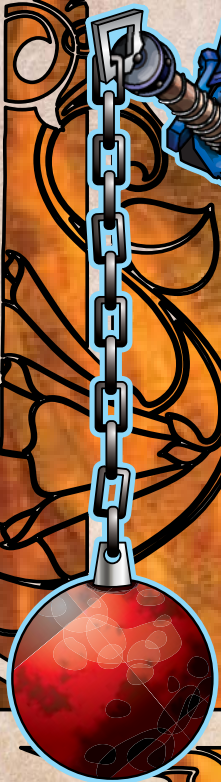
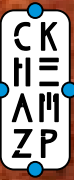


Myths and Legends Con 2016



August 12 - 14, 2016  
Ramada Plaza Denver North



# 2016 GUESTS OF HONOR



## JIM BUTCHER - FEATURED GUEST

MALcon is excited to welcome Jim Butcher as our 2016 Featured Guest!

Jim Butcher is the author of the **Dresden Files**, the **Codex Alera**, and a new steampunk series, the **Cinder Spires**. His resume includes a laundry list of skills which were useful a couple of centuries ago, and he plays guitar quite badly. An avid gamer, he plays tabletop games in varying systems, a variety of video games on PC and console, and LARPs whenever he can make time for it. Jim currently resides mostly inside his own head, but his head can generally be found in his home town of Independence, Missouri.

## THE DOUBLECLICKS MUSICAL GUEST OF HONOR



The Doubleclicks (Angela Webber and Aubrey Webber) are a nationally-touring, Billboard charting nerd band with a cello, a meowing cat keyboard, and songs about dinosaurs, Cats & Netflix, space and Dungeons and Dragons.

Their YouTube videos boast over 2 million views and have been featured on BoingBoing, Kotaku, the Huffington Post, and on NPR shows "Live Wire" "All Things Acoustic" and "State of Wonder." Find out more at <http://thedoubleclicks.com>.

## SEAN PATRICK FANNON - SPECIAL GUEST

Sean Patrick Fannon - Brand Manager and Lead Writer/Designer for the Savage Rifts - has been involved in tabletop RPGs, computer games, and entertainment for over a quarter-century. His projects have included Star Wars RPGs; various World of Darkness books; and the Savage Worlds Epic High Fantasy setting, Shaintar.



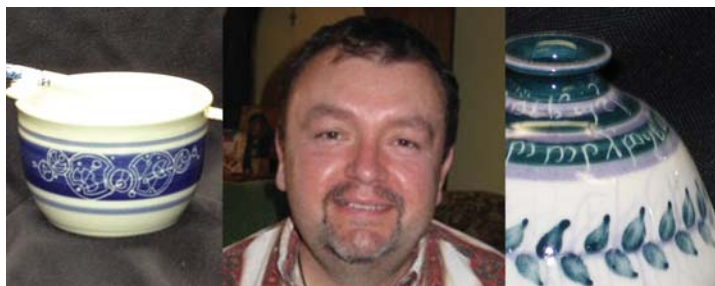
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## PERI CHARLIFU ARTIST GUEST OF HONOR

Although an accomplished and proficient graphic artist, Peri's first love is pottery. He is highly skilled in both Wheel thrown and hand-built work. He mixes all his own stains and glazes, and has developed an underglaze technique that he uses in 90% of the items he produces.

Peri teaches workshops and seminars in Pottery, sculpture and theory on a regular basis. He is Guild master for Art and Artisans and a founding member of the Stoneleaf potters guild.



## S.J. TUCKER - SPECIAL GUEST

S.J. Tucker came flying out of the Memphis music scene in 2004, guitar in hand and voice at the ready, and her feet have hardly hit the ground since. The varied elements of jazz, folk, blues, rock, goth-industrial and fairytales join forces and strike out for home in her storyteller's playful fusion of styles.



[www.sjtucker.com](http://www.sjtucker.com)

# WELCOME

## Myths and Legends Con

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### Letter from the Organizer

This year our theme is warriors - Paladins like Michael Carpenter and Brienne of Tarth. People who live in a world of greys and can see the light.

There's been a lot of discussion about specific groups versus all people. It would be wonderful if we didn't have to have these conversations because everyone was treated equally, but that's not the world we live in. I can go to places of my fandoms and see people who look like me. I feel represented by what I see. Not everyone has that inclusive experience and that's not right. I've said it before that our MALCon community can do amazing things. Together we can create a community where everyone sees they are welcome.

Previously I wrote about living our dreams, the love we have for our fandoms, and the magical power of imagining. Today, let's talk about hope. I believe in hope, a hope for a better future for all people in our fandoms. I trust we can provide better representation and more inclusion for fans who feel left out. We may not be able to see things as clearly as Michael or Brienne, but we can try. We can do. Individually we may be small but together we are mighty. Let's do amazing things. Let's be warriors.

"The building was on fire, and it wasn't my fault."  
- Dresden Files

Wait, I meant...

"Hope is a force of nature. Don't let anyone tell you different."  
- Dresden Files

*Nikki Ebright, Convention Organizer*

Convention Hours	Registration Hours	Vendor Room Hours	Knitting Circle
Friday: 5:00 PM - Midnight	Friday: 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Friday: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Convention hours: Drop in for some time with your needles. Knit, crochet, and newbies welcome.
Saturday: 9:00 AM - Midnight	Saturday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Saturday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	
Sunday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Sunday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## SAFE SPACE POLICY & ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

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 all people regardless of gender, gender presentation, pronoun choice, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, age, or affiliation.

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.

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 to report the situation, or email [harassment@malcondenver.org](mailto:harassment@malcondenver.org).

## CLOTHING & 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, which are always in effect:

Keep it PG: This is a family-friendly convention, and we want to maintain the goodwill of the hotel, so please keep your bits covered.

Be nice to strangers and to your friends.

No real weapons (including, but not limited to firearms), even if you have a permit or a license.

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 with the Blue Beetle, get into the Tardis, walk the hallowed halls of Hogwarts, cruise the 'Verse with the shiniest of rogues, and many more. Brought you by DH-P/FX and benefiting the Make-A-Wish Colorado (through voluntary donations), Green Screen Adventures is a returning feature of MALCon we hope you will enjoy.

## Silent Auction

Bid in the silent auction and ensure a shiny future for all of us. All proceeds benefit Shiny Garden, a new nonprofit created specifically to ensure all fans have a safe place to meet, share their interests, and connect with each other.

## Art Show

**Friday 5-9pm | Saturday 10am-8pm | Sunday 10am-2pm**

The Myths and Legends Art Show is returning for 2016! Located in the vendor room, the art show will showcase pieces in a variety of media from local artists. These pieces will be available to bid on or buy outright, depending on your level of patience!

## Food & Drink

Stop by Registration for a list of local restaurant offering specials and coupons for MALCon attendees.

## MALCon 2017

Pre-register for 2017 for just \$15! Visit Registration or go to [malcondenver2017.brownpapertickets.com](http://malcondenver2017.brownpapertickets.com). Everyone who pre-registers will get a full color collectable weekend badge!

# GAMES & RPG SESSIONS

## Faerie Treasure Game

The popular trading game returns! Pick up a bag or three at registration, and then follow these rules:

Dig through your new magical trinkets and decide what to keep and what to trade away (this may be an ongoing decision). Want more to trade? Purchase more Faerie bags at Registration throughout the weekend (while supplies last).

Find other collectors and trade treasures with them to gather up the best collection of sparklies.

Barter, bargain, tinker and trade to gather up the best collection of your chosen item or items.

Visit the Faeries at 3 pm on Sunday to trade your treasures for prizes to benefit the game!

## D&D Adventure League

Dungeons & Dragons Adventure League can be found in the Gaming Room. See separate gaming schedule for details.

## AVATAR: THE LAST AIRBENDER INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

Join Sifu Kisu and Sifu Manny for interactive demonstrations of the martial arts styles and techniques used by your favorite characters from Avatar: The Last Airbender.

### SIFU KISU - MARTIAL ARTIST

Sifu Kisu was the fighting instructor and consultant for the Avatar: The Last Airbender. He used his extensive knowledge and experience in various forms of martial arts to bring authenticity and real-world actions to the various bending styles used by the characters and nations in the show.



### SIFU MANNY - MARTIAL ARTIST

Manuel Rodriguez, known as Sifu Manny, is one of the world's only masters of the rare martial arts form known as Chu Gar Southern Praying Mantis. He was the martial arts coordinator for Toph Beifong on Avatar: The Last Airbender, whose moves were based on Sifu Manny's Chu Gar form.



## Play to Win Games

Come play games that have been donated for attendees to take home! For each of the Play To Win games, you play the game, and let a Gaming Room volunteer know. You'll be entered into a drawing to win that game!

You can enter as many times as you like, and you can enter to win as many games as you like.

The drawing will take place on Sunday afternoon in the gaming room. You do not need to be present to win, however make sure we have your contact information if you will not be at the drawing.

Check out the Gaming Room to see what titles are available and have fun!

## Savage Rifts

Sean Patrick Fannon will be running two Savage Rifts RPG sessions this weekend. See separate gaming schedule for details.

