit of Whimsy, A Bit of Fantasy
A Bit of Beauty, A Bit of Steam
Always One of a Kind

Clever Girl Crafts
Unique planters and terrariums with a geeky twist. I use found items to create unique and clever pieces. These are fun conversation pieces for the home or office.

Creative Dragons & Semper Fi
At Creative Dragons and SemperFi Design we create and handcraft beautiful, fun jewelry as well as beautiful hand painted wood boxes. We also take custom orders and have very affordable prices. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

Danea Fidler Illustrations
Four eyed creatures, bird like mammals, and carnivorous monsters are found roaming the spectacular realms of Danea Fidler’s mind. She has a passion for the natural w surrealist domains. Danea always is on the lookout for new and wondrous concepts that help her bring these illusions to life.

Dinosaur Mermaid
Art prints, etched glasses with fandom inspired designs, zipper monster bags, pins, kanzashi hair flowers, owl pluses, zombie pluses, and art on commission!

Dozing Gnome Massage
Relaxing Chair and foot massage for all!

Dryad Tea
Dryad Tea brings high quality loose leaf tea and blends to tea drinkers everywhere. Focusing on teas inspired by music, literary works and more.

Fame and Fortune Artisans
Supplying you with custom made leather goods for your costuming and LARPing needs. All manners of leather goods: belts, baldrics, holsters/pistols, leatherbound spellbooks, masks, tiaras, crowns, bracers, pouches, accessories for belts and more.

Foxy Funk Designs with PropFunk
Collectible and wearable works of art from a wide range of fandoms. Jewelry, accessories and home adornments influenced by retro gaming, modern fashions and visions of the future.

FyxtRPG
The Fyxt RPG system is a static universal tabletop RPG rule set that can be used to play any myth or legend. Play any style game or genre. Everything is online and digital. Use a phone, tablet, or laptop to play.

Honest Harry’s
Honest Harry’s used Steampunk/scifi weapons, widgets, and whatnot.

Kirin Games
Kirin Games sells a wide variety of traditional games and game related merchandise, selling Role Playing Games, card games, collectible miniature games, as well as board games.

The Mad Tatter
The Mad Tatter creates lace designs incorporated into jewelry, taking the Victorian art of tatting and bring it back in the present for people to enjoy.

Out In Colorado Writers
A group of Colorado-based authors of GLBT fiction.

Readings By Andarta
Have questions about your love life? Wondering about your career or money options? Feeling lost or confused about your life in general? Visit Andarta for a tarot reading from a spiritual adviser with 18 years experience.
**VENDORS (CONTINUED)**

**Revive Gifts**
Revive Gifts creates One of a Kind Steampunk Clothing, Art and Jewelry from Vintage and Upcycled Materials. Our unique items are hand crafted in Denver by our family of artists.

**Star Shepherd**
Your jewelry can be pretty AND have meaning! Fandom-friendly jewelry and fantasy sculpture, custom work available.

**Stitches by Shelby**
Stitches by Shelby sells ready-made and custom pop-culture corsets. We also accept costume commissions!

**Stray Wolf Studios**
Original fantasy painting, prints, fantasy plushies, and more!

**Two Old Bears Studio**
Two Old Bears Studio provides their customers with the best in commercial and custom jewelry (chainmail, wirewrap and beading), geared towards fantasy.

**Two Phat Cats**
Fun, geeky clothing and accessories for all using pop culture print fabric. We offer button down shirts, corsets, skirts, dresses, hats, and headbands – what better way to show off your fandom than by wearing it?

**Whimsical Entropy**
Dragon wings, Feather Wings, and Fairy Wings. You wear them like a backpack and they are adjustable so you can wear them in many different ways. We also have cat ears, hats, jewelry made from beads and fused glass, as well as a selection of buttons.

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**VENDOR ROOM MAP**

[Vendor Room Map Diagram]

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**Readings by Andarta**

**Cabocheon & Persnickity**

**Emergency Exit**

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SESSIONS AND PANELS
(ALPHABETICAL)

Alternative Marketplace: Have You Paid Your Dues?
Moderator: Chaz Kemp, Panel: Robert Hay, Sarah Menzel
Serenity | Friday | 5:00 PM - 5:50 PM
Let’s face it, it’s a tough world for the artist and even tougher to break into the magazine and book cover markets. Let our Panel of professionals give you some hints about how to succeed in the art world.

Arthurian Cycle
Ana MacDonnell
Red Keep | Sunday | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Since the 15th century, the legend of Arthur has been told and re-interpreted time and again. How do modern perspectives look at the legend? Bring your coconuts!!

Author Readings
MALCon Authors
Room of Requirement | Friday | 10:00 PM - 10:50 PM
Come enjoy Lou Berger and other MALCon authors reading selections from their works.

Blanket Forts (adult session)
The Shire | Friday | 10:00 PM - 11:50 PM
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Blankets, coloring books, crayons, and stuffed animals. Wind down the night, make a fort and relax. Adults and calm teens only please.

