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GIANT SPIDER INVADES! FLORIDA FANS IN A FRENZY!

**Gathering Ghouls
Greet Guests!
Spider Robinson
*Jeanne Robinson***



Strange Crop Circles Appear on Hotel Lawn

Tampa: The Crowne Plaza hotel at 10221 Princess Palm Drive was the site of a bizarre crop circle manifestation. The event may be linked to the SF Con held...
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Dateline Tampa: 10-15-04
Warning! By the time you read this, it may already be too late! At this moment, hundreds and hundreds of fanatics are descending on one location in East Tampa, and you're standing on Ground Zero! Soon you'll be surrounded! Fortunately, it is possible for you to survive the weekend, perhaps even with sanity intact. You hold in your hands the key! With this guide, you will be able to face the gangs of gamers, flocks of filkers, crazy costumers, and prevail! So read this carefully and know that with a free press at your side, *the truth will find you!*



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1. No Smoking - The hotel, State of Florida, and Necronomicon have instituted a no smoking policy. The only places where con members may smoke are the bar, on designated smoking floors, and outside. This goes for spontaneous combustion also.

2. No Weapons - No real weapons, bladed weapons, death rays, or simulated weapons that shoot a projectile are allowed. Also, if it looks like a real gun, it's not allowed. The only exception is for pre-approved Masquerade participants.

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6. Signs - There is no posting of signs except on convention bulletin boards. No signs may be posted in the elevators, on the walls, or on room doors. Bulletin boards and tacks are available at the registration desk.

Damage to the hotel jeopardizes our ability to put on future conventions. To insure that there will be another Necronomicon, please report any acts of vandalism to the hotel or convention staff.

Giant Spider Invades Tampa!

Guests of Honor Spider & Jeanne Robinson

Since he began writing professionally in 1972, Spider Robinson has won three Hugo Awards, a Nebula Award, the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, the E.E. (“Doc”) Smith Memorial Award (the Skylark), the Pat Terry Memorial Award for Humorous Science Fiction, and Locus



Awards for Best Novella and Best Critic. Twenty-four of his twenty-nine books are still in print in ten languages. His short work has appeared in magazines around the planet, from Omni and Analog to Xhurnal Izobretatel i Rationalizator (Moscow), and in numerous anthologies.

His most recent publications are the new novel *Callahan’s Con* [Tor hc July 2003/pb July 2004] and the collection *God Is An Iron And Other Stories* [Five Star/Tekno trade pb May 2002]. Still in production are the novels *The Free Lunch* [Tor hc Aug.2001/pb Aug.2002] and *Callahan’s Key* [Bantam hc July 2000/pb June 2001], and two reissued novels, *Starmind*, a collaboration with Jeanne Robinson [Baen pb May 01], and *Telempath* [Baen July 01]. Currently reprinted Callahan titles include *Time Travelers Strictly Cash* [Tor pb Aug 01] and *Callahan’s Lady* [Baen pb Sept 01].

In 2000 he released *Belaboring The Obvious*, a CD comprising readings of excerpts from *Callahan’s Key*, plus original music performed by himself, legendary Alberta guitarist Amos Garrett, and top session players. The music tracks were first recorded for the soundtrack of the CD-ROM computer game “Callahan’s Crosstime Saloon,” adapted by Josh Mandel and released in 1997 by Legend Entertainment/ Take Two.

The Usenet newsgroup alt.callahans, inspired by Spider's "Callahan's Place" series, was rated the 151st largest newsgroup by bits posted, 172nd by messages posted (placing it in the top one percent), and propagates to over 60 percent of all Usenet sites, as well as IRC and other cyberbyways. Some claim it is the largest non-porn newsgroup. Mike Callahan has also appeared as a character in Marvel Comics' *Spider-Man*.

Spider was born in New York City on three successive days (they had to handle him in sections), and holds a Bachelor's degree in English from the State University of New York. In 1992 he was the Toastmaster for the 50th World SF Convention in Orlando and in 2003 in Toronto. He was a book reviewer for *Galaxy*, *Analog* and *New Destinies* magazines for nearly a decade, and currently writes occasional book reviews and a regular Op-Ed column, "Future Tense," for *The Globe And Mail*, Canada's national newspaper.