*Thank You*  
to Our Sponsors

### Police Phone Box Sponsor

*Brian & Elaine Ziman*

### Castle Black Sponsor

*Sandra Wheeler*

### White Tree of Gondor Sponsors

*The Astral Scribe  
Kimberlee Maclean*

### Serenity's Compression Coil Sponsors

*Time Well Spent Games  
Shep's Games  
Stephanie Slater*

# PANELISTS (ALPHABETIAL)

## AARON MICHAEL RITCHEY - AUTHOR



Aaron Michael Ritchey is the author of four young adult novels and his short fiction has appeared in various anthologies and online magazines. Dandelion Iron, the first book in his epic YA sci-fi western series, The Juniper Wars, is available now through WordFire Press. Aaron, his wife, and two stormy daughters live in Colorado.

## AARON SPRIGGS - AUTHOR



Scientist by day, rock star by night.

"I'm the poor man's Buckaroo Banzai. I go to Burning Man every summer and usually get time to go on tour with the band. I've worked at Superfund Sites as well as natural history museums."

## AMITY GREEN - AUTHOR



Amity Green is an award-winning author of urban fantasy novels and horror stories. Her debut novel, SCALES, was published in 2013, and her short stories appear in numerous anthologies. A Colorado native, Amity resides Manitou Springs, where she is currently working on book 2 of her FATE and FIRE TRILOGY.

## CAROLYN KAY - AUTHOR



Carolyn Kay is a fae changeling struggling to make it in the mortal realms as a meager scientist and writer. Her stories often involve the inanimate, which only she seems able to see as living, breathing creatures.

You can catch up on her shenanigans at: [bewitchinghips.com](http://bewitchinghips.com).

## 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



Chaz Kemp is an Art Nouveau illustrator specializing in Steampunk, Fantasy & Sci-Fi.

He's also a drummer, singer and Art Muppet Supreme!!!! You should check out his tarot deck too...

## CHRISTOPHER KATAVA - AUTHOR



Christopher Katava, author of Rise of First World, grew up near a magical stream which provided him with a deep appreciation for nature and animals. When not writing, Christopher gives education tours at a wild animal park where he shares the threats the Big Cats face all around the world.

## ENEASZ BRODSKI - AUTHOR



Podcaster and upcoming author, with short stories published in Asimov's and Analog magazines.

## ERIN CARD - COSTUMER & COSPLAYER



Erin Card is a designer - couture fashion, costume, theatre. Her costume, textile and fashion designs stem for her love of everything sci-fi, fantasy and tech. She works mostly in replica costumes as loves the challenge of analyzing how professional designers put things together with much more sophisticated equipment.

## GREY HAVENS YA

Grey Havens YA is the young adult chapter of The Grey Havens Group, Inc., a fandom based nonprofit that promotes literacy, imagination, community, inclusion.



# PANELISTS

## IAN BRAZEE-CANNON - AUTHOR



Ian Brazee-Cannon a writer, film maker, game designer, podcaster. His short stories have been in The Fifth Di..., Wondrous Web Worlds, Forgotten Worlds, and various anthologies. Ian has worked on the Ephemeris RPG. He is active with the Amateur Skeptics podcast. Ian has worked on several short films with Ijin Studios.

## IAN THOMAS HEALY - AUTHOR



Ian Thomas Healy is an author of superhero and speculative fiction and the creator of the Just Cause Universe of superhero novels. His publishing company, Local Hero Press, focuses upon high-quality crossgenre speculative fiction.

## J.A. CAMPBELL - AUTHOR



When Julie is not writing, she's often out riding horses in the Colorado mountains, or with her dogs, Bran and Kira. She's the author of many Ghost-Hunting Dog stories and other YA and Adult books. She belongs to the Horror Writers Association and the Dog Writers of America Association. Find out more at [www.writerjacampbell.com](http://www.writerjacampbell.com).

## JAMES HUMBLE - ARTIST



James Humble lives in Colorado and attends or mails artwork to shows across the country. He paints mostly digitally and sculpts in clay. James' art is mythically themed and was heavily influenced by a three year stay in Europe. You can see his work online at: [www.humblestudios.com](http://www.humblestudios.com)

## JAN SCOTT-FRAZIER



Jan is a public speaker, storyteller, multi-media artist, and art/creativity educator who has been an invited industry guest speaker at over 250 anime, sci-fi, and comics conventions. She is Executive Director and Founder of non-profit Voices For and does education and outreach for the LGBTQI community.

## JASON EVANS - AUTHOR



Jason Evans is an educator, writer and a bon vivant. He is Editor-in-Chief of Man-Gazine, an online portal for all things manly. Jason holds two bachelor degrees (History & Renaissance studies) and a Master's degree in History. Jason teaches courses for Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers, and is finishing his first novel.

## KAL SPRIGGS - AUTHOR



Kal Spriggs is a science fiction and fantasy author. He currently has four series in print. Kal is a US Army combat veteran who has been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. He lives in Colorado, and is married to his wonderful wife and also shares his home with his infant son, two feline overlords, and a rather put-upon dog.

## KATHRYN S. RENTA- ARTIST



Kathryn S. Renta is an award winning artist with 15+ years as a graphic artist and illustrator. Her work includes over a decade of lettering comics for Viz Media, Dark Horse Comics, and DC Comics. Now she devotes her creative energy to designing and illustrating book covers. You can find her at [latchkeyartist.com](http://latchkeyartist.com).

## KEITH R.A. DECANDIDO - AUTHOR



Keith wrote the Serenity novelization, several Supernatural novels, and multiple Doctor Who stories. Other work includes: Star Trek: The Klingon Art of War; short fiction collections Ragnarok and Roll and Without a License, and more that he'll happily tell you about. Find out less at his cheerfully retro web site: [DeCandido.net](http://DeCandido.net).

## KITTY KRELL - COSTUMER & COSPLAYER



Seamstress, cosplayer, fangirl, feminist.

# PANELISTS

## L.J. HACHMEISTER - AUTHOR



Author LJ Hachmeister writes and fights—though she tries to avoid doing them at the same time. The WEKAF world champion stick-fighter is best known in the literary world for her epic science fiction series, *Triorion*—and her equally epic love of sweets.

Connect with her at: [www.triorion.com](http://www.triorion.com)

## LOU J. 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. He's mostly been published in Mike Resnick's *GALAXY'S EDGE* magazine, but also has stories in various anthologies.

His website is: [www.LouJBerger.com](http://www.LouJBerger.com).

## MIKE CERVANTES - AUTHOR



Mike Cervantes is a humorist, cartoonist, steampunk enthusiast, regular contributor to Denver's local steampunk convention, AnomalyCon. He writes and publishes stories featuring his steampunk hero characters "The Scarlet Derby and Midnight Jay" regularly on his website, [TheScarletDerby.com](http://TheScarletDerby.com).

## PAMELA M. NIHISER - AUTHOR



Pamela M. Nihiser is a horror/scifi author based in Colorado Springs. She's the author of, "Bathory's Vanity, Jim the Food Stamp Zombie" and many other short stories. When she's not writing she's singing and playing piano with the band "Yresim."

## PAUL LELL - AUTHOR



Sci-fi/Fantasy author Paul Lell currently residing in Westminster, Colorado with his family; a wife, two sons, a giant dog, and two equally giant cats, Paul writes daily, reads everything he can, and works on refining his stories, and games at all hours. Paul has 8 novels, numerous short stories, and 2 going on 3 RPGs in print today.

## QUINCY J. ALLEN - AUTHOR



Quincy J. Allen has been published in multiple anthologies and magazines. Known for his critically-acclaimed cross-genre short story collection, *Out Through the Attic*, and his novel *Chemical Burn*, Quincy released the second book of his epic western steampunk fantasy series *The Bloodwar Chronicles* earlier this year.

## RICHARD FRIESEN - AUTHOR



Richard Friesen is the author of *The Dreaming King Saga*. The first book, *The Tower of Dreams*, is available now. The second book, *Oathbound Sisters*, will be available before August. He also has several short stories available online.

## SCOTT BECKMAN - AUTHOR



Scott Beckman is the self-published author of the high fantasy epics *Wings of the Sathakos* and *Pantheon*. He is a native of Denver and a digital marketer by trade.

## SAM KNIGHT - AUTHOR



Part of the WordFire Press Production Team, Sam Knight is Senior Editor for Villainous Press and author of two novels, four children's books, three short story collections, and more than a dozen short stories, including a Novella co-authored with Kevin J. Anderson. He can be found at [SamKnight.com](http://SamKnight.com) and [Sam@samknight.com](mailto:Sam@samknight.com).

## STACE JOHNSON



Stace Johnson is a Colorado writer, musician, and IT guy. He has published poetry in *cream city review* and *Tales of the Talisman*, and won an Apex Book Company poetry contest in 2013. He has also written numerous non-fiction articles for computing magazines. For information, please visit [www.lytspeedconsulting.com](http://www.lytspeedconsulting.com).



# PANELISTS

## STANT LITORE - AUTHOR



Stant Litore has published five volumes of *The Zombie Bible*, which retell biblical history as encounters with the restless dead. His debut novel was the #2 horror bestseller on Amazon Kindle in Dec. 2011. His second novel won second place in the 2012 eFestival of Words Best of the Independent eBook Awards, Horror.

## TOMAS O'DREAMS & NISSA LEFETE



Tomas, now with his faerie friend and fellow storyteller Nissa LaFete, travels the human realms again. They share their knowledge of the faerie and myths of old to any who will listen – Come enjoy a unique storytelling experience for all ages.

## TAWNY FRITZ - ARTIST



Tawny Fritz is a local fantasy RPG illustrator who has worked on properties such as *Lord of the Rings*, *Game of Thrones*, and *Pathfinder RPG*.