Blanket Forts (all ages)
The Shire | Saturday | 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM
Remember how much fun it was to make forts in the living room with couch cushions? Let’s do it again! This time we’ll be using blankets and tables to take us on our imagination journey to the ocean or stars - wherever we want to go!

Brian Ross of Draco and The Malfoys
Brian Ross
Gallifrey | Saturday | 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
Gallifrey | Sunday | 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Join Brian Ross as he performs irreverent songs from Draco’s point of view such as “My Dad is Rich and Your Dad is Dead” and “Party Like You’re Evil”, and shares stories of life as a Wizard Rock artist.

Broomstick Pencil
The Shire | Sunday | 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Learn how to make your own pencil-sized broomstick in this hands-on session.

Browncoat Shindig
Gallifrey | Saturday | 8:00 PM - 9:50 PM
Music and friendship. Hang out with your fellow Browncoats, old friends and new. Enjoy the stylings of the Kilted Man while you drown your sorrows in some mudders milk and we’ll sing a rousing chorus to that esteemed hero of Canton.

Building the Perfect Plot
Lou Berger, LJ Hachmeister, Catherine Schimming
Red Keep | Sunday | 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
Have you ever wanted to write a great story with a killer plot? Come join a panel of authors and learn how they compose a plot. We’ll discuss the Hero’s Journey and other tropes, and teach you the necessary parts for a great story!

Chainmaille 101: Costume Armor and Jewelry
Billy Van Ark
The Shire | Friday | 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM
The Shire | Saturday | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
This hands-on class will walk you through the basics of making chainmaille (a.k.a. maille). We’ll cover the tools of the trade (pliers, rings, and patterns), and learn how to make a simple piece of maille that you’ll take home with you!

Characters Are Who, Not What
A.M. Burns, Caitlin Ricci, Nicole Godfrey, Jess Roth
The Shire | Sunday | 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
Our panel of writers will discuss creating multidimensional characters who are more than just LGBT, but fully realized individuals. How to go beyond a basic archetype to create characters that your readers will cry with, cheer for and love.

Chewie. We’re Home
LJ Hachmeister, Sam Knight
Red Keep | Friday | 5:00 PM - 5:50 PM
Can sequels/remakes ever be as good as the original? From Avengers to Star Trek to Star Wars we’ve been let down over and over again. What does it take to supersede the original?

Closing Ceremonies
Gallifrey | Sunday | 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Come recap the weekend, relive the highlights, and say goodbye* for another year. (*Except that we’ll see each other on Facebook and Twitter...)

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Combat in Science Fiction & Fantasy
Mario Acevedo, LJ Hachmeister, Jeanne Stein, Eneasz Brodski, Damon Smithwick
Helm's Deep | Saturday | 9:00 PM - 9:50 PM
The good, the bad, and the ugly; scenes of combat and action in Science Fiction and Fantasy. What are the differences between games, movies, and literature? What is the morality and emotional impact of violence upon the characters and the audience?

Commission Work
Moderator: Chaz Kemp, Panel: Peri Charlifu, Becca Sakamoto, Sarah Menzel
Serenity | Sunday | 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Why is it so hard to design for someone else’s vision? Why have some of us given up on commission work all together?

Composition, the Elements, and Principals of Design
Sarah Menzel
The Shire | Friday | 6:00 PM - 7:50 PM
In this workshop we will take a crash course in the elements and principles of design, to help make your art better and more interesting.

Costume Contest
Judges: Keith DeCandido, Erin Card
Gallifrey | Saturday | 4:00 PM - 5:50 PM

Creating a Writing System
Lou Berger, Eneasz Brodski, Tonya De Marco
Red Keep | Saturday | 7:00 PM - 7:50 PM
Very few authors have the luxury of strictly writing. Those starting out will definitely need supplemental income. Discover ways to establish a writing life that works for your lifestyle.

Creating Multi-Cultural Steampunk Characters
Quincy J Allen, Carolyn Fritz, Aaron Michael Ritchey
Red Keep | Saturday | 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Brainstorm a steampunk character that steps outside the normal upper-class British box. Audience participation is welcomed.

Creativity and Mental Health
Jan Scott-Frazier
Red Keep | Sunday | 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
How do you design characters with psychological issues? How does mental health affect creativity? How can you work most effectively with it?

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Critique Groups: Care and Feeding Without Getting Your Hand Bitten
Lou Berger, LJ Hachmeister, Kevin Ikenberry, Robert Spiller
Red Keep | Sunday | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Many (most?) established authors will recommend “the right” critique group for aspiring writers. What are some of the things to look for and pitfalls to avoid? Be wary and be wise by knowing how to get yourself into the right company.

Crossplay & Genderbending: The Art of Cross-Gender Costuming
Erin Card
The Shire | Friday | 8:00 PM - 8:50 PM
How do you approach a cosplay when the character you love is a different gender or sex? Come join our discussion on reasons and techniques for manipulating your own body, or the character’s look to fit yours.

Describing Sex in YA Literature: Where is the Line?
Julie Campbell, TL Morganfield, Jeanne Stein
Serenity | Saturday | 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM
Sexuality is an important part of being an adolescent. YA stories are filled with love, sexual tension and even sex at time. How should an author approach sex in their stories?

