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Late Issue
Friday
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Special points of interest:

- Look for ducks! There are rubber ducks hidden all over the hotel. If you find one, bring it to the Volunteer Lounge in Quincy (next to Starbucks) and get a prize!
- Teen Lounge this year is in the suite 466/467.
- If you're feeling hungry, thirsty, lonely, or all three, get yourself to the Con Suite in Galleria for snacks, drinks, and new friends.
- Collect those ribbons! Get another ribbon by volunteering for your convention. Sign up in Quincy.

Schedule Highlight: Live Action Angry Birds

Let's play Angry Birds, a Finnish game with sweeping popularity, now in live action format! Join our feathered flock and destroy the foam infrastructure of the greedy green pigs. Knock out the King Pig for extra bonus points!

Stuffed angry birds and green pigs will be provided, although costumes are also welcome. Fun for kids and adults of all ages.

It will be silly. AND EPIC! Play with us today, Friday, at

7:00 PM in Webster, and again on Monday at 8:30 AM in Commonwealth ABC.

Schedule Changes

Additions And Subtractions:

-Laura Anne Gilman will no longer be attending Arisia 2014

-Ctein will not be able to appear on Respectability Politics in the Writing World

-Dr. Amy Chused will be added to Science Year in Review

-Keith DeCandido removed from Reading: DeCandido, Feinman, and Mijan

-Keith DeCandido added to Reading: Gardner and Hunt

-Alisa Kwitney will not be appearing on any of her Friday

Safe Spaces and The BACKUP Project

Con-goers who are in need of a safe space, or looking for help of any kind can look for the "safe space" signage designating places they can go to for help. Volunteer Lounge, Programming Nexus, and Ops/Security are all

-Adrian Brennan's Artist Alley slot is now Saturday PM

-Privacy and Freedom Online (Open discussion) Friday from 11:30PM to 12:15AM in Bulfinch Room

-Bioethics for Fiction and Reality (Open discussion) Saturday from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM in Revere Room

A Change of Description:

-KINETIC: **"*NEW* IN 2014:** The party is on! Come and get on the dance floor! Move your body to a high-energy mix of electro, goth, industrial, pop, and more, courtesy of our DJs, Dirge (Excess) and Xero (De' Basement). Enjoy fantastic sci-fi & anime visuals by VJ Jon Bonk (Elements) on our dual projection

screens! Then relax on comfy couches in our private bar & lounge (bring cash & ID to drink). Creative dress encouraged: snazzy, spooky, sexy, sparkly! Come, dance, and be merry! [Produced by E. Musicmaker]"

-"Practical Self-Defense" workshop Sunday at 9:30 AM in Commonwealth Ballroom: Second-degree black belt Keith R.A. DeCandido demonstrates some simple but effective self-defense maneuvers in case you are physically assaulted. No special training necessary (that's kinda the point), but please wear comfy clothes.

places that are designated "safe spaces." This new addition goes hand in hand with the BACKUP Project that is also new this year. If any of our attendees needs backup, please keep an eye out for people wearing

bright purple BACKUP ribbons, or come to one of the designated "safe spaces" for help.

New Access Policy

Do you need to bypass the line for Masquerade (concerns about fatigue, mobility, being jostled) and or do you need seats in the front, (hard of hearing, need to see CART screen, to be close to the stage to see, mobility concerns, or may need to leave abruptly) ? Register with access before the convention, or at the convention at the Info Desk. The back of your badge will have a sticker outlining

Friday Night Parties

-Loncon 3 in 607 from 7:00 PM to 1:00 PM

-Poetry in Pajamas in 406/407 from 8:00 PM to ?

-Broad Universe in 451 from 8:00 PM to ?

-Circlet Press Book Party in 453 from 8:00 PM to 11:30 PM

-Skanklight Party in 666/667

-Helsinki Aurora Borealis Party in 706/707 from 7:00 PM to ?

-ErieCon East Party in 766/767 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

-Carl Brandon Party in 806/806 from 8:30 PM to ?

-Kansas City in 2016 in 1066/1067 from 7:00 PM to ?

-UMass SFS 50th Birthday Party in 1206/1207 from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM

what you need, and this should be a smoother system than using a signup sheet. If you have any feedback for us about this, we are interested in hearing from you. Please email access@arisia.org if you are interested in signing up, or to talk about this change.

The Carl Brandon Awards

This year, Arisia is proud to once again host the Carl Brandon Awards! The winners of the 2011 Carl Brandon Society awards are Tenea D. Johnson, who received the Carl Brandon Parallax Award for her novel Smoketown, and Andrea Hairston, who received the Carl Brandon Kindred Award for her novel Redwood and Wildfire. Congratulations to the winners! The awards ceremony will be held at 2:30 PM on Saturday in Grand Ballroom B. Light refreshments will be served.

Meets Fans Just Like You

Fan Group Meet-Ups are a very recent addition to our schedule and a great new way to meet new friends. On Friday from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM there will be a Downtown Abbey fan gathering and a Dr. Who Fans Meet-Up from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. On Saturday there will also be a gathering from 10:00 PM to 11:00 PM for fans of Vampires in Literature.



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