## TRAVIS HEERMANN - AUTHOR



Freelance writer, novelist, editor, Travis Heermann is the author of seven novels, including *Death Wind* (with Jim Pinto) and *The Ronin Trilogy*, plus short fiction in *Apex Magazine*, *Alembical*, and others. His freelance work includes contributions to the *Firefly Roleplaying Game*, *Battletech*, *Legend of Five Rings*, and *EVE Online*.

## THOMAS A. FOWLER - AUTHOR



Thomas A. Fowler is the author of nerdy things. He's written a motion picture, theatrical plays, had a few short stories published, and is the author of *The Writer's Conquest: Establish a Brand*. The book brings his marketing expertise as a Content Creator in advertising to the writing world. [ThomasAFowler.com](http://ThomasAFowler.com)

## VAN AARON HUGHES - AUTHOR



Van Aaron Hughes was a winner in the *Writers of the Future Contest* and is a *SFWA* member. His stories have appeared in *F&SF*, *IGMS*, *NewMyths*, among others. He is the father of three amazing children. He practices law during the day and has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court.

## TONYA L. 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 20+ years of sewing experience, including design and sewing costumes for school plays and local theater. Visit her at <http://GuyAndTonya.com>.

## VERONICA CALISTO - AUTHOR



Masseur of people and plot lines. Singer of songs inside her own head. Author of *Diary of a Mad Black Witch* and the first in the upcoming *SparkleTits Chronicals: Starfish & Coffee*.

## ALSO APPEARING:

ANDREW HALLMAN

BRYAN & BAXTER

COURTNEY FARRELL

DAME URSULA WHIFFENPOTT

DELACE MUNGER

EMILY GODHAND

ERIN CARD

JACOB MAYFIELD

JOSHUA SAMMONS

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KIMBERLY KENNEDY

RICHARD MALENA

SARIN TATRROE

TANYA HIXON

TESSA VONHILSHEIMER

# VENDORS

## **2 Wyrd Sisters & Chronoboard**

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.

## **8-Bit Body Scrub**

8-Bit Body is a collection of organic scrubs with a nerdy twist. Each scrub is made with a nerdy theme in mind, ranging from movies to TV shows to games.

## **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.

## **Black Becomes Her**

Black Becomes Her integrates cameos into jewelry and accessories with Gothic, Victorian, Steampunk, and Fantasy stylings.

## **Blue Jasmine Studios**

Blue Jasmine Studios / Whimsical Whiskers creates unique, one of kind handmade stuffed animals. Cats, dragons, and other lovable creatures are locally made with care. Themed quilts, home decor items, baby gifts and bow ties, too! Commissions welcome.

## **Brannan Bath Soaps**

All natural homemade bath products, including soap, bath salts, sugar scrubs, bath bombs and body butter.

## **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.

## **Clockwork Dragon**

Clockwork Dragon offers curious fantasy and science fiction books for eclectic minds.

## **Danea Fidler Illustrations**

Four eyed creatures, bird like mammals, and carnivorous monsters are found roaming the spectacular realms of Danea Fidler's mind.

## **Dozing Gnome**

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.

## **Frontier Millinery (prev. Alli Cat Crafts)**

Frontier Millinery offers handcrafted hats and small accessories from professional milliner Allison Lyndes.

## **Jeremy Aaron Moore – Illustrator**

Jeremy's illustrations and paintings depict impressions of the imagination. His narratives are heavily influenced by science fiction, fantasy, and sub pop culture -especially within fashion and music.

## **Lady Godiva Designs**

Costumes, corsets, cosplay, gifts, and jewelry.

## **Lost Marbles Leatherwork**

Leather goods (mugs, bracers, wallets, jewelry, bags, patches).

## **Mad Tatter**

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

## **Midnight Fox Leather**

Leather goods (mugs, bracers, wallets, jewelry, bags, patches).

## **Nifty Nerdy Knits**

Knitted items.

## **Out in Colorado Writers**

Out In Colorado Writers is a group of Colorado-based authors of GLBT fiction. They began when Marie looked around one day and realized there were nearly a dozen authors of gay romance living in her home state.

## **PropFunk & Foxy Funk Designs**

Propfunk started in June 2013 and brings to life items from galaxies far away, brooding gothic cities, and mutant rated accessories. His work has been featured in Game Informer Online and he has done custom work for costumers across the globe.

## **Psychic Healers of Avalon**

Psychic Healers of Avalon is a new psychic business located in Broomfield, Colorado, and contains healers who perform tarot, rune, and other psychic readings, as well as Reiki sessions.

## **Redthreaded**

Redthreaded is a costume and fashion business specializing in historically inspired costumes, corsetry, and the occasional avant-garde.

# VENDORS

## 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.

## Semper Fi Design

Semper Fi Design features handcrafted jewelry, specializing in unique glass bead woven and beadwork pieces.

## Stray Wolf Studios

Her background in biology and animal sciences has contributed to her fantasy illustration career where she specializes in creature design.

## The Astral Scribe

Books and art.

## 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.

## Wings, Charms, and Things

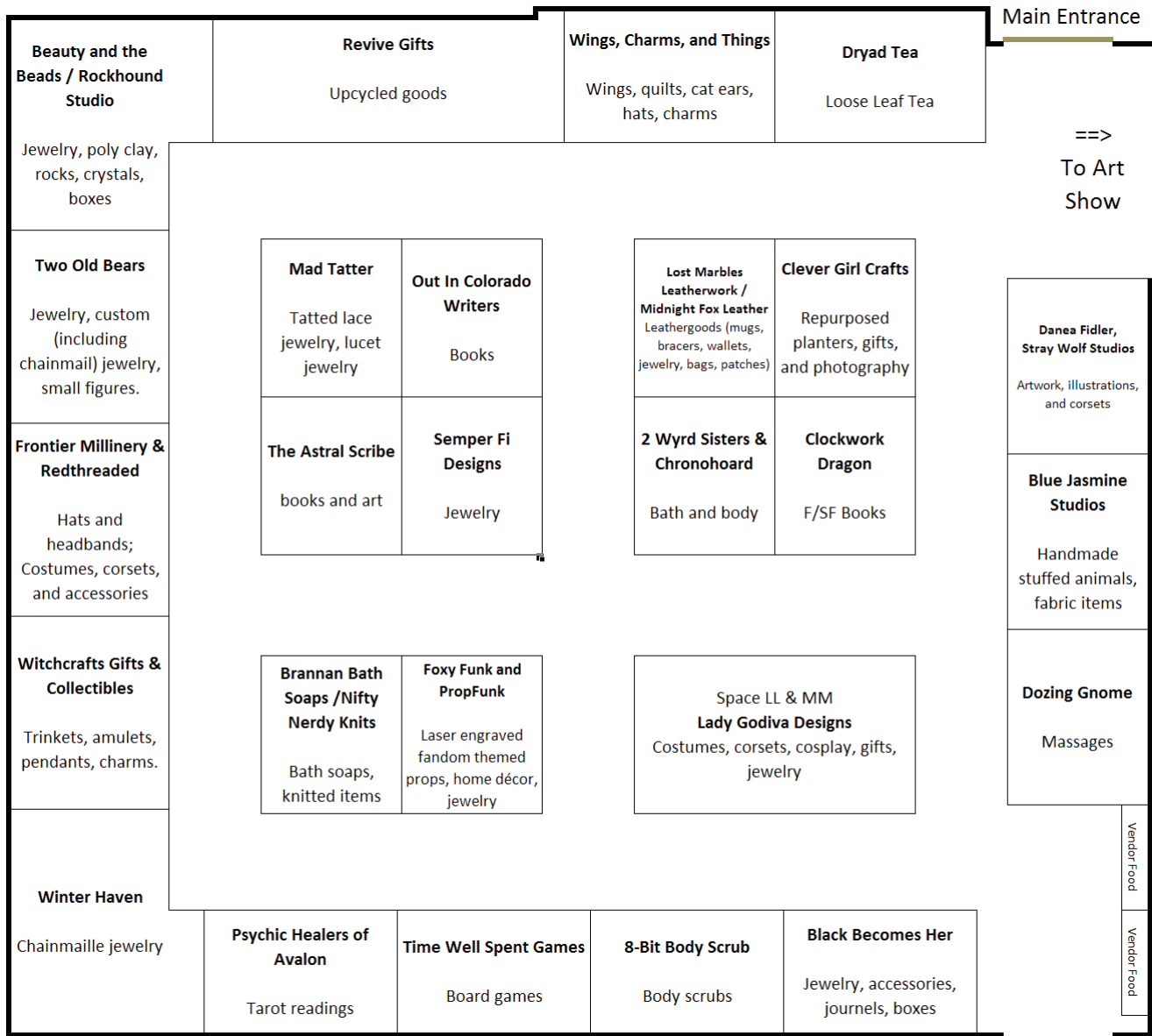
Wings, Charms, and Things better known as Wings CT is run by Yuki and 5th Child. We make and sell all sorts of wings that you can wear, geeky quilts and decorative items, and charms – all kinds of charms to make your own bracelets, necklaces, and more.

## Winterhaven Jewelry

Chainmaille jewelry.

## Witchcrafts Gifts & Collectibles

Trinkets, amulets, pendants, and charms.