Diversity in Fandom
Julie Campbell, Chaz Kemp, Stant Litore, Vivian Trask
Red Keep | Saturday | 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM
Diversity is a buzzword, but what does it mean practically? How do shows like Supernatural, Doctor Who, and Firefly work toward greater representation?

Dread Horror Diceless RPG
Troy Fluhr
Red Keep | Saturday | 11:00 PM - 11:50 PM
Looking for some diceless horror RPG action to finish off your night? Come join in a game of Dread, a horror RPG that uses Jenga towers instead of dice. Everyone will die; will you be the last one?

Dumbledore’s Past and Harry’s Future: Spin-Offs
Jessica Brawner, Keith DeCandido, Kevin Ikenberry
Serenity | Saturday | 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
What’s next for J.K. Rowling? Is there room in serialized media for one or more series set in Rowling’s world? What do fans want to see? Where does the world go after Voldemort?

Epic Rap Battles of Literature
Jason Evans, Thomas A Fowler
Room of Requirement | Friday | 11:00 PM - 11:50 PM
Enjoy a head to head rap battle where the topics are Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, and more.
Establish a Brand: For creative individuals
Julie Campbell, Thomas A Fowler, Jeanne Stein, Tonya De Marco
Serenity | Friday | 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM
Creating a brand can be one of the most difficult, yet crucial, steps. What marketing steps do you have to take to truly establish a brand?

Ethics & Art
Moderator: Peri Charlifu, Panel: Becca Sakamoto, Sarah Menzel
Room of Requirement | Saturday | 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM
How do ethics affect the artist? Talk about different ideas and situation, including pricing, copyright, stealing ideas, borrowing themes, payment, taxes and how we treat each other!

Ethics of Watching Disaster
Amalie Howard, Kevin Ikenberry, Kathryn Renta, Jeanne Stein
Helm’s Deep | Sunday | 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
We take such pleasure in watching the world fall apart. What are some good examples of dystopian and post-apocalyptic fiction? Why do we love them? Does our delight in a world ravaged reflect something questionable about us as well?

Faerie Treasure Bag - Collection Prizes
Tomas O’Dreams and Friends
The Shire | Sunday | 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Time to find out which treasures the Faeries treasure the most! Bring your Faerie Treasures and win prizes!

Fanfiction & Media Tie-Ins
David Boop, Mike Cervantes, Keith DeCandido, Josh Vogt
Red Keep | Saturday | 9:00 PM - 9:50 PM
From fanfiction to Heroes: how do you write in someone else’s universe? What are the tips and tricks for doing it successfully? What are the pitfalls? How do you get published in this environment?

Fantasy Map Creation
Chaz Kemp, Jason Kent, Stant Litore
Gallifrey | Sunday | 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
An author and a panelist will work together to discuss creating fantasy maps from inception and planning to final creation.

Favorite Heroes in Harry Potter
TL Morganfield, Catherine Schimming, Jeanne Stein
Red Keep | Friday | 10:00 PM - 10:50 PM
Who was your favorite Harry Potter hero and why? This will probably also turn into who was your favorite HP villain.

Fighting the Day Job
David Boop, Carolyn Fritz, Chaz Kemp, Kathryn Renta, Mario Acevedo
Helm’s Deep | Saturday | 8:00 PM - 8:50 PM
How do writers and artists do it? The running joke about being starving artists isn’t a joke. It takes years or even decades to be able to quit your day job. How do you manage working to pay the bills while creating your art?

Filk
The Shire | Saturday | 8:00 PM - 9:50 PM
Folk music, often with a sci fi or fantasy theme, played casually in a round-robin style. Bring an instrument if you have one, your voice as well, and a good sense of humor doesn’t hurt.

Fireside Chat with Stant Litore
Stant Litore
Knitting Circle | Friday | 10:00 PM - 11:50 PM
Knitting Circle | Saturday | 10:00 PM - 11:50 PM
Stant Litore will stun you with a dramatic reading of scenes from The Zombie Bible, the Ansible stories, Dante’s Heart, and The Running of the Tyrannosaurs. You may leave shaken. You may have amazing dreams after. Join us for a fireside reading, book signing, and Q&A.

From Klingon to Close Encounters
Dr. Karen Stollznow
Red Keep | Sunday | 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
Theories about alien languages with Dr. Karen Stollznow.

Future of Fan Art and Artists in Modern Times
Moderator: Peri Charlifu, Panel: Chaz Kemp, Jim Humble
Room of Requirement | Friday | 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM
Is art dead? Did Hobby Lobby Kill the modern artist? With the advent of the computer, can everyone be an artist and what does that do to us?

G.R.R. Martin Outside Game of Thrones
Jason Evans, Thomas A Fowler
Serenity | Saturday | 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Has Martin done anything outside of Game of Thrones? What is it and how does it compare?

