

BALTICONSM 48

May 23-26, 2014

POCKET PROGRAM

HOURS OF OPERATION AND LOCATIONS

	Location	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Art Show	Hunt Ballroom	5 pm - 9 pm	10 am - 9 pm	10 am - 1 pm	10 am - 1 pm
	Auction: Sunday 2 pm, Sales opens Sunday 2:15 pm				
Con Ops	Hunt Valley Ballroom Foyer	Friday 2 pm - Monday 5 pm - 24 hrs			
Con Suite	Frankie & Vinnie's	Friday 2 pm until Monday 5 pm			
Dealers Room	Maryland Ballroom/Foyer	4 pm - 8 pm	10 am - 6 pm	10:30 am - 5 pm	10am - 2pm
Registration	Hunt Valley Ballroom Foyer	2 pm - 9 pm	8:45 am - 9 pm	8:45 am - 7 pm	10 am - 2 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY

- Fri, 7:00 PM - Garden Room, Stage and Screen Combat, Matthew Sharpe (M), Marcus Lawrence, Rinn Critzer
- Fri, 9:00 PM - Con Suite, Friday Face Time: Meet the GoHs and Program Participants, CON CHAIR Kelly Shannon Pierce (M), Brandon Sanderson, Ken Anders, Geoffrey Landis, Myke Cole, Charles E. Gannon
- Fri, 9:00 PM, - Garden Room, Teen Dance Party -- Age 13 to 19, Daniel Hack (M), Joram Stanley (M), Caramon Stanley (M), Ethan Wilson (M)
- Fri, 9:00 PM - Hunt Ballroom, Meet the Artists, Part 1: Halo Jankowski, Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess (M), Halo Jankowski
- Fri, 10:00 PM - Valley Ballroom, Dancing in the Gears, Susan de Guardiola
- Fri, 11:00 PM - Garden Room, Balticon U Dance Party

SATURDAY

- Sat, 9:00 AM - Hunt Ballroom, Art Show Docent Tour, Nancy Janda (M), Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess
- Sat, 11:00 AM - Maryland Foyer, Autographing Brandon Sanderson and Myke Cole, Brandon Sanderson, Myke Cole
- Sat, 12:00 PM - Hunt Ballroom, Meet the Artists 2: Ellen Montgomery and TBA, Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess (M), Ellen Montgomery
- Sat, 1:00 PM - Hunt Ballroom, Meet the Artists 3: Laurel Cunningham-Hill, JoniWhite, Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess (M), Laurel Cunningham-Hill, Joni White
- Sat, 2:00 PM - Hunt Ballroom, Meet the Artists 4: Tristan Alexander, TBA, Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess (M), Tristan Alexander
- Sat, 6:00 PM - Con Suite, Fortress Press Book Launch, Elektra Hammond, Mike D'Ambrosio, Jeff Young, Christopher Pisano, Brian Koscienski, Jon Sprunk, Eric Hardenbrook
- Sat, 11:00 PM - Con Suite, Balticon Beats: New Media Dance Party, Alex White

SUNDAY

- Sun - 10:00 AM - Maryland Foyer - Autographing: Brandon Sanderson and Charles Gannon - Brandon Sanderson, Charles E. Gannon
- Sun - 7:00 PM - Con Suite - Dark Quest Books/Bad - Ass Faeries Launch Party - Danielle Ackley - Mcphail (M), N.R. Brown, Keith Decandido, Mike Mcphail, CJ Henderson, Phoebe Wray, L. Jagi Lamplighter, Judi Fleming, Danny Birt, Peter Prellwitz, Lee C. Hillman, Jeffrey Lyman, Neal Levin, James Daniel Ross, Jean Marie Ward

MONDAY

- Mon- 12:00 AM - Valley Ballroom- Rocky Horror Picture Show
- Mon- 9:00 AM -McCormick Suite- Kaffeeklatsch - Myke Cole- Adrienne Reynolds (M), Myke Cole
- Mon- 10:00 AM - Con Suite- Lego Challenge- Eta Hack (M)
- Mon- 10:00 AM- Hunt Ballroom- Art Show Monday Workshops: Kumihimo - Halla Fleischer (M)
- Mon- 10:00 AM - McCormick Suite- Kaffeeklatsch - Geoffrey Landis- Adrienne Reynolds (M), Geoffrey Landis
- Mon- 11:00 AM - McCormick Suite- Kaffeeklatsch - Brandon Sanderson- Adrienne Reynolds (M), Brandon Sanderson
- Mon- 12:00 PM - Con Suite- Storytelling with Don Sakers - Don Sakers (M)
- Mon- 12:00 PM - Hunt Ballroom- Art Show Monday Workshops: Omiago
- Mon- 12:00 PM - McCormick Suite- Kaffeeklatsch - Ken Anders- Adrienne Reynolds (M), Ken Anders
- Mon- 12:00 PM - Tennis Courts- Readings from the Cthulhu Hat- Molly Brown (M), Tee Morris, Philippa Ballantine
- Mon- 1:00 PM - Con Suite- Spiffy Spacey Balloons- Mark MacDicken
- Mon- 1:00 PM - McCormick Suite- Kaffeeklatsch - Adrienne Reynolds (M), Halo Jankowski
- Mon- 2:00 PM - McCormick Suite- Kaffeeklatsch - Adrienne Reynolds (M), Charles E. Gannon

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SALON F - VIDEO PROGRAM FRIDAY

3:00 PM BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD 2012
4:30 PM EUROPA REPORT 2013
6:00 PM BEWITCHED 1964 "I DARRIN TAKE THIS WITCH SAMANTHA"
& "BE IT EVER SO MORTGAGED"
7:00 PM THE WIZARD OF OZ 1939
9:00 PM KNIGHTS OF BADASSDOM 2014
10:30 PM WARM BODIES 2013
MIDNIGHT WORLD WAR Z 2013
2:00 AM IN THE FLESH SEASON ONE 2013
5:00 AM CLOUD ATLAS 2012

SATURDAY

8:00 AM LAND OF THE LOST 1974 "CHA-KA" & "THE SLEESTAK GOD"
BY DAVID GERROLD
9:00 AM FROZEN 2013 HUGO NOMINEE
11:00 AM RETURN TO OZ 1985
1:00 PM IRON MAN 3 2013 HUGO NOMINEE
3:15 PM PRIMER 2004
4:30 PM HANSEL AND GRETEL WITCH HUNTERS 2013
6:15 PM BEWITCHED 1964 "JUST ONE HAPPY FAMILY" & "IT TAKES
ONE TO KNOW ONE"
7:00 PM MASQUERADE OVERFLOW SET-UP AND OVERFLOW
10:30 PM BEWITCHED 1964 "SAMANTHA MEETS THE FOLKS"
11:00 PM BALTICON PREMIER "DIE FARBE" 2013 ADAPTATION OF HP
LOVECRAFT'S "THE COLOR OUT OF SPACE"
ENGLISH AND GERMAN WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES
12:30 AM THE WOMAN IN BLACK 2012
2:00 AM THE SECRET OF CRICKLEY HALL 2013
5:00 AM THE CONJURING 2013

SUNDAY

7:00 AM THE SECRET OF NIHM 1982
9:00 AM OZ THE GREAT AND POWERFUL 2013
11:00 AM THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE 2013 HUGO
NOMINEE
1:30 PM GRAVITY 2013 HUGO NOMINEE
3:00 PM UPSIDE DOWN 2011
5:00 PM BEAUTIFUL CREATURES 2013
7:00 PM LIMITLESS 2011
9:00 PM THE WORLD'S END 2013
11:00 PM THIS IS THE END 2013
1:00 AM TIN MAN 2007
5:30 AM THE WITCHES OF OZ 2011

MONDAY

8:15 AM PLANET 51 2009
9:45 AM LAND OF THE LOST 1974 "THE PYLON EXPRESS" BY
THEODORE STURGEON - "THE SEARCH" BY BEN BOVA
10:30 AM PACIFIC RIM 2013 HUGO NOMINEE
12:30 PM JOHN DIES AT THE END 2012

VIDEO PROGRAM

BELMONT ROOM: FRIDAY

11:00 PM SOYLENT GREEN 1973
12:30 AM SILENT RUNNING 1971
2:00 AM LOGAN'S RUN 1976
4:00 AM INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS 1978
6:00 AM MORNING CARTOONS

SATURDAY

8:00 PM DR WHO: THE WEB OF FEAR 1967
10:30 PM BATTLESTAR GALATICA 1979
12:30 AM SLEEPER 1973
2:00 AM THE OMEGA MAN 1971
4:00 AM MR NOBODY 2013
6:30 AM PRIEST 2011
8:00 AM MORNING CARTOONS

SUNDAY

11:00 PM THE MASQUE OF THE RED DEATH 1964
12:30 AM THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF USHER 1960
2:00 AM THE PIT AND THE PENDULUM 1961
3:30 AM THE PREMATURE BURIAL 1962
5:00 AM THE RAVEN 2012
7:00 AM MORNING CARTOONS

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Valley Ballroom - 7:00 PM

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FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Start Time	Valley Ballroom	Salon A	Salon B	Salon C	Salon D	Parlor 1026	Parlor 1041
4:00 PM	Room Closed for Tech Setup	Room Closed	A Virtual Tour of the Universe - Charles E. Gannon (M)	Plotters vs. Characters - Lawrence Watt-Evans, Scott Roche, Larry Hodges, Paula S. Jordan, Chris Snelgrove, James Daniel Ross	Gilding Workshop - Danielle Scott, Ingeborg i Trondheim	Creating Your Universe Without Breaking Natural Laws - DC Wilson, Peter Bryant, Myke Cole, Barbara Hill, Michael Underwood	Retrogaming on the Apple II /Ile - Kate Szkotnicki (M)
5:00 PM		Monsters vs. Aliens - Marv Zelkowitz (M), Bruce F. Press	Space Weapons and Future Warfare in the Real World - Jack Campbell /John Henry, Walt Boyes, Myke Cole, James Daniel Ross, Charles E. Gannon	42 Reasons Why You Should Write for Young Adults - Collin Earl (M), Scott Sigler, Mike D'Ambrosio, Mark Jeffrey, Brian Rathbone	Viking wire weaving - Ingeborg i Trondheim	Blood & Iron / Reign of Ash launch - Gail Z Martin (M), Jon Sprunk (M)	Designing a Trading Card Game - Alex Shvartsman (M)
6:00 PM		What Inventors Should Know - Iver Cooper (M)	The New Supernatural Mainstream - CJ Henderson, Charlie Brown, Michael Hanson, Val Griswold-Ford, Myke Cole	Writing the Economics of Magic - Collin Earl, Brandon Sanderson, Jeffrey Lyman, Jean Marie Ward, Eric Hardenbrook	How to Make It Fit on a Budget - Pavlina (M), Marianne Pease, Sharon Landrum, Stephanie Burke, Kate Szkotnicki		Victorian Pastimes -- Gambling Games II - Marnen Laibow-Koser, Mildred Cady
7:00 PM	Doors open for seating	Running Hot and Cold - Brent Warner (M)	Crime Investigation in a SF or Fantasy Setting - Keith Decandido, Melissa Scott, Michael Black, Charlie Brown, John French	The Devil Is In The Details - Betsy Riley, Darrell Schweitzer, Jon Sprunk, Barry Nove, Jo Walton	Makeup 101 - Marianne Pease (M), Gaia Eirich, Stephanie Burke, Kate Szkotnicki	How To Submit A Story - Alex Shvartsman, Eric Bakutis, Christopher Pisano, J.R. Blackwell, Bud Sparhawk	
8:00 PM	Opening Ceremonies - Mark Van Name (M), Halo Jankowski, Brandon Sanderson, Ken Anders, Geoffrey Landis, Charles E. Gannon, Myke Cole		Marketing Platforms for Writers - Allie Gamblin, Scott Sigler, Nathan Lowell, Brian Rathbone			Kicking Yourself Into Gear - Michelle Moore, Reesa Herberth, Judi Fleming, Michael Black, Bud Sparhawk	
9:00 PM	Room change	Late Night Cards Against Humanity - Kristina Lynch, Michelle Hymowitz	WHERE DID YOU GET THE IDEA? - Jeff Young, Mike Mcphail, Day Al-mohamed, Barry Nove, Lawrence M. Schoen	Filk Concert: Sarah Pinsker			
				Filk Concert: Darren Zieger		ZOMBIES NEED BRAINS Launch: CLOCKWORK UNIVERSE: STEAMPUNK vs ALIENS Release Event - Joshua Palmatier (M)	Friday Face Time: Meet the Scientists Social - Miriam Winder-Kelly (M), Paul Loeschke (M)
10:00 PM	Dancing in the Gears -Susan de Guardiola		When to Stop Revising and Move on to the next project - Jon Sprunk, Lawrence M. Schoen, J Daniel Sawyer, James Daniel Ross, John French	Friday/Saturday Overnight Open Filk			
11:00 PM						Teen Social	
Midnight							

Dining Guide

Discounts for area restaurants are available to Balticon Attendees.