Emergency Exit

# SESSIONS & PANELS

## Ask a Paranormal Investigator

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Helms Deep*

**Bryan and Baxter**

Here is your chance to ask the guys with over 25 years of experience any and all questions about paranormal investigation. With Bryan and Baxter from the Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society.

## Age Appropriate Reading: Too Young, Too Old

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**J.A. Campbell, Sam Knight**

We'll discuss two sides of the same coin: in today's market, some YA literature is thought to have topics beyond a YA audience, while others consider adults who read YA to be reading below their level.

## Anansi - Trickster God and Story Teller

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**Aaron Spriggs, Richard Friesen**

Are all writers Anansi incarnate? Anansi is an African god who gives the world all the stories to tell. Writers are telling stories, ergo, are writers extensions of Anansi? Are writers tricksters telling us stories, releasing stories into the world for all to enjoy?

## Author Readings (15 min each)

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Nevernever*

**Jeffrey Cook, Richard Friesen, Van Aaron Hughes**

## Avatar: The Last Airbender Interactive Session

*Friday, 5:00 PM-6:20 PM, McAnallys Pub*

**Manuel Rodriguez, Sifu Kisu**

Discussion and demonstrations of the martial arts forms of Avatar: The Last Airbender. An interactive experience - Sifu Kisu and Sifu Manny will demonstrate and explain some of the differences between the forms used on the show, including Tai Chi, Hung Gar and Chu Gar, Northern Shaolin, and Ba Gua. Questions welcome!

## Avatar: The Last Airbender Demo & Lesson

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, McAnallys Pub*

**Manuel Rodriguez, Sifu Kisu**

Join Sifu Kisu and Sifu Manny from Avatar: The Last Airbender, as they demonstrate some of the martial arts forms used for the show. They will also instruct during this panel and answer questions.

## Better Halves: Spotlighting the Sidekicks

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Serenity*

**Emily Godhand, Lou J Berger, Mike Cervantes, Travis Heermann**

Who are some of the best sidekicks and why do they work so well? What is the role of the sidekick in a story; how to you write them well, give them their moments to shine without upstaging the protagonist, and does a sidekick reflect or augment the protagonist?

## Blanket Forts (adult session)

*Friday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, McAnallys Pub*

*Saturday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, The Shire*

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)

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Kings Landing*

Remember how much fun it was to make forts in the livingroom 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!

## Body Image and Science Fiction & Fantasy

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Nevernever*

**Kimberly Kennedy, Mike Cervantes, Veronica Calisto**

Delve into body image and how Science Fiction and Fantasy have paved the way and also hindered progress. From people of size to people of color, the crew will discuss the past, present and future of body image in film and television.

## Book and Media Tie-Ins

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Catherine Winters, Jacob Mayfield, Keith DeCandido, Quincy J. Allen, Sam Knight**

Authors sometimes get to play in other peoples' sandboxes. Discussion about the freedom and restrictions of being inside someone else's boundaries in books and other media.

## Building & Cultivating Your Creative Community

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Helms Deep*

**J.A. Campbell, Kathryn Renta, Stant Litore, Tawny Fritz**

By finding the right people to surround yourself with, your creative opportunities multiply exponentially and in unexpected ways. Our panelists will talk about the act of finding your community and explain how it has benefited them and their careers.

## Building the Perfect Plot

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Lawrence, KS*

**Lou J Berger, Richard Friesen**

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!

## Catastrophic Seasonal Climates in Game of Thrones

*Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Serenity*

**Stephanie Slater**

If "winter is coming" just when will it arrive? How does the maestre know how to predict the seasons and how long they will last. Modern science knows, do you?

## Chainmaille 101

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Serenity*

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Gallifrey*

**Billy Van Ark**

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!

## SESSIONS & PANELS (CONTINUED)

### Character Focused Storytelling

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Helms Deep*

**Jim Butcher, Lou J Berger, Paul Lell, Richard Friesen**

Theme, action, plot, or character driven; what do these mean, and what does character focused storytelling look like?

### Characters Are Who, Not What

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**Emily Godhand, LJ Hachmeister, Richard Friesen, Scott Beckman**

Our panelists 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: Sequels and Remakes

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Kings Landing*

**Ian Brazee-Cannon, Pamela Pettit, Paul Lell**

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

*Sunday, 4:00 PM-4:30 PM, McAnallys Pub*

**Angela Webber, Aubrey Webber, Jim Butcher, Nikki Ebright, Nissa LaFete, Peri Charlifu, S. J. Tucker, Sean Patrick Fannon, Tomas O'Dreams**

Come recap the weekend, relive the highlights, hear a few closing words from some of our guests, and say goodbye for another.

### Color In

*Friday, 9:00 PM-11:00 PM, Atrium*

Join fellow con-goers for a coloring session in the atrium. Bring papers to color and items to color with or use what's available. Enjoy some quiet coloring time after a long busy day.

### Commission Work: Designing Others' Visions

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Lawrence, KS*

**Kathryn Renta, Sarin Tatroe, Stace Johnson, Tawny Fritz**

Why is it so hard to design for someone else's vision? Why have some of us given up on commission work all together?

### Coping with Character Deaths

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Grey Havens YA**

Do you watch movies and TV shows, or read books, comics, etc, only to have your heart ripped out when your favorite character DIES? If so, then this panel is for you! Bring your own tissues.

### Corsets Q&A: Tightlacing, Waist Training, & Myths

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**Cynthia Settje, Kitty Krell**

This panel will answer any and all questions regarding corsets, materials, fit, construction, what to look for when buying, as well as addressing common myths.

### Costume Contest

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, McAnallys Pub*

**Erin Card, Jan Scott-Frazier**

Join host Erin Card as entrants show off their fabulous and creative costumes and are judged by our panel of special guests.

### Costuming 101

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, The Shire*

**Erin Card, Ian Brazee-Cannon, Kitty Krell, Tonya L. De Marco**

How do you get into costuming and cosplay? How to: decide which cosplay to make, research your project, find or make wigs, props, clothing, armor, etc. and take care of yourself and others while in costume. Great for beginners and those in a rut that need a little push back into the hobby!

### Creating a Writing System

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**J.A. Campbell, Lou J Berger, Sam Knight**

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

*Friday, 5:00 PM-6:20 PM, Kings Landing*

**Aaron Spriggs, Carolyn Kay, Chaz Kemp, Ian Thomas Healy**

Brainstorm a steampunk character that steps outside the normal upper-class British box. Audience participation is welcomed.

### Creating the Anti-Hero

*Friday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Helms Deep*

**Eneasz Brodski, Richard Friesen, Richard Malena**

Discussion group on creating anti-heroes, dark vigilantes, and others with super powers. Aged for 18+

### Critique Groups: Care and Feeding Without Getting Your Hand Bitten

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Christopher Katava, J.A. Campbell, Stace Johnson**

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

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Erin Card, Tonya L. De Marco**

How do you approach a cosplay when the character you love is a different gender or sex? Join our discussion on reasons and techniques for manipulating your own body, or the character's look to fit yours.

## SESSIONS & PANELS (CONTINUED)

### **Describing Sex in YA Literature: Where is the Line?**

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Kings Landing*

**Courtney Farrell, Richard Friesen**

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?

### **Discussing Combat in Science Fiction & Fantasy**

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**Ian Brazee-Cannon, Ian Thomas Healy, Jason Evans, Jim Butcher**

The good, the bad, and the ugly scenes of combat and action in Science Fiction and Fantasy, including the differences between games, movies, and literature. Also a discussion of the morality and emotional impact upon the audience and the characters involved.

### **Diversity in Fandom**

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**Chaz Kemp, Paul Lell, Tonya L. De Marco**

Diversity is a buzzword, but what does it mean practically? How do shows like Supernatural, Doctor Who, and Firefly work toward greater representation?

### **Do You Know Harry Potter?: The Audience Quiz Bowl Game**

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Gallifrey*

**Max Slater**

It's been 15 years since we first met Harry Potter at 4 Privet Drive in Little Whinging, Surrey. Test your memory about Harry's friends, adventures, and spells in this family-friendly, game-show format.

### **Doctor Who Discussion**

*Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Ian Brazee-Cannon**

Who's your favorite Who; are we overdue for a female Who; and what do you think of Peter Capaldi?

### **Draw Off (Art Track)**

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, The Shire*

**Tawny Fritz**

Artists are given a prompt from the audience and a time limit to draw their quick masterpiece. Ready, set, go!

### **Dresden Files Theories**

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Serenity*

**Carolyn Kay, Chaz Kemp**

Who is Mac? Is there more than just a will in Harry's safe deposit box? With all the things Harry has learned so far, what is his final resolution?

### **Electronics in Costumes & Props**

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-1:50 PM, McAnallys Pub*

**Erin Card**

Take your costume or prop to the next level of awesomeness; adding lights, sounds, or moving parts will put you there and beyond. Come see some of the incredible possibilities of costume electronics and the hows and wheres of getting started on your own projects!

### **Epic Rap Battles of Literature!**

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Helms Deep*

**Jason Evans, Thomas A. Fowler**

Two teams go head to head in a rap battle where the topics are Harry Potter, Harry Dresden, Lord of the Rings, and more. Fight!

### **Establish Your Brand**

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**Jim Humble, Peri Charlifu, Scott Beckman, Thomas A. Fowler**

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? Learn how to research the market, develop a strategy, and most importantly, create an actionable advertising plan.

### **Ethics and Art**

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Lawrence, KS*

**Kathryn Renta, Sarin Tatroe, Tawny Fritz**

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!