Game Design
David Boop, Paul Lell, Damon Smithwick
Serenity | Saturday | 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM
More and more people are doing Kickstarters to fund the next brilliant game idea. Discuss game and module design, game mechanics, GMing, and media tie-in writing.
Sessions and Panels (continued)

Game of Thrones House Feud
Ana MacDonell, Eddie Cross, Pam Walker
Helm’s Deep | Saturday | 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM
A GOT twist on the old tv show Family Feud. Bring your House team, and be ready to battle to death for the Iron Throne. Valar Morghulis!!

Game of Thrones Prophecies
Jason Evans, Paul Lell
Serenity | Sunday | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
From Maggy the Frog to Azor Ahai, learn about GRRM’s hidden meanings, and twisted plots. Uncover the secrets scattered over the 5 books. Discover the story lines missing from the show. SPOILER ALERT

Game of Thrones Theories
Ian Brazee-Cannon, Thomas A Fowler, Carolyn Fritz
Helm’s Deep | Friday | 10:00 PM - 10:50 PM
A general, audience-involved discussion by GoT lovers for GoT lovers to gossip about where the books and the series are heading. SPOILER ALERT

Game of Thrones: Stick to the Source or Leave Everyone Guessing?
Ian Brazee-Cannon, Jason Evans, TL Morganfield
Red Keep | Saturday | 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM
With The Walking Dead diverting away from its source material, will GoT do the same? Do divergent plots pose a problem? SPOILER ALERT

Game of Thrones: The Band Wagon
David Boop, Eneasz Brodski, Jason Evans, Chaz Kemp
Serenity | Saturday | 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
What is the GRRM bandwagon all About? Why are so many people jumping onto it?

Gender Challenges and Tropes
Mike Cervantes, LJ Hachmeister, Vivian Trask
Red Keep | Saturday | 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
People of all genders have always enjoyed fandom, but books, movies, and video games have not always been representative. What have we learned and what can we improve on?

Gentle Suggestion: A Thoughtful Art Critique
Moderator: Peri Charlifu
Creative Corner | Saturday | 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Come in for a rare opportunity to have your work critiqued in a safe and encouraging environment. No charge, but space is limited. Afterward artists are encouraged to hang around the art show and shmooze!

Ghoul Ball
Gallifrey | Friday | 11:00 PM - 11:50 PM
The Monster Mash and things that go bump in the night get down to some funky beats.

God Made the Devil Too
Quincy J Allen, Lou Berger, Jason Kent, Paul Lell
Helm’s Deep | Saturday | 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
What would Star Wars be without Darth Vader, Superman without Lex Luthor? What would Who be without its cast of baddies? A good villain is vital to an interesting conflict. The more evil and nefarious, the better!

Grimm After Dark
Tomas O’Dreams
The Shire | Saturday | 7:00 PM - 7:50 PM
Liam Bootzin and Yvonne Larson present the darker side of fairytales. The early works of the Brothers Grimm often illustrate the harshness of life and how not all the endings are happy. Pg-13 Parental Guidance Suggested.

Harry Potter Murder Mystery
Troy Fluhr
Room of Requirement | Saturday | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
The Goblet of Fire is being awakened, but someone wants to manage the competition. Be a part this story set in the world of Harry Potter and see if you can unravel the answers before it’s too late.

Heroes and Monsters: What separates the two?
Jason Kent, Peter J Wacks, TL Morganfield
Helm’s Deep | Friday | 7:00 PM - 7:50 PM
In modern and ancient times, there are figures who straddle the line between monstrous and heroic. We’ll discuss what separates the two, whether it is something characters are born to or if they have a choice, and whether heroes can transcend their own monstrousness to become great.

Heroes Reboot
Keith DeCandido, Peter Wacks
Gallifrey | Saturday | 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM
HEROES is coming back with a new 13-episode miniseries called HEROES REBORN. Can the show regain the magic of the great first season? Plus, an exclusive look at the HEROES REBORN tie-in novellas by two of the authors.

Historical Influences on Game of Thrones
Lou Berger, Jason Evans, Jason Kent
Helm’s Deep | Friday | 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM
GRRM has acknowledged a relationship between GOT/ ASOIAF and the War of the Roses as well as Hadrian’s Wall, but what about Henry Tudor or the Earl of Richmond? Who is Martin’s Queen Elizabeth I? Can we deduce how the books are going to end from European history? SPOILER ALERT
How can I make as much as Theresa or Peri
Peri Charlifu
Creative Corner | Saturday | 2:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Learn the secrets of how to make your sales more productive and how to survive the treacherous waters of the convention art show circuit!

How Much is that Dragon in the Window
Moderator: Peri Charlifu, Panel: Becca Sakamoto
Creative Corner | Friday | 7:00 PM - 7:50 PM
How do you come up with a price for your work? Pricing strategies, marketing tools and tricks, as well as secrets from artists you love.

How Not to Get Published
Guy Anthony De Marco, Sam Knight, Tonya De Marco
Serenity | Saturday | 10:00 PM - 10:50 PM
What are the pitfalls involved in the pursuit of a writing career? What are some of the gotchas and consequences? Authors talk about their experiences and, in some cases, how they’ve shot themselves in the foot.