Check the Information Desk for details.

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CHARITY AUCTION

During the Masquerade half time, and after the Art Auction, Sunday.

Items to be auctioned are on display in the Art Show.

LATE NIGHT HOURS

Public function areas at the Hunt Valley normally close at 1:00 am. The Hotel staff will ask guests of the hotel to return to their rooms and ask BALTICON members who do not wish to sleep to go to the remaining open Balticon function areas. By special arrangement with the Hunt Valley, Balticon will keep the following areas open 24 hours, Salon Section with anime, video, filk, and gaming. Gaming Room. Frankie & Vinnie's con suite.

Start Time	Chase	Pimlico	Derby	Belmont	Chesapeake Suite
4:00 PM	Beyond Medieval History - Joshua Palmatier, KT Bryski, Val Griswold-Ford, Tom Doyle, Jean Marie Ward	Reading: Mike Black, Doc Coleman & John French	Podcasting -- Where to Begin - Gary Lester, Mike Luoma, Dave Robison, Christopher Morse, Thomas Gideon	Why Good Writing Still Matters - Jon Sprunk, Charlie Brown, Joy Ward, Lawrence M. Schoen, Lee C. Hillman	Developing a Mobile App - Where Do I Start? - Allie Gamblin (M), Alex White, Brand Gamblin, Andrew Plotkin
5:00 PM		Paper Vs. Digital Publishing - Ian Strock, Gary Lester, Abigail Hilton, Charlie Brown, P.C. Haring	Naming Names, Titrting Titles - Leona Wisoker (M), CJ Henderson, Paula S. Jordan, Danny Birt, Veronica Giguere	The ABC's of Creating a Web Series (Workshop) - H. Paul Shuch	Being the talent vs being the producer - Jay Smith, Dave Robison, Patrick Scaffido, Nobilis Reed, Chris Snelgrove
6:00 PM	Hats On - Sue Bowen	Copy Editing Do's and Don'ts - Holliann Russell Kim, Elektra Hammond, Sue Baiman, Cindy Young-Turner, John French	Selling your audio (ACX vs Podiobooks vs podcasting) - Abigail Hilton, Chris Snelgrove, Sue Baiman		Getting the Most out of Google Plus & Hangouts On Air - Brand Gamblin, A Kovacs, Peter Bryant, Pamela Gay
7:00 PM	Kamikaze Kostuming - Persis Thorndike	1632 Universe Readings - Joy Ward (M), Iver Cooper, Robert Waters, Charles E. Gannon	Podcasting 101 - Hugh O'Donnell, Christopher Morse, Thomas Gideon, Paul Cooley, Scott Pond	Anime 101 - Lee Sarfati (M), Grig Larson, Christine Chase, Jason Banks	Science Ideas That Haven't been Overused in Fiction - Mary Turzillo, Catherine Asaro, Steve White, Geoffrey Landis, Pamela Gay
8:00 PM			Finding New Podcasts - Norm Sherman, Christiana Ellis, Lauren Harris, Scott Roche	Round-Eye Gaijin! - Robert Chase (M), Sonya Bleakley, Kathreja Sarfati, Christine Chase	Print On Demand - Ian Strock, Larry Hodges, Abigail Hilton, Charlie Brown, Scott Pond
9:00 PM		Reading: Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Phillippa Ballantine & Jeff Young	Screenwriting 101 Workshop - James Gossard (M)	Balticon Video Program Sneak Previews - Thomas Horman (M)	Using An Accent In Your Podcast - P.C. Haring (M), Brand Gamblin, Doc Coleman, Nobilis Reed, Mildred Cady
10:00 PM	Can a Nation Survive Without Defending its Borders? - Robert Glaub (M), Steve White	Reading: KT Bryski, Veronica Giguere & Val Griswold-Ford		SF Films of the 70s - Billy Flynn, Daniel M. Kimmel, Diane Weinstein, Alan Zendell, Zan Rosin	Dirty Mad Libs - Doc Coleman, Starla Huchton
11:00 PM	Developing a Sense of Propriety	Reading: Vonnie Winslow-Crist, Laura Nicole & Joshua Palmatier			Disasterpiece After Dark (Super Sexy Edition) - Mature Themes - Alex White (M), Stephen Granade
Midnight				Friday/Saturday Overnight Video in the Belmont	

Dancing in the Gears

Attention all aeronauts, aethernauts, lady and gentleman adventurers, mad scientists, inventors, and other Steampunks and neo-Victorians!
Join us for a time-traveling formal evening at the Steampunk Ball!

Valley Ballroom, Friday 10:00 pm

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Start Time	Valley Ballroom	Salon A	Salon B	Salon C	Salon D	Parlor 1026	Parlor 1041
8:00 AM			Military Fantasy - David Brawley, Robert Waters, Jon Sprunk, Tom Doyle, Myke Cole				
9:00 AM		Diversity in Fandom - Day Al-mohamed , Carl Cipra, Peter Prellwitz	Prompting Readers to Question the Impact Technology Has on the World - Martin Berman-Gorvine, Walt Boyes, Joy Ward, James Daniel Ross, Charles E. Gannon	Wire Wrapping for Any Stone or Object - Nancy Janda (M)	Presentation 101 - Gaia Eirich (M), Ron Robinson, Jeannette Holloman, Pavlina, Sharon Landrum	Listener Pet Peeves- What's the Worst in Podcasts? - Scott Roche, Mark Jeffrey, Jimmy Rogers, Tim Dodge, Norm Sherman	But, Honey, It's For the Studio! - Billy Flynn, John Taylor Williams, Flynnstress, James Durham
10:00 AM	Tech for Costumers - Eric Gasior (M), Ron Robinson, Gaia Eirich, Sarah Richardson, Jason McClain	Life Extension and the Prospects for Functional Immortality - Robert Katz MD (M)	Reading Young Adult Science Fiction - Collin Earl	Paper Art Workshop - Ruth Lampi (M)	Writing a Winning Song - Darren Zieger (M), ComicBookGod- dess, Devo Spice, Batya Wittenberg	Favorite Science Fiction Authors - Larry Hodges, Steve White, David Brawley, Darrell Schweitzer, Michael Hanson	Writing Resolutions, Evaluation, and Measurement - Andrea Trask, Kelly Harmon, Day Al-mohamed, Cindy Young-Turner, Judi Fleming
11:00 AM	Halo Jankowski Presentation - Carl Cipra (M), Halo Jankowski	Generating Magnetic Fields the Way Planets and Stars do - Dan Lathrop Ph.D. (M)	Grief, Loss, and Death in SF/F - Gail Z Martin, Jon Sprunk, ComicBookGod- dess, J Daniel Sawyer, Chris Snelgrove	Bookbinding and Bookmaking - Amy Thacker, Rebecca Thacker	Classical Historical Hairstyles - Janet Stephens	Heroes of Earth/ Save the Dragons Promotion - Martin Berman-Gorvine (M)	How to write from an animal point of view - CJ Henderson, Joy Ward, Jeffrey Lyman, Jo Walton
12:00 PM		Virtual Human Intelligent Avatars in Medicine - Brett Talbot (M)	Writing Sequels, Prequels, and Spin offs - Maria V. Snyder (M), Lawrence M. Schoen, Tom Doyle, Bob Greenberger, Mike D'Ambrosio	Iron Artists Competition - Ray Ridenour (M), Alan F. Beck, Halo Jankowski, Peter Bryant, Nutty Nuchtchas		Tea in Four Worlds Book Launch - Melissa Scott (M), Don Sakers (M)	Expressions of Disability in SF - Sarah Pinsker (M), Gail Z Martin, Laura Nicole, Day Al-mohamed, Jennifer R. Povey
1:00 PM	Brandon Sanderson's Presentation - Carl Cipra (M), Brandon Sanderson	Sailing on Venus - Geoffrey Landis (M)	5 Books for the Last Town on Earth - Elektra Hammond, Brenda Clough, Larry Hodges, Cindy Young-Turner, Amy Kaplan	DIYA Ocarina of Time Artifact	Embroider Flowers on a Love Token - Ingeborg i Trondheim		
2:00 PM		A Quantum of Mystery - John Ashmead (M)	Flipping SF Archetypes - Scott Roche (M), T Jackson King, James Daniel Ross, Jean Marie Ward, Steven H. Wilson				Auction: Treasures from Marty and Bobby Gear's Costume Closet - Sharon Landrum (M), Ron Robinson, Jeannette Holloman
3:00 PM		Life on a Little Known Planet - John La Polla Ph.D. (M)	Aged Characters in Fantasy - Leona Wisoker (M), Holliann Russell Kim, Steven H. Wilson, Jon Sprunk, Joy Ward	Fantasy Art Drawing Workshop - Charlene Taylor D'Alessio	The Fine Line Between Editing and Rewriting - Bernie Mojzes, Sue Baiman, Alessia Brio, Christopher Pisano, Jon Sprunk	What Brought You to Balticon, and How Do We Get Other Teens to Come	LARPs 101 (Live Action Role Playing) - Michael Ventrella
4:00 PM		Is There Life Elsewhere in our Galaxy? - Jason Kalirai (M)	Titles Looking for Stories - Larry Hodges, Mark Van Name, Jennifer R. Povey, Bob Greenberger, Mary Turzillo				Anime and New Western TV - Grig Larson (M), Jason Banks, Robert Chase, Kathreja Sarfati
5:00 PM		The Human Microbiome - Lita Proctor Ph.D. (M)				Divergent Debate - Daniel M. Kimmel	
6:00 PM		Become a Rocket Scientist in Less Than an Hour - Stephen Granade (M)		Masquerade Green Room - Lisa Adler-Golden, Jeannette Holloman, Ron Robinson	Masquerade Green Room 2 - Debi Chowdhury	GLBT Issues in YA Fantasy and SF - Jared Axelrod (M), Hugh O'Donnell, N.R. Brown, Carl Cipra, James Daniel Ross	The History of Mah Jongg - Donna Dearborn, Michelle Hymowitz
7:00 PM		Do Extraterrestrials Really Need Water? - Jennifer Grier (M)				Shortening Your Books and Stories - Keith Decandido, Betsy Riley, Steven H. Wilson, Mary Turzillo, Tim Burke	Kickstarter 101 for Game Players and Designers - Eric B. Hymowitz, Peter Bryant, Alex Shvartsman
8:00 PM	Doors open	SF/F Trivia - Brick Barrientos (M)				Dueling Funny Stories or Puns - Brand Gamblin, Charlie Brown, CJ Henderson, Scott Roche, Batya Wittenberg	
9:00 PM	Masquerade: Masquerade Halftime: Compton Crook Award, Young Writer's Contest, Charity Auction					Duck Tape Fun	Pirate Games - Perriane Lurie, Kristina Lynch
10:00 PM		Saturday Night Science Films - Lance Oszko (M)	LARP Overflow			Teen Chat : The Zombie Apocalypse is Nigh , Debra Kaplan (M), Maura Taylor, Meg Nooj, Ethan Wilson	Tichu 101 - Michelle Hymowitz, Kristina Lynch
11:00 PM		Eye of Aragon - Daniel M. Kimmel					
Midnight							