### **Faery Treasure Bag - Collection Prizes**

*Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Serenity*

**Nissa LaFete, Tomas O'Dreams**

Find out which treasures the Faeries treasure the most! Bring your Faerie Treasures and turn in your collections to win prizes!

### **Fan Art: From Parody to Plagiarism**

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**Chaz Kemp, Jim Humble, Sarin Tatroe**

Imitation is the highest form of flattery, and many new artists carve out their skills by emulating their idols. We'll discuss what's fair game and what's not.

### **Feeding the Beast**

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Paul Lell, Quincy J. Allen**

Creating stories involves a lot of time seeing possibilities when you're not writing, drawing or working on your craft. Where do you find ideas and how to you collect and refine ideas for story-telling.

### **Future of Kaiju**

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Lawrence, KS*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Thomas A. Fowler**

Godzilla, Gamera, King Kong are all returning and the consensus is: Let them fight. How has Godzilla endured over 60 years onscreen? The audience is encouraged to provide their hopes for the future of movie monsters, and concerns for the upcoming installments.

### **Game Of Thrones: The TV Show Beyond the Books**

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Helms Deep*

**Jacob Mayfield, Tawny Fritz, Van Aaron Hughes**

While TV show creators say they're still following major plot points from GRRM, they've deviated and condensed a lot. A general, audience-involved discussion by GoT lovers for GoT lovers to gossip about where the books and the series are heading.

## SESSIONS & PANELS (CONTINUED)

### Games and Fandom Tie Ins

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Nevernever*

**Sean Patrick Fannon**

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.

### Geek Crafts

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, The Shire*

**Billy Van Ark**

The panelists discuss what geeky crafts they have made and how they made them, like Jayne hats, stuffed TARDISEs, and chainmaille shirts. Please bring things you've made to share with everyone!

### Gender Challenges and Tropes

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Serenity*

**Tawny Fritz**

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? What are the solutions for Cons and media venues alike?

### Gentle Suggestion: A Thoughtful Art Critique

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Nevernever*

**Jim Humble, Peri Charlifu**

A rare chance 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!

### Get'r done: Fighting the Day Job

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Helms Deep*

**J.A. Campbell, Kal Spriggs, Kimberly Kennedy**

How do writers and artists do it? The running joke about being starving artists isn't a joke. Finding time to create and still have a day job, family, and manage to pay the bills while creating your art.

### GMing 101

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, The Shire*

**Sean Patrick Fannon**

Do you want to run a roleplaying game? Does that book of rules look too intimidating? What really goes on behind the GM screen when the snacks have run out and the players have gone home?

### God Made the Devil Too: Villians

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Ian Brazee-Cannon, Mike Cervantes, Pamela Pettit,**

**Richard Malena**

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.

### Going Down the Research Rabbit Hole

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Helms Deep*

**Lou J Berger, Quincy J. Allen, Travis Heermann**

Researching for a story or novel can be a Wonderland rabbit hole with no bottom. New writers often ask, How much research is enough? When should I stop? Should I stop at all?

### Going with the Flow

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Amity Green**

Finding inspiration and balancing your job as a writer with your mundane job. Finding time to write when you have a family.

### Gosh Darn Fiasco!

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-5:00 PM, McAnallys Pub*

**Angela Webber, Aubrey Webber, Jim Butcher, Richard Malena**

Come watch Aubrey and Angela of The Doubleclicks (2016's Musical Guests of Honor) play the crazy RPG game of Fiasco with a few other special guests.

### Great Women Authors of the Past

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, The Shire*

**Keith DeCandido, Van Aaron Hughes**

Our panelists will delve into the past for great female authors, some you may know and love and some who may be new to you.

### Greatest Godzilla Movie

*Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Helms Deep*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Kathryn Renta, Thomas A. Fowler**

32 will enter, 1 will win. Since 1954, Godzilla has adorned movie theaters and endured the longest living franchise in cinema history. Which deserves the accolade of the greatest Godzilla of all time?

### Grey Havens YA on Youth in Fandom Culture

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Grey Havens YA**

The young geeks and nerds of Grey Havens YA meet once a week to discuss young adult science fiction and fantasy, work on creative projects, and talk about growing up around muggles. Meet the group's founders and charter members.

### Grimm After Dark

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Nissa LaFete, Tomas O'Dreams**

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 vs Harry Debate

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**Brian Ziman**

Potter versus Dresden, a debate. Two teams, each willing to defend their Harry, in topics such as better sidekicks, better use of magic, worse childhood, and toughest opponent.

### Heroes and Monsters: What Separates the Two?

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, The Shire*

**Paul Lell, Stace Johnson, Tonya L. De Marco**

There are figures who straddle the lines, being both monstrous and heroic. What separates the two? Is monstrousness something characters are born to or do they have a choice?

## SESSIONS & PANELS (CONTINUED)

### Historical Influences on Game of Thrones

Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Lawrence, KS

**Jason Evans**

GRRM has acknowledged a relationship between GOT 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 will end from European history?

### Hogwarts O.W.L. Astronomy Test Prep-Class

Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, The Shire

**Dr. Tim Slater**

Astronomy is a core subject taught at Hogwarts, and if you skipped class to head over to Hogsmead, you'll definitely need to attend this refresher test-prep class to get ready for OWLs.

### Hollywood and the Comic Book Industry

Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Serenity

**Chaz Kemp, Mike Cervantes**

Notice how many comic books are being made into movies these days? What's up with that? It doesn't only go one way as evidenced by the Firefly graphic novels giving fans a new way to stay in a most beloved universe.

### How Much Weird Could a Weird-Western Go if a Weird Western Could Go Weird?

Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Serenity

**Kevin Frost, Sam Knight, Travis Heermann**

Take a look at the speculative elements that go into all the flavors of weird western. What is the appeal? How much is too much?

### How Not to Get Published

Saturday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Helms Deep

**J.A. Campbell, Jim Butcher, Keith DeCandido, Sam Knight**

What are the pitfalls involved in 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 be a Psychic

Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Nevernever

**Karen Stollznaw**

Dr. Karen Stollznaw demonstrates the common techniques and tricks used by both psychics and mentalists. An interesting look at the other side of the coin.

### How to Kill Your Best Friends (& Get Away With It)

Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Lawrence, KS

**Kal Spriggs, Scott Beckman**

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 Write Circular Gallifreyan

Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Nevernever

**Billy Van Ark**

Come learn how to write like a Time Lord using the fan-created Circular Gallifreyan.

### Humor in the Modern Action Story

Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, The Shire

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Kal Spriggs, Mike Cervantes**

From Jackie Chan and Axel Foley to the hard-hitting and explosive antics of anime, why do so many writers (and directors) mash up wise-acres and violence?

### I Wrote Something! Now What?

Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Lawrence, KS

**Catherine Winters**

Writing isn't the only skill a writer needs in this day and age. We need to understand business, presentation, and sales. Once that book is ready to sell, how do you get the word out?

### Incorporating Familiar Yet Larger than Life Characters into Fictional Worlds

Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Helms Deep

**Stace Johnson, Tonya L. De Marco**

Writing fictional worlds means creating characters and situations to keep the reader engaged, but where is the balance? How to make larger-than-life characters that are relatable yet interesting.

### Insects in Mythology

Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, The Shire

**Aaron Spriggs, Veronica Calisto**

There are more than just scarab beetles in mythology. Lets explore other insects and critters of the outside world found in myths.

### Inside Middle Earth

Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, The Shire

**Andrew Hallam, Brian Ziman, DeLace Munger, Joshua Sammons**

Dig deep into the details of the books by JRR Tolkien, including the ever asked question about why the eagles didn't just fly the Hobbits to Mt. Doom.

### Is Digital Art Cheating?

Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, The Shire

**Chaz Kemp, Jim Humble, Kathryn Renta, Sarin Tatroe**

The trend in art seems to be moving to the digital medium. Is push-button art cheating, or is there more to it? Can a monkey do digital art, or does it still take skill, knowledge, and creativity?

### Is It True You Always Have Story Ideas?

Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Kings Landing

**Carolyn Kay, Kimberly Kennedy, Sam Knight**

Panelists quickly create a story based on audience suggestions.

### It Ain't the Writing, It's the Rewriting: The Power of Revision

Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Kings Landing

**Ian Thomas Healy, Jim Butcher, Travis Heermann**

Few first drafts are gold dripped upon the page, so how do we make them so?



## SESSIONS & PANELS (CONTINUED)

### **It's Alive!**

*Friday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**Amity Green, Quincy J. Allen, Veronica Calisto**

Bringing fantastical creatures to life in your urban fantasy story. What are some challenges, and how do you match the fantasy with the more real urban setting?

### **Jim Butcher Q & A**

*Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, McAnallys Pub*

**Jim Butcher**

Question and answer session Jim Butcher. Ask him questions, and he may or may not answer them!

### **Late Night Artist Chat: Audience Questions**

*Friday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, The Shire*

**Chaz Kemp, Tawny Fritz**

Questions will be placed in a hat at the beginning of the chat. The moderator will chose at random from the hat for our panel to speak about. Think of some juicy questions and really make us squirm!

### **Learn to Love Your Writing**

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Serenity*

**Christopher Katava, Kevin Frost, LJ Hachmeister, Mike Cervantes, Stace Johnson**

Everyone is their own worst critic. Stop worrying and love your writing: a motivational panel. How to stop hesitating because you feel you work isn't "good enough" and put words on the paper.

### **LGBTQ+/QUILT BAG Characters and Situations**

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Emily Godhand, Jacob Mayfield, Paul Lell**

Writing characters with diverse genders and sexualities (LGBTQ/QUILT BAG, etc.) with whom readers and viewers can connect.

### **Lord of the Rings: Digging Deeper**

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, The Shire*

**Andrew Hallam, DeLace Munger, Joshua Sammons**

Discussion about various themes in LOTR such as the role of orphans, what happened to the Entwives, everpresent sadness/melancholy, anti-heroes such as Boromir and Gollum, the nature of the five Wizards/Istari, and the role of the children of Elrond.

### **Lord of the Rings: Myth or Mythopoetic**

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, The Shire*

**Andrew Hallam, Stant Litore**

Tolkien's works are often referred to as modern myth, but are actually mythopoetic. Our panelists explain the difference and how Tolkien fits into each.

### **Mad Hatter's Madcap Party**

*Friday, 8:30 PM-10:30 PM, McAnallys Pub*

**S. J. Tucker**

Don your finest, oddest, or favorite apparel for this year's Mad Hatter's Madcap Party while SJ Tucker courts and cajoles you with her evocative original music.

### **Magical Abilities in Fiction: Fact or Fiction**

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Helms Deep*

**Christopher Katava, Paul Lell, Veronica Calisto**

A discussion concerning various fantasy fiction, and the reality of the magical abilities presented, such as crystal ball readings, tarot, and magical wands.

### **Make a Broomstick Pencil (Make-and-Take)**

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Nevernever*

Learn how to make your own pencil-sized broomstick in this hands-on session. (Materials provided)

### **Make a Wizard Wand, Staff, etc. (Make-and-Take)**

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Nevernever*

Make your own wizard wand, short staff or blasting rod. No cost; materials provided. (Magic not included.)

### **Make Your Own Psychic Paper**

*Friday, 5:30 PM-6:20 PM, Nevernever*

Come and make your own psychic paper in the style of Doctor Who. It works for The Doctor, maybe it'll work for you? No cost; materials provided.

### **Making Heroines Even Better**

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Kings Landing*

**Carolyn Kay, Emily Godhand**

Jupiter Rising, Mad Max: Fury Road, and the new Ghostbusters. What did they get right and how they could have been done better.

### **Marketing for Writers**

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Serenity*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Kimberly Kennedy, Stace Johnson**

Don't publishers handle all that marketing mumbo jumbo? In this era of indie authors, hybrids, and small presses, what does it take to get your name out there? How does a writer market him or herself?

### **Meditation**

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Gallifrey*

**Jan Scott-Frazier**

Qualm your inner Dementors, take off your protection rings, 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.

### **Merging Steampunk and Fantasy**

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Helms Deep*

**Carolyn Kay, Chaz Kemp, Jim Butcher, Quincy J. Allen**

A discussion on laying the ground work for creating a believable world using the elements of both Steampunk and fantasy.

### **Mixed Genre Authors and Writing**

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Kings Landing*

**Carolyn Kay, Kal Spriggs, Quincy J. Allen**

Learn the ups and downs of cross-genre writing. It's not all roses, but its also not eating the same burger day after day after day.

## SESSIONS & PANELS (CONTINUED)

### **Modesty in Cosplay: Don't Have to Show a Lot of Skin**

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Nevernever*

**Tonya L. De Marco**

How to modify your costumes to match your comfort level.

### **Moments Only an Artist Can Relate To**

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Room of Requirement*

**Peri Charlifu**

We have all had moments that only an artist can really relate to, let's air some dirty laundry for an audience and talk about the worst, the best, and the weirdest things that have happened to us.

### **Monomyth: Everyone's A Hero In Their Own Way**

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Helms Deep*

**Richard Malena**

Folklorists have long studied the similarities between the heroes that have entertained and guided people throughout the centuries. Explore these common characteristics through ancient tales as well as heroes we can't stop watching on TV today. How does Ellen Ripley stack up against Joan of Arc? Is Harry Dresden more like Merlin than Doctor Who? Let's find out.

### **My Little Pony Fashion**

*Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Tonya L. De Marco**

Don't know what to wear for the Grand Galloping Gala? This panel will show you creative ways to create the perfect My Little Pony costume for adults and children.

### **New Authors Anonymous**

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Kings Landing*

**Paul Lell, Scott Beckman**

Talk about what it's like as a newbie in this crazy publishing world.

### **Oh, the Horror!**

*Saturday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Amity Green, Pamela Pettit, Quincy J. Allen, Travis Heermann**

Finding a balance between the emotion and the genre. Balancing fear with a good story.

### **Open Filking**

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-11:50 PM, Nevernever*

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.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

*Friday, 6:30 PM-6:55 PM, McAnallys Pub*

**Angela Webber, Aubrey Webber, Jim Butcher, Nikki Ebright, Nissa LaFete, Peri Charlifu, S. J. Tucker, Sean Patrick Fannon, Tomas O'Dreams**

Organizer Nikki Ebright welcomes everyone and introduces this year's Guests of Honor.

### **Organizing the Studio**

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, The Shire*

**Sarin Tatroe**

A clean studio is a productive studio; sounds logical but few artists can keep a clean, organized workspace. Explore effective, low cost alternatives, how to multi-task your work area and storage options.

### **Overcoming Creative Fears**

*Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**Chaz Kemp, Sam Knight, Sarin Tatroe, Thomas A. Fowler**

There is a time when you have to introduce your work to the world; learn to overcome a common, harrowing experience for every creative person out there.

### **Ow, My Spleen!**

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, The Shire*

**Emily Godhand, Kal Spriggs, Paul Lell**

Often in a book or movie, characters experience severe physical trauma, only for them to undertake heroic acts in the following scenes. Write realistic fiction where your characters are injured and face the consequences yet still manage to get things done.

### **Pitching to the Editor**

*Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, The Shire*

**Keith DeCandido**

Want to pitch your next great novel in a flash? Learn how from pros who have been there.

### **Podcasting**

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**Kevin Frost**

How to get started, the pitfalls of recording your own audio, and making audio narrations of your own fiction for podcasting. And how to write that &\*&^#! RSS file so iTunes can find your show!

### **Polyamory and Non-monogamy in SF/F**

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Serenity*

**Emily Godhand, Nancy Kay Clark, Stace Johnson, Tanya Hixson**

Panelists will review SFF genre fiction throughout the decades with non-monogamous and polyamorous themes and how they have influenced current lifestyle trends.

### **Pony Tail Making**

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Nevernever*

Come to this no-sew project panel to make your own pony tail out of yarn. All ages.

### **Pursuing Your Dreams in Writing, Art and Everything Else**

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Lawrence, KS*

**Chaz Kemp, Sarin Tatroe**

How to completely go for your dreams despite all of the good advice that you'll be given to stop you. Beyond the pit falls and dealing with discouragement, a focus on how to put your dreams into action and how to stay happy when all seems bleak.

## SESSIONS & PANELS (CONTINUED)

### Relationship, Sexual, and Gender Diversity

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Serenity*

**Nancy Kay Clark, Richard Friesen, Tanya Hixson, Tawny Fritz**

We'll theorize about relationship, sexual, and gender diversity within our fandoms. What are some examples of non-traditional relationships that we see? Are the characters authentic and are they being fairly represented?

### Religion in SF/F Outside the Western World

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Stant Litore, Veronica Calisto**

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!

### Rewriting History with the Living Dead

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, The Shire*

**Stant Litore**

What if the zombie plague has been a recurring phenomenon throughout the centuries? Alternate history gurus will lead you through an interactive imaginative exercise based on that premise!

### Science Fiction or Science Fact

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Serenity*

**Brian Ziman, Stace Johnson, Veronica Calisto**

How to make Sci-Fi more believable. The Plausibility of Sci-Fi concepts found in places like Firefly, Doctor Who and others.

### Self Defense Against the Dark Arts

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, McAnallys Pub*

**Galen Pereira, Keith DeCandido**

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.

### Self Publishing (Print and eBook)

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Quincy J. Allen, Scott Beckman**

So many options out there. How do you choose the best company to work with and how do you actually make it happen, in physical form and electronically?

### Serenity vs. Firefly: The Audience Quiz Bowl Game

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Helms Deep*

**Sawyer Slater**

Do you know more about Serenity and Firefly than your friends? Find out how much you know in this family-friendly and fun game where deep knowledge is pitted against recall speed.

### Severus Snape: It's All About Me

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, The Shire*

**Brian Ziman**

People debate if Snape was good or bad, but what if he didn't care about Dumbledore or The Dark Lord. What if it was just all about his personal interests, and the rest was window dressing for him.

### Sex and Violence in YA Literature

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Serenity*

**Amity Green, Jacob Mayfield, Sam Knight, Travis Heermann, Veronica Calisto**

In a world with the Hunger Games and Twilight, how much is too much sex and violence in stories aimed at young adults. How much was too much for Harry Potter, LoTR, and The Hobbit?

### Sexy in Science Fiction

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Serenity*

**Ian Thomas Healy, Kimberly Kennedy, Nancy Kay Clark, Travis Heermann**

Love and sex are essential elements in any story. How these scenes in popular SFF can help you create more robust stories with fully fleshed-out characters.

### Sherlock: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle vs BBC

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Serenity*

**Kimberly Kennedy, Lou J Berger**

Have you wondered how true the BBC series Sherlock is to the original Conan Doyle stories? How different and accurate is the show to the Victorian Detective?

### Silmarillion on Film?

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, The Shire*

**Andrew Hallam, DeLace Munger, Joshua Sammons**

There's only one major Tolkien work left. Could we see someone turn The Silmarillion into a made-for-TV blockbuster? Should we?

### Sirens in the Spotlight: Music for Mermaids

*Sunday, 10:30 AM-11:20 AM, McAnallys Pub*

**S. J. Tucker**

Known as "Sooj", SJ Tucker is a vanguard of the Mythpunk movement and a dynamic live performer. Let her engage you with evocative ballads, highlighting the sirens among us.

### So Charming, Not Creepy

*Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Serenity*

**Jason Evans, Quincy J. Allen, Tonya L. De Marco, Veronica Calisto**

Make your convention experience better by learning to approach people without being a creep. A discussion on etiquette, consent, common sense and enjoying fandom with respect. Audience is encouraged to share examples of good and bad interactions.

### So You Want to Turn Your Hobby Into a Business

*Friday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, The Shire*

**Sean Patrick Fannon**

There are plenty of hobbies in fiction fandom, from costumes to artwork to tea to writing to pretty much everything. How does one go about making a living or at least creating income with a hobby?

### Sooj Unplugged

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**S. J. Tucker**

Join S.J. Tucker aka "Sooj" as she gets intimate, going unplugged and talking about songwriting and working with prompts.

## SESSIONS & PANELS (CONTINUED)

### Stant Litore Author Reading

Friday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Kings Landing  
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#### Stant Litore

Friday: 45 minute reading from Ansible 15715.  
Saturday: 45 minute reading from Dante's Heart.  
Sunday: A reading from What Our Eyes Have Witnessed.

### Steampunk 101

Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Lawrence, KS

#### Jeffrey Cook

Steampunk is hot right now, crossing the worlds of literature, costuming, crafting, movies, and more. But what is Steampunk? Where did it start? Why is it called that? A look at the history of the genre and its explosion in popularity over the past decade.

### Steampunk in Fiction: Is London Dead?

Friday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Helms Deep

#### Chaz Kemp, Kevin Frost, Mike Cervantes

The sun didn't set on the British Empire during Victoria's time and there are growing examples of steampunk in other countries. Is foggy London finished as the place where gears and corsets reign?

### Steampunk v. Post Apocalypse: Common Ground?

Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Helms Deep

#### Aaron Spriggs, Kevin Frost

Steampunk is a versatile subgenre that can be interpreted as a post-apocalypse scenario. What is our role in the coming wasteland? Are Steampunks and Wastelanders actually twins separated at birth?

### Sticking the Landing: How to End Your

Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Serenity

#### Lou J Berger, Travis Heermann, Van Aaron Hughes

Why do some endings leave a lasting impact and others just fizzle?

### Story in an Hour

Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Serenity

#### Carolyn Kay, Lou J Berger, Stace Johnson

Panelists and the audience will collaborate in a one-hour fun adventure, outlining a new story together.

### Storytelling with Tomas O'Dreams

Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Serenity

Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, The Shire

#### Nissa LaFete, Tomas O'Dreams

Tomas O'Dreams and Nissa Of LaFete and their 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!

### Strong Female Characters in Harry Potter

Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Nevernever

#### Brian Ziman, Tawny Fritz

Let's investigate how the female characters at Hogwarts uniquely frame, shape, and drive the story based on their unique perspective on the way women interact with the world.

### Superheroes: Myths & Legends of the Modern Age

Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Kings Landing

#### Jason Evans

From Hercules and Coyote to Batman and Deadpool, the superhero has always existed in some form in the cultural roots of the world. Why do we need these characters in our collective consciousness.

### Sympathetic Villains

Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Helms Deep

#### Amity Green, Ian Brazee-Cannon, Kal Spriggs, Paul Lell, Quincy J. Allen

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?

### Tai Chi Session

Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, McAnallys Pub

Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, McAnallys Pub

#### Galen Pereira

Tai chi is known for its health benefits. Come get grounded with this interactive session, gentle enough for all abilities.

### Tea Dueling

Saturday, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Gallifrey

#### Dame Ursula Wiffenpott

Hoist your biscuits and prepare to duel in the spirited Sudden Death Tea Dueling Tournament. Sponsored by Dryad Tea.

### Teach an Old Artist a New Trick: What's New?

Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Room of Requirement

#### Peri Charlifu

New techniques, tools and materials are always being developed. What's new in your field? Did you know, there's now a digital printer for making clay pottery and sculpture?

### The Doubleclicks Concert

Sunday, 1:30 PM-2:20 PM, McAnallys Pub

#### Angela Webber, Aubrey Webber

The Doubleclicks are a nationally-touring, Billboard charting nerd band with a cello, a meowing cat keyboard, and songs about dinosaurs, Cats & Netflix, space and Dungeons and Dragons. Come see their awesome live performance!

### The Muse and the Devil

Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Room of Requirement

#### Jason Evans, Kathryn Renta, Stant Litore

Where do artists get their inspiration and ideas, why does it seem that some of my best ideas don't sell? How does inspiration hit and how do I ignite that spark?

### The Price of Magic

Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Nevernever

#### Amity Green, Courtney Farrell, Kathryn Renta, Sean Patrick Fannon

Magic has to have a price to any character. A discussion on prices paid and what happens if a character has no cost for magic.

## SESSIONS & PANELS (CONTINUED)

### Things You Wouldn't Believe

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Helms Deep*

**Carolyn Kay, Tonya L. De Marco**

True stories about fan interactions, con experiences, writing gaffs, and anything else panelists will admit to. Names will be changed to protect the innocent.

### To Self Publish or Not: Is It Really Easy?

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, The Shire*

**Ian Thomas Healy**

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?

### Trials and Triumphs of Short Fiction

*Friday, 5:00 PM-6:20 PM, The Shire*

**Eneasz Brodski, Lou J Berger, Travis Heermann, Van Aaron Hughes**

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

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Serenity*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Kimberly Kennedy, Mike Cervantes, Veronica Calisto**

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.

### UnPub Game Demos, Hosted by SpyGlass Games

*Friday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Serenity*

**Dave Floense, Jeff Arbrough, Michael Knight**

The Deck Builder with Dice Based Combat VENOM Assault will be featured along with the push your luck dice roller Hunting Sasquatch. Check out these games and meet their creators as well!

### Verse in the 'Verse: Poetry and the Firefly Universe

*Friday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Nevernever*

**Stace Johnson**

Readings of fan poetry, impromptu Firefly poetry, and any poetry based on Firefly topics. Bring your material to share or provide prompts to the panelists.

### VIP Speed Dating

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, McAnallys Pub*

**Angela Webber, Aubrey Webber, Jim Butcher, Nissa LaFete, Peri Charlifou, S. J. Tucker, Sean Patrick Fannon, Tomas O'Dreams**

A FREE gathering of fans where the VIP and special guests visit YOUR tables just to meet YOU. Meet Jim Butcher, The Doubleclicks, Peri Charlifou and many more!

### We Suffer for Your Art

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Room of Requirement*

**Kathryn Renta, Linda Marie Evans**

For artists' significant others: Do you suffer for your other half's art? Do you run naked in the glory of their art, in wild abandon? Or, do you just shake your head and wonder, why me? Come and talk about the challenges and rewards of being with an artist!

### Westercon 71

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, McAnallys Pub*

**Billy Van Ark, Nikki Ebright**

A Denver-based team won the right to host the Westercon convention in Denver in 2018. What is Westercon and why is it important to bring it to Denver?

### What is Our Fascination With the Undead?

*Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, The Shire*

**Courtney Farrell, Kathryn Renta, Pamela Pettit, Sam Knight**

From Zombies to vampires and everything in between, why does our society love these tropes? What do they say about our modern society and our values?

### What to Do With That First Manuscript

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Serenity*

**Catherine Winters, Travis Heermann, Veronica Calisto**

Once written, what should I do with my book? Where do I start, what decisions need to be made, and what are some common pitfalls to newbies?

### Whedonverse

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Serenity*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Kathryn Renta, Keith DeCandido, Lou J Berger**

Come join your fellow Whedonites to talk, share, argue and discuss your love for all of Whedon's creations! Buffy, Firefly, Avengers, Dr Horrible and more. More thrilling than staying at a cabin in the woods, more insane than living in a dollhouse.

### When They Tell You They're Too Old or Too Young

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, The Shire*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Amity Green, Courtney Farrell**

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?

### Word Magic: Defining Harry Potter's World

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Helms Deep*

**Tessa vonHilsheimer**

A presentation examining neologisms within the Harry Potter series, how they are developed, how they are translated, and, most importantly, how they affect reader experiences

## SESSIONS & PANELS (CONTINUED)

### Write Characters Your Readers Won't Forget

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Helms Deep (Part I)*

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Helms Deep (Part II)*

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Helms Deep (Part III)*

#### Stant Litore

Part I - Unburying your character's history

Part II - Writing unforgettable dialogue

Part III - The character arc tool

### Writing Animals in Fiction

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Serenity*

**Aaron Spriggs, J.A. Campbell, Nancy Kay Clark**

How far can a horse really travel? Do riders really guide horses with their knees? Do dogs and cats think like us; do they even like us? How do we portray animal movement and behavior realistically?