How to Kill Your Best Friends and Get Away With It
Quincy J Allen, Lou Berger, Josh Vogt
Helm’s Deep | Saturday | 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM
GRRM isn’t the first to kill beloved characters, but arguably he made it fashionable. When is it appropriate to drop a piano on protagonists and their sidekicks? How can you do it so it draws your fans in instead of pushing them away?

How to Mail Art to Conventions
Peri Charlifu
Creative Corner | Sunday | 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
Ever wonder how to send work to conventions? Is it worth doing? Can you make money at it? How to ship art to cons, including what cons to try, how to do the paperwork, organizing, and planning, planning, planning!

How to Write Circular Gallifreyan
Billy Van Ark
The Shire | Sunday | 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Come learn how to write like a Time Lord using the fan-created Circular Gallifreyan.
Karaoke Roulette
Copper Penny
Serenity  |  Friday  |  11:00 PM - 11:50 PM
The machine has a mind of its own! Come and see what song pops up and jump in!

Kilted Man
Matthew Gurnsey
Room of Requirement  |  Friday  |  5:00 PM - 5:50 PM
Red Keep  |  Friday  |  8:00 PM - 8:50 PM
Helm's Deep  |  Friday  |  11:00 PM - 11:50 PM
Serenity  |  Saturday  |  10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
Serenity  |  Saturday  |  11:00 PM - 11:50 PM
The Shire  |  Sunday  |  12:00 PM - 12:50 PM
Fall into traditional Celtic tales as The Kilted Man performs traditional Irish and Scottish music with a heavy dash of wit, finesse and a bit of charm.

Late Night Artist Chat: Audience Questions
Peri Charlifu
Knitting Circle  |  Saturday  |  7:00 PM - 8:50 PM
Questions will be placed in a hat at the beginning of the chat. The moderator will choose at random from the hat for our celebrity panel to speak about. Think of some juicy questions, really make us squirm!

Learn to Love Your Writing
Lou Berger, Mike Cervantes, Robert Spiller
Serenity  |  Saturday  |  1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Stop worrying and love your writing: a motivational panel. Stop hesitating because you feel your work isn’t “good enough.”

Lego Build Judging
Willm Ryan
Room of Requirement  |  Sunday  |  12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
How did they do? Come see the results of the 2 hour Fast Lego Building Challenge.

Lego Building Contest
Willm Ryan
Room of Requirement  |  Sunday  |  11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Three hours of building block fun! Sort through a hundred pounds of brick-types to find that which fires your fandom. Come build your very best Hobbit Hole, Chamber of Secrets, K-9, salt circle, or plastic rocket. Open to kids of almost all ages (we want to be careful with the little ones, as most bricks double as bite-sized morsels). Contest and prizes!

Lord of the Rings Passages
Led by Andrew Hallam
Knitting Circle  |  Saturday  |  5:00 PM - 5:50 PM
Anyone is welcome to share their favorite passages from Lord of the Rings or the Hobbit.

Lord of the Rings: Myth or Mythopoetic?
Andrew Hallam, Stant Litore
The Shire  |  Saturday  |  4:00 PM - 4:50 PM
Tolkien’s works are often referred to as myth building, but are actually mythopoetic. Join Andrew Hallam and Stant Litore as they explain why.

Mad Hatter Tea and Tea Dueling - Main Event
Tiffin Master Dame Ursula Whiffenpott
Gallifrey  |  Saturday  |  1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
We keep the wake going with a Mad Hatter Tea, complete with games of The Great Dalmuti. Onstage, hoist your biscuits and prepare to duel in the spirited Sudden Death Tea Dueling Tournament. Sponsored by Dryad Tea.

Magical Abilities within Fantasy Literature--Fact or Fiction? A Roundtable Discussion
Andarta
Creative Corner  |  Saturday  |  10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
Join Andarta for an informal discussion concerning various fantasy fiction, and the reality of the magical abilities presented, such as crystal ball readings and magical wands.

Make a Wizard Wand
The Shire  |  Friday  |  5:00 PM - 5:50 PM
Make your own wizard wand! (Magic not included.)
SESSIONS AND PANELS (CONTINUED)

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Marketing for Beginners
Jessica Brawner, Josh Vogt, Peter J Wacks
Red Keep | Saturday | 8:00 PM - 8:50 PM
Writing isn’t the only skill a writer needs in this day and age. We need to understand business, presentation, and sales. Once you’ve created that book and it’s ready to sell, how do you get the word out?

Meditation with Jan Scott-Frazier
Jan Scott-Frazier
Gallifrey | Saturday | 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Gallifrey | Sunday | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Qualm your inner Dementors, take off your ring, and pour some mental salt around your mind. Start your morning off with a gentle meditation led by the awesome Jan Scott-Frazier. Everyone welcome.

My Most Horrific Moment!
Moderator: Peri Charlifu
Creative Corner | Saturday | 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM
So, you think being an artist is all wine and cheese parties? Let us share our experiences with you. Be warned, after hearing this you may want to change career paths!

NaNoWriMo
Jessica Brawner, Julie Campbell, Guy Anthony De Marco
Helm’s Deep | Saturday | 7:00 PM - 7:50 PM
Have you done it? Do you want to? Our panelists will discuss writing for NaNoWriMo, how and why to participate, and how to succeed.