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8:00 AM	Shabbot Sevice/ Parsha Discussion - Barry Nove (M)			Sound Effects - John Taylor Williams, Christopher Morse, Dave Robison, Nobilis Reed, Mark Jeffrey		Collaborative Writing - Melissa Scott, Philippa Ballantine, Collin Earl, Bud Sparhawk, Chris Snelgrove, Bob Greenberger
9:00 AM		How Natural is Natural Science? - Michael Flynn	Reading: Eric Bakutis, Michael Hanson & Jay Smith	Pricing eBooks and why free is not always better - Sue Baiman, Collin Earl, Kelly Harmon, Chris Snelgrove, Michael Underwood	Writer's Workshop - Steve Lubs	Self-Editing for the Self-Published Author - Brand Gamblin, Andrea Trask, Patrick Holyfield, T Jackson King, Barbara Hill
10:00AM	Postcards from the Moon - Maria Esquela	Heinlein Award Winner's Presentation - Geoffrey Landis	Reading: Day Al-Mohamed, Barry Nove & Walter Hunt	Asian and Pseudo-Asian settings for SciFi and Fantasy - Iver Cooper (M), T Jackson King, Wait Boyes		Podiobooks: Why should I give my work away for free - Brand Gamblin, Mike Luoma, Jay Smith, Paul Cooley, Nathan Lowell
11:00 AM	The Impossible Possibilities of Wire - Lonnie Ingram		LARP Opening Ceremonies	Author Branding Across Platforms and Media - Allie Gamblin (M), PJ Schnyder, J.R. Blackwell, T Jackson King, Charles E. Gannon		Conducting Podcast Interviews - Hugh O'Donnell, Dave Robison, John Taylor Williams, Thomas Gideon, Tim Dodge
12:00 PM	Celtic Interlace - Brent Warner	Baen Traveling Show - Mark Van Name (M), Charles E. Gannon	Professionalism and the Young Writer - Lawrence M. Schoen (M), Sarah Pinsker, CJ Henderson, John Zaharick, T.J. Perkins	Managing Podcast Streams - Jonah Knight, Jimmy Rogers, A Kovacs, Patrick Holyfield	Crayon Train Games 101 - Michelle Hymowitz (M), Peter Eirich	Breaking the Mold - Branching Out to Other Media - Rob Balder (M), Alex White, John Taylor Williams, j daniel sawyer, James Durham
1:00 PM	Journey to Neverland - Jay Buechler, Leigh Alexander		Reading: Robert Chase, Keith Decandido, Michael Flynn & John C. Wright	Out of Sight, Out of Mind? - Andrea Trask, PJ Schnyder, A Kovacs, Alessia Brio, Barbara Hill		Getting Started With Self Promotion - Scott Pond (M), Scott Sigler, Mark Jeffrey, Peter Prellwitz, Nathan Lowell
2:00 PM	Storytelling with Bill Mayhew	Ken Anders Concert - Ken Anders (M)		Helping Authors Find and Work Effectively With Narrators - Veronica Giguere (M), Rob Balder, Patrick Holyfield, Chris Snelgrove, P.C. Haring	Exploring the Magick and Lore of the Celtic/Norse Gods/Goddesses Workshop - T.J. Perkins (M)	10 Cool Underused Ways To Travel In Space - Andy Love (M), Catherine Asaro, Geoffrey Landis, Charles E. Gannon, Pamela Gay
3:00 PM	Who Wants to be a Superhero - Eta Hack		Raising Geeklings - J.P. Harvey (M), Grig Larson, Tee Morris, Beth Lynne Prellwitz, Peter Prellwitz	Author Promotion Materials - Allie Gamblin, Starla Huchton, PJ Schnyder, Jeffrey Lyman, Neal Levin		Disasterpiece Theatre LIVE - Alex White (M), Stephen Granade, Jo Walton
4:00 PM	Plaster Name Plates - Sue Bowen	Medieval Dance - Gary Ehrlich, Patches, Maugorn	Broad Universe Reading Rapid Fire Reading Saturday Afternoon - Gail Z Martin, Reesa Herberth, Jean Marie Ward, Elektra Hammond, Michelle Moore	The transition: Experiences of New Media authors moving to the mainstream literary world - Philippa Ballantine, A Kovacs, Scott Sigler	The 1632 Universe - Walt Boyes (M), Iver Cooper, Robert Waters, Charles E. Gannon, Walter Hunt	How To Do A Blog Tour - Tee Morris, Starla Huchton, Brenda Clough, Melissa Hayden, David Brawley
5:00 PM	Steampunk Filk Concert with Mark MacDicken		Reading: Jo Walton, Geoffrey Landis	Astronomy Cast Podcast - Pamela Gay	In the Hot Seat - Joshua Bilmes, Jon Sprunk, Lawrence M. Schoen, Myke Cole, John Cmar	Anthologies - Sarah Avery, Darrell Schweitzer, Lee C. Hillman, David Sklar, Mike Mcphail
6:00 PM			Readings: Charles E.Gannon and Myke Cole - Bud Sparhawk (M), Charles E. Gannon, Myke Cole	Forgotten Works in Sci-Fi / Forgotten Works in Fantasy - Steven H. Wilson, Brett Talbot, Joshua Bilmes, L. Jagi Lamplighter, Jo Walton	Preparing for Takeoff - Arthur Vincie (M)	The Best Bang For Your Buck! - Scott Sigler, Michael Black, Chris Snelgrove, Neal Levin, Steve White
7:00 PM	Saturday Night RPG	Concert: Maugorn	Open Readings Saturday - Bernie Mojzes (M)	365 Days of Astronomy Podcast - Pamela Gay (M)		Website Workshop for SF Professionals - Allie Gamblin, Neal Levin
8:00 PM		Concert: Devo Spice		Cowry Catchers Support Group - Abigail Hilton, ComicBookGoddess, Chris Lester, Nathan Lowell	Video Room Moves to Belmont	Free Content Business Models - Norm Sherman, Jonah Knight
9:00 PM		Concert: Danny Birt		Things That Go Bump in The Night - Gail Z Martin, N.R. Brown, Darrell Schweitzer, John C Wright, Michael Hanson		Using Comedy in Audio Fiction - DC Wilson, Grig Larson, Jimmy Rogers, Christiana Ellis, Norm Sherman
10:00 PM		Concert: Kim the Comic Book Goddess		Best of 2013 - Jonah Knight, Scott Roche, Flynnstress		Avoiding the pitfalls and writing kink right - Mildred Cady (M), Doc Coleman, Andrea Trask, Alessia Brio, Jhada Addams
11:00 PM		Saturday/Sunday Overnight Open Filk	Reading: Lalana Darautana, Collin Earl & James Daniel Ross	Anime After Dark - Kathreja Sarfati (M), Lee Sarfati, Jason Banks, Christine Chase	Saturday/Sunday Overnight Videos	Podcasters Against Humanity - Hugh O'Donnell (M), Nutty Nuchtchas, Christopher Morse, Nobilis Reed, Jennifer R. Povey, Scott Roche
Midnight						

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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8:00 AM		Use of Social Science in Speculative Fiction - Barry Nove, T Jackson King, Joy Ward, Lawrence M. Schoen	Designing Aliens - Chris Jackson (M), Jeff Young, Steve White, John C Wright, Paula S. Jordan	Scientist as Protagonist - Stephen Granade (M), Jack Campbell /John Hemry, Geoffrey Landis, Christopher Morse, Carl Cipra	The Current State of Podcast Fiction - Jared Axelrod (M), Scott Roche		
9:00 AM	Dr. Vinton Cerf	International Film Trailers - Lance Oszko (M)	Editors Q&A - Ian Strock, Sue Baiman, Joshua Bilmes, Walt Boyes, Lawrence M. Schoen	What Game Should We Play Tonight? - Perrienne Lurie, Ann Rudolph, Kristina Lynch	Miss Lizzie's Traveling Historical Fashion Show - Lisa Ashton (M)	Children's and YA Horror and Dark Fantasy - Christine Norris (M), Lee C. Hillman, David Sklar, Catherine Petrini, T.J. Perkins	Which comes first: Hero or villain? - Ruth Lampi, Mike D'Ambrosio, Kelly Harmon, Amy Kaplan, Bob Greenberger Perkins
10:00 AM		How NOT to Break into print - The Bad Advice panel - Ian Strock, Joshua Bilmes, Mark Van Name, Lawrence M. Schoen, Keith Decandido	A Cheat of Crooks - Jonette Butler (M), Maria V. Snyder, Mark Van Name, Michael Flynn, Charles E. Gannon, Myke Cole	Victorian Parlor Games II - Marnen Laibow - Koser, Mildred Cady	Filk, Copyright and IP - Devo Spice (M), Ken Anders, Danny Birt, Sharon Palmer	Reading the Alien Psyche - Bernie Mojzes, John C Wright, T Jackson King, Paula S. Jordan, Chris Jackson	- Marriage Equality and the Future of Human Relationships - Thomas G. Atkinson
11:00 AM	Dinosaur Update- Thomas Holtz Jr. (M)	Intellectual Property Law and Fanworks - Robert Chase	Academic vs. Emotional Book Reviewing - Scott Roche (M), Leona Wisoker (M), Melissa Hayden, Darrell Schweitzer, Jon Sprunk	Electronics and Your Costume - Pavlina (M), Sarah Richardson, Thomas G. Atkinson, Ming Diaz, Jason McClain	Boardgame Mainstays - Eric B. Hymowitz, Perrienne Lurie, Kristina Lynch	Hidden Harbor Mysteries Launch - Bryan Lincoln (M), Lauren Harris, Jay Smith	Dangerous Voices Variety Hour - Sarah Pinsker (M), Michael Underwood
12:00 PM		Well THAT Was Unexpected - Nicole Gugliucci	- How To Read Writers We Don't Understand - Jeff Young, Darrell Schweitzer, Sarah Avery, Chris Snelgrove	Celtic Design Drawing Workshop - Brent Warner (M)			SF and The Thinking Man - Martin Berman - Gorvine, Alan Zendell, John C Wright, Walt Boyes, Joy Ward
1:00 PM		An Intimate Q&A Session About the Internet & Google - Marv Zelkowitz (M), Vinton Cerf Dr.	Reading as Exploration - Leona Wisoker (M), Cindy Young - Turner, John C Wright, Tim Burke, Jeffrey Lyman		Beginning Beading on Fabric - Lisa Ashton, Carol Salemi	Open Heart Surgery with a Chain - saw: Deep Edits - Eric Bakutis, Michelle Moore, Michael Black, Bud Sparhawk, Chris Jackson	The World is Large and Strange - Gary Lester, Ruth Lampi, Tee Morris, Jack Campbell / John Henry, Tom Doyle
2:00 PM	Mr. Poor Choices II - Mark Van Name	Our Solar System: Scales and Latest Discoveries - Inge Heyer (M)	Doomed, I Tell You! Doomed! - Martin Berman, Gorvine, Val Griswold, Ford, Diane Weinstein, Paul Cooley, Mike D'Ambrosio			Professionalism and the Emergent Writer - Charles E. Gannon (M), Ian Strock, Bernie Mojzes, T Jackson King, Chris Jackson	Meeting Other Podcasters - Gary Lester, Nutty Nuchtchas, Thomas Gideon, Nobilis Reed, Chris Lester
3:00 PM		Genius Machines: The Future of Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality, Robotics, & Biomechanics - Catherine Asaro (M)	Etiquette in Science Fiction and Fantasy - Bernie Mojzes, Steven H. Wilson, Leona Wisoker, John C Wright, Batya Wittenberg	OZ: The Yellow Brick Road Never Ends - Thomas Horman (M), Billy Flynn, Zan Rosin	Teen Chat - Doctor Who - Meg Nooj (M), Thomas Hayden, Sam Prellwitz, Ben Prellwitz	Cthulhu out of the Hat: Writing Prompts for the Deranged - Molly Brown (M), Grig Larson, Ruth Lampi, Tee Morris, Philippa Ballantine	Speaking in Public for Writers - Jennifer R. Povey (M), Betsy Riley, Judi Fleming, James Daniel Ross, Tee Morris
4:00 PM	Marty Gear Memorial - Lisa Adler-Golden, Eric Gasior	Cosmic Smackdowns! - Pamela Gay (M)	They Play in Other Sandboxes - Elektra Hammond, Sarah Pinsker, Carl Cipra, Robert Glaub, Jo Walton	His Majesty the ScareCrow of OZ - Thomas Horman (M)	Masquerade show and tell - Gaia Eirich (M)	Who did what to whom, where, when, and why? - Mildred Cady (M), Rob Balder, Val Griswold - Ford, Paul Cooley, Catherine Petrini	Handling The Technical Side: Writers & Their Fact Checkers - J.P. Harvey (M), T Jackson King, J Daniel Sawyer, Scott Sigler, Mike Mcphail
5:00 PM		Avoiding Obvious Science Errors in Science Fiction - Andy Love (M)	Good and Evil in Genre Literature - Lawrence Watt, Evans, Steven H. Wilson, Collin Earl, Jack Campbell /John Hemry, Christopher Morse	L. Frank Baum - Tom Doyle (M)	Authors vs. Artists SFF Pictionary - Stephanie Burke (M), Ruth Lampi, Rick Leider, Danny Birt, Ray Ridenour	Dirty Magick - Charlie Brown (M), Patrick Scaffido	Dueling Drabbles - Hugh O'Donnell (M), Keith Decandido, Hildy Silverman, Ruth Lampi, Peter Prellwitz
6:00 PM		Pluto and SETI's New Horizons - H. Paul Shuch (M)	Science Fiction Title Chain - Grig Larson, Mary Turzillo, Leona Wisoker, Danny Birt, David Sklar				Narration vs Voice Acting - Pamela Gay (M), Laura Nicole, John Taylor Williams, Veronica Giguere, J Daniel Sawyer
	Seating for Film Festival						
7:00 PM	Balticon Sunday Night Short Film Festival - Daniel M. Kimmel (M)	Sagan's Toolkit - Marv Zelkowitz (M), Thomas Holtz Jr.	Writing Real Children - KT Bryski (M), Martin Berman - Gorvine, Holliann Russell Kim, Chris Snelgrove, Catherine Petrini	Tales from the Recording Studio - Sharon Palmer (M), Jonah Knight, Maugorn, Sarah Pinsker, Linda Swann		Positive Role Models in Manga and Anime - Christine Chase (M), PJ Schnyder, L. Jagi Lamplighter, Kathreja Sarfati	Your Novel: Getting to Second Draft: - Charlie Brown, Sarah Avery, Val Griswold - Ford, Don Sakers, Steven H. Wilson
8:00 PM		The World of Weird News - Marv Zelkowitz (M), Sharon Hill	Firebringer Press Presents - Steven H. Wilson (M)	Filk Concert: Batya Wittenberg		Metamor City: Things Unseen Book Launch - Chris Lester (M)	Trafficking in Magic/ Magicking in Traffic and The Memory Singer Launch - David Sklar (M), T Jackson King, Sarah Avery
9:00 PM		Chasing the Signal - Nicole Gugliucci (M)	Space and Time Magazine - Hildy Silverman (M), Diane Weinstein	Filk Concert: Boogie Knights - Keith Decandido, Kate Greenberger, Linda Swann, Sharon Palmer			
10:00 PM		Astronomers R Us - Pamela Gay (M), Nicole Gugliucci, Carey Lisse Dr., Inge Heyer	Teen Belly Dancing Workshop - Ages 13 to 19 - Yasaman Vrd' dhi	Sunday/Monday Overnight Night Filk		Non - human Costuming - Marianne Pease (M), Thomas G. Atkinson, Carol Salemi	The Street/Freelance Hunters Launch - Hugh O'Donnell (M), Paul Cooley (M)
11:00 PM						Con Etiquette 101 for Teens - Maura Taylor (M), Victoria Besner, Debra Kaplan, Beth Lynne Prellwitz	
Midnight							

