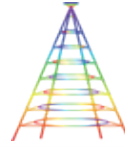


The Tower



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Program Updates

L.D. Colter is not attending and has been removed from programming.:

SFWA Autograph Sessions

SFWA (Science Fiction Writers Association) will again be hosting autograph sessions in the Exhibit Hall near the main autograph area.

Friday

11:00 AM to 11:25 AM Lawrence M. Schoen, Jonathan Brazee
Noon to 12:25 PM Curtis C. Chen, James Patrick Kelly
1:00 PM to 1:25 PM Rebecca Gomez Farrell, Daniel Potter
2:00 PM to 2:25 PM James Van Pelt, Nathaniel Williams
3:00 PM to 3:25 PM Erica Satifka
4:00 PM to 4:25 PM Robert J. Sawyer
5:00 PM to 5:25 PM N.J. Schrock

The San José Galactic Light Tower

The San José Galactic Light Tower is an interactive animated light sculpture created by Kevin Roche, designed and constructed to debut at MidAmeriCon II, the 74th World Science Fiction Convention, in Kansas City, Missouri, August 2016.

Standing approximately 30 feet tall, the tower incorporates nearly 3000 individually addressable LEDs controlled by a Bluetooth-enabled Teensy 3.2 processor. The illumination, color, and animations are adjustable via a simple mobile application.

Parties

New Zealand in 2020: The Middle of Middle Earth Party will be held Thursday at 9:00 PM in Suite 576.

Retro Hugos

At 7:30 PM the Red Carpet arrivals for Retro Hugo Party begin. The Retro Hugo Party starts at 8:00 PM.

A Bicycle Built for Fifteen

You might think this is a filk sung by a demented computer, but it's actually an enjoyable way to spend an evening.

On Wednesday, a group of fans boarded the San Jose Brew Bike and pedaled to a trio of pubs. Our first stop was Uproar Brewery, where we sampled the beverages and swapped tales. The locally crafted brews went down smoothly before our driver Jack herded us back to the bike and we climbed into the saddles again. We pedaled, grooved to the tunes, and worked up a mighty thirst. The Original Gravity Public House was a welcome sight. The beverages sported clever names and complemented the pub food. For the record, the fries were amazing! Once more, Jack interrupted our drinking and ushered us to the bike. He rang the bell and we pedaled to 4th Street Pizza. Like good fans, we came, we drank, and we dined on slices.

All too soon, we found ourselves biking back to the convention center. Despite the fact that we never achieved ramming speed, the event was an unmitigated success.

Check out www.sanjosebrewbike.com for more info.

Montreal Party Canceled

The Montreal Party scheduled for Thursday evening has been canceled and will instead be held in conjunction with the Canada SF Party on Sunday.

ChildCare is available at WorldCon 76

Kiddie Corp will be providing fun activities to young fans from 0-15 years old.

There is a charge of \$15 an hour with a 2 hour minimum.

The hours are as follows:

Thursday 1:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Friday 9:30 AM to 8:30 PM

Saturday 9:30 AM to Midnight

Sunday 9:30 AM to Midnight

Monday 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

ChildCare is located on the Marriott's 4th Floor.

Party

Hauka Soru Party will be on Thursday from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM in room 479 in the South Tower of the Fairmont.

Autograph Session

Newsletter staffer and author Sue Burke will be signing copies of her novel *Semiosis* at 10:00 AM in the Autograph Area in the Exhibit Hall.

Newsletter Deadline

Early 9:00 AM

Late 5:00 PM

Event Guide Mobile App

View an interactive schedule of everything on the program, read information about the panelists, and view maps and other info right on your smartphone. You can also build your own schedule using the app. The Grenadine Event Guide is available for all Android and iOS devices.



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Ingress Missions

The Worldcon 76 mission banner set is now fully active. There are twelve missions out and around the Convention Center and downtown area.

Blood Drive

Give someone the chance of seeing tomorrow. August 17-19, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. To schedule your appointment to donate blood, please visit The Heinlein Society Booth located on the Main Concourse.



Volunteer to be an Elevator Party Host

We need people for two-hour shifts (evenings) at the Fairmont South Tower. The parties for the convention are in that tower, and the elevators in that tower require someone with an electronic key card to get guests to those events. We need people who are willing to stand by the elevator for a two-hour shift: 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM, 10:00 to Midnight, or Midnight to 2:00 AM. We will have training to help people understand both the job and how to deal with the elevator riders: this training will be held in the South Lobby of the Fairmont at 7:30 each night. To sign up, go to the convention's Gopher office (room 114 in the Convention Center) and fill out the Elevator Party Hosting sign-up sheet. Hosting is a great way to meet

people and make the convention more fun for everyone.

Charity Auction

Charity Auction activities will start on Thursday at the *Silent Auction Exhibit*. Much like the Art Auction, members can peruse items up for bid and write in bids between Thursday and Saturday. Items for which silent bidding exceeds a number of bids (likely six) will be sent to the Voice Auction on Saturday. Anything that does not exceed that number of bids will simply sell to the highest silent bidder.

We're terrifically excited about bringing a trove of items for you to consider taking home, and proud to be part of fandom's traditional support of worthy charities.

Attention! The banners in the John Picacio Exhibit are being auctioned off. Vist the space to bid!

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Art Show Alert!

There is absolutely no photography of any kind allowed in the Art Show. This include cell phone photos. Violation of this rule can result in revocation of your membership.

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Masquerade Registration

Masquerade Registrations will be accepted on-site at the Masquerade Desk until 6:00 PM Friday, August 17th. The Masquerade rules can be found on the convention website, and we have a copy at the Masquerade sign-in desk.

The Worldcon 76 Local Guide

The Worldcon 76 Local Guide lists restaurants and shops which have been personally recommended by local members. It is enabled via AppSheet.

There is also a mobile app version which you may install by visiting the worldcon76.org website.

Worldcon 76 Information for the Press

Worldcon 76 provides support for members of the press and writers for online media who are covering the convention before, during, and after the event. You can find approved logos, preferred fonts and colors, and usage guidelines, as well as basic event data on the Worldcon76.org website. Press passes are available in room 231A.

Long Lines Happy Faces

Registration is off to a brisk start and the staff are working hard to keep up with the long lines. While the waits are lengthy, the staff is doing an heroic job and the attendees are patient and supportive. We are grateful to the registration staff for their dedication and to the attendees who are being so gracious while waiting.

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