NERO: Tavern Night (LARP Event)
NERO Larpers
Room of Requirement | Saturday | 8:00 PM - 11:59 PM
Enjoy a medieval tavern setting sponsored by the local NERO LARP players.

New Authors Anonymous
Mike Cervantes, Jason Evans, Carolyn Fritz
Serenity | Saturday | 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM
Talk about what it’s like as a newbie in this crazy publishing world.

Non-Traditional Materials for Creating Art
Moderator: Becca Hey, Panel: Robert Hay, Jim Humble, Peri Charlifu
Room of Requirement | Sunday | 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
In this panel we will talk about non-traditional materials used to create art. Do you use plumbers epoxy? Concrete, dish soap? Toilet paper? Come out and share your favorite material/technique.

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Opening Ceremonies - Main Event
Gallifrey | Friday | 6:30 PM - 6:50 PM
Organizer Nikki Ebright welcomes everyone and introduces this year's Guests of Honor

Organizing the Studio
Moderator: Peri Charlifu
Creative Corner | Friday | 5:00 PM - 5:50 PM
A clean studio is a productive studio; sounds logical but few artists can keep a clean, organized workspace. Explore some effective, low cost alternatives, multi-tasking your work area and storage options. Get organized and start to make your work area work for you!

Our Fascination with Monsters
Mario Acevedo, Guy Anthony De Marco, Amalie Howard, Jeanne Stein
Serenity | Saturday | 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
Why do monsters intrigue us so much? Why has the world fallen in love with Godzilla, and where does our fascination with vampires and werewolves and the undead come from?

Our New Who: Love Him or Hate Him?
Quincy J Allen, Mike Cervantes, Peter J Wacks
Red Keep | Saturday | 10:00 PM - 10:50 PM
The new Who is not like his predecessors. Did his caustic manner (oh-so “House-ish”) lose watchers? Was there a method to the madness when they wrote the character?

P

Pandora Celtica
Gallifrey | Saturday | 12:00 - 12:50 PM
Red Keep | Saturday | 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM
Gallifrey | Sunday | 11:00 - 11:50 AM
Let top Denver band Pandora Celtica transport you to stormy seas and places of dreams and myth as they perform their dark faerie Celtic songs Acapella style.

Paranormal Investigations Gone Horribly Wrong
Bryan and Baxter
Gallifrey | Sunday | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Bryan and Baxter share the facts behind some of the most famous paranormal claims out there.

Pitching to the Editor
Julie Campbell, Vivian Trask, Peter J Wacks
Serenity | Friday | 9:00 PM - 9:50 PM
Want to pitch your next great novel in a flash? Learn how from the pros.
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Podcasts
Eneasz Brodski, Thomas A Fowler, Josh Vogt
Helm's Deep | Sunday | 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
Listen to pros who work with podcasts to learn how they’re done, why they’re used, and how to get the most out of them.

Pony Tail Making
Luna Shore
The Shire | Saturday | 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
Come to this no-sew project panel to make your own pony tail out of yarn. All ages.

Preparing a portfolio for the beginning artist
Peri Charlifu
Room of Requirement | Saturday | 9:00 AM - 10:50 AM
You don’t have to spend a fortune to make a professional looking portfolio! What to include plus tricks and ideas from artists who have been there.

Presenting your work!
Peri Charlifu
Room of Requirement | Sunday | 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
Learn how to take a finished piece and get it ready for presentation. Learn how to mount, mat and frame your work. Learn how to present 3D art as well.

Q

Q & A With a Real Editor
Vivian Trask, Julie Campbell, Peter J Wacks
Serenity | Sunday | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
We promise she won’t bite... This is your chance to ask a real live editor what editors are looking for and how best to work with them.

Q & A with Keith DeCandido
Keith DeCandido, Vivian Trask
Gallifrey | Saturday | 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
Special guest Keith DeCandido gets interviewed by Editor Guest of Honor Vivian Trask. Come enjoy this lively and entertaining question and answer session.

QUILTBAG Characters and Situations
Jan Scott-Frazier, Caitlin Ricci, A.M. Burns
Helm's Deep | Saturday | 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
How to write characters with diverse genders and sexualities (QUILTBAG/LGBTQ, etc.) that readers and viewers can connect with.

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Religion in SF/F Outside the Western World
Eneasz Brodski, Stant Litore, TL Morganfield, Catherine Schimming, Amalie Howard
Helm's Deep | Saturday | 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
What if the galaxy was explored by Islamic researchers? What if the next epic fantasy you read is set in Aztec Mexico? Speculative fiction is our chance to explore the cosmos through very different eyes than our own -- and not just extraterrestrial or elven ones!

Responsibility of the Artist
Moderator: Robert Hay
Creative Corner | Friday | 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM
Do artists have any responsibility to our culture and society? As fan/speculative artists are we fulfilling that responsibility or are we just self indulgent Bohemians.

