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Early Issue
Saturday
January 18th, 2014

Schedule Changes

Special points of interest:

- We had 3,180 pre-registrants!
- Today is your last day to give blood, so sign up at the blood drive table next to the elevators in the main lobby. Yesterday the Children's Hospital collected 46 units with 58 people presenting!
- How many ribbons do YOU have? Keep on collecting!

Additions and Subtractions:

-Val Grimm will be running storytelling games including Aye Dark Overlord, Once Upon A Time, and Baron Munchausen in the Consuite from noon to 5pm today.

-Maury Kestenbuam has been added to Rousing Chorus Songs

-Maury Kestenbuam will not appear on From Earthsea to Ekumen

-Games by Play Date is running demo games of Slash, the fan-fiction-romance-storytelling

party game! If you enjoy making saucy tales of love across boundaries, universes, and literary canon, check it out in the open gaming area Saturday 11am-1pm/2:30-3:30/7-9pm & Sunday 1 to 2pm/3-5pm.

-Saturday and Sunday Prayer Services, facilitated by Craig McDonough, will be held at 9am in the Executive Ball Room. Please join this group for a short, non-denominational Christian (in the Iona Tradition) morning prayer service. People of

all faiths and religions are welcome to attend.

-First Aid and Lifesaving: Do you know what to do if the unthinkable happens and your friends get injured or sick? Come join us to learn First Aid in a fun environment. This is an approved American Heart Association First Aid course. We will go over basic and intermediate first aid and more! Upon completion of this panel you will be certified in American Heart Association First Aid. The cost of this panel is \$25, which covers the cost of the First Aid card and materials. Presented by Operation Hammond



Beck Prigot, Head of Volunteer Lounge, modeling Ribbon Game prize

Students Write the Future of Fandom

In its continuing mission to encourage and inspire new generations of fans of sci/fi and fantasy, Arisia sponsors an annual Student Writing Contest, open to all high school students or young adults between the ages of 13 and 18 who currently reside in the New England area. This year marks our second year

running the Student Writing Contest. Our first year's winners and their stories are available for reading on the 2013 Arisia website at 2013.arisia.org! Without further ado, the 2013 writing contest winners are:

Honorable Mention goes to Cole Arvidson for the story *Rehabilitation*,

Third Place is awarded to

Christine Alves for the story *Dead Men Walking*,

Second Place goes to Nicholas doCarmo for the story *The Demon Hunter*,

and First Place is awarded to Justin von Bosau for *Cold Maiden*.

Congratulations! The winners of the 2014 finalists can be read in Saturday's evening edition.

About Our Author GoH

Arisia's Author Guest of Honor (GoH) is fantasy author Tanya Huff. Over her career, she has written over 20 novels, including the best-selling Blood Book novels, on which the TV show, Blood Ties, was based. According to Richard Marcus's November 2013 book review on BlogCritics.org, "Huff's greatest skills as a storyteller has always been the strength of her characters and her ability to bring the world they inhabit to life." She was also nominated for a James Tiptree Jr. Award for Gender Bending SF. Join her for the Guest of Honor Reading on Sat at 4pm in Burroughs. On Twitter? Follow her @TanyaHuff.



Happy 25th birthday Arisia!

If you see anything newsworthy, write it up and send it to newsletter@arisia.org!

Art Show Tours

Art Show is going to have 3 docent tours on Saturday, January 18th. The first one at 11:30am will be lead by Jim Paradis, our local framing expert, who is also doing a panel at 2:30 pm on Saturday, on how framing enhances art. Our second docent tour is at 2:30pm. This will be lead by Lubov, our Artist GOH, giving her views on art. The third, and last of our docent tours, is the Tactile Tour for those with vision impairment, being led by our own accessibility

head, Selkie. Sign-up sheets for each of the docent tours are available at the Art Show, in Harbor II & III. There is a limit of 10 people per tour, so sign up quickly.

Hugs,
Pat Vandenberg

Co-director
Arisia 2014 Art Show

Dueling Art

Come watch our four professional artists 'duel' it out trying to interpret the theme of Arisia 2014 - Cross Culteralism. Starting at 5:30 pm Saturday, January 18th in the Griffin Room, Mercy Van Vlack, Alan Beck, Brianna Starkat Wu and the irrepressible Frank Wu will come together to give us their interpretations of the theme. Their drawings will be on display in the Art Show

Saturday evening and Sunday morning. They will then be auctioned off at the Art Auction starting at 4:30 pm Sunday, January 19th in the Harbor pre-function area. Proceeds from the Dueling Artists' work will go to the Greater Boston Food Bank. Come and watch for a delightful time and then come and bid to help support a very helpful charity and get the opportunity to buy some great art.

About Our Fan GoH

Each year, Arisia honors a fan of sci/fi and fantasy as the Fan Guest of Honor. This year's guest is freelance game and speculative fiction reviewer James Nicoll. A fan of gaming and fiction, he is also known for his 1990 Usenet article on the purity of the English language. (Take a moment and look it up.) He ponders the

questions we all ask ourselves such as, "Do my Escape posts get more comments than my Clarkesworld posts? And will I remember to pack my keyboard?" -from a January 16th entry on his live journal, <http://james-nicoll.livejournal.com/>. See James during the That's It! I Am Throwing This Book panel on Sat at 10pm in Faneuil.