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

BALTICON 48

Start Time	Chase	Garden	Pimlico	Derby	Belmont	Chesapeake	
8:00 AM					Sunday Morning Cartoons! - Eta Hack	Bars in Science Fiction and Fantasy - Ian Strock, Steven H. Wilson, Darrell Schweitzer, Michael Hanson, Val Griswold - Ford	
9:00 AM	Stretch and Sketch - Halla Fleischer (M)	Sunday Morning Film Premier - Found in Time	Reading: Larry Hodges, Daniel M. Kimmel & Michael Ventrella			Peer Media - - What Is It and What Do I Do With It? - Thomas Gideon (M), Lesley Conner, Scott Sigler, Mark Jeffrey, Brandon Sanderson	
10:00AM	Balloon Bounce Space/Face Painting with Ming Diaz - Ming Diaz		Reading: Catherine Asaro, Martin Berman-Gorvine & Walter Boyes			The Road to Parsec - Laura Burns, Nathan Lowell, P.C. Haring	
11:00 AM	Professor Probius, Mad Scientist! - Mark MacDicken		Reading: J.R. Blackwell, Alex Shvartsman & Mary Turzillo			Converting your eBook for multiple formats - Gary Lester, T Jackson King, Chris Snelgrove, Steven H. Wilson	
12:00 PM	Dueling crafts! New Dimensions in Paper Beads and Magic Wands & Sonic Screwdrivers Workshop - Mark MacDicken	Liar's Panel - Mark Van Name (M), Charles E. Gannon, Myke Cole, Jo Walton	Reading: Bernie Mojzes, John Sprunk & Steven H. Wilson	Promoting Your Book - Nathan Lowell, Christine Norris, Tee Morris, Melissa Hayden, Mike D'Ambrosio		Next Steps: What To Do After Recording Your Podcast - Gary Lester, John Taylor Williams, Peter Bryant, Thomas Gideon, Flynnstress	
1:00 PM	Super Moves - Jay Buechler, Leigh Alexander		Reading: Grig Larson & Lawrence M. Schoen	2014 in Podcasting - What was Awesome? - Tim Dodge (M), Jonah Knight, Scott Roche, Jimmy Rogers, Flynnstress	Poetry Workshop - Vonnie Crist (M), Katie Hartlove (M)	Promoting Your Podcast - Scott Andrews, Mark Jeffrey, Mark Kilfoil, A Kovacs, Norm Sherman	
2:00 PM	Tall Tails - Timothy Livengood	Art Auction - Eric Fleischer (M)	Open Readings Sunday - Lee C. Hillman (M)	Full Cast vs. Straight Read - Abigail Hilton, Nathan Lowell, J Daniel Sawyer, Bryan Lincoln, Starla Huchton		Dynamic Voice Acting - Some Mature Themes - Alex White (M), Laura Nicole, Veronica Giguere, Patrick Scaffido, Stephen Granade	
3:00 PM	Medieval Make Believe - Jay Buechler, Leigh Alexander	Wheel of Time Discussion - Ray Ridenour (M), Brandon Sanderson, Jennifer Liang	Reading: Mark Van Name, Nobilis Reed & Hildy Silverman	Metamor City Live Drama - Chris Lester (M), Laura Nicole	Poetry Readings - Vonnie Crist (M), Katie Hartlove (M), Mary Turzillo, Paula S. Jordan, Jo Walton	Steps to Successful Self-Publishing - Lauren Harris, Brand Gamblin, Alessia Brio, Nathan Lowell, Brian Rathbone	
4:00 PM	More than Just Coloring Pages - Llyssa Holmgren	Brandon Sanderson Reading	Reading: L. Jagi Lampighter, Christine Norris & Jared Axelrod	Fullcast Podcast Live - Bryan Lincoln (M), Abigail Hilton	Teen Writer's Workshop - T.J. Perkins (M)	The YA Voice - Maria V. Snyder (M)	
5:00 PM	CSI Balticon - John French		Broad Universe Rapid Fire Reading Sunday - Kelly Harmon, Leona Wisoker, Sarah Avery, Lee C. Hillman, Sarah Pinsker	The Fantasy Author's Guide to Beer - KT Bryski (M)	Maps for Fictional Worlds - Lawrence Watt & Evans, Brian Rathbone, Jo Walton	How to craft a pitch - Jared Axelrod (M)	
6:00 PM			Casting: Working with Amateurs vs. Professionals - James Gossard (M), Robbie Whiplash, Clint Gaige, Arthur Vincie, James Durham	When New Becomes Old - Jared Axelrod (M), Lauren Harris, Mark Kilfoil, A Kovacs, Flynnstress			Blogging for dummies - Allie Gamblin, David Brawley, Sue Baiman, Melissa Hayden
7:00 PM	Sunday Night RPG		Reading: Tom Doyle, Paul Cooley & Hugh O'Donnell	The WEIRD Show's 300th Episode! LIVE! - Mark Kilfoil (M), Nutty Nuchtchas	Boldly Going: Star Trek Fan - Made Episodes	WordPress 101 - Doc Coleman, Allie Gamblin, Sue Baiman, Dave Robison, Jhada Addams	
8:00 PM		Swing and Jitterbug Dance - Iver Cooper (M), Larry Schroeder, Liana Olear	Reading: Timothy Dodge, Brian Koscienski & Scott Roche	Interactive Fiction - Andrew Plotkin			Social Media Promotion - Allie Gamblin, Hugh O'Donnell, J.R. Blackwell, Nathan Lowell, Melissa Hayden
9:00 PM			Reading: Brand Gamblin, Starla Huchton & Alex White	Dead Robots' Society Livecast - Paul Cooley (M), Scott Roche, J Daniel Sawyer		Nutty Bites Live! George R R Martin vs Robert Jordan - Nutty Nuchtchas (M), Rick Leider, Jennifer Liang	Beyond the Wall Live - Patrick Holyfield (M), Nutty Nuchtchas, Christiana Ellis
10:00 PM			Reading: Lauren Harris, Abigail Hilton & Chris Lester	All Balticon Summarize <author> Competition - Nobilis Reed (M), Nathan Lowell	Film the Raven Evermore: Films Based on the Tales of Poe - Billy Flynn, Daniel M. Kimmel, Zan Rosin, Eric Hardenbrook	Exquisite Corpse - Jhada Addams (M), Scott Roche, David Sklar	
11:00 PM			Reading: Jhada Addams, Alessia Brio, Stephanie Burke & Bliss Morgan	Circlret Press Present - Nobilis Reed (M)	Sunday/Monday Overnight Videos in the Belmont	Ex Libris: - Nobilis Reed	
Midnight							

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8:00 AM		eBook publishing for the erotica author- Alessia Brio, Nobilis Reed, Jhada Addams	Etiquette & Gender Changes in Fiction- Allie Gamblin (M), Don Sakers (M), Mildred Cady (M), James Daniel Ross, Batya Wittenberg	The Short Fiction Market- Alex Shvartsman, Eric Bakutis, Rob Balder, Tim Burke			
9:00 AM		New Insights on Syphilis- John Cmar (M)	Don't Forget the Can-Opener- Ian Strock, Melissa Scott, Geoffrey Landis, Amy Kaplan, Mary Turzillo	Magic Spreadsheet- Veronica Giguere (M), Sue Baiman, Paul Cooley, P.C. Haring	Working with Worbla- Pavlina (M), Sarah Richardson, Jason McClain	Collaborating - J.R. Blackwell, Charles E. Gannon, Scott Pond, Scott Roche, Mike Luoma	Crowd sourcing- Rob Balder (M), Pamela Gay (M), Joshua Palmatier, Neal Levin
10:00 AM		A Time Traveler's Guide to Talmud- Larry Pinsker Rabbi	Branding Your Work For Success- Allie Gamblin, Walt Boyes, T Jackson King, Collin Earl	Moments and Mechanics in History & their Potential in Steampunk- Sarah Pinsker (M), Jeff Young, Melissa Scott, Doc Coleman, Philippa Ballantine, Charles E. Gannon	I Like Anime, So How Do I Share It With Friends?- PJ Schnyder (M), Jason Banks, Christine Chase, Lee Sarfati	Potter-verse Holes- Ian Strock, Rachel Elizabeth Kolar, Catherine Petrini	The Balticon Indie Spirit and What Makes Us Tick - Grig Larson, Scott Roche, Tee Morris, Sue Baiman, James Durham
11:00 AM		Dodos and Deextinction- Thomas Holtz Jr. (M)	Medicine in SF- Brett Talbot, Catherine Asaro, John Cmar	Pay It Forward- Betsy Riley, Mike Luoma, Charles E. Gannon, Brian Rathbone, Jo Walton	Create Anything Imaginable...with Wire or The Impossible Possibilities of Wire- Lonnie Ingram	How to pick patterns and materials- Sharon Landrum (M), Marianne Pease, Gaia Eirich, Pavlina, Thomas G. Atkinson, Jason McClain	Skool Daze: Pursuing a writing career while still in school- Kat Otis, Judi Fleming, J.R. Blackwell, KT Bryski, Peter Prellwitz
12:00 PM		The Atmosphere of Mars- Timothy Livengood (M)	My Favorite Planet- Scott Roche, Brett Talbot, Jeff Young, John C Wright, Geoffrey Landis	Multi- creatives- Alex White, J.R. Blackwell, David Brawley, P.C. Haring, Sue Baiman		Oversize props for Cosplay- Stephanie Burke (M), Marianne Pease, Sarah Richardson, Jason McClain, Kate Szkotnicki	Take my money, please!- Brian Koscienski
1:00 PM		NASA's New Laser Communications Missions- Laura Burns (M)	When A Dwarf Is A Midget And Other Fantasy Conundrums- Joshua Palmatier, Jeff Young, Brian Koscienski, James Daniel Ross	What is the difference between alternate history and parallel Worlds?- Martin Berman- Gorvine, Jack Campbell /John Hemry, Collin Earl, Don Sakers	Why Writing Can't Be Taught And How To Teach It- Kat Otis, Rachel Elizabeth Kolar, John C Wright, Sarah Avery, J Daniel Sawyer		
2:00 PM		Software Patents- Marv Zeilkowitz	The Plot is Dead! Long Live Characters!- Joshua Palmatier, L. Jagi Lamplighter, Walt Boyes, Joy Ward, Chris Jackson	Teen Chat - Balticon Teen Program Wrap-Up- Victoria Besner (M), Ethan Wilson (M)	Dealing with Drug Addiction in Science Fiction- Leona Wisoker (M), John C Wright, James Daniel Ross, John Cmar		
3:00 PM		Exciting Upcoming NASA Events: Comet Siding Spring side-swiping Mars and the ESA ROSETTA mission arriving at Comet 67P- Dr. Carey Lisse	The Cash Is in the Details- Hildy Silverman, Walt Boyes				
4:00 PM		Improving Balticon					
5:00 PM							

PARTIES!