Rewriting History with the Living Dead
Jason Evans, Stant Litore, TL Morganfield
Serenity | Sunday | 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
Stant Litore retells history as though the zombie plague has been a recurring phenomenon throughout the centuries. Joined by alternate history gurus TL Morganfield and Jason Evans, Litore will lead you through an interactive imaginative exercise based on that premise!

Rockets and Satellites
Jason Kent
Helm's Deep | Sunday | 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Jason Kent will talk tying his work with the rocket and satellite industry as it applies to his writing.

Sculpting with Jim Humble
Jim Humble
The Shire | Saturday | 9:00 AM - 10:50 AM
Led by the 3D artists with air-dry clay and simple tools to lead the group in making a creation.

Self Defense Against the Dark Arts
Dan Peak
Gallifrey | Sunday | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Come learn a few self defense moves to keep in your back pocket in case you’re approached by unsavory types such as dementors, werewolves, or ministry officials.
Sex & Violence Portrayal in Game of Thrones
Jason Evans, Thomas A Fowler, Aaron Michael Ritchey, Raine Giorgio
Serenity | Sunday | 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
The show is increasingly criticized for the way it shows sex and violence. Where is the line? Has it been crossed? Do the books and show need to change course in the final installments and seasons?

Sherlock: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle vs BBC
Michelle Reeves, Ana MacDonell
The Shire | Saturday | 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
Have you wondered how true the BBC series Sherlock is to the original Conan Doyle stories? How different and accurate the is show to the Victorian Detective?

So Charming, Not Creepy
Jessica Brawner, Josh Vogt
Red Keep | Friday | 9:00 PM - 9:50 PM
Learn how to make your convention experience better by learning how to approach people without being a creep. A lesson on etiquette, common sense and enjoying fandom with respect.

Steampunk in Fiction: Is London Dead?
Quincy J Allen, Jessica Brawner, Guy Anthony De Marco, Tonya De Marco
Serenity | Saturday | 9:00 PM - 9:50 PM
The sun didn't set on the British Empire during Victoria's time and there are growing examples of steampunk in other countries. Have we worn out foggy London as a place where gears and corsets reign?

Story in an Hour
Vivian Trask
Helm's Deep | Friday | 5:00 PM - 5:50 PM
Editor Guest of Honor Vivian Trask and the audience will collaborate in a one-hour fun adventure, outlining a new story together.

Storytelling with Tomas O’Dreams
Tomas O’Dreams and Friends
The Shire | Saturday | 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
Room of Requirement | Sunday | 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
Tomas O’Dreams and his faerie friends brought stories from near and far to the Faerie Court. Now let them treat you! Be sure to catch this leprechaun and his faerie companions for myths, magic, and merriment for all ages!

Subject Matter; Does It Matter?
Robert Hay, Sarah Menzel
Creative Corner | Saturday | 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM
Does the subject make a piece of art interesting or marketable? Does the image matter if the piece is executed well?

Supernatural Myths and Legends Gone Local
Bryan and Baxter
Gallifrey | Saturday | 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
Examine some of the local places that parallel the legends from Supernatural. Discuss the witches of Riverdale Road, the Lafayette Vampire, the cemetery at Cheesman Park, and various portals to hell and purgatory in CO.

Sympathetic Villains: The New Master & Doctor Horrible
Jessica Brawner, Carolyn Fritz, Guy Anthony De Marco, Aaron Michael Ritchey
Red Keep | Saturday | 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
The old Master was patently evil, a nasty curmudgeon with nefarious design while the new Masters were made into sympathetic villains of galactic proportions. We root for Doctor Horrible over the good guy Captain Hammer. How does this change our view of villains?

Teach an Old Artist a New Trick: What’s New?
Moderator: Chaz Kemp, Panel: Robert Hay, Sarah Menzel, Jim Humble
Room of Requirement | Saturday | 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
This may be the only time all of us are in the same place at the same time. Let’s compare what new and exciting art medium/process/technology/thingy we are using and perhaps learn some new tricks.

The Hobbit: 1, 2 and 3 Feature Films?
Quincy J Allen, Ian Brazee-Cannon, Catherine Schimming
Serenity | Saturday | 8:00 PM - 8:50 PM
There’s been plenty of hubbub about The Hobbit not deserving 3 films. Now that the project is finished, where did the new trilogy succeed and fail?

The Muse, The Artist, and Everything
Chaz Kemp, Robert Hay
Creative Corner | Saturday | 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
Where does “The scream” come from, What is the source of “Starry Night”? And what’s up with “Nude Descending a Staircase”? How do we translate the idea into art?

The Silmarillion?
Mike Cervantes, Thomas A Fowler, Andrew Hallam
Serenity | Saturday | 7:00 PM - 7:50 PM
There’s only one major Tolkien work left. Could we see someone turn The Silmarillion into a made-for-TV blockbuster? Should we?
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Time for a Female Who
Aaron Michael Ritchey, Josh Vogt
Red Keep | Saturday | 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
The Mistress / Master is a living legend already. When will we see our favorite Timelord as a female? Who will play Who and what will the impact be to Whovians (and the media) across the world?

