

# The Tower



Issue 4

#### **Parties**

#### Black Moon Belter Bar

Friday & Saturday opens at 8:00 PM Room 676

In the 23rd Century of the hit TV show The Expanse, humans have colonized the Asteroid Belt. At Tycho Station, a pair of down-on-their luck ex-miners have converted their ship, the Black Moon, into one of the hottest bars in the Belt. Join us for merriment, Belter food, music, and culture, and hand-mixed cocktails from the Expanse cocktails series by Paine × MacTane, Expanse fans and Belter language experts.

#### Queer As Fandom

Celebrating LGBTQIA Fandom 7:30 PM Suite 776

# Ghosts & History Walking Tour Repeats

By popular demand, the *Ghosts & History Walking Tour* will be repeated Friday, Aug. 17, at 7:00 PM. Price: \$20 "at the door." Meet at the Boccardo Gate at Yoshihiro Uchida Hall at Fourth Street & San Carlos Avenue. The route is 1.5 miles, ending at Trials Pub near First & Julian streets after dusk.

The tour is led by Adrienne Foster and Deb Wible, co-organizers of Bay Area Ghost Hunters www.meetup.com/ Bay-Area-Ghost-Hunters/

Submission Deadline (Issue 5): 7:00 AM

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# Friday WSFS Business Meeting Report

The Main Business Meeting of the World Science Fiction Society Business Meeting will be held on Saturday morning at 10:00 AM in room 230. All attending members of Worldcon may attend, participate, and vote.

Saturday's meeting is the Main Business Meeting. Scheduled items include voting on ratification of proposals passed on from last year's meeting. If ratified, they become part of the WSFS Constitution at the end of Worldcon 76. The ratification of "Lodestar" as the name for the new Award for Best Young Adult Book is up for a vote today along with several other relatively minor changes.

The "Counting Comics" proposal (D.2 on the agenda published on the Worldcon 76 WSFS Business Meeting website) and "Best Podcast Hugo Award" proposal (D.4) were killed and will not be considered. The proposal affecting the Professional and Fan Artist Hugo Awards (D.5) was postponed until not before 11:00 AM Sunday. All other constitutional amendments (sections C and D) will be considered starting at 10:00 AM Saturday.

Worldcon 76 thanks Google for providing coffee/tea for the Friday and Saturday Business Meetings.

# Worldcon 76 Movie Previews

Keith and Alan (from Norwescon and Sasquan) return to Worldcon for *Movie Previews.* Find out about the hot topics and the latest trends coming from Hollywood. They will highlight the latest information, innovations, and challenges. They'll also explore the wider entertainment Edition: Friday PM Aug. 17, 2018

culture:TV shows, home video, theme parks—the whole gamut! Aug. 17 Friday, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in room LL21AB in the Convention Center.

# Filk!

Come to the Willow Glen Rooms 1-3 for a night of laughter and song as the Filk program continues. The tradition of fannish music stretches back decades, and is always enjoyable.

#### 7:00 PM Tim Griffin

8:00 PM Open filking for all who are interested.

#### Rocky Horror Picture Show at 3Below

Come give yourself over to absolute pleasure Saturday night, as the mother of all cult movies makes its regular appearance at the 3Below Theater 288 S. 2nd Street. This interactive experience, featuring Barely Legal, a "shadow cast" that performs live as the movie rolls. Doors open at 11:00 PM, pre-show begins at 11:30 PM, and the movie starts at midnight.

More details can be found at 3belowtheaters.com/events/ rocky-horror-picture-show-experience-barely-legal/

And on our world, we'll do the Time Warp again!

#### Free Wi-Fi

Don't forget, the Convention Center has free wi-fi for all members! Search for "WickedlyFastWiFi" and connect.

# Photo Gallery Now Online

Now available on the convention website is a gallery of official and fan photos from this amazing week. Find them at worldcon76.org/ photography.

