



Clear Ether

Early Issue
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A Welcome Message From Our ConChair

Special points of interest:

- If you have ordered ribbons, please pick them up before noon at the volunteer lounge (near Starbucks). If you have forgotten to pick yours up, run!
- Remember our photography policy is that attendees must ask before they take photos of other attendees. Period.
- Feedback sessions are on Sat 11:30, Mon 2:30 or feedback@arisia.org.

Welcome--or welcome back--to Arisia! If this is your first Arisia, you're in for a treat. Stop by the information desk (lobby, near gift shop) and get your first badge ribbon, "My First Arisia." If you've been to them all like me, you can get a "25 Arisias" ribbon (and some cake) at our 25th party Friday night, which is open to all. If you really like ribbons, get one by volunteering (Quincy room, near Starbucks), and help the nearly 400 people who

volunteer their time and effort to make this convention great. Whether you give an hour, or aim for that free membership to next year by doing 12, every bit counts. However, do take time to see the things that make this convention so much fun: program items and events, the Dealer's Room and Art Show, gaming and dances, and

Sunday's Masquerade.

This year our theme is cross-culturalism, and our program explores the intersections of cultures. We hope you enjoy your intersection with Arisia's culture! If you don't, we have two feedback sessions: one Saturday morning, and one Monday afternoon. Thank you for joining us at Arisia 2014. -Lisa Hertel

Schedule Changes

People No Longer Attending:

- Michael Whitehouse
- Everett Soares
- Susan Soares
- Mother FaeAI
- Alex Shore (Will be replace on stage by Paul Erlik)
- Erica Greenwold

Additions And Subtractions:

- Sandy Coyne has been added to 818 - A Gaslamp Grand Assault of Arms (Sat) and 819 - The Martial Arts of *A Game of Thrones*
- Ken Altabef has been add-

ed to Are Rules Meant to Be Broken?

-DJ Xero has been added to KINETIC: A Nightclub Dance

-Alisa Kwitney Sheckley has been added to Neil Gaiman Fan Appreciation Hour

-Percy has been added to Teasecraft Meetup for Kinky Makers

-Cryptozoology t-shirtshas been added to the Artist's Alley

-Action Abstraction Studio has been added to Artist's Alley

-James Shapiro has been added to All Ages Comics

-Donna Martinez has been

added to Capturing the Next Gen of Comics Fans

-Gaia Eirich has been added to Costuming to Body Type

-Mark Brown and Evan Davidson have been added to A Gaslamp Grand Assault of Arms and The Martial Arts of A Game of Thrones

-Victoria McManus will not be able to appear on Gothic: Women in Houses or From Earthsea to Ekumen

-Stephanie Clarkson will not be present on Wearable Electronics





Pond Fairy by Lubov, Artist
Guest of Honor

From the Editors' Desk:

Welcome to Arisia! For 2014 Clear Ether has a whole new staff, and a whole new look. Thanks for reading, and let's have a great Arisia!

Your Friends,

Editors In Chief: Sara

Weinstein and Brenna

Levitin

Newsletter Staff: Brenda

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Official Photographers:

**Leah Cirker-Stark, Lucky,
and Nchanter**

Collecting Ribbons Is More Competitive Than Ever

There have always been those at conventions who take it upon themselves to collect as many ribbons as they can, but this year it's a competition. The Ribbon Game is on, and whoever collects the most ribbons wins! There will be more ribbons available than ever thanks to the many folks who ordered ribbons on Arisia's website. The winner of this contest will receive a significantly large and impressive ribbon and two tickets to the February Science Fiction Film Festival! Here are a few tips:

-As per request, Back-up Project Ribbons do not count.

-Duplicate ribbons do not count.

-Acquire ribbons at parties, fan tables, by volunteering, and people giving them out.

-Secure long trains of ribbons with tape on the back.

Good luck everyone, and happy hunting!

New This Year: Food Trucks!

Let's give a grand welcome to the Boston food trucks! There are five trucks; The Taco Truck, Roxy's Grilled Cheese, Mei Mei Street Kitchen, Benny's Crepe Cafe, and Boston's Baddest Burgers.

Get ready for Mei Mei and Roxy's to serve on Saturday from 11am-4:30pm! The food trucks will be located through the doors just past

the Grand Ballroom on the concourse level, with a seating area just inside the doors for convenience and comfort in the chilly weather. Make sure to check back here to read what trucks will be serving when. Bon appetite!

Do A Good Deed and Give Blood

If you haven't in previous years, this year is the perfect time to donate to the blood drive. One person's donated blood can save up to three lives. Your blood could also be used in cure-finding research. Do your good deed by seeing the Naughty Nurses from 2:30 to 7:30pm on Friday for the Children's Hospital and from 9am to 5pm on Saturday for Mass General Hospital.

You don't need to be an Olympic athlete, so just give it a try. If you cannot give yourself, encourage someone else to help. You can sign up by texting John at (617)943-4399, going to half-pints.childrenshospital.org, or by visiting the blood drive table next to the elevators in the main lobby.