To Self Pub or Not: Is It Really Easy?
Paul Lell, TL Morganfield, Aaron Michael Ritchey
Serenity | Saturday | 5:00 PM - 5:50 PM
What does it take to transform your beloved manuscript from standard manuscript format to print and eBooks formats and get it out there for purchase?

Tolkien’s Influence on Art and Imagination
Andrew Hallam
The Shire | Saturday | 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM
How and why has Tolkien become an inspiration for artists and fans alike? Audience participation encouraged.

Trials and Triumphs of Short Fiction
David Boop, Julie Campbell, Tonya De Marco
Helm’s Deep | Sunday | 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Discuss what it’s like to work the short fiction market, from getting into Gratis Anthologies all the way up to Pro sales. How do you climb that ladder, and what’s the fastest route into the big leagues?

Trope If You Want To
Vivian Trask, Mike Cervantes, Jason Kent, Josh Vogt
Red Keep | Sunday | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
You know that story you want to write about pirates? How about that one about aliens? Superheroes? Wizards? Secret agents? Just because a genre has already been beaten to death doesn’t mean you can’t bring something unique to it.

Twin Peaks
Aaron Michael Ritchey, Alex Wilder
Helm’s Deep | Saturday | 11:00 PM - 11:50 PM
After over twenty-five years in the Black Lodge, Season 3 of Twin Peaks is in production. Enjoy this lively discussion of this surreal masterpiece, its cultural significance and reasons for its enduring appeal.

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Unsung Heroines of Fandom
Kathryn Renta, Jeanne Stein, Tonya De Marco, Raine Gior-gio
Red Keep | Saturday | 5:00 PM - 5:50 PM
With Professor McGonagall as a starting point, who are some of the great unsung heroines and villainesses of fandom?
When They Tell You You’re Too Old or Too Young
Jessica Brawner, Sam Knight
Red Keep  |  Sunday  |  9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
There is YA literature that many consider to have topics beyond a YA audience (Hunger Games, Twilight), but does this mean they aren’t for adult readers? What’s the judgment and do we care?

Who’s Your Favorite Pony?
Vivian Trask
The Shire  |  Sunday  |  10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
Everypony loves My Little Pony but who do you love best? Spend an hour talking cutie marks, tall tails and who’s who with friends!

Who’s Your Favorite Who?
Peter J Wacks
Serenity  |  Friday  |  7:00 PM - 7:50 PM
Just like it sounds. With 12 (or 13) to choose from, who is your favorite and why?

Why Are My Best Ideas the Ones That Never Sell?
Moderator: Peri Charlifu, Panel: Robert Hay, Becca Hey
Room of Requirement  |  Saturday  |  12:00 PM - 12:50 PM
It’s hard to predict the collective mind of the general public. How do you stay creative in a market you have to please? Predicting the next great piece of art!

Why Do We Go Gaga Over Firefly
Quincy J Allen, Chaz Kemp, Aaron Michael Ritchey
Helm’s Deep  |  Friday  |  9:00 PM - 9:50 PM
Why have so many of us lost our minds over the show and its demise? What was the allure and why won’t we let them take the sky from us?

Why Firefly Was Cut Short & Why We Want it Back
Keith DeCandido, Paul Lell, Thomas A Fowler
Gallifrey  |  Sunday  |  1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
An entire generation of geektom is scratching their heads about the end of Firefly. Why was it cut short and how can fandom prevent the best from getting chopped by studio execs?

Wonderflex and Worbla
Erin Card
Gallifrey  |  Saturday  |  10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
We’ll share tips and techniques for getting started using materials to create futuristic and fantastical costume parts with time for hands-on experimentation. By the time you leave, you’ll realize creating epic armor isn’t as scary as it seems.

Writing the Supernatural
Mario Acevedo, David Boop, Keith DeCandido, Guy Anthony De Marco
Serenity  |  Sunday  |  10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
How can we make tropes like ghosts, vampires, and werewolves appeal to audiences who have had their fill? What constitutes writing about the supernatural and what can authors do to pep up the characters and brighten up the tropes?

Writing Unforgettable Characters
Stant Litore
Helm’s Deep  |  Saturday  |  10:00 AM - 11:50 AM
Based on Stant Litore’s handbook for writers, this intensive, two-hour class will lead you through provocative questions: What really attracts readers to a fictional character? How do you discover -- and uncover -- your character’s history and personality in ways that build tension and suspense in your story? How do you write unforgettable characters?

You Think You’re a Fan? Trivia Quiz
Peri Charlifu, Lee Moody
Room of Requirement  |  Friday  |  8:00 PM - 9:50 PM
Join Peri Charlifu and Lee Moody as they put you through the ringer, testing your knowledge of various fandoms in all its various forms. Compete with other self-proclaimed fans for prizes and the chance to show them who the real fan is! As seen at MileHiCon and COSine!

Wizards Yule Ball in the Fall - Main Event
Brian Ross
Gallifrey  |  Friday  |  9:00 PM - 10:50 PM
Brian Ross of Draco and the Malfoys plays music from Draco’s point of view while we dream of cooler weather. Dress up in your finest dress robes and represent your house or alignment in your favorite colors. Friendly to all ages of witches and wizards.
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