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8:00 AM	Long- term Career Planning for Creatives: Surviving the Next 10 Revolutions- Christopher Pisano, Charles E. Gannon, Michael Underwood, Eric Hardenbrook			How and Why Romance is 53% of the Market- Collin Earl, L. Jagi Lamplighter, Reesa Herberth	Monday Morning Cartoons!- Eta Hack	Nurturing Online Communities- Andrew Plotkin, Dave Robison, Norm Sherman
9:00 AM	How to write Polyamory and not a train wreck - j daniel sawyer (M), Reesa Herberth, Barry Nove, N.R. Brown, Michelle Moore, Mildred Cady	Whist Tournament- Marnen Laibow-Koser, Mildred Cady	Reading: Leight Amy Alexander, Danny Birt & Gary Lester	Best Entry Level Books To Recommend- Jeff Young, Christopher Pisano, Judi Fleming, Christiana Ellis, Catherine Petriani		Google+ for authors- Brand Gamblin, David Brawley, Patrick Holyfield
10:00 AM	How Not to Make the Second Book of Your Trilogy a Letdown- Joshua Palmatier, Brandon Sanderson, Tom Doyle, Peter Prellwitz, James Daniel Ross			Literary vs Speculative vs Genre Fiction- Mildred Cady (M), Martin Berman-Gorvine, John C Wright, Charlie Brown	The State of SF and Fantasy on TV- Billy Flynn, Flynnstress, Zan Rosin, Christiana Ellis	From page to pod- Jay Smith, Paul Cooley, DC Wilson, Mark Jeffrey
11:00 AM	Editor vs. Copyeditor- Holliann Russell Kim, Diane Weinstein, Brian Koscienski, James Daniel Ross		Reading: Charlie Brown, Ruth Lampi, Darrell Schweitzer & Joy Ward	Games fantastic and futuristic- Leona Wisoker (M), Eric Bakutis, Alex Shvartsman, John C Wright, Jack Campbell / John Henry	Storytelling in Video Games- Hugh O'Donnell, Andrew Plotkin, Brand Gamblin, Billy Flynn	Epublishing today- Nathan Lowell, Chris Sneigrove, Michael Underwood, Mark Jeffrey
12:00 PM	Networking for Editors- Hildy Silverman, Catherine Asaro, Walt Boyes	Film Festival Winners and U.S. Film Trailers- Lance Oszko (M), Susan de Guardiola		Music in Podcasts- James Durham (M), DC Wilson, Mark Kilfoil, Christiana Ellis, Tim Dodge	Beta Readers- Alex Shvartsman, Danny Birt, Nathan Lowell, j daniel sawyer, Mike Luoma	The Shared Desk Livecast- Philippa Ballantine, Tee Morris
1:00 PM	How Hard Can it Be? Jumping out of Genre- KT Bryski (M), Elektra Hammond, Betsy Riley, Starla Huchton, Michael Hanson	A Discussion of Musical Communities- Gary Ehrlich (M), Ken Anders, Linda Swann		Sci- fi Evolution: Writing Non- Human Characters- Scott Roche, Michelle Moore, Philippa Ballantine, Joy Ward	Science for Writers Q&A- Ian Strock, Walt Boyes, T Jackson King, Pamela Gay, Stephen Granade	User Experience and Your Novel- Alex White (M)
2:00 PM	The Secret Life of Project Editors- Jeff Young, Robert Waters, Neal Levin	Marty Gear Memorial Filk Circle- Gary Ehrlich (M)	Reading: Christiana Ellis, Patrick Holyfield & Don Sakers	Broadening Horizons- Scott Roche		
3:00 PM						
4:00 PM						
5:00 PM						

Blood Drive

Sunday, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

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FRIDAY PROGRAMMING

4:00 PM - BELMONT**Why Good Writing Still Matters**

A discussion of the role of craft in modern writing when so many books are available that do not attempt to push the literary envelope.

4:00 PM - CHASE**Beyond Medieval History**

A look at the challenges and possibilities of fantasy inspired by time periods other than medieval northwest Europe.

4:00 PM - CHESAPEAKE**Developing a Mobile App - Where Do I Start?**

So you're considering developing a mobile app for your podcast. Alex White walks you through many of the strengths and weaknesses of the jQuery Mobile framework, as well as shows off the new Disasterpiece Theatre Party Game. Learn how you can get started, as well as locate some great tutorial resources.

4:00 PM - DERBY**Podcasting -- Where to Begin**

So you want to make your own podcast. Our experts talk you through all the information you need to get started, what you need to buy and what skills you must acquire.

4:00 PM - PARLOR 1026**Creating Your Universe Without Breaking Natural Laws**

Scientists look at the blatant disregard for basic reality in some science fiction and answer questions from today's authors on how NOT to repeat those faux Pas!

4:00 PM - PARLOR 1041**Retrogaming on the Apple II /IIE****4:00 PM - PIMLICO****Reading: Mike Black, Doc Coleman, John French****4:00 PM - SALON B****A Virtual Tour of the Universe**

A presentation on world design showing an aspiring author how to gather and build a world or universe that will interest and hold readers.

4:00 PM - SALON C**Plotters vs. Characters**

The plot is going, going, gone. But the characters keep on keeping on. If a book is so completely character driven that the plot all but disappears, does it still hold your interest? Why or why not?

4:00 PM - SALON D**Gilding Workshop**

In this class students will learn and try the age old technique of gilding in which they will apply a metal leafing to a notecard of their choice and also create a lucky coin or gear. This method is as timeless as the middle ages but can be used to make even the most elegant of calling cards for a Regency Ball or Steampunk gathering. The teacher will also show examples and explain the difference between liquid gilding and metal leaf gilding. Cost is \$10, class limited to 10.

5:00 PM - BELMONT**The ABC's of Creating a Web Series (Workshop)**

Writer/Director Clint Gaige, with assistant from the cast and crew of Shotgun Mythos takes us through the process of creating a web series.

5:00 PM - CHESAPEAKE**Being the talent vs being the producer**

What are the differences between the role of talent and the role of producer? A look at how both roles are important and how to do well at each.

5:00 PM - DERBY**Naming Names, Titling Titles**

Discussion of our favorite and most memorable character names and book/story titles: What makes them memorable? What makes them good? How do they affect the reading experience? What makes them work for the character or book/story being named? When they're bad, how did they fail? How do you create a good one?

5:00 PM - PIMLICO**Paper Vs. Digital Publishing**

What differences need to be considered when publishing a print book vs a digital book? A look at how to choose one, the other, or both and how to do it right.

5:00 PM - SALON A**Monsters vs. Aliens**

Monsters vs. Aliens. Bruce Press with Skeptics. Moderator Marv Zerkowitz

5:00 PM - SALON B**Space Weapons and Future Warfare in the Real World**

Panelists discuss a future where space weaponry is a significant factor in warfare and how contemporary science fiction has contributed to the development of such a reality.

5:00 PM - SALON C**42 Reasons Why You Should Write for Young Adults**

Editors and other publishing professionals talk about the YA market

5:00 PM - SALON D**Viking wire weaving**

The Vikings used thin wires woven on a stick to make beautiful, strong, flexible jewelry chains for men and women. All materials needed for a short piece provided for free.

5:15 PM - PARLOR 1026**Blood & Iron / Reign of Ash launch**

Celebrate the launch of Blood & Iron by Jon Sprunk and Reign of Ash by Gail Z Martin with snacks, author readings, and more!

5:30 PM - PARLOR 1041**Designing a Trading Card Game**

Come join in discussions of trading card game design

6:00 PM - CHASE**Hats On**

Learn to make your own foam hat from a basic pattern. This hat is a basic top hat design which can be made from plastic foam and are useful for that additional costuming touch.

6:00 PM - CHESAPEAKE**Getting the Most out of Google Plus & Hangouts On Air**

How to use Google Plus and Google Hangouts to build a dialogue, audience, and community.

6:00 PM - DERBY**Selling your audio (ACX vs Paudiobooks vs podcasting)**

What are the different benefits of using ACX, podiobooks, etc? What skills do you need to be able to have a product people will pay for?

6:00 PM - Maryland Foyer**Autographing: Veronica Giguere, T Jackson King, Alan Zendell****6:00 PM - PIMLICO****Reading: Cindy Young-Turner, Michelle Stengel, and Philippa Ballantine****6:00 PM - SALON A****What Inventors Should Know**

Patent lawyer Iver Cooper discusses what inventors should know about patent law and the patent process.

6:00 PM - SALON B**The New Supernatural Mainstream**

Paranormal Fantasy came out of the shadows. Is it still going strong in adult literature or has it all moved into either the erotic or the YA niches? What new twists are turning up?

6:00 PM - SALON C**Writing the Economics of Magic**

A discussion examining how to address economics when building a world in which magic is a major factor.

6:00 PM - SALON D**How to Make It Fit on a Budget**

Even if you don't have the money to buy a dress form, never fear! Learn how to use duct tape, newspapers, and other common household materials to make a form that you can build your costumes on.

6:30 PM - PARLOR 1041**Victorian Pastimes -- Gambling Games II**

Last year provided an overview of popular Victorian gambling card & dice games. This year, we'll concentrate on two games: Faro, a game for gentlemen and nobility, and Chuck-a-Luck, a game for tinhorns & cowboys.

7:00 PM - BELMONT**Anime 101**

Intro to Anime: A discussion of Anime and Otaku culture for the parents, new fans, and uninitiated.

7:00 PM - CHASE

Kamikaze Kostuming

Fabric, glue, pins, and needles. Ribbons, lace, buttons, cd's and more. Build a costume to roam the halls. Two hours to play, plot, and plan: to create and cobble.

7:00 PM - CHESAPEAKE

Science Ideas That Haven't been Overused in Fiction

Scientists discuss scientific theories, ideas, and possibilities that are ripe for new exploration in fiction.

7:00 PM - DERBY

Podcasting 101

The basics of getting started; what to do, what not to do.

7:00 PM - Garden Room

Stage and Screen Combat

Learn the right moves from the experts. This is a class participation event. Wear loose or stretchy comfortable clothing and soft shoes.

7:00 PM - Maryland Foyer

Autographing: Martin Berman-Gorvine and Gail Z. Martin

7:00 PM - PARLOR 1026

How To Submit A Story

What to do and not do when submitting a story and how to look smooth when you did the wrong thing and get accepted anyway.

7:00 PM - PIMLICO

1632 Universe Readings

Readings from 1632 universe books and stories. Featuring panel guest Meriah Crawford.

7:00 PM - SALON A

Running Hot and Cold

Running Hot & Cold: A Cryogenics and Thermo Demonstration. Brent Warner, NASA

7:00 PM - SALON B

Crime Investigation in a SF or Fantasy Setting

Stump the experts! The audience will give the panel crime scenes and the problems that might arise. Would sentient beings on other planets have fingerprints? How would you trace magic users, etc? What about a paranormal who can access worm hole travel without the inconvenience of using the Transporter?

7:00 PM - SALON C

The Devil Is In The Details

Keeping your fantasy real by providing minutia. Editors and authors offer tips and techniques.

7:00 PM - SALON D

Makeup 101

So your costume is done and ready to go on stage. Want to make it really fly? Join us at our makeup panel to learn not only the basics you need for stage, but tricks and tips to fit your character.

8:00 PM - BELMONT

Round-Eye Gaijin!

Examining the Japanese take on Western civilization and ideas, as expressed in popular sci-fi/ fantasy manga and anime. Extra points awarded for gratuitous Hetalia references.

8:00 PM - CHESAPEAKE

Print On Demand

What do you need to know to move from just eBooks to paperbacks?

8:00 PM - DERBY

Finding New Podcasts

Where can you find the best new podcasts that really should be in your catcher? iTunes is a fine place to start, but that's just the beginning.

8:00 PM - PARLOR 1026

Kicking Yourself Into Gear

Writers share their strategies for getting down to work when distractions or procrastination threaten

8:00 PM - PIMLICO

Copy Editing Do's and Don'ts

Finding an effective copy-editor, what makes someone good or bad as a copy editor, and why you may not want to have someone close to you edit your work

8:00 PM - SALON B

Marketing Platforms for Writers

Getting published is hard, especially for a first-time author. Publishers expect you to come with a platform. Speakers will explain what a platform is and how to start building it with an overview of appropriate tools.

8:00 PM - VALLEY BALLROOM

Opening Ceremonies

We introduce our Guests, bestow the 31st Compton Crook Award, and celebrate the changing of the guard.

9:00 PM - BELMONT

Balticon Video Program Sneak Previews

Clips, teasers, and highlights of the Balticon 48 video program, including overnight screenings in the BELMONT Room!

9:00 PM - CHESAPEAKE

Using An Accent In Your Podcast

How to use accents in your podcast or audiobook without making a fool of yourself.

9:00 PM - Con Suite

Friday Face Time: Meet the GoHs and Program Participants

Come meet and mingle with Guests of Honor and program presenters, moderators and panelists. Network with literary and filmmaking professionals, fans, scientists, and more.