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#### Fairmont Parties Update

Party Attendees

Please be mindful of other guests in the hotel and keep the volume of your conversations down as much as you can. Please don't take your conversations out into the hallway. Instead consider the downstairs lobby. Be aware that the hotel is limiting party attendance to 30 people per suite, so if a party host asks attendees to "mingle" to meet this need, please know that you can head to another party and then return to your favorites shortly.

#### Mobie Storage

The hotel has asked that Mobies be parked in the South Tower lobby in order to not congest the hallways outside parties. They will provide some seating near the elevators to help folks who need to sit while waiting for an elevator.

#### Volunteers Needed for Elevator Hosting

We still need volunteers to help us get folks up and down to the various party floors —please consider giving an hour or two to riding the elevator to assist.

#### Party Hosts

The hotel has requested we limit party attendance to 30 people at a time for fire code regulations. While the hotel has put convention attendees in rooms surrounding the party suites, we can't guarantee that all four floors are ONLY attendees. Please keep your room door mostly closed, try to keep noise down in your room to the best of your ability, and occasionally step out into the hallway to check that folks aren't congregating in the hallway and can take their conversations to the lobby.

# The Few. The Proud. the Gofers!

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Want to be a part of the machine that makes Worldcon run? Be a Gofer! Come to room 114 to sign up. We have fantastic prizes donated by authors/ vendors/guests which you can earn a raffle ticket for after serving 12 hours and an extra ticket for every hour after that!

Prizes include signed books and other items including a signed calendar by the con's badge/t-shirt artist & Game of Thrones coins signed by George R.R. Martin.

# **SFWA Signings**

Once again SFWA writers will be autographing their work on Saturday at their autograph station near the main autograph area in the Exhibit Hall.

11:00 AM to 11:25 AM: Rhiannon Held, Laura Anne Gilman

12:00 AM to12:25 AM: Sally Wiener Grotta

1:00 AM to 1:25 AM: Curtis C. Chen, Matthew Rotundo

2:00 PM to 2:25 PM: Joseph Malik, Edward Willett/E.C. Blake

3:00 PM to 3:25 PM: Glynn Stewart, Rosemary Claire Smith

# Worldcon Cocktails!

The Tang Bar, located inside the Marriott Hotel, has developed four custom cocktails in honor of Worldcon. Please drop in and enjoy a NY 1939, a Sci-Fi Mojito, a Hugo Award, or a Make the Future.

The newsletter staff likes the idea of just asking for a Hugo and getting one.

# **MIT Press**

Books from the MIT Press will be on display one day only, Mon. from 10:00 to 3:00 PM at Fan Table 40 in the Exhibit Hall.

#### The Tower team:

Chris Castro, Doug Berry, J.C. Arkham, Kate Jonez, Kirsten M. Berry, Lyle Wiedeman, Sue Burke, Stannie Holt, Susie Rodriguez, Suzan Spitzberg, Patricia Leslie

#### **Friday Parties**

Independent film studio Anna Diamond Productions is hosting a room party titled Lights! Camera! Action!, both Friday and Saturday nights. The door will open at 7:30 PM and the party proper start at 8:00 PM. The party will be in the Fairmont Hotel's south tower, room # TBA.

#### Photography

The services of an official professional photographer are used for Worldcon 76. By registering for Worldcon 76, you agree to allow Wordcon 76/SFSFC to use your photograph in Worldcon 76 related publications, on the Worldcon 76 website, or in other Worldcon 76/SFSFC materials.

#### **Lost and Found**

Are you missing something? Cell phone, bookbag, significant other? Come to *Lost and Found* in Room 114 to see if your missing stuff has been turned in. There is already a significant amount of stuff waiting to be picked up.

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# **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.



R.I.P. Aretha Franklin 3/25/42 - 8/16/18 • Blood Drive, 11:00 AM, Exhibit Hall • Masquerade Sign-Ups end 6:00 PM

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