He has been married for twenty-eight years to Jeanne Robinson, a Boston-born writer, modern dance choreographer, former dancer, teacher of dance and the Alexander Technique, and lay-ordained Buddhist monk (Soto Zen lineage); she was Artistic Director of Halifax's Nova Dance Theatre during its eight-year history. The Robinsons collaborated on the Hugo-, Nebula- and Locus-winning 1976 classic novel *Stardance* [Baen Books pb, Dec 91; Easton Press leatherbound 92], which created the concept of zero-gravity dance, and on its sequels, *Starseed* [Ace hc and pb, Oct 91/92, Easton Press leather 91] and *Starmind* [Ace hc and pb, Easton leather, June 95/feb 96]. (Jeanne was on NASA's short list for a Space Shuttle seat, to try out zero-gee dance in practice — until the *Challenger* tragedy ended the Civilian In Space programme.) Their first two books were reissued together in one volume as *The Star Dancers* by Baen Books in September 97. The final volume, *Starmind*, was also reissued by Baen, in May 2001.

Spider and Jeanne met in the woods of Nova Scotia in the early 1970s, and have lived for the last sixteen years in British Columbia, where they raise and exhibit hopes.

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Wanted For Questioning! **Accused of Acts Of Creativity**

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Known guest aliases are as follows:

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If Your Head Doesn't Explode!

Will watching movies rot your brain? Not anymore! "If you watch the films in OUR Video Rooms, it will stimulate the psychic potential in you." claims the convention's videographer, known only as "Oz." "Aside from a nonstop barrage of Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Horror and Anime, there will be a sub-harmonic carrier wave at the exact amplitude to stimulate your psychic potential without your head exploding, we hope." Be sure to check out the Anime room provided courtesy of MetroCon for the best in Japanese animation. MetroCon majordomo Roy claims, "It is untrue that watching more than 7½ hours of Anime will cause your eyes to increase to 4 times their diameter."



Haunted Art Show

Poltergeists Peruse Pictures

The Art Show has been a staple of Necronomicon for twenty-three years and it seems that some fans still visit, even after death! Various spectral visitors, with badges from a decade ago, have been seen examining the artwork. You can hunt ghosts and bargains there, but you're only allowed to bid on the art. Items that get three or more bids will go to the art auction on Sunday at 11am. If you find that the spirit moves you to yell out a bid, then go for it!

Baby Battles Chubacabra! Rattle Scares Off Goat-Sucker!

A house in a small town outside San Juan, Puerto Rico, was the scene of a horrible confrontation with the dreaded Chubacabra. A woman checking on her six month-old baby found the creature hovering over the youngster. Before she could scream, the baby grabbed his rattle and shook it.



The sound caused the animal to scurry for the open window. "At first I thought Hector might have a dirty diaper and that's why he fled. It can be pretty pungent," Maria Melendez said. "But then I checked him and he was clean." Rattles have proven to be so effective against the Chubacabra that they will be available in the babysitting suite at the convention. Fans can deliver their children, three years old and over, into protective custody in room 451. This service is available from 6:00pm to Midnight Friday, Noon to 4:00pm and again from 6:00pm to Midnight Saturday.

Too Much Rest Can Kill You! Narcoleptics Beware The Consuite!

Top scientists have discovered that too much rest and relaxation can have catastrophic effects on your health, especially in science fiction convention con suites. Tests conducted by Swedish researchers show simply sitting or enjoying a snack or beverage can be fatal. "Food and liquids are choking hazards. Hearing someone declare that Jar-Jar Binks was a better character than Gollum elevates the risk," says Dr. Sven Jorgensen. Studies also show people can be severely injured falling out of their chair. "It also leaves them vulnerable to blood clots in their fannies," noted Dr. Jorgensen. Necronomicon officials are taking precautions by training staff in the Heimlich Maneuver and considering putting cushions around the chairs. The Con Suite is open twenty-four hours a day from 12:00pm Friday until 6:00pm Sunday in Suite 443.



