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Early Issue
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Special points of interest:

- The totals from the blood drive are in! This year 116 total units were collected with 145 people presenting. That's outstanding! Thanks to everyone who donated.
- **Remember, we are guests in the hotel. Keep the place clean to help our relationship with the Westin.**
- If you see a hotel employee wearing jeans, they are participating in a joint fundraiser between the hotel and Arisia to raise money for the Greater Boston Food Bank. Arisia is matching hotel employee contributions to this worthy charity.
- **No schedule changes today!**
- Art show needs tear down help on Monday! Find Thumper for more details. It's a great way to get in some last minute volunteer hours.

Want Free Stuff? Come and Get It!

Feel like a celebrity and get your own swag! Visit the freebies table across from the food area in the Con Suite. Fun and unique items could be yours. Some neat finds were Robocop and Jack Ryan movie posters, a plastic R2D2 keychain, red Cooking Hacks lanyards, a floppy disk drive and Eerie Con ribbons! There

are also brown paper bags to haul your treasures. Tomorrow, a secret Santa will be coming by at random times throughout the day to drop off some really fun goodies like a lava lamp, zombie themed heels, and a Star Wars metal lunch box. These items may be free, but they still need a good home. Adopt some freebies today!



Today the food trucks Benny's Crepe Cafe and Bostons Baddest Burgers will run from 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Photo by Brenda

Congrats to Heidi Hooper!

Heidi Hooper, frequent artist Arisia participant for many years, could not make it to this year's Arisia for a very good reason. She has been nominated to receive a Niche Award in the mainstream art world for her unusual and very lovely dryer lint art. While we will all miss her being with us in 2014 at this year's Arisia art show, fellow artists who have done shows with her in the past are glad of the mainstream art world's recognition of her excellent body of work.

Goodbye, Professor Hinkley

On Friday the world said goodbye to a special actor who played Prof Roy Hinkley on the classic television show *Gilligan's Island*. Russell Johnson died at eighty-nine of natural causes in his home in Washington. Though not on the first seasons of the show, Johnson certainly made an impression, and became a staple cast member for three years. Maybe soon we will see a homage to the iconic TV character in the cosplay and costuming community.



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Spontaneous Gaming

Looking for some late night adventure? The gaming room is open 24 hours. With over 100 games to borrow (for use in the game room only), there are options for newbies and experienced gamers alike. Only have a half hour between panels? Try *Fluxx* or *Kittens in a Blender*, both fun and easy. In it for the long haul? Try your hand at *Battlestar Galattica*, *Dominion*, *Power Grid* or the classic *Settlers of Catan*. Folks interested in finding like-minded gamers, let the room volunteers know and they'll help you post a sheet.