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# Welcome to Necronomicon

Well met, one and all! We welcome you to the Embassy of Suites for this special gathering of kindred souls from across the kingdoms, realms, and planes. Here on neutral ground we gather in peace to celebrate our love of all Strange Fiction, Fantastic Events, and Horrific Tales. Knights will rub elbows with wizards, and orcs can mingle with elves to watch the newest Scrying Wall shows. Attend the fascinating panels where experts can tell you how dragons avoid indigestion (Sunday 11 am) or the best damsel rescuing techniques (Friday, 10 pm).

On these pages you will find all the details you need to find your favorite events of the Convention. Please keep in mind that this document was prepared months in advance by our monk in residence (the writing kind, not the punching kind), and any last minute changes will be noted in the Schedule Parchment available at Registration.

So eat, drink and be merry! You are amongst your kin even if they have scales, fins, or pointed ears. Or perhaps it's because they have them!

# The King's Edicts

**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 on designated smoking floors and outside.

**2. Weapons** - No real weapons, bladed weapons, or simulated weapons that can shoot a projectile are allowed. Also, if it looks like a real gun, it's not allowed. The only exception is for preapproved Masquerade participants. All hall costume weapons and props must be approved by a member of Necronomicon staff. If you have a weapon on your hall costume, you are NOT allowed to carry it in your hands; it MUST remain in the holster/sheath or similar.

**3. Harassment** - Harassment is any behavior that intentionally annoys or alarms another person. This includes unwanted physical contact, following someone around, rude, suggestive, or insulting comments, or otherwise infringing on their personal liberties or space. Harassment will not be tolerated at Necronomicon. If you approach someone and they tell you "no" or to leave them alone, your business with them is done. If you do not leave them alone as they have requested, your actions are grounds for a complaint of harassment.

If you feel that you are being harassed, report the matter immediately to convention staff or security.

**4. Badges** - ID badges must be worn prominently on the front of clothing and above the waist at all times. Anyone without a badge will be refused access. If you lose your badge, you must buy a new membership to get another one, or you will be sacrificed to the Elder Gods.

**5. Behavior and costumes must adhere to Hillsborough County decency laws.**

**6. Quiet time**, except for the first floor, is 10 pm to 10 am. For the comfort and convenience of all hotel guests, during these hours you are required to keep noise to a minimum on all sleeping floors.

**7. Disorderly Conduct** - No running in the hotel, yelling, fighting, or damaging of hotel and/or convention property will be tolerated. Drunken or disorderly conduct in Necronomicon function space will result in the member being escorted to his or her room or removed from the hotel.

**8. Alcohol** shall not be dispensed in public or function areas in the hotel, except by authorized hotel staff.

**9. Signs** - Signs may not be posted except on convention bulletin boards. No signs may be posted in the elevators, on the walls, or on room doors. Bulletin boards and thumbtacks are available at the registration desk.

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

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# Guest of Honor

Christopher Paolini was born on November 17, 1983. He has lived most of his life in Paradise Valley, Montana with his parents and younger sister, Angela.

Homeschooled, Christopher graduated high school when he was 15, the year he finished the first draft of *Eragon*.



As a child, he read widely. Christopher's love for the magic of stories led him to craft a novel that he would enjoy reading. Thus, *Eragon* was born. He took a second year to revise the book and then gave it to his parents to read. The family decided to self-publish.

They spent a year preparing the manuscript: copyediting, proofreading, designing a cover, typesetting the manuscript, and creating marketing materials. Christopher drew the map for *Eragon*, as well as the dragon eye for the book cover (that now appears inside the Knopf hardcover edition).

The family spent the next year promoting the book. Michelle Frey, executive editor at Knopf, contacted Christopher and his family to ask if they might be interested in having Knopf publish *Eragon*. The answer was yes. In December 2006, Fox 2000 released the movie adaptation of *Eragon* in theaters around the world.

Early in 2007 Christopher realized that the plot and characters demanded more. What began as the Inheritance trilogy became the Inheritance cycle. Once the fourth volume is finished, Christopher plans to take a long vacation and ponder which of his many story ideas he will write next.

