Welcome to Worldcon 76

San Jose welcomes the world to the 76th World Science Fiction Convention! After years of planning and hard work, and not a few stumbles, the day has finally arrived! For the second time San Jose is hosting a Worldcon.

Please take a moment to review the convention map. The McEnery Convention Center is spread out and we want to make it easy as possible for you to make it to the events and panels. If you need a break, take advantage of the Quiet Room in room 112.

Downtown San Jose is a melange of cultures from across the globe. Get out and explore, and enjoy the wide variety of food and experiences to be found in the area.

If you need assistance, please ask any member of convention staff, or ask at the two information booths, located at the Hub by Registration and next to the Tower in the Exhibition Hall.

Welcome to all our friends, new and old. Welcome to San Jose, and Worldcon76!

Science Fiction Short Film Festival

3 Below Theaters

Please Join us for a screening of some of the world’s best science fiction short films. For the sixth time, the Silicon Valley Science Fiction Short Film Festival has assembled a feature-length block of enchanting, engaging, and occasionally enraging, miniature cinema masterpieces.

Facebook:facebook.com/worldcon
Twitter: @worldcon2018
Instagram: @worldcon76

Register for the Masquerade

Masquerade registration will be accepted on-site at the Masquerade Desk until 1800 Friday, August 17th. The Masquerade rules can be found on the convention website, and we have a copy at the Masquerade sign-in desk.

Out of Context

One of the joys of going to a con is the random snippets of conversation you overhear as you move around. Most of the time, hearing these brief bits of others’ speaking is hysterical without context.

In that spirit, the Newsletter staff is asking for you best #OutOfContextWC76 quotes and we’ll print them. Send them to newsletter@worldcon76 or bring them to the Newsletter den in the Almaden Room on the 3rd floor of the Marriott.

Newsletter Deadline

Early 09:00
Late 17:00

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.

Even More Events Happening in Downtown San Jose!

On Thursday, August 16, there are several interesting events happening in downtown San Jose, in case the convention does not have enough for you to enjoy!

Free event at the Plaza de Cesar Chavez – City Dance has free dance lessons, live music, and a beer garden. Come dance to salsa music from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

$5 fee gets you into the San Jose Museum of Arts after 5:00 PM where you can go look at the exhibits and at 7:00 PM see the movie The Times of Harvey Milk.

On Thursday-Saturday, you can listen to world-class jazz at Café Stritch, 374 S 1st St. The events start at 8:30 PM and cost $50 per person per night. This will be fantastic jazz. Café Stritch is open from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM for dinner—no music, no extra fee.

Program Updates

The following people will not attending and have been removed from programming:
S. Qiouyi Lu
Pablo Vazquez
Mead Making 101 with Gene Olmstead has been added.

Jewish Worship Service led by Dina Krause has been added on 8/17 at 6:00 PM and at 8/18 at 9:00 AM in room 212C.

Dina Krause has been added as a panelist for Faith & Extraterrestrials in ITBD at 2:00 PM.

Val Ontel will no longer appear on Something Wiki This Way Comes

Diane Osborne has been added to Sci-Fi and Patents in room 210DH at 11:00 AM

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New Ghost Tour Added

$15 in advance/$20 “at the door”
6:00 PM Thursday, August 16 or
7:00 PM Friday, August 17. Meet at
Yoshihiro Uchida Hall at 4th & San
Carlos by Boccardo Gate.

How ironic that San Jose—the 10th
largest city in the USA and home of
the Winchester Mystery House—does
not have a professional operator
to conduct a ghost tour. Bay Area
Ghost Hunters is based in San Jose.
Co-Organizers Adrienne Foster and
Deb Wible have put one together.
San Jose was founded in 1777
when the original Mexican pioneers
were sent to Santa Clara County to
produce food for the presidios of
San Francisco and Monterey. Many
settled around the Guadalupe River,
which is not far from today’s conven-
tion center, making it the oldest part
of town. Since then, the city has seen,
among other things, the Bear Flag
Revolt, the heartbreak of the redis-
tribution of land after the USA took
possession of California, the burn-
ing of Chinatown on Market Street,
the Hart Lynching and the transition
of the valley from being the Heart’s
Delight to Silicon centric. The peo-
ple here have had their share of ups
and downs every bit as much as San
Francisco, Chicago or New York and
strong emotions are generally what
lead to ghosts.

The tour covers about 1.5 miles. We
start at Boccardo Gate, by Yoshihiro
Uchida Hall, on Fourth Street & San
Carlos and end at Trials Pub, where
those taking the tour have the option
to dine and socialize afterward.
Please be advised that even
though it can be quite warm during
the day in San Jose, the temperature
can significantly drop after dusk.
It could be worth bringing a sweater
and a bottle of water. Please wear
comfortable walking shoes.

Cost of the tour is $15.00 in
advance, $20.00 “at the door,”
if space is still available. Please
note the R.S.V.P. deadline is 11:59
p.m., the night before each tour. To
reserve space in advance, please go
BAGH's (Bay Area Ghost Hunters)
Meetup page. This will require being
a member of both Meetup and
BAGH to R.S.V.P.

www.meetup.com/bay-area-ghost-
hunters.com

This is being done as a fundrais-
er for BAGH, which is not-for-profit.
While this is being arranged for the
convenience of those attending
Worldcon 76, it is open to all BAGH
members.

Fanzine Lounge

Low on energy? The Fanzine Lounge
has the most comfortable seats in
the hall. Phone low on energy? We
have a phone charging station too.

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

Parties

The DC in 2021 Worldcon Bid

The DC in 2021 Worldcon Bid crew
is looking forward to partying in
San José at Worldcon 76. We will
be hosting parties starting at 21:00
on Friday and Saturday in the South
Tower of the Fairmont. Come find
out about our bid to bring the 79th
World Science Fiction Convention
to Washington, D.C. on 25 – 29 Au-
gust 2021.

Silicon Valley Outer Loop Tour
Review

An enthusiastic 19 people climbed
onto a party tour bus for the Silicon
Valley Outer Loop Tour.

Our first stop was the Computer
History Museum tour. The muse-
um features a Google car, historic
games such Pong and PAC
Man development and inventions
throughout the decades. For the
more intense computer gurus every
computer development one can
think of including Mission Control
technology. Immersed in silicon
stages, motherboards and an
Enigma machine our minds were
expanded in direct proportion to the
variety of inventions.

After the museum we were treat-
ed to a Google Android Candy park
along with the Google store, a visit
to some Facebook buildings and
the “thumbs up” sign, the original
garage birthplace of silicon valley,
and a Tesla statue sizzling with WiFi.
There were plentiful opportunities
for photo ops along the way.

We had plenty of fun on the bus
with bingo and sharing of stories. A
very special thank you to our excel-
ent tour guides and professional
bus driver.