### Writing Combat in Science Fiction & Fantasy

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Eneasz Brodski, Kal Spriggs, Keith DeCandido, Richard Friesen**

What works (and doesn't) in books and media for fighting and conflict. A friendly discussion about violence, bloodshed, and its effect on characters. What goes into crafting a scene, making a fight scene realistic without being over the top, and examples of combat done right versus where authors/directors have gone wrong.

### Writing from Life's Lessons

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Serenity*

**Amity Green, Quincy J. Allen, Tonya L. De Marco**

How have your life experiences impacted your craft?

### Writing in the 21st Century

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, The Shire*

**Aaron Michael Ritchey, Stace Johnson, Tonya L. De Marco**

Are there topics, characters, or situations that we can write about now that were taboo or forbidden in the past?

### Writing Jobs That Aren't Writing Fiction

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, McAnallys Pub*

**Sandra Wheeler, Thomas A. Fowler**

Learn about growing fields of writing outside of writing fiction that will grow your skills as a writer and pay above minimum wage.

### Writing the Story is the Easiest Part!

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Kings Landing*

**LJ Hachmeister, Lou J Berger**

Panelists discuss tales and compare the indie and traditional publishing worlds.

### Writing the Supernatural

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Lawrence, KS*

**Amity Green, Quincy J. Allen, Sam Knight**

How to make tropes like ghosts, vampires, and werewolves appeal to audiences who have had their fill. What can authors do to pep up the characters and brighten up the tropes?

### Yule Ball with The Doubleclicks

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-12:00 AM, McAnallys Pub*

**Angela Webber, Aubrey Webber**

Put your wands in the air like you just don't care! Come ready to dance in your finest dress robes or show off your house colors. The Doubleclicks are on at 9:30 PM. Friendly for mages of all ages.



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# FRIDAY - SESSIONS & PANELS

	McAnallys Pub	Helm's Deep	Lawrence, KS	The Shire	King's Landing	Serenity	Nevernever
5:00 PM	Avatar: TLA	Greatest Godzilla					
5:30 PM	Interactive Session	Movie	Steampunk 101	Trials and Triumphs	Creating Multi-	So Charming, Not	Make your own
6:00 PM	with Experts			of Short Fiction	Cultural Steampunk	Creepy	
6:30 PM	Opening Ceremonies						
7:00 PM	VIP Speed Dating		Critique Groups: Care	To Self Pub or Not: Is	Anansi - Trickster	Sex and Violence in	Pony Tail Making
7:30 PM			and Feeding	It Really Easy?	God and Story Teller	YA Literature	
8:00 PM		Building Your	Historical Influences	Costuming 101	Is It True You Always	Hollywood and the	Games and Fandom
8:30 PM	Mad Hatter's Madcap	Creative Community	on Game of Thrones		Have Story Ideas?	Comic Book Industry	Tie Ins
9:00 PM		Going Down the	Writing Combat in	Rewriting History	Establish Your Brand	Polyamory and Non-	The Price of Magic
9:30 PM		Research Rabbit Hole	SF&F	with the Living Dead		monogamy in SF&F	
10:00 PM		Creating the Anti-		Late Night Artist Chat:	It's Alive!		Verse in the 'Verse:
10:30 PM		Hero		Audience Questions			Poetry and Firefly
11:00 PM	Blanket Forts (adult	Steampunk in Fiction:		So You Want to Turn Your	Stant Litore Author	UnPub Game Demos	
11:30 PM	session)	Is London Dead?		Hobby Into a Business	Reading		

# SATURDAY - SESSIONS & PANELS

	McAnallys Pub	Gallifrey	Helm's Deep	Lawrence, KS	The Shire	King's Landing	Serenity	Nevernever
9:00 AM	Writing Jobs That			Ethics and Art	Geek Crafts	Blanket Forts (all	Science Fiction or	
9:30 AM	Aren't Writing Fiction	Meditation				ages)	Science Fact	
10:00 AM			Game Of Thrones: The TV	Future of Kaiju	Is Digital Art	Describing Sex in YA	What to Do With That	Make a Broomstick
10:30 AM		Tea Dueling	Show Beyond the Books		Cheating?	Literature	First Manuscript	Pencil
11:00 AM	Self Defense Against		Write Characters Your	Commission Work:	Severus Snape: It's all	New Authors	Writing from Life's	Make a Wizard
11:30 AM	the Dark Arts		Readers Won't Forget 1	Designing Others' Visions	about Me	Anonymous	Lessons	Wand, staff, etc
12:00 PM		Chainmaille 101	Get'r done: Fighting	Coping with	Writing in the 21st	Podcasting	Better Halves:	Author Readings (15
12:30 PM	Electronics in		the Day Job	Character Deaths	Century		Spotlighting Sidekicks	min each)
1:00 PM	Costumes & Props	Do You Know Harry	Sympathetic Villains	Religion in SF/F Outside	GMing 101	Creating a Writing	Storytelling with	How to Write
1:30 PM		Potter?: Quiz Game		the Western World		System	Tomas O'Dreams	Circular Gallifreyan
2:00 PM	Tai Chi Session			Crossplay &	Great women authors	Going with the Flow	Dresden Files	Body Image and SF&F
2:30 PM				Genderbending	of the past.		Theories	
3:00 PM	Gosh Darn Fiasco!			Grey Havens YA on	Heroes and Monsters	Sooj Unplugged	Whedonverse	Strong Female
3:30 PM				Youth in Fandom				Characters in HP
4:00 PM			Word Magic: Defining	How to Kill Your Best	Inside Middle Earth	Diversity in Fandom	Trope if You Want To	
4:30 PM			Harry Potter's World	Friends				
5:00 PM	Avatar: TLA Performance		Write Characters Your	Writing the	Insects in Mythology	Characters Are Who,	Sticking the Landing:	Savage Rifts: The
5:30 PM	and Teaching		Readers Won't Forget 2	Supernatural		Not What	How to End Your	
6:00 PM			Write Characters Your	Book and Media Tie-	Hogwarts O.W.L.	Superheroes: Myths	Story in an Hour	Garnet Town Gambit
6:30 PM			Readers Won't Forget 3	Ins	Astronomy Test Prep	and Legends		
7:00 PM	Costume Contest		Merging Steampunk	God Made the Devil	Draw Off (Art Track)	Writing the story is	How Much Weird Could a	
7:30 PM			and Fantasy	Too: Villians		the easiest part!	Weird-Western Go...	
8:00 PM			Epic Rap Battles of	Grimm After Dark	Ow, My Spleen!	Harry vs Harry	Relationship, Sexual,	
8:30 PM			Literature!			Debate	and Gender Diversity	
9:00 PM			Things You Wouldn't	LGBTQ+/QUILT BAG	Silmarillion on Film?	Fan Art: From Parody	Sexy in Science	
9:30 PM			Believe	Characters		to Plagiarism	Fiction	
10:00 PM	Yule Ball with The		Incorporating	Doctor Who	What is Our Fascination	It Ain't the Writing,	Catastrophic Seasonal	
10:30 PM	Doubleclicks		Familiar Characters	Discussion	With the Undead?	It's the Rewriting	Climates in GOT	
11:00 PM			How Not to Get	Published	Blanket Forts (adult	Stant Litore Author		
11:30 PM				Oh, the Horror!	session)	Reading		

# SUNDAY - SESSIONS & PANELS

	McAnallys Pub	Helm's Deep	Lawrence, KS	The Shire	King's Landing	Serenity	Nevernever	Room of Requirement
9:00 AM	Tai Chi Session	Serenity vs. FireFly:	Building the Perfect	Organizing the Studio	Mixed Genre Authors	Learn to Love Your	Modesty in Cosplay	We Suffer for Your Art
9:30 AM		Audience Quiz Game	Plot		and Writing	Writing		
10:00 AM		Monomyth: Everyone's A	Pursuing Your	When They Tell You	Making Heroines	Gender Challenges	How to be a Psychic	The Muse and the
10:30 AM	Sirens in the Spotlight:	Hero In Their Own Way	Dreams	They're Too Old or Young	Even Better	and Tropes		Devil
11:00 AM	Music for Mermaids		I Wrote Something!	Storytelling with	Chewie, We're Home:	Sherlock: Sir Arthur	Gentle Suggestion: A	
11:30 AM		Steampunk v. Post	Now What?	Tomas O'Dreams	Sequels and Remakes	Conan Doyle vs BBC	Thoughtful Art Critique	
12:00 PM		Apocalypse						
12:30 PM	Westercon 71	Character Focused	Age Appropriate	Lord of the Rings:	Corsets Q&A	Marketing for		
1:00 PM		Storytelling	Reading	Myth or Mythopoetic		Writers		
1:30 PM	The Doubleclicks	Ask a Paranormal	Feeding the Beast	Humor in the Modern	Stant Litore Author	Writing Animals in	Savage Rifts: No	Teach an Old Artist a
2:00 PM	Concert	Investigator		Action Story	Reading	Fiction		Zealot Like a Convert
2:30 PM		Magical Abilities in	Self publishing (Print	Lord of the Rings:	Discussing Combat in	Chainmaille 101		Moments Only an Artist
3:00 PM	Jim Butcher Q & A	Fiction: Fact or Fiction	and eBook)	Digging Deeper	SF & F			Can Relate To
3:30 PM			My Little Pony	Pitching to the Editor	Overcoming Creative	Faery Treasure Bag -		
4:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies		Fashion		Fears	Collection Prizes		