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Masquerade Mayhem!

Al-Qaeda cracks costume contest!

Recent intelligence chatter from around the globe indicates terrorists may attempt to infiltrate this year's Masquerade at 8pm Saturday in the main Ballroom. "Analysis shows they don't intend to blow anything up," stated an anonymous CIA agent, "They just want to win awards. Luckily, their idea of a 'cool' costume is the Tom Baker Doctor Who, so they don't stand a chance." Special Forces offered to raid the event, but was turned down by Con Security as "too amateur." Freedom-loving Fans can participate by signing up at the Registration desk by 5pm Saturday. Seating begins at 7:00pm.

Zombies Walk The Halls!

In Search of Brains... and Ribbons!

For those who eschew the bright lights of the Masquerade, the Hall Costume Contest provides a more casual venue to show off fannish attire. No one's more photophobic than the undead, and this year they mean to take full advantage of the opportunity. "We've had lots of emails from the vitality-challenged expressing interest in hall costumes. They want to know if they're eligible for ribbons under our rules," said Masquerade Goddess Ann Morris. "We ruled that they can't just do "Zombie" and win, it has to be a genuine costume, for example, 'Zombie Stormtrooper.'" Secret judges will stalk the halls on Friday and Saturday presenting ribbons.

Realties Collide!

Four Bands In One Night

Staff physicists have calculated a spatial anomaly will occur on Friday night in Salon 3 beginning at 9pm. "Predictive models using our oscillation overthrustrer have shown that we will be visited by four musical groups," said Professor Hikita. "It will start with the rising-star group called Klik, and be followed by undefinable Gravity, the unstable group SpoTLuCy and the chemistry of the female front band Knowing Stu." The professor thinks these groups will be human, but can't promise. "However, I'm sure they will play some kick-ass rock."

Real Hobbits Found, Have Voices of Angels! Mini-men Shave Feet to Avoid Embarrassment!

A missionary group traveling to a remote island on a "filking expedition" has encountered a race three feet high. Amazingly, even though they have had no previous contact with the outside world, they know and can sing Handel's *Messiah*. They seemed to be gentle folk until one of the missionaries sang *The Ballad of Bilbo Baggins*, at which point they picked up clubs and beat the man senseless. "I couldn't help it," said Brother Ted. "They looked so much like hobbits I had to sing my favorite Nimoy song." Brother Ted is an avid filker and plans to attend Necronomicon to engage in his favorite hobby. One hopes his fellow filkers will treat him more kindly. Open filking will take place from 10:00pm to the wee hours on Friday and Saturday night in Brandon 4.

Big Brain Battle-Royal! Cranial Crashes Concuss Contestants!

In a move sure to tempt fate, the staff has planned four trivia contests this year. The Brandon 2 room will provide the killing fields for all of them. Friday night offers mental melees at 8pm (Movie One-Liners) and 10pm (Monty Python Jeopardy), both certain to run up a high body count. The Con's main Trivia Contest is Saturday at 3pm, and is a team event. Sign up and rules are posted at Registration for those with the courage and cerebral vigor to vie for valuable prizes.

Paramedics have been retained to tend the injured. Survivors of these events, if any, may also risk life and limb in the Name That Tune contest on Saturday night at 10pm. All contestants are subject to search to prevent the use of extra brains.



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The Third Annual Cthulhu Memorial Ice Cream Social convenes in the ballroom at 7pm on Friday night. Unlike the previous two years of the event, this year features the test launch of a special weight-loss ice cream. Members can gorge without fear that their overindulgence will go right to their hips. “This new formula uses a reverse-molecule sugar that causes fat to dissolve,” claims noted science-chef Bunsen Honeydew. “Our tests show minimal side effects. Most people will put up with cramps, vertigo, and hallucinations to achieve substantial weight loss without giving up dessert. Look for Eye Scream™ in your local grocery soon.”

Dice of Death!

When Crapping Out Means Curtains!

Made of human bone and etched with occult symbols, a twenty sided die found by American soldiers in an Iraq tomb could be an ancient Babylonian artifact used in sacrificial rites. The soldiers invented a game using the die but stopped playing after the second serviceman rolled a one, keeled over, and died. “The first guy could have been bitten by a scorpion or something,” said PFC Jonathan Birkins. “When Charlie went we knew it had to be that crazy die. I had a cousin who wet himself after using a Ouija board, but I haven’t seen anything like this.” Necronomicon offers games no less deadly. To sign-up or for more info, go to the gaming registration table in the right wing of the hotel.



Canine Charity in Control! Who's Really On The Leash?

Kids & Canines, a local nonprofit group, is Necronomicon's official charity. The organization allegedly helps at-risk school kids train helper dogs for the disabled. A charity raffle at the Ice Cream Social will support their efforts to train these useful animals. But, an anonymous source says it's the dogs that are training the kids! These Machiavellian mutts seem to be running behavior modifications on these youths. "Johnny does seem different after working with the dogs." said one mother. "He doesn't stay out late anymore and he says 'Please' and 'Thank You.' It's so strange." The reason is unknown, but continued support of the program is recommended.

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According to Top Secret autopsy reports, the alien cadavers recovered from the UFO wreckage in New Mexico had a .9 blood-alcohol reading and beer bottles were found aboard the craft. “It is quite possible that the Grays have developed a taste for beer,” says UFOlogist Dr. Seymour Harvey. “Why else would they visit this tiny insignificant planet?” The evidence suggests their favorite brew is Crazy Eddie’s Cave Creek Jalapeno Beer. This and many other flavors will be available at the Ygor Party in the Con Suite. Ygor maintains the other-worldly visitors must drink light beer because it’s less filling, but Igor thinks if they do it’s because it tastes great. The Ghourmet Bheer Tasting begins at 10:00pm on Friday. Humps are optional.

Wookiee Dancing Cure Diseases! Sick People Seek Out Bigfoot!

Undertaking a strange pilgrimage to the Pacific Northwest, ailing Star Wars Galaxies enthusiasts are tracking sasquatch. They’re convinced that if they can boogie down with the elusive forest giants, their health will improve. Timothy Zahn, a Star Wars expert based in Oregon, lends credence to their theory. “Different dances could have specific effects. The funky chicken could cure arthritis and the Lambada, venereal diseases,” he stated. At this years Necronomicon, DJs Mike LoBue and Jim Shippey will play songs intended to soothe a sasquatch’s savage breast. “You wouldn’t want to play the wrong kind of music and get your arms ripped off,” says LoBue. There will be two kinds of dances. The anime dance takes place at 9:30pm on Friday and 11:30pm on Saturday. The Bigfoot-friendly dance starts Friday at 11:30pm and late Saturday at 1:00am. All dances take place in the ball-room.





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The Return Of The King! **Special Events Entice Elvis!**

Sometime, somewhere, during Necronomicon, The King may make a rare appearance. Based on a tip from an unnamed source in the upper-echelon of the con staff, it is thought that one of the special events being held this year will draw the reclusive crooner out of hiding.



Interactive Video Programming

Rocky Horror Picture Show and Pirates of the Caribbean

After standing room only last year, the RHPS will be back again in the larger Salon 1 on Friday at Midnight. It has been rumored that Elvis will sometimes perform as “Eddie.”

With the inspiration of Rocky to go on, a scurvy cast of characters want to do the same treatment to last year's hit, *Pirates of the Caribbean*. On Saturday, you might look for ‘ol swivel hips himself to be wearing an eye-patch (thus to remain incognito) and saying “Arrrrr, baby.” This will be in Salon 3 at 11pm.

Singing Spider

None other than Guest of Honor Spider Robinson will be performing on Saturday at 9:30pm in Salon 2. An accomplished musician, Mr. Robinson’s fine guitar work may well bring Elvis back. This reporter can’t say if there might be a duet planned, but you don’t dare miss the chance!

The Adventurer’s Kitchen

If there’s one thing the King loved, it was food. That’s why you might find him at the culinary demo on Saturday at 1pm in Salon 1. There, Chef K. Macinnes will give a cooking class for the rugged adventurer on the go. Whether it’s bugbear burgers or peanut butter and banana sandwiches, you’ll find Mr. Presley at the front of the line. Why? Because the audience will get to sample the fare.

The Song of Steel



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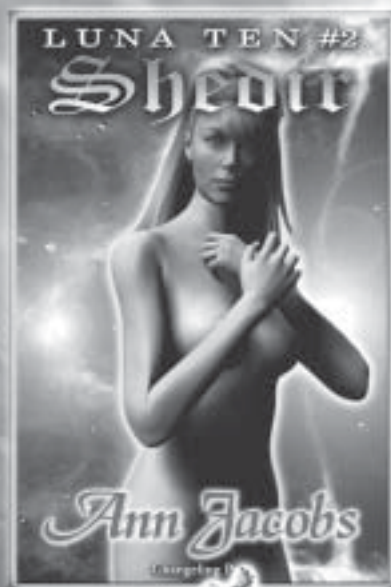
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FRIDAY

3:00 PM

Brandon 2 **What's New in TV & Movies?** - Learn about coming attractions on the big and small screen. - *Lellouche, Hinman* - host: *Warren*

Brandon 4 **Songs that Eat Your Brain** - Tunes you can't get out of your head—filk musts. - filkers - host: *Bruns*

4:00 PM

Brandon 2 **Larping 101: A Survival Guide** - Tips & tricks for getting the most out of a LARP game. - host: *Faber*

Brandon 4 **Filk Hour** - Sing some of those tunes you can't get out of your head. - filkers - host: *Bruns*

Salon 1 **Meet the Guests** - Get together with our guests of honor and other noted authors. - *Robinsons, Cunningham, Abbey, Evans, Zahn, Byers* - host: *May*

Salon 3 **Heart & Soul of Science Fiction** - Find out our panel's picks for best SF books since 1920. - *Ewing, K.Morris, Stanton, Pinsky* - host: *Antczak*

5:00 PM

Brandon 2 **So You Want to LARP?** - Never been in a LARP but want to try? Find out the basics. - host: *Faber*

Salon 1 **Autographing** - Come get your books signed by our author guests. - *Robinsons, Abbey, Evans, Zahn, Byers, Cunningham* - host: *Louli*

Salon 2 **Depiction of Ghosts in History** - Learn how people have looked at ghosts throughout history. - host: *Stark*

7:00 PM

Salon 1&2 **Eye Scream Social & Flea Market** - Eat and be merry and buy stuff at our charity flea market. - host: *Hicks*

8:00 PM

Salon 1&2 **Beatles Sing Along** - Come sing Beatles tunes with Spider & Jeanne Robinson. - *Robinsons* - host: *Staff*

Brandon 2 **Movie One Liners** - Test your movie quote knowledge with this trivia quiz. - host: *Lung, Wetherill*

Brandon 4 **What it Takes to Get Published** - Find out how to get your writing into print. - *Finkelstein, Shuster, Hatfield, Riley* - host: *Roen*

9:00 PM

Brandon 2 **Politics, Religion & Morality in SF TV & Film** - Panelists discuss how social issues affect TV & film. - *Beaudoin, Antczak, Holland, Hamilton* - host: *Pinsky*

Brandon 4 **What's in a Name?** - Names are an important detail in fiction. Find out why. - *Logan, Fradella, Bamberg, Falkner* - host: *Polkabla*

- Suite 445 **Whose Story Is It?** - What is point of view and how does it work? D.C. Black - *host: Black*
- Salon 3 **Live Bands** - Four bands, Klick, Gravaty, SpoTLuCy and Knowing Stu will perform till 1am.
- 10:00 PM**
- Salon 1&2 **Anime Dance** - Put on your dancin' shoes and anime costume and boogie.
- Brandon 2 **Monty Python Trivia** - Show what you know about Monty Python in this trivia match. - *host: Lung, Wetherill*
- Brandon 4 **Open Filk** - Nightly filking begins and goes till the wee hours of the morn. - *host: filkers*
- Suite 443 **Ygor Party** - Ygor! Igor! You just have to be there and PARTY!!! - *host: Carroll, Morris*
- Suite 445 **The Death of Trek** - What's killing Star Trek & why? - *host: Monroe*
- 11:00 PM**
- Suite 445 **Gay Issues in Fandom** - Fans discuss how gays and gay fiction fare in fandom. - *host: Hicks*
- 12:00 AM**
- Salon 1 **Interactive Rocky Horror** - Dammit, Janet, you have to come participate in the show.
- Brandon 2 **Erotic Fiction, the Female Perspective** - Find out why erotic fiction by women is not like men's fiction. - *Bennett, Riley, Burke, Kitsune, May - host: May*
- Salon 2 **Dance** - Not tired yet? Keep on dancin till the wee hours.

SATURDAY

- 10:00 AM**
- Brandon 2 **What a Fiction Editor Does** - Learn how editors choose fiction and how they modify it. - *Abbey, Cunningham, Black, Logan - host: Cisneros*
- Brandon 4 **Dr. Who: Still Here** - Come hear the news about new projects for the Doctor. - *Langston, Dykeman, Reynolds - host: May*
- Salon 1 **Best Horror Movies You Never Heard of** - Our panel suggests goodies even avid fans have missed. - *Strand, Holland, Hamilton, Antczak - host: Peck*
- Salon 2 **Writing for the Gaming Community** - Gaming professionals tell you how to get into game writing. - *McCoy, Green, Greenberg, Talley - host: Winn*
- Salon 3 **Rules for Web Writers** - Our experts give advice on how to write for the Internet. - *Riley, Burke, Howdershelt, Felts - host: Bolton*
- Suite 445 **Depicting Someone Else's Character** - Artists talk about the good & bad of character illustration. - *McSweeney, Vincenti, Morrison - host: Caldwell*
- 11:00 AM**
- Brandon 2 **Small Bites: The Horror That Devours You** - SMALL BITES authors discuss this charity anthology. - *Ludwigsen, Gouveia, Strand, Hansen - host: Peck*
- Brandon 4 **Morality in Young Reader's Fiction** - Panelists relate the difference in writing for adults and kids. - *Gallagher, Goingback, Stanton, Sabin - host: Ewing*

- Salon 1 **The Place of Political Correctness in SF** - Hear what authors have to say about P.C. - *Frey, Evans, Felts, Hatfield, Pinsky* - *host: Pinsky*
- Salon 2 **Mission to Saturn Slide Show** - Craig MacDougal of MOSI hosts this virtual trip to Saturn. - *host: MacDougal*
- Salon 3 **Superwomen in Fiction** - Who are they? Where do you find them? How to write them. - *Falkner, Fradella, Abbey, DiPalma* - *host: Howdershelt*
- Suite 445 **Scaffolding for Writers (Basic Structure)** - Writing workshop with D.C. *host: Black*
- 12:00 PM**
- Brandon 2 **Ya Gotta Luv Vamps** - This staple of horror fiction is mulled over by our panel. - *Graves, Strand, Hansen, Ludwigsen* - *host: Stauffer*
- Brandon 4 **Anime & the Cartoon Network** - Is the Cartoon network a boon or bane to anime? - *Dmuchowski* - *host: Winn*
- Salon 1 **Historical Fact & Fiction in SF & F** - How authors use (and maybe abuse) history in fiction. - *Evans, DiPalma, McCoy, Felts* - *host: Cisneros*
- Salon 2 **Mini Medical School** - Dr. Morris gives a lesson on respiratory physiology. - *host: K.Morris*
- Salon 3 **Artists—Born or Bred?** - Can you make up for a lack in natural talent with hard work? - *Reichwald, Pate, Gill, Atomic* - *host: Caldwell*
- 1:00 PM**
- Brandon 2 **Hey Good Lookin': Character Appearances** - Authors tell you how appearances help characterization. - *Byers, Sabin, Gouveia, Hogarth* - *host: May*
- Brandon 4 **Why We Filk** - Why do we love to write and sing new lyrics to old tunes? - M. Burke, Gallagher - *host: Bruns*
- Salon 1 **Adventurer's Kitchen** - Learn to cook a tasty Asian dish and try a taste! - *Aris, M. Stubkjaer, D. Stubkjaer* - *host: K. Macinnes*
- Salon 2 **Space Station Slide Show** - Jeff Mitchell gives the scoop on the Freedom space station. - *host: Mitchell*
- Salon 3 **Autographing** - Get those books signed by our guests. - S. Robinson, J. Robinson, Zahn - *host: Louli*
- Suite 445 **Art Show Tour for Kids** - Teaching the little ones to like art. - *host: Lung, Wetherill*
- 2:00 PM**
- Brandon 2 **Tie-Ins, the Ups & Downs** - Authors writing in an existing setting discuss the pros & cons. - *Abbey, Cunningham, Byers* - *host: Warren*
- Salon 2 **Tampa Fechtschule Workshop** - Join this medieval martial arts workshop with Devon Sharkey. - *host: Sharkey*
- Salon 3 **Spider Robinson Reading** - S.Robinson
- Suite 445 **The Fate of Independent Films** - Can the little guys succeed like the big guys? - Holland, Hamilton, Fett, Semple - *host: Hinman*
- 3:00 PM**
- Brandon 2 **Trivia Contest** - Sign up for this game at registration & play on Saturday at 3. - *host: Warren, Zahn, Dryer, Bruns, Jones*
- Brandon 4 **How We Create a World for You** - How authors & others create fictional places. - *Goingback, Gouveia, Shuster, Fogarty* - *host: MacDougal*

- Salon 1 **Star Wars Costuming & Prop Workshop** - Tips & tricks for creating your own Star Wars gear. - *host: Star Wars Prop groups*
- Salon 3 **How to Build a Villain** - How authors write those guys & gals you love to hate. - *Keller de Nunez, Graves, Stone, Bamberg - host: Littell*
- Suite 445 **How to Build a Story: Part 1** - Writing workshop with D.C. Black - *host: Black*
- 4:00 PM**
- Brandon 4 **It's Not SF but It's Close** - Radio, haunted houses, websites & more for SF fans.. - *Reynolds, Fogarty, Greenberg, Hinman - host: Roen*
- Salon 1 **The Place of SF & F Art in the Art Community** - How is SF art viewed by mainstream artists & patrons. - *Atomic, Pate, Gill, Morrison - host: Caldwell*
- Salon 2 **Curious Echo Radio Theater** - Enjoy an old time SF radio play. - *host: Curious Echo*
- Salon 3 **Belly Up to the Bar Boys** - The importance of the tavern in SF & F fiction. - *S. Robinson, Abbey, Byers, Cunningham - host: May*
- 5:00 PM**
- Brandon 2 **Columbia: What Went Wrong?** - Jeff Mitchell tells why the tragedy occurred. - *host: Mitchell*
- Brandon 4 **Your Website or Mine** - Should you host your own stuff or let someone else do it? - *Howdershelt, Riley, Felts, Burke - host: Roen*
- Salon 1 **How to Prepare a Portfolio** - Artists suggest ways to present your work in the best light. - *Morrison, Reichwald, McSweeney, Atomic - host: Caldwell*
- Salon 2 **Making Low Budget Videos & Films** - So you wanna make movies. Find out how to get started. - *Fett, Antczak, Wolfe, Semple - host: Beadudoin*
- Salon 3 **Lynn Abbey Reading** - Lynn Abbey entertains you with one of her recent tales. - *host: Abbey*
- Suite 445 **How to Hook 'em Into Reading Your Stuff** - Authors relate how to make someone keep reading your work. - *Hamilton, Cisneros, Frey, Hogarth - host: Roen*
- 6:00 PM**
- Brandon 4 **Sat Eve Sing Along** - General filking.
- 7:00 PM**
- Ballroom **Masquerade Seating** - Get a good spot for the show.
- 8:00 PM**
- Ballroom **Masquerade** - The ever popular costume contest. - *McSweeney, Caldwell, Vincenti, Cunningham - host: A. Morris*
- 9:00 PM**
- Brandon 2 **Artist Round Robin** - Artists create composite works to auction off for charity. - *Morrison, Conrad, McSweeney, Reichwald - host: May*
- Suite 445 **Stargate:Threat or Menace?** - Fan panel for Stargate lovers. - *host: Meredith*
- 9:30 PM**
- Salon 2 **Spider Robinson Concert** - Spider sings his own work for you. - *S. Robinson - host: A. Morris*

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10:00 PM

Brandon 2
Brandon 4
Suite 445
Salon 1

SF Name That Tune - Music trivia game. - *host: Harben*
Open Filking - General singing along. - *host: filkers*
Slash Fandom - Fan panel for gay fiction devotees. - *host: Hicks*
Anime Dance - Dancin' shoes and anime character dress time again.

11:00 PM

Brandon 2

Suite 445
Salon 3

Salon 2

Small Bites Spooky Bedtime Stories - Wear your jammies. Bring your cuddly toy and be spooked. - Horror Writers - *host: Peck*
Vidcon Gathering - Party for fan fiction aficionados. - *host: Hicks*
Interactive Pirates of the Caribbean - Just like Rocky Horror, but more ARRRRR!
Dance - More boogeying to do...

SUNDAY

10:00 AM

Salon 1

Salon 2
Salon 3

Brandon 2

Living with a Writer - What it's like to have one of those pesky authors at home. - *P. DiPalma, A. Morris, Hansen - host: Staufner*
Art Auction Set Up - Artists at work
Scaring You Silly - How writers make you laugh as they scare the pants off ya. - *Byers, Ludwigsen, Bamberg, Strand - host: Peck*
What A Girl Gamer Wants? - How can Gaming satisfy a woman - *Winn, Hogarth - host: Greenberg*



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Brandon 2

Tampa Fechtschule Longsword Workshop - Take up your sword (provided) and learn how to wield it. - *host: Starkey*

Brandon 4

What's Happening to the English Language? - How is our language changing? For the good? For the bad? - *Roen, Ewing, McCoy, Talley* - *host: Sabin*

Salon 1

Real Estate in Horror - Location, location, location. The importance of the setting. - *Byers, Graves, Bennett, Stone* - *host: Peck*

Salon 2

Art Auction - art - *Lung, Wetherill* - *host: Hicks*

Salon 3

Art Pick-Up - art - *host: Art Show Staff*

Suite 445

How to Build a Story: Part 2 - Writing workshop with D.C. Black. - *host: Black*

12:00 PM

Brandon 4

Ghosthunting in the Tampa Area - Where the true ghosthunters go. - *host: Stark*

Salon 1

Guests of Honor Q & A - Ask Spider & Jeanne, 'cause inquiring minds want to know. - *S. Robinson, J. Robinson* - *host: May*

1:00 PM

Brandon 2

History of Weaponry - The development and use of weapons. - *DiPalma, Hollingsworth* - *host: Evans*

Salon 1

Asimov Memorial Limerick Contest - Enter at registration and find out who wins Sunday at 1. - *host: Cunningham*

Suite 445

Fannish Book of Lists - Fan panel about lists: faves, dislikes, best websites, etc. - *host: Hicks*

2:00 PM

Brandon 4

Dead Dog Filk - The last filk of the con. - *host: filkers*

Salon 1

Autographing - Another chance to get your books signed. - *S. Robinson, J. Robinson, Zahn, Abbey* - *host: Loulie*

Salon 2

Curious Echo Radio Theater - An old time radio play for SF fans. - *host: Curious Echo*

3:00 PM

Salon 1

The Joy of Being a Woman Writer - The trials and pleasures of being a woman in a man's world. - *Abbey, Keller de Nunez, Graves, Hogarth* - *host: Stauffer*

Salon 2

Open Mic Poetry & Short

Story Readings - Bring that poem or short short story (5 minutes) to share. - *host: Stanton*

4:00 PM

Ballroom Lobby

Presenting of the Check to Kids & Canines - event - *host: A. Morris*

4:30 PM

Salon 2

NECRONOMICON 2005 Preview - Everything you need to know for our move next year!!! - *Hicks* - *host: A. Morris*



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