# Other Guests

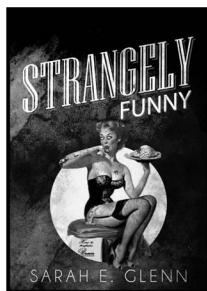
Amongst the nobility who have gathered for this event:

Roger Armstrong, S.L. Armstrong, Tracy A. Akers, Eric Beebe, David Berger, Chris Berman, Johanna M. Bolton, Jeffrey Breslauer, Richard Lee Byers, Craig Caldwell, Vicy Cross, Nick DiChario, Tanja Diederich, Lucienne Diver, Glenda Finkelstein, Tony Finkelstein, R.M. Garcia, Hal Greenberg, William Hatfield, Kat Heckenbach, Christopher Helton, Linton Herbert, Michael Hinman, MCA Hogarth, Ed Howdershelt, M.L. Joy, Aria Kane, Pamela Labud, Will Ludwigsen, Craig MacDougal, Thomas Macheski, Jeff Mitchell, Kendall D.W. Morris, Kendall F. Morris, K.L. Nappier, Rebecca Nipper, Pepperpot, K. Piet, E. Rose Sabin, Marina Sergeyeva, Rubey Shea, Lakisha Spletzer, Brandy Stark, John S. Tumlin, Rick Wilber, Ed Wysocki & the Omega of Necro, Timothy Zahn.

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# LAY OF THE LAND

As you roam the convention, visit these locations:

## **Ye Olde Dealers Rooms**

We are happy to announce that our Dealers Room this year is sponsored by the local guild of the “Property Redistribution Cooperative.” They made a most impressive argument for their managerial acumen that included charts, statistics, lunch, dessert, and antidotes. Within this area you will find a marketplace of wondrous and delightful items open on Friday from 1-6, Saturday from 10-6 and Sunday from 10-4. Browse the aisles and have your picture taken with the large blue box that periodically appears there. (It’s safer not to ask how.)

## **Anime Videos & Panels**

From the Far East, where monsters and knights the size of mountains do battle, comes tales of heros and villains to amaze and confuse you. Magic Lantern shows will be in Salon A on Friday from 3pm to 5pm, and again at 11pm. They will return on Saturday from 8am to 10am and again 11pm. Exact shows will be posted outside the rooms. Various Panels will be throughout the weekend also.

## **Ye Olde Tournament (of Games)**

Originally, Necronomicon intended to have jousting and an arena for members to meet in mortal combat. However, it was pointed out that dead members wouldn’t be able to pay for their room rentals for the weekend, so we’ve channeled your need for violence into different tracks.





The 2nd floor Salon rooms are home to the Gaming Department. Those with a bent for strategy and tactics will find a diversity of RPGS to board games. The perennial favorite “Cubicles & Computers” will of course be featured. Please see the Registration board for what is available and what times.

For those who are more “red in tooth and claw,” the immediacy of the LAN gaming will entice you. Magic screens allow a more visceral combat to occur via the use of avatars from another plane. Hosted by the fine team from SEADS, LAN is on the 2nd Floor in one of the Suite rooms. See the Gaming Notice board for the room number.

Finally, if you are of a more refined nature and wish to simulate High Court intrigue, try your hand at Live Action Role Playing. Explore a world of make believe in the guise of a person far more interesting than you. The LARP Department will post clues to hint at the schedule; as you grapple with them, think of it as a quest.

### **Ye Olde Con Suite**

If there is one thing we know, it's that keeping the peace between elves and orcs requires either fireballs or good nachos. Since there is a non-incendiary edict in effect indoors, we have nachos. Situated in the Dragon's Tower (AKA the 8th floor), the Con Suite will be open throughout the convention. Relax with friends and enjoy libations that will quench a wench and sate a satyr.

### **Ye Old Art Show**

The Art Show is a treasure trove of fabulous art objects from every kingdom within 1000 leagues. Sent as tribute, these items are sold to enrich the Artists (with a tithe of the profits going to your humble hosts). Due to a foul curse that struck the former Art Show Duchess, we have new blood this year and have put up wards to protect them.

The Art Show is open Friday 12 to 7, Saturday 9 to 6, and Sunday 9 to 4. Please browse with your coin pouches at the ready. Whether you have a hovel or a castle, that velvet unicorn will look great on your wall!

**Mary-Glynn Myers**  
*July 13, 1940 – March 31, 2013*

***Beloved Mother,  
Grandmother, Great  
Grandmother,  
Mentor, and Friend***

*Mary-Glynn loved to  
read and enjoyed many  
authors, including  
Khalil Gibran, Anne  
McCaffrey, J.R.R.  
Tolkien, Roger Zelazny,  
and others.*

*She loved Star Trek,  
Harry Potter, fairies,  
gnomes, and lots of  
fantasy and science  
fiction.*



*“She was a very independent, strong willed person who taught  
us to have an open mind and encouraged curiosity.*

*We miss her a lot and I keep forgetting she is gone.”*

*— Sherri Lynn Mushtaq, daughter*

*For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into  
the sun? And what is to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its  
restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God  
unencumbered?*

*Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.  
And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to  
climb. And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly  
dance.*

*— Khalil Gibran, The Prophet*

# EPIC EVENTS

## **Ye Olde Buffet Dinner with our Guest of Honor:**

The Great Dining hall has seen many celebrations. Who can forget the fetes commemorating the Battle of Klendathu, the liberation of Z'ha'dum, and the defeat of the rabbit of Caerbannog? On Friday night at 6 pm, we shall toast Christopher Paolini and his amazing talent for historical literature. Join us around 7 pm when we will have words of wisdom from the author himself. And cake.

**Ye Olde Ygor Party Beer Tasting:** From the Mended Drum to the Prancing Pony, from Ten Forward to the Vulgar Unicorn, where would a fan be without his beer? So you ARE going to be in the Con Suite at 10 pm Friday for the infamous Ygor (IGOR!) Party and Ghormet Beer Tasting. That was a not a question. Why, Thor himself wouldn't miss it for all the mead in Asgard.

## **Ye Olde NecronomiProm: The Prom Beyond The Wall:**

Hear ye! Hear Ye! After the Masquerade, all are invited to attend the crowning of New Nobility in the Salon Ballroom. Formal dress is requested, but not required. Everyone has an equal chance to be chosen King Beyond the Wall, Ice Queen, or White Walker, and all present, even the lowliest, may sit on the Ice Throne for pictographs.

**Ye Olde Masquerade:** Some would say that with elves, orcs, and pseudo-dragons already stalking the halls, why bother with a Masquerade? But what could be more fun than dressing up as something you are not? Just imagine the merriment of an elf maiden impersonating an "accountant" or a minotaur disguised as a sugar-plum fairy. Sign up by 5 pm at Con Registration. Seating starts at 7, and the contest begins at 8 pm.

**Ye Olde Hall Costume Contest:** Those who shun the stage but still like to turn out in their best dragonscale suit can still win acclaim. Special judges shrouded in invisibility magic will wander the halls on Saturday handing out ribbons. If a blue ribbon suddenly appears on your shoulder, you'll know why. By the way, an invisible costume is STILL no costume.

**Ye Olde Trivia Contests:** “Who would cross the Bridge of Death must answer me these questions....fifty. Um, which would be nifty.” Sorry about that, we’ve sacked the quote writer. But we DO have many more than fifty questions, so join us for the **Main Trivia Contest** Saturday at 3 pm. Sign up at Registration and join a party of four for a puzzle quest like no other. We are currently working with dwarven contractors for a ravine to fling losers into, but we can’t guarantee that part. You can also play **Fannish Name That Tune** Saturday at 10 pm in Salon G. Join Chris H. and his enchanted minstrels-in-a-box to test your wits on tunes from across the Nine Realms. Finally, **Motion Images One-Liners** returns at a new time, 11 am Sunday in Salon B. The host will distribute confections to those reading the lines.

**Ye Olde Filking:** Year in and year out, this event lures bards and minstrels like a buskin gathers sandspurs in these torrid climes. This Music: The Gathering-style frolic convenes in Salon B at 2 pm Friday and Salon G on Friday and Saturday night at 11 pm. Spellsingers are asked to not summon any creatures beyond Level II.

**Kids & Canines:** Kids & Canines is a local organization that works with at-risk school kids teaching them how to train service dogs. The work enhances the students’ social skills and academic performance, and the dogs go on to assist the disabled. Necronomicon is proud to sponsor this organization as our official charity. Donations can be made at Registration, and we will hold a raffle at the Masquerade Saturday night. There will also be a table set up Yard Sale-style at the Eye Scream Social with bargain basement prices on all types of items. You never know what you might find there!

### **Ye Olde Cthulhu Memorial Eye Scream Social: 3rd Annual**

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As All Hallow’s Eve approaches, we must pay our respects to the Elder Gods. And what better way to do that then by eating



frozen treats? Nellackram, the blue dragon, has been kind enough to flash-freeze some delicious confections for your pleasure.

During the event, please visit the Yard Sale. All proceeds go to the convention charity. Close out the weekend with a full belly, luggage full of nifty items, and a lighter pouch, all in the name of Great Cthulhu and helping Kids and Canines.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Ye Olde Science Programming:** The Laws of Magic are well know, but those of Science are still being learned. Tanja Diederich and David Dickinson will be explaining about Astronomy, and how those lights in the night sky are not just fireflies stuck to roof of the sky. These demonstrations will be at 8pm, Friday & Saturday. Exact location will be on the Grid Schedule and the Guidebook. In addition, Craig MacDougal will discourse on Dragon Constellations, Saturday at 5 p.m. in Salon A, and on Near Earth Asteroids Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in Salon A.

**Ye Olde Photo Booth:** A traveling wizard & company will be visiting us on Saturday, setting up in the on the commons. There, for a small fee, he will use is magic to capture your image onto in his magic box. He specializes in those who wish to show off their colorful garb, though any are welcome. This Wizard is obviously aligned Lawful Good, as he is donating the fee you pay to our Charity, Kids and Canines.

**Ye Olde Illusion Shows:** Wicked Window Productions will host a panel on tips and tricks for acting and producing videos and will hold auditions for their productions following the panel. This will take place on Sunday in Salon G. The panel is from 11-12 and auditions run from 12-2.

**Ye Olde Caberat: Necronomicon's Got Talent:** is your chance to perform for the King and Queen, in a coat you borrowed from James Dean. If you have a talent you want to share with all of us from center stage, then you should be in the Salon Ballroom on Friday night at 8pm. We promise that unlike Robin's Minstrels, you won't be eaten.

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**Ye Olde Theater Show: Saving the Galaxy for Later:** A fine group of performers brought Tales of Dmonicus to life last year. They have returned for another story at 10am on Saturday in Salon A. “Saving The Galaxy For Later” will be brought to with conjured sound effects and grim determination. Join them for some pun-laden entertainment. IF YOU DARE!!!

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# Schedule of Events & Panels

## FRIDAY

### 1:00 PM

- Salon A **Writing Basics: Creating Fantasy Worlds:** Authors discuss the processes used to define the setting in which the story will be set. *Host: K.L. Nappier, Panel: Lucienne Diver, Christopher Paolini, Aria Kane, E. Rose Sabin*
- Salon B **How to and How Not to Write a Mystery:** Discussion of red herrings, McGuffins, and more that would-be mystery writers should know. *Host: Tony Finkelstein, panel: William Hatfield, Pamela Labud, Shana Powers*
- Salon C **Fan-Talk: Firefly:** Join fellow fans for a chat about your favorite band of Big Damn Heroes. *Host: Teri Sears, Panel: Victoria Meredith, Ann Morris*

### 2:00 PM

- Salon A **Writing Basics: Creating Anti-Heroes, Rogues and Villains:** Author discussion of character traits you can give rogues, anti-heroes and villains to make them lovable as well as despicable. *Host: Michael L. Joy, Panel: Richard Lee Byers, Kat Heckenbach, Timothy Zahn, MCA Hogarth*
- Salon B **Open Filk:** Free time for raising your voice in fannish song
- Salon C **Writing for Young Adults:** Learn what you need to know about writing for young adults as opposed to adults or young children. *Host: Glenda Finkelstein, Panel: Tracy Akers, E. Rose Sabin, David Berger, K.L. Nappier*
- Salon G **Costuming for Your Body Type and Age:** Get tips and tricks to help you decide what kinds of costumes will work best for you and make you feel good. *Host: Amber Hollingsworth, Panel: Ann Morris, Victoria Meredith*

### 3:00 PM

- Salon A **Anime Viewing TBA**
- Salon B **Open Filk:** Free time for raising your voice in fannish song
- Salon C **Going Green: What the Individual Can Do:** How one person can make a contribution that benefits us all and gives you tips on what you can do. *Host: Jeff Mitchell, Panel: Craig Caldwell, Rebecca Nipper, Craig MacDougal*
- Salon G **Crossing Genres: the Good and the Bad:** Find out how authors mix genres to create something new and wonderful and how they avoid making a mess of things. *Host: Thomas Macheski, Panel: Lucienne Diver, Pamela Labud, R.M. Garcia, Michael L. Joy, Vicy Cross*

#### 4:00 PM

Salon A

**Anime Viewing TBA**

Salon B

**Strange Worlds Singalong:** Come try out a new fannish endeavor. Lyrics will be provided and the tunes will be standards that just about everyone knows. *Host: P.F. Bruns*

Salon C

**Autograph Session: Christopher Paolini, Timothy Zahn**

Salon G

**What Do You Read?:** Our panel gives suggestions for good reads and solicits audience suggestions. *Host: Tracy Zielinski, Panel: Roger Armstrong, Michael L. Joy, Tracy Akers, Jordan Schlabach*

#### 5:00 PM

Salon A-C

**Banquet Set-UP**

Salon G

**Social Media and the Author:** Authors clue you in to how they use social media to help their careers. *Host: MCA Hogarth, Panel: Richard Lee Byers, Kat Heckenbach, David Berger, K. Piet, Christopher Helton*

#### 6:00 PM

Salon A-C

**Banquet**

Salon G

**Branding and Selling Yourself:** Learn how to create a "brand" for yourself and how to get the word out to the public. *Host: Craig Caldwell, Panel: Glenda Finkelstein, Tony Finkelstein, William Hatfield, Brenda Cothorn*

#### 7:00 PM

Salon A-C

**Opening Ceremonies and Guest of Honor Q&A**

#### 8:00 PM

Outside-TBA

**Star Viewing Party:** Join astronomers Tanja Diederich and David Dickenson for some stargazing fun. Exact location to be posted on registration bulletin board. (2 hours)

#### 8:00 PM

Salon A-B

**Necronomicon's Got Talent!:** Join us for our new version of a fan cabaret.

Salon C

**How to Keep Writing in the Face of Adversity:** Writing can also cause you to face some brutal realities. How to cope with the negative aspects of the business and keep on writing. *Host: William Hatfield, Panel: Brenda Cothorn, Glenda Finkelstein, Christopher Helton, Kat Heckenbach*

Salon G

**Fan-Talk: Supernatural, Being Human, Grimm, Once Upon a Time:** A fan discussion of all your favorite magical, mystical TV shows.

#### 9:00 PM

Salon C

**How to Get the Most out of Your Gaming Experience: Q&A:** Game designer Christopher Helton shares his suggestions for how to play games to the fullest and have a heck of a lot of fun.

Salon G

**What Are You Watching: Television:** Fannish discussion of what's must see TV. Sugestions encouraged. *Host: TBA, Panel: Michael Hinman, Ane Kloetzer, Mark Callen*

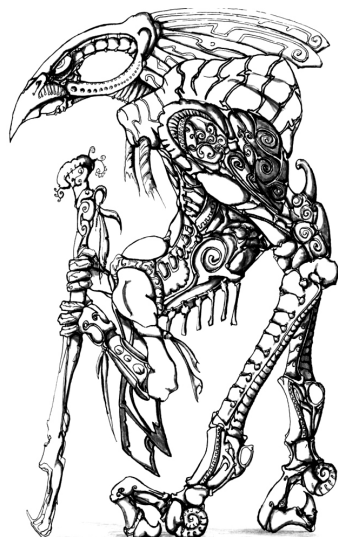
## 10:00 PM

Con Suite **Ygor Party:** Join hosts Kendall Morris and Eric Carroll for this joyous celebration of Ygor/Igor and Bheer

Salon A-B **Michael Murillo's Comedy Hour:** Stand up Comedy with a Nerdish Bent

Salon C **Fan-Talk: Harry Potter:** Fans Shana Alexander and Tanja Diederich host an hour of HP chat. All Hogwarts aficionados welcome.

Salon G **Is Fandom Really All That Tolerant?:** We want to believe we are enlightened and welcoming of all people. Our panel discusses how well fandom measures up to that ideal. *Host: Rick Dagneau, Panel: Roger Armstrong, Ann Morris, Debra Hicks, K. Piet, Michael Hinman*



## 11:00 PM

Salon A **Anime Viewing TBA**

Salon B **LARPing**

Salon C **Fan-Talk: Who Is the Best Superhero?:** Our panel tells who they think is the best of the best. The audience is encouraged to get in on the discussion. *Host: David Berger, Panel: Ane Kloetzer, Richard Byers, Will Ludwigsen, Amber Hollingsworth*

Salon G **Open Filk:** Free time for raising your voice in fannish song

## 12:00 AM

Salon C **LARPing**

# SATURDAY

## 9:00 AM

Salon B **Fantasy Romance: Rising Star:** The panel discusses why we are seeing the combination of fantasy and traditional romance writing. *Host: Lucienne Diver, Panel: Vicy Cross, Pamela Labud, Johanna M. Bolton, Aria Kane*

Salon C **How Cover Art Sells a Book:** Artists talk about how they entice you to read what's inside the book. *Host: Rebecca Nipper, Panel: T. Macheski, Rubey Shea, MCA Hogarth*

## 10:00 AM

Salon A **Tales of Demonius: Saving the Galaxy for Later:** If you were at last year's "radio" play or not, you'll want to join us for the follow-up adventure. *Announcer: Ann Morris, Cast: P.F. Bruns, M'liss Garber, Dean Dryer, Dave Zielinski, Jason Freeman, Shannon Ward, Capricia Bruns*

- Salon B **Game Design for Beginners:** Whether you want to become a pro or just to create great scenarios for your gaming group, you can learn from our gaming gurus Christopher Helton and Hal Greenberg.
- Salon C **SF & F Poetry and Music:** There is a very real and alive place for poetry and music in F&SF fiction--a place about which our panel will speak. *Host: Glenda Finkelstein, Panel: Rick Wilber, John S. Tumlin*
- Salon G **Magic and Mayhem: Fantasy in a Modern Setting:** Not all fantasy takes place in olden days and the heroes don't all wear capes. The panel talks about writing urban fantasy. *Host: David Berger, Panel: Will Ludwigsen, E. Rose Sabin, R.M. Garcia, MCA Hogarth*

## 11:00 AM

- Salon A **How to Build a Flying Saucer:** We don't know how to build a flying saucer but you can find out (and tell us) if you attend this sure to be entertaining presentation by Dr. Linton Herbert.
- Salon B **Yoga for Geeks:** Bring a towel (or yoga mat if you've got one) and join in some gentle exercise to get you feeling good and energized for the rest of the day. *Host: Pepperpot*
- Salon C **Sharing the Load: Collaborations:** Sometimes, you get to write alone with a partner. Learn the advantages and disadvantages of collaboration. *Host: K.L. Nappier, Panel: N. DiChario, R. Wilber, R. Byers, T. Zahn, S.L. Armstrong*
- Salon G **1701 News: What's Happening in the World of Star Trek:** Michael Hinman, who has partnered with the Roddenberry organization to create the 1701 News website, gives us the scoop on all things Star Trek.

## 12:00 PM

- Salon A **Great Geek Debate:** Two teams of geeks debate a nerdly topic, and the audience decides which team wins. *Host: Ann Morris, Team Tardis: Johanna M. Bolton, Kendall D. Morris, Team Red Dwarf: Teri Sears, P.F. Bruns, Brandy Stark*
- Salon B **Costume Swap:** Have some costuming stuff you no longer need, or have something you are looking for? Come to our costume swap and meet fellow costumers to share the wealth. *Host: Julie Klein*
- Salon C **Small Presses: Taking Risks the Big Guys are Afraid to Take:** If you want to find fiction that is innovative or deals with subjects the major publishers shy away from, you go to the small presses. Why small presses are risk takers. *Host: K. Piet, Panel: Eric Beebe, Ed Howdershelt, Lucienne Diver, Christopher Helton, E. Rose Sabin*
- Salon G **Characterization: What You Need to Know:** Learn how to create characters that will come alive for your readers. *Host: Brenda Cothorn, Panel: R.M. Garcia, Lakisha Spletzer, Nick DiChario, Aria Kane*



**1:00 PM**

Salon A

**Guest of Honor Q&A:**

Timothy Zahn interviews Christopher Paolini. Questions from the audience are encouraged.

Salon B

**Self Publishing & POD for the Beginner:**

Learn the basics of self-publishing and the advantages of POD from our experts. *Host: Brenda*

*Cothern, Panel: Tracy Akers, Ed Howdershelt, K.L. Nappier, Michael L. Joy, Eric Beebe*

Salon C

**What's New in Astronomy?:** For those who want to catch up on goings-on around the universe, this is the panel for you! *Host: Jeff Mitchell, Panel: David Dickinson, Tanja Diederich, Craig MacDougal, Ed Wysocki*

Salon G

**Novelty Songs:** *Host: Mark Dmuchowski*

**2:00 PM**

Salon A

**Old Time Singalong:** Hosts Amber Hollingsworth and Victoria Meredith lead this group sing with songs everybody knows.

**2:00 PM**

Salon B

**Exoplanets: What Do We Really Know?:** Are you wondering what's up with exoplanets? Are you wondering what exoplanets are? *Host: Ed Wysocki, Panel: Tanja Diederich, Jeff Mitchell, Craig MacDougal, David Dickinson*

Salon C

**The Witless Theater Improv Workshop:** Get help creating characters for your fiction, LARPs, and cosplay. *Host: Jim Schiller, Panel: Justin Smith, Yvelisse Cedrez, Kristin Klayla, Miguel Maldonado, Josh Boyias (2 hours)*

Salon G

**Illustration and Self-inspired Art:** Artists discuss how illustration is different and how it is like self-inspired art. *Host: Tracy Zielinski, MCA Hogarth, Rebecca Nipper, Rubey Shea, Brandy Stark*

**3:00 PM**

Salon A

**Main Trivia:** Compete or just cheer the teams on in our annual Jeopardy style trivia challenge. (sign-up in Reg.) *Hosts: Jones, Dryer, Bruns, Zahn & Zahn (2 hours)*

Salon B

**Quiltbag 2013:** Our panel talks about how LGBT people are perceived in 2013 and what there is left to do to ensure that all of us have equality under the law. *Host: K. Piet, Panel: S.L. Armstrong, R. Armstrong, David Berger*

Salon G

**Free Energy for the Right Price:** Is there such a thing as free energy? What are the costs really? Find out here. *Host: Craig Caldwell, Panel: Johanna M. Bolton, Rebecca Nipper, Jeff Mitchell, John S. Tumlin*



## 4:00 PM

Salon B

### **Religion in Science Fiction and Fantasy**

A soon to be ordained minister, an ethics professor and three authors delve into the topic of how you deal with religion in the societies you create in your fiction. *Host: Tracy Zielinski, Panel: Will Ludwigsen, Kat Heckenbach, Michael Pinsky, Lucienne Diver, Brandy Stark*

Salon C

### **Brain Mapping: What it is and What it Will Lead to?:**

Our science guys discuss and answer your questions about brain mapping. Hint: It's not about evil geniuses taking control of your brain and making you do bad, bad things. *Host: Johanna M. Bolton, Panel: Kendall D.W. Morris, Kendall F. Morris, Craig Caldwell*

Salon G

**Anime Timeline:** The history of anime from the beginning of time to the present: Mostly. You get the idea. *Host: Mark Dmuchowski (hour 1)*

## 5:00 PM

Salon A

**Dragon Constellations:** Craig MacDougal presents a tour of the constellations that just might inspire you to dream of dragons.

Salon B

**Fiction: the Long and the Short of it:** Authors discuss the differences and similarities in writing short and long form fiction. *Host: Nick DiChario, Panel: Rick Wilber, Lakisha Spletzer, Vicy Cross, John S. Tumlin, Richard Lee Byers*

Salon C

## 6:00 PM

Salon A-C

### **Costume Contest Set-Up**

Salon G

**Doctor Who: Fifty Years and Going Strong:** Super Who Fans, join us for a discussion of why everybody loves (or should do) the Doctor. *Host: Teri Sears, Panel: Mark Callen, Michael Hinman, Michael Pinsky, Amber Hollingsworth*

## 7:00 PM

Salon A-C

**Costume Contest Seating:** It's going to be standing room only, so we suggest you bring your e-reader or iPod and get your seat early.

Salon G

### **Costume Contest Contestant Line-up**

## 8:00 PM

Outside-TBA

**Star Viewing Party:** Astronomers Tanja Diederich and David Dickinson show you around the night sky.

Salon A-C

**Costume Contest:** Join us for our annual feast of finery. We always have great costumers at Necronomicon. *Host: Ann Morris, M.C.s Kendall D.W. Morris and Jade Morris. Judges: MCA Hogarth, Johanna M. Bolton, Lauren Podolak, Richard Lee Byers, Rick Wilber*

**9:00 PM**

Salon G

**Plotting Your Novel: What You Need to Know:** Learn how to structure your fiction to tell your story the best way. *Host: Eric Beebe, Panel: Glenda Finkelstein, William Hatfield, Will Ludwigsen, K.L. Nappier, E. Rose Sabin*

**9:30 PM**

Salon A-B

**Necronomi-Prom (Game of Thrones Theme):** Winter is coming, but take a chance and come out from behind The Wall to our version of Geek Prom. If any of you Ice Princesses have left your crowns behind, you can make another at our crown making station.

**10:00 PM**

Salon C

**LARPing**

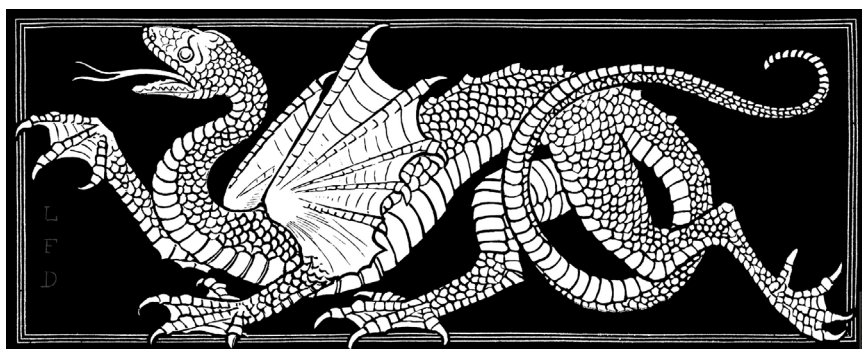
Salon G

**Fannish Name That Tune:** Chris Harben hosts our yearly music guessing game. There will be prizes.

**11:00 PM**

Salon G

**Open Filk:** Sing the night away with your fellow fans.



## SUNDAY

**8:00 AM**

Salon A

**Anime Viewing TBA**

**10:00 AM**

Salon A

**Near Earth Asteroids:** Join Craig MacDougal for a presentation on those big bad uglies hanging out there in the sky not far enough away from us.

Salon B

**Wait Wait Don't Tell Me:** Our version of the popular NPR game show. *Host: P.F. Bruns, Panel: Richard Byers, Teri Sears, Christopher Paolini*

Salon C

**Hidden Gems: RPGS & Board Games:** The panel gives you their picks for fun game time and encourages you to give them yours. *Host: Jack Faber, Panel, Christopher Helton, Richard Lee Byers, Hal Greenberg*

Salon G

**Animation Trivia Challenge:** Think you know anime? Come test yourself at our animation trivia challenge. *Host: Mark Dmuchowski*

## 11:00 AM

- Salon A **Basil & Moebius:** Join authors Timothy Zahn and Richard Lee Byers and learn about science fantasy's newest heroes (or are they antiheroes?) Basil & Moebius.
- Salon B **Movie One-Liners:** Dean Dryer and P.F. Bruns carry on the tradition Stacy Lung brought to us. Test your knowledge of movie quotes or just show off your quote reading skills.
- Salon C **Dress for Success: What Your Fantasy Characters Wear:** Our authors discuss what they tell their character to wear and not to wear. *Host: Tracy Akers, Panel: Lucienne Diver, Christopher Paolini, Pamela Labud*
- Salon G **Wicked Window Productions Tips and Tricks:** Come one! Come All! Wicked Window Productions is hosting auditions right here at Necronomicon! Panel with Tips and Tricks in Hour One--Auditions in Hours Two and Three. *Host: Brianna Valdes (publicist, make-up artist), Panel: Monique Correia (Director), Gian Guggino (Director of Photography), Lianne McDonnell-Kruger (Casting Director), Norb Cartagena (Writer), Cynthia Cartagena, Ricci Ruiz, Verek Correia, Venessa Baez, Krystal Phares, Ciara Feaser (2 hours)*

## 12:00 PM

- Salon A **Robert Westerfield gives you a quick guide to making an animated film from start to finish.**

## 12:00 PM

- Salon C **Is This the End Time?:** Panelists discuss theories and religious teaching that says we are coming to the end of days. *Host: Craig Caldwell, Panel: Timothy Zahn, Johanna M. Bolton, Tracy Zielinski, Thomas Macheski, Brandy Stark*

## 1:00 PM

- Salon A-B **Set-Up for Yard Sale**
- Salon C **Star Trek or Star Wars?:** The panel discusses and invites audience input. *Host: Amber Hollingsworth, Panel: Tanja Diederich, Michael Hinman, Victoria Meredith*

## 2:00 PM

- Salon A-C **Yard Sale and Third Annual Cthulhu Memorial Eye Scream Social:** Come on in, have some tasty ice cream, and browse our charity yard sale. We'll have lots of stuff you don't need but want to buy anyway! *Host: Debra Hicks*





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2014 may be its first year, but we have plenty in store for those attending. The panel descriptions, special guests, and venue are already up, and registration is live!

We hope you enjoy the content to be found in RainbowCon. Our schedule features both an reader track as well as a writer track, catering to those on both sides of the proverbial pen. Workshops are available for aspiring and established writers alike. We also offer roundtable discussions of sub-genres of QUILTBAG literature and activities, so there are plenty of opportunities to participate and socialize. RainbowCon is all about the personal approach, and it's our goal to ensure each attendee has a fantastic time!

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