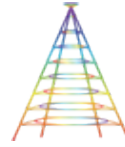


# The Tower



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## Program Updates

The following people will not attend 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

## 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.

## 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 engrossing, and occasionally enraging, miniature cinema masterpieces.

Facebook: [facebook.com/worldcon](https://www.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 your best #OutOfContextWC76 quotes and we'll print them. Send them to [newsletter@worldcon76](mailto:newsletter@worldcon76) or bring them to the Newsletter den in the Almaden Room on the 3rd floor of the Marriott.

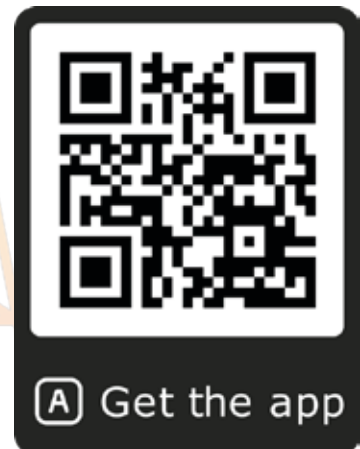
## Newsletter Deadline

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.



Get the app

## 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 convention 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 redistribution of land after the USA took possession of California, the burning of Chinatown on Market Street, the Hart Lynching and the transition of the valley from being the Heart’s Delight to Silicon centric. The people 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](http://www.meetup.com/bay-area-ghost-hunters.com)

This is being done as a fundraiser 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.

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## 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 August 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 museum 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 treated 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 excellent tour guides and professional bus driver.