9:00 PM - DERBY

Screenwriting 101 Workshop

Short films are often characterized as being narrative, documentary, experimental or animated (or some combination, thereof). In this workshop you'll take your story and develop a working plan and strategy for your own short screenplay. While the focus of the workshop will be on short narrative, the techniques can be applied across the form. You will have the opportunity to develop and test your logline, build your premise and create a scene outline. We'll also look at practical matters, like formatting and what does and doesn't belong in a script.

9:00 PM - Garden Room

Teen Dance Party -- Age 13 to 19

Teens ages 13 to 19 are invited to dance to the music of DJs Daniel Hack and friends.

9:00 PM - Hunt Ballroom

Meet the Artist Guest of Honor: Halo Jankowski

Artist Guest of Honor Halo will be in the Art Show to meet fans and discuss his work exhibited there.

9:00 PM - PIMLICO

Reading: KT Bryski, Veronica Giguere, and Val Grisowld-Ford

9:00 PM - SALON A

Late Night Cards Against Humanity

9:00 PM - SALON C

Filk Concert: Sarah Pinsker

9:15 PM - PARLOR 1026

ZOMBIES NEED BRAINS Launch: CLOCKWORK UNIVERSE: STEAMPUNK vs ALIENS Release Event

This is the kick-off of the new small press ZOMBIES NEED BRAINS, where we will be celebrating the start of the new small press and its first SF&F anthology CLOCKWORK UNIVERSE: STEAMPUNK vs ALIENS. Come join us for some snacks, meet some of the authors contributing to the first anthology, and learn all about ZNB and what it hopes to do in the future!

9:30 PM - PARLOR 1041

Friday Face Time: Meet the Scientists Social

Come and meet the scientists participating in the Balticon Science Program

9:30 PM - SALON C

Filk Concert: Darren Zieger

10:00 PM - BELMONT

SF Films of the 70s

The 1970s were a mixed decade for films, but SF films blossomed and became one of the most bankable genres during the decade, culminating in "Star Wars."

10:00 PM - CHASE

Can a Nation Survive Without Defending its Borders?

Can a nation survive without defending its borders?

10:00 PM - CHESAPEAKE

Dirty Mad Libs

A classic game of audience supplied words using extra saucy adult stories for the questionable entertainment of the audience... All The Way To the Aardvark!

10:00 PM - PIMLICO

Reading: Jeff Young, Nobilis Reed, and N.R. Brown

10:00 PM - SALON B

When to Stop Revising and Move on to the next project

A discussion of why and when to decide to be finished with a novel and move on to the next one

10:00 PM - VALLEY BALLROOM

Dancing in the Gears

Attention all aeronauts, aethernauts, lady and gentleman adventurers, mad scientists, inventors, and other Steampunks and neo-Victorians! Join us for a time-traveling formal evening at the Steampunk Ball! Become part of the living clockwork of Victorian and Victorian-inspired set dances and spin madly with your partner to romantic waltzes and lively polkas. No previous experience is needed; all dances will be taught by dance mistress Susan de Guardiola. Music will be an eclectic mix of modern and nineteenth century. Steampunk, neo-Victorian, or Victorian costume encouraged and admired but not required. Airships and time machines should be parked outside the ballroom. No sabers, ray guns, or clanks permitted on the dance floor.

10:30 PM - SALON C

Friday/Saturday Oversight Open Filk

Drop by to sing and/or play filk music with us. Or just pull up a chair to listen!

11:00 PM - BELMONT

Friday/Saturday Overnight Video in the BELMONT

Overnight Video

11:00 PM - CHASE

Developing a Sense of Propriety

Advice from SF/F Fandom on how to avoid creepy behavior; how to tell your friend that his/her behavior is totally Uncool, instead of watching in silent horror; what's harassment and what else- while not harassment- is still unacceptable public behavior.

11:00 PM - CHESAPEAKE

Disasterpiece After Dark (Super Sexy Edition) - Mature Themes

Have you ever wanted to sit in on a porn parody pitch meeting? Now you can! Join Stephen Granade and Alex White as they craft the most groan-worthy (and moan-worthy) bad pitch ideas! Become part of our focus group and get in on the action! (Clothing required. Morals optional.)

11:00 PM - Garden Room

Balticon U Dance Party

Balticon University (Ages 18 to 25) presents a dance to music from DJ Daniel Hack & friends.

11:00 PM - PARLOR 1026

Teen Social

The dance may be over, but come hang with your friends, grab a snack, and socialize. Open discussion, ages 13-19

11:00 PM - PIMLICO

Reading: Vonnie Winslow-Crist, Laura Nicole, and Joshua Palmatier

SATURDAY PROGRAMMING

8:00 AM-CHESAPEAKE-Collaborative Writing-

Co-authors share their secrets for successfully collaborating, managing plot points in shared stories, and keeping friendships intact.

8:00 AM-DERBY-Sound Effects -

Free Creative Commons options, making your own Foley, and finding affordable Royalty Free Libraries.

8:00 AM-SALON B-Military Fantasy-

Panelists discuss who they think writes the best military fiction in fantasy literature.

8:30 AM-CHASE-Shabbat Sevice/Parsha Discussion-

Shabbat service/Parsha Discussion

9:00 AM-BELMONT-Writer's Workshop-The End is Near'.

We will look at what makes a good ending. Participants are asked to bring a synopsis of one or more of their stories along with their endings in their entirety(not more than one page). As many synopses and endings will be read and discussed as time permits.

9:00 AM-CHESAPEAKE-Self-Editing for the Self-Published Author-

How can a self-published author make sure that they have put a professional prod-

uct? What tips and tricks for self-editing can improve a book before its release?

9:00 AM-DERBY-Pricing eBooks and why free is not always better-

How to effectively price your ebooks to encourage sales while supporting yourself.

9:00 AM-GARDEN ROOM-How Natural is Natural Science?-

Modern science arose only once, in the Latin West. China had high technology but nothing like science; Islam made a promising start, but sputtered out. What makes science different from engineering/technology or from mathematics/astronomy? What are the preconditions encouraging or retarding the development of natural science? How vital was the telescope?

9:00 AM-PARLOR 1026 - Listener Pet Peeves- What's the Worst in Podcasts?

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What do you hate to hear in a podcast? Share the pain with others and talk about what could be improved. Some problems you've heard a thousand times others just once but it was really bad!

9:00 AM-PARLOR 1041-But, Honey, It's For the Studio!-

Upgrading your gear is a serious temptation. In these trying economic times, bargains abound and the desire for some new shiny device in your studio sometimes outweighs the other factors in your life. Our panel of technophiles talk about what's out there, where to buy it cheap, and when you should buy it. We all love our gear, but we shouldn't deprive our families of food and shelter for the next new gadget.

9:00 AM-PIMLICO-Reading: Eric Bakutis, Michael Hanson, and Jay Smith

9:00 AM-SALON A-Diversity in Fandom-

How the world is changing for writers of all genre's and their fan base.

9:00 AM-SALON B-Prompting Readers to Question the Impact Technology Has on the World.-

How do writers weave encouragement to exercise technological conscientiousness into their stories? (Without sounding preachy, thank you very much.) Panelists provide examples and explain why they think the author's approach did or didn't work.

9:00 AM-SALON C-Wire Wrapping for Any Stone or Object -

Students will receive all materials, including a stone to wrap, and instructions in creating a wire "cage" to hold their item. This works for odd-shaped stones or objects as well as regular cabochons, and there will be an assortment to choose from. Limited to 12 students. You can sign at the info desk to reserve your seat.

9:00 AM-SALON D-Presentation 101-

Without a character to inhabit it, your costume is just weird clothes. Come learn how to animate it and show it to its best on stage.

10:00 AM-CHASE-Postcards from the Moon-

Attendees will journey to the Moon and back using NASA hands on activities, 3-D images, and some take home resources.

10:00 AM-CHESAPEAKE-Podiobooks: Why should I give my work away for free-

How podcasting a novel can help promote the work. How to get the most from this and success stories.

10:00 AM-DERBY-Asian and Pseudo-Asian settings for SciFi and Fantasy-

Authors and readers who have lived in Asian countries discuss the setting of stories in Asian and Pseudo-Asian settings.

10:00 AM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Sarah Pinsker, Alex Shvartsman, Michelle Stengel

10:00 AM-PARLOR 1026-Favorite Science Fiction Authors-

Panelists discuss why, after the first novel, they kept reading their favorite Writers?

10:00 AM-PARLOR 1041-Writing Resolutions, Evaluation, and Measurement-

What does it take to plan successfully? How can you move your writing forward? We all have busy lives. This workshop focuses on ways we can better resolve to get our work done; evaluate our forward momentum, and some simple means of measurement.

10:00 AM-PIMLICO-Reading: Walter Hunt, D.H. Aire, Brenda Clough

10:00 AM-SALON A - Life Extension and the Prospects for Functional Immortality -

Life extension and the prospects for functional immortality

10:00 AM-SALON B-Reading Young Adult Science Fiction-

Panelists from the Balticon teen and collegiate membership discuss what kinds of stories inspire them to read science fiction.

10:00 AM-SALON C-Paper Art Workshop-

Paper art overview and hands on workshop. Book alteration and 3-D sculpture from the flat page.

10:00 AM-SALON D-Writing a Winning Song-

Our panelists discuss the craft of songwriting, from generating ideas to writing tunes to adapting/parodying an existing tune.

10:00 AM-VALLEY BALLROOM-Tech for Costumers -

Let our stage tech crew and experienced costumers demonstrate the possibilities for lighting and showcasing your costume. Held on the main stage.

10:30 AM-GARDEN ROOM-Heinlein Award Winner's Presentation-

11:00 AM-CHASE-The Impossible Possibilities of Wire-

Using pipe cleaners, you'll be able to make an item of your choice using a special technique created by the artist, Lonnie Q. Ingram. Mr. Ingram is a self-taught artist, with more than 20 years experience and has created 1000s of unique wire sculptures over the years. We'll use basic shapes to create animals, people and things. What do you want to create? Your imagination is your only limit!

11:00 AM-CHESAPEAKE-Conducting Podcast Interviews-

The do's, don't's, and how-to's of conducting a podcast interview. What technologies are available to let you interview people from across the globe?

11:00 AM-DERBY-Author Branding Across Platforms and Media-

For aspiring and experienced authors alike, one of the main challenges is gaining exposure. Social media like Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and Google+ have become key. But it's more than simply having an account. Building an author brand and a following is about developing content to attract your target audience as well as being creative and standing out in the crowd. Spreading your work across various media types: print, eBook, audio book, podcasting, and vlogging are ways to reach more readers.

11:00 AM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Brandon Sanderson and Myke Cole-Autographing

11:00 AM-PARLOR 1026-Heroes of Earth/Save the Dragons Promotion-

Author Martin Berme-Gorvine talks about his recent book Save The Dragons and the upcoming sequel Heroes of Earth.

11:00 AM-PARLOR 1041-Special Needs Reception-

The Special Needs department hosts a social hour for their clients. And you might want to stick around for the Expressions of Disability in SF panel coming up next!

11:00 AM-PIMLICO - LARP Opening Ceremonies-

11:00 AM-SALON A-Generating Magnetic Fields the Way Planets and Stars do -

11:00 AM-SALON B-Grief, Loss, and Death in SF/F-

Panelists discuss treatment of these topics in genre literature, with brief readings of illustrative examples.

11:00 AM-SALON C-Bookbinding and Bookmaking-

Come learn the history of bookbinding. Make a simple book or an elaborate one to take home. You can also bring your own drawings, printouts and paper bits and make your own book. \$10 supply fee. Includes paper, covers, paper awl, thread, needle, glue and decorations.

11:00 AM-SALON D-Classical Historical Hairstyles-

This lecture and workshop surveys women's hair fashions in Rome. Janet Stephens will guide you in the use of historically appropriate tools and techniques rediscovered through her extensive research. 1st hour: lecture on principles of ancient hair design. 2nd hour: Hands on workshop, limited to 10 dressers and 10 models (sign up sheets at the information desk). Dressers must be able to weave three-strand braids. A limited number of workshop kits (wide tooth comb, #13 blunt tapestry needle, sport weight yarn, 4 chopsticks, small scissors) will be available for purchase.

11:00 AM-VALLEY BALLROOM-Halo Jankowski Presentation-

Guest of Honor Presentation by Balticon 48 Artist Guest of Honor Halo Jankowski

12:00 PM-BELMONT-Crayon Train Games 101-

Get an appreciation for an unusual kind of train game with a high potential for replay. Draw tracks with crayons? What? Come learn to play! All of the good features of train games in general still apply. Session will include an overview for this class of game, brief play instructions, short games for learning, and great advice on how to play well and have fun on your own rails.

12:00 PM-CHASE-Celtic Interlace -

Learn about and color in a Celtic Interlace.

12:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Breaking the Mold -Branching Out to Other Media -

Like many creatives, you're multi-talented, and you've got a lot to offer. Learn how you can use your other talents in tandem to create a content-rich experience for your consumer.

12:00 PM-DERBY-Managing Podcast Streams-

How to set up multiple podcast feeds so you can have a single master feed for all your work and multiple smaller feeds for different podcast projects you're producing.

12:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Baen Traveling Show-

Slide show presenting original art and finished covers for both current and upcoming Baen books. Attendees will learn what goes into designing a cover and how covers evolve, as well as getting a sneak peak of upcoming releases. Free books are other goodies will be given out!

12:00 PM-HUNT BALLROOM-Meet the Artists: Ellen Montgomery-

Individual exhibiting artists will be available to meet fans and discuss their work at various times in the art show. The Meet the Artists schedule will be posted on the Art Show doors and in the Rocket Mail.

12:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Walter Hunt, Daniel M. Kimmel, and Steven H. Wilson

12:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-Expressions of Disability in SF-

It feels somewhat problematic to lump physical, developmental, and mental diagnoses together, but the commonality is in their perception as Other. It's a vast uncharted territory of "write what you know" since it touches so many lives but relatively few writers incorporate it into their fiction. Panelists discuss the Possibilities.

12:00 PM-SALON A-Virtual Human Intelligent Avatars in Medicine.-

AI conversations have evolved from Eliza. Interactive character research enables a wide variety of practical, engaging and immersive interactions. Let's share their current capabilities and design architectures, culminating in a live editing session with a very chatty virtual patient.

12:00 PM-SALON B-Writing Sequels, Prequels, and Spin offs-

How to plan and write companion novels that support your earlier work.

12:00 PM-SALON C-Iron Artists Competition-Iron Artists Competition

12:15 PM-PARLOR 1026-Tea in Four Worlds Book Launch-

Join Don Sakers and Melissa Scott for a nice cup of tea suited to their four new SF and fantasy releases! We'll have tea and snacks to suit each world, and give away books (Fairs' Point, Silver Bullet, Children of the Eighth Day, Meat and Machine) and goodies. Books will be available for sale!

12:30 PM-PIMLICO-Professionalism and the Young Writer-

Age may be just a number, but what do you do when most people have been working in the industry for longer than you've been alive? How do you balance edits and essays? How can the young writer best present themselves to their readers and colleagues?

1:00 PM-CHASE-Journey to Neverland-

Play pirate vs. fairies games like Tic Toc Croc and First Star to the Right (musical chairs with stars instead of chairs.)

1:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Getting Started With Self Promotion-

The basics of self-promotion: which services to go to first and how to make the most of them. What is worth your time? What isn't?

1:00 PM-DERBY-Out of Sight, Out of Mind?-

Where does a story or novel published online stand a year after publication? Does print publication offer a chance to have new readers encounter that work over a longer period of time? Do readers bother to mine web archives for earlier works by an online-only author, or do they just look at what's new. Author and reader panelists discuss.

1:00 PM-HUNT BALLROOM-Meet the Artists: Laurel Cunningham-Hill, Joni White-

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1:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Maria V. Snyder, Jon Sprunk, Patrick Scaffido

1:00 PM-SALON A-Sailing on Venus-

Preparations for a Descent into Hell, Geoffrey A. Landis

1:00 PM-SALON B-5 Books for the Last Town on Earth-

By some freaky quirk of fate, your little city survived a major cataclysm. As far as you know, you are all that's left, but you DO want to survive. What five books will help you and your neighbors survive?

1:00 PM-SALON C-DIY Ocarina of Time Artifact-

Only 15 Participants! Signup Sheet at Info Desk (top of the escalators). Every resident of Hyrule desires an Ocarina of Time, as they walk through the darkness

of the Kokiri Forest or as they pass through Castle Town. Caramon will show you how to make one of your very own!

1:00 PM-SALON D-Embroider Flowers on a Love Token-

Only 12 participants - Sign up sheet at Info Desk (near top of escalator)

1:00 PM-VALLEY BALLROOM-Brandon Sanderson's Presentation-

Guest of Honor Presentation by Hugo winning novelist Brandon Sanderson

1:30 PM-BELMONT-Exploring the Magick and Lore of the Celtic/Norse Gods/Goddesses Workshop-

T. J. Perkins will present the lives, background, myths/legends of Gods/Goddesses of Celtic and Norse Mythology, followed by a Pathworking for you to 'meet' the character you'd like to work with, then a fun writing exercise or 2. Sign up at the information desk at the top of the escalator to reserve your spot.

1:30 PM-PARLOR 1041-Recipe for Making an Effective Gamemaster-

1:30 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Robert Chase, Keith Decandido, Michael Flynn, and John C. Wright

2:00 PM-CHASE-Storytelling with Bill Mayhew-

Bill Mayhew has been telling stories for as long as he can remember and to the public for more than thirty years, all over the place, to audiences from kindergarten to senior citizens. He likes to tell funny stories; some are grim, some are sweet, and some are scary, but all are fun and most will make your little ones laugh!

2:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-10 Cool Underused Ways To Travel In Space-

Scientists discuss ideas for space travel that have been underutilized or could be due for reintroduction into the genre.

2:00 PM-DERBY-Helping Authors Find and Work Effectively With Narrators -

Experienced podcasters discuss how to recruit and work with narrators to maximize the quality of their audio.

2:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Ken Anders Concert-

Guest of Honor Concert by SCA Bard and Balticon 48 Music Guest of Honor Ken Anders. The concert will be followed by an charity auction for BSFS Books for Kids

2:00 PM-HUNT BALLROOM-Meet the Artists: Tristan Alexander-

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2:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Tom Doyle, Hugh O'Donnell and Lawrence Schoen

2:00 PM-SALON A-A Quantum of Mystery-

A Quantum of Mystery. How do we visualize the double slit experiment? How do we understand what Feynman called the central, really the only, mystery of quantum mechanics? Veteran quantum mechanic John Ashmead & professional animator Larry Latham join forces to show what cannot be seen, and present, for your consideration, a Quantum of Mystery. John Ashmead, Larry Latham

2:00 PM-SALON B-Flipping SF Archetypes-

Maybe humanity isn't the good guy on the intergalactic playing field. Maybe the mad scientist is just a jerk, not an evil genius. Maybe...

2:30 PM-SALON D-Auction: Treasures from Marty and Bobby Gear's Costume Closet-

Costumes, fabrics, and accessories from the collection of Marty and Bobby Gear. GCFCG auctions fund Guild social outreach programs, including charity haunts and the post-masquerade party.

3:00 PM-CHASE-Who Wants to be a Superhero-

Create your own superhero persona and costume.

3:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Disasterpiece Theatre LIVE-

Disasterpiece Theatre is an exercise in true Hollywood movie magic. A theme is selected each week. The goal is to come up with the movies the industry would be most likely to make. The magic happens when we create something dark and terrible; a hideous and inexorable vision of the cinematic future; and you know true despair.

3:00 PM-DERBY-Author Promotion Materials-

We all know authors need stuff, but what stuff? What promotional items are available and which ones are effective?

3:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Michael Flynn and Jo Walton-

3:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-What Brought You to Balticon, and How Do We Get Other Teens to Come-

Young Fans and Balticon staff members talk about how to get more young people to attend, volunteer for, and be involved in Balticon and BSFS. An open forum discussion.

3:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-Pirate Games-

3:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: J Daniel Sawyer, Dave Robison, Patrick Scalfido

3:00 PM-SALON A - Life on a Little Known Planet -

Life on a little known planet! The Ant Kingdom, New Species Discoveries and Fossil records! John S. LaPolla, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Biology, Co-Director, Biology Graduate Program, Towson University

3:00 PM-SALON B-Aged Characters in Fantasy-

Do they have to be wise and revered? Avoiding the cliché.

3:00 PM-SALON C-Fantasy Art Drawing Workshop-

How to draw the things in one's head to look real on paper by using, altering, and creating references. This is a hands-on participation workshop. Attendees will be drawing Fantasy subject matter from a variety of small Fantasy props (provided) with a variety of drawing materials (provided).

4:00 PM-BELMONT-The 1632 Universe-

Authors writing in this universe share their stories and experiences with readers and give us the inside skinny on what's coming up! Featuring Panel Guest Meriah Crawford.

4:00 PM-CHASE-Plaster Name Plates -

Design your own personalized name plate, or just make a paper weight. We will use plaster of Paris and inclusions to create an individualized piece of sculpture that will work hard to contain your artistic talents. These pieces will be highly textured and one-of-a-kind with a beach theme.

4:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-How To Do A Blog Tour-

How to use a blog tour to generate publicity for your upcoming release.

4:00 PM-DERBY-The transition:

Experiences of New Media authors moving to the mainstream literary world-Podcasters and ePublishers discuss the experience of moving from the digital world in to print and what changes they had to make.

4:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Medieval Dance-

Come learn a bunch of easy and fun medieval dances, taught by Patches.

Music provided by Maugorn and friends.

4:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Mike Black, L. Jagi Lamp-lighter, and John C. Wright

4:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Anime and New Western TV-

Can Anime withstand the onslaught of western shows, ie. Doctor Who, Breaking Bad, Dexter, MadMen, Blacklist, Game of thrones, etc. -- does it have the subject matter to hold up? Will it or is it subjugated to the realm of "for children and immature nerds", whereas western television has started to grow up -- and grow up fast?

4:00 PM-PIMLICO-Broad Universe Reading Rapid Fire Reading Saturday Afternoon-

Rapid Fire readings from some amazing women/authors.

4:00 PM-SALON A-Is There Life Elsewhere in our Galaxy?-

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Jason Kalirai, James Webb Space Telescope

4:00 PM-SALON B-Titles Looking for Stories-

Help our writers avoid writer's block. You provide the titles, the writers on the panel will come up with a synopsis for each title. Audience votes on the best synopsis for each title.

4:00 PM-SALON D-The Fine Line Between Editing and Rewriting-

How much is too much? What should be entered as a comment and what should you just revise? How do you approach the editing process? Panelists discuss their editing process and experience, particularly on where to draw the line.

4:15 PM-PARLOR 1041-Flesh Sutra/America Craftsman Launch-

Come celebrate with author Tom Doyle the release of his modern-day fantasy of military intrigue, "{American Craftsmen," and with author Tim W. Burke the publication of his fantastic journey of existential terror and self-discovery, "The Flesh Sutra."

5:00 PM-BELMONT-In the Hot Seat-

Professionals (from any field) are there to answer questions. Getting agents, self publishing, tracking disease vectors, motivation ... whatever. The panel answers everything. That's the deal.

5:00 PM-CHASE-Stampunk Filk Concert with Mark MacDicken-

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5:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Anthologies-

A look at the wave sweeping the industry. At one point anthologies were looked down upon in publishing. These days they are a staple. Themed or unthemed? Invitation only or open submission? There are so many different options for the aspiring anthology editor/packager. Planning on an anthology of your own? Come pick the brains of experience anthology editors for how to go about things and what to avoid.

5:00 PM-DERBY-Astronomy Cast Podcast-

Astronomy Cast, hosted by Fraser Cain (Universe Today) and Dr. Pamela L. Gay (SIUE), provides weekly discussions on fact-based astronomical topics ranging from planets to cosmology. This show brings the questions of an avid astronomy lover direct to an astronomer. Together Fraser and Pamela explore the universe around us.

5:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: TJ Perkins, Melissa Scott, and Steve White

5:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Divergent Debate-

Divergent Debate

5:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Jo Walton, Geoffrey Landis-

5:00 PM-SALON A-The Human Microbiome-

The Human Microbiome: The Trillions of Microbes on Your Body!
Lita Proctor, Ph.D. from the NIH

6:00 PM-BELMONT-Preparing for Takeoff-

A preproduction planning seminar for independent filmmakers, by a successful independent filmmaker. Arthur Vincie, writer/director of this year's Sunday morning film premier, will have his book available for purchase at this seminar.

6:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-The Best Bang For Your Buck!-

Whether you're investing money, time, or both, our shameless promoters will tell you what works and where you should focus your energies.

6:00 PM-CON SUITE-Fortress Press Book Launch-Fortress Publishing, Inc. Presents TV Gods:

"Picture your favorite TV show! Imagine your favorite Pantheon! Mash them together -- What could possibly go wrong?" The great pantheons of the world run amok through eighteen tales of wonder and hilarity. Discover how the Egyptian gods use night court for judging the souls of the dead. What will happen when an office of Greek gods get downsized? Why are there Norse gods on a space ship? Come join Fortress Publishing, Inc. in celebrating the launch of this exciting new anthology.

6:00 PM-DERBY-Forgotten Works in Sci-Fi / Forgotten Works in Fantasy -

What shows/books are classics that a new reader will not hear about unless we tell them?

6:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Dr. Seti, Nobilis Reed, Bliss Morgan

6:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-GLBT Issues in YA Fantasy and SF-Y

ou want to address GLBT issues in your YA SF/F, but you're straight and you only have one queer friend and s/he never talks to you about their life. So how do you avoid sounding clueless? Who should you talk to? What questions should you ask?

6:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-The History of Mah Jongg-

6:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Charles E.Gannon and Myke Cole-

An interview with the author of 2014 Compton Crook Award winning novel "Fire With Fire" followed by readings by him and by Myke Cole, author of the 2013 award winning novel, "Shadow Ops: Control Point."

6:00 PM-SALON A-Become a Rocket Scientist in Less Than an Hour-

Who says rocket science is hard? You'll learn what makes a rocket work, the trade-offs in rocket design, and how you move around once you're in orbit. All in under an hour, and with just three equations and three graphs.

6:00 PM-SALON C-Masquerade Green Room-

Preparation and gathering room for Marty Gear Memorial Masquerade contestants and exhibitors.

6:00 PM-SALON D-Masquerade Green Room 2-

Help herd Masquerade entrants! Select this item if you have volunteered to be a Masquerade Green Room helper.

7:00 PM-CHASE-Magic the Gathering: Draft Tournament with Brandon Sanderson - \$15 entry fee Limited 15 people, sign up at Info Desk.Come play in a Magic Draft tournament with Brandon Sanderson

7:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Websites for SF Professionals-

Guidelines for creating a website that will help you market your work and keep

your name in front of your fans.

7:00 PM-DERBY-365 Days of Astronomy Podcast-

The 365 Days of Astronomy Podcast is a project that publishes one podcast per day, for all 365 days of 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 -- and now 2014. The podcast episodes are written, recorded and produced by people around the world.

7:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Concert: Maugorn-

7:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Jhada Addams and Lawrence Watt-Evans

7:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Shortening Your Books and Stories-

How do you write shorter books and stories without cheating your readers? Panelists discuss methods and why this is (or isn't) a good idea in the first place.

7:00 PM-PIMLICO-Open Readings -- Saturday-

Writers who have a science fiction or fantasy short story or novel they want to read from drop in, read it to others and (if they want) ask for some feedback. The rules are simple: the author goes to the front table and signs in, waits their turn. The moderator sets the timer on the table for 10 minutes maximum. If you ask for feedback, accept it graciously and without argument. Audience: Do not offer feedback to anyone who does not ask for it.

7:00 PM-SALON A-Do Extraterrestrials Really Need Water?-

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7:30 PM-PARLOR 1041-Kickstarter 101 for Game Players and Designers

8:00 PM-BELMONT-Video Room Moves to Belmont-

Saturday evening videos in the Belmont Room

8:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Free Content Business Models-

A discussion of various models for having an income while still giving your work away to the audience.

8:00 PM-DERBY-Cowry Catchers Support Group-

Cowry Catchers has completed its years - ong podcast run. Let's remember the wonderful things it brought us and say farewell (but not goodbye) to this wonderful podcast series.

8:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Concert: Devo Spice-

8:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Dueling Funny Stories or Puns-

Panelists face off with their funniest stories and puns, the funnier the better. Audience catcalls must be puns!

8:00 PM-SALON A-SF/F Trivia-

A perennial favorite back again. Come test your genre knowledge.

8:00 PM-VALLEY BALLROOM-Seating for Masquerade-

Doors open for seating for the Masquerade

9:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Using Comedy in Audio Fiction-

Authors discuss techniques for comedy to make your characters more likeable and to engage your listeners. How can comedy be used to support the story without going overboard?

9:00 PM-DERBY-Things That Go Bump in The Night-

Panelists cite some of the creepiest things they have recently read and discuss what about it made them leave the light on.

9:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Concert: Danny Birt-

9:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Duck Tape Fun-

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9:00 PM-VALLEY BALLROOM-Masquerade: In Honor of Marty Gear-

Balticon's masquerade has been renamed in honor of its founder, Marty Gear, and is still one of the best SF/F convention masquerades in the U.S.A.!

10:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Avoiding the pitfalls and writing kink right-

For better or worse, Fifty Shades of Grey brought BDSM and the kink scene into the vanilla world. How can authors avoid the many ways to get BDSM wrong, and portray believable and satisfying relationships?

10:00 PM-DERBY-Best of 2013-

What new and continuing media productions from 2013 are on the must - isten list?

10:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Concert: Kim the Comic Book Goddess-

10:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-Tichu 101-

10:00 PM-SALON A-Saturday Night Science Films -

Lance Oszko has hand-picked some terrific short science films

10:30 PM-PARLOR 1026-Teen Chat --The Zombie Apocalypse is Nigh-

Who do you want on your team? What supplies? What would you do to survive? Open discussion, ages 13-19

10:30 PM-SALON B - LARP Overflow-

Room reserved for LARP activities during Balticon Beats

11:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Podcasters Against Humanity-

All Stars and Up and Comers gather for a Cards Against Humanity battle for the ages! Who is the wittiest? Who is the most sensitive? Who will keep their dignity?

11:00 PM-CON SUITE-Balticon Beats: New Media Dance Party-

DJ Alex "Mister" White mixes live at this jumping dance party/mixer! Come get down, at least until 12:30, because we should probably go to bed like responsible adults.

11:00 PM-DERBY-Anime After Dark-

A free-wheeling discussion of anime, anime themes, and other anime and manga subjects for adults

11:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Saturday/Sunday Overnight Open Filk-

11:00 PM-SALON A-Eye of Aragon-

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11:30 PM-BELMONT-Saturday/Sunday Overnight Videos in the Belmont-Overnight Video

11:30 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: PJ Schnyder, Bliss Morgan, and James Daniel Ross

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

8:00 AM-BELMONT-Sunday Morning Cartoons!-

For the next hour and a half, bring your young'uns to watch the cartoons that held Baltimore kids spellbound on Saturday mornings in the twentieth century. Cartoons of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s.

8:00 AM-CHESAPEAKE-Bars in Science Fiction and Fantasy-

In the grand tradition of Callahan's Crosstime Saloon and Gavigan's Bar, writers come and tell us tales from the pubs and bars of SF.

8:00 AM-DERBY-Finding an Agent-

How to find an agent and what to expect from one in today's publishing world

8:00 AM-SALON A-Use of Social Science in Speculative Fiction-

Panelists from Social Science fields discuss how they see their fields represented in speculative fiction and offer suggestions for making better use of their fields.

8:00 AM-SALON B-Designing Aliens-

Reader panelists offer their design for an alien and writer panelists discuss how they would develop the alien's character.

8:00 AM-SALON C-Scientist as Protagonist-

Panelists discuss excellent and dreadful examples of this character

8:00 AM-SALON D-The Current State of Podcast Fiction-

What's new? What's good?

9:00 AM-CHASE-Stretch and Sketch-

Come limber up and do a bit of sketching to start your day!

9:00 AM-CHESAPEAKE-Peer Media -- What Is It and What Do I Do With It?-

New media, social media, digital media--find out how the model of network based peer production has brought a revolution to all forms of media. Learn how content itself and the acts of creation and sharing have changed and continue to change in a world with low cost to entry, no central gatekeepers and conversation instead of channel. Blogging and podcasting are the tip of the iceberg, peer media is only limited by the reach of the internet and the imagination of individual creators.

9:00 AM-DERBY-Satellite Recording-

How to voice act "in a vacuum". What producers want from you and how to achieve it.

9:00 AM-PARLOR 1026-Children's and YA Horror and Dark Fantasy-

Is this sub-genre going too far? Parents and young readers discuss.

9:00 AM-PARLOR 1041-Which comes first: Hero or villain?-

Who do you develop first? The protagonist or their adversary?

9:00 AM-PIMLICO-Reading: Day Al-mohamed, Larry Hodges, Daniel M. Kimmel,

9:00 AM-SALON A-International Film Trailers-

Lance Oszko presents trailers for both real and imagined films from around the world.

9:00 AM-SALON B-Editors Q&A-

For the writers in the audience, or aspiring editors, here's your chance to pick the brains of our panel of seasoned editors on topics like submissions, the editing

process, publication and after - whatever you want to know about how to get your work accepted and what happens once you do.

9:00 AM-SALON C-What Game Should We Play Tonight?-

9:00 AM-SALON D-Miss Lizzie's Traveling Historical Fashion Show- Making history come to life with a hands-on collection of authentic garments, jewelry, accessories, beadwork, sewing notions, vintage photographs, and style periodicals. Hold history in your hands!

9:30 AM-GARDEN ROOM-Sunday Morning Film Premier -- Found in Time-

"Found In Time", written and directed by Arthur Vincie, is a fantasy that combines elements of film noir, sci-fi, and drama. It takes place in an "altered" present-day New York City. Psychics with real powers sell their "wares" on the street, marginalized by society and closely monitored by the dreaded Psychological Police Corp (the Psychops). They lead dark, lonely lives, plagued as much as helped by their gifts. Arthur will be available for Q&A after the screening.

9:30 AM-VALLEY BALLROOM-Dr. Vinton Cerf-

A presentation by our special science guest, Vinton Cerf, Chief Internet Evangelist and Google Vice President

10:00 AM-CHASE-Balloon Bounce Space/Face Painting-

Take a span of medium thick plastic drop cloth about 10' by 20', tape it together, add a floor fan at one end and an entrance slot at the other, inflate. Throw in any number of balloons, nerf balls, graffiti pops, and children. Also add some adults, seated at either end of the inflated chamber to control the Runamoks. And don't forget Ming will be doing facepainting all weekend!

10:00 AM-CHESAPEAKE-The Road to Parsec-

A Parsec Award Winning Podcaster, Parsec Judge, and Steering Committee Member discuss what it takes to craft an Award winning entry. The panel will cover a review of this year's rules, submission criteria and tips from the experts.

10:00 AM-DERBY-Geek Radio Daily-

Geek Radio Daily is a place for geeks and stealth geeks alike to hang out and talk about a variety of geeky topics. Check out the sometimes weekly podcaster's Weekly, if you will. The cast is usually available on Thursdays, and if you are new to the show, just jump right in!

10:00 AM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Cindy Young-Turner, N.R. Brown

10:00 AM-PARLOR 1026-Reading the Alien Psyche:-

What are your sentient aliens -- or folk of myth and fantasy -- thinking? Or feeling? Inscrutable doesn't begin to cover it. But ... this is fiction, right? And you've designed their environment that produced them. So ... why not take it that one step further, based on what you already know about them? A panel of writers and editors, both F and SF, considers how to go about it.

10:00 AM-PARLOR 1041-A Cheat of Crooks-

A reception for the all of the attending authors of Compton Crook winning novels and their fans.

10:00 AM-PIMLICO-Reading: Catherine Asaro, Walter Boyes, Alan Zendel

10:00 AM-SALON A-How NOT to Break into print-

The Bad Advice panel-All the worst advice about getting into print from the people who know.

10:00 AM-SALON B-Marriage Equality and the Future of Human Relationships-

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10:00 AM-SALON C-Victorian Parlor Games II-

Last year, we blew through a list of parlor games with great delight to all (quite literally in one case... there were feathers involved). This year, we have more room to explore games that will get you out of your seat, and more time to play! There will also be a table with board and card games available to try.

Spend some time trying out these parlor and children's games. Don't be surprised if you remember playing some of them in your childhood!

10:00 AM-SALON D-Filk, Copyright and IP-

A discussion of what you can and can't legally do when writing a filk song based on someone else's work, whether it's using a well-known tune or borrowing the plot from a favorite book or movie.

10:30 AM-BELMONT-The Literary Handyman Mini-Writers Workshop: The Art of Sensual Writing-

The Art of Sensual Writing - an interactive workshop on incorporating the five senses into your fiction to create a richer literary backdrop for your reader. Attendees will be guided through a series of exercises designed to focus on not just Sight

and Sound, which are most common in fiction, but also Taste, Touch, and Smell.
NOTE: This is not an erotica workshop.

11:00 AM-CHASE-Professor Probius, Mad Scientist!

Watch a demonstration of cool experiments! Be a lab assistant in the professor's deranged plot to take over the world!

11:00 AM-CHESAPEAKE-Converting your eBook for multiple formats-

Ipad, Nook, Kindle, Kindle fire -- how do you make sure all your potential fans can read your eBook on their device?

11:00 AM-DERBY-Dealing with Problematic Authors-

Every editor has had unfortunate experiences with authors who are difficult to work with. How do you deal with the situation when they fight you on revisions or get combative over contract terms? How do you decide when enough is enough and how does that impact your process moving forward. Panelists share their war stories and how to deal tactfully with difficult situations.

11:00 AM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Alessia Brio and Keith Decandido

11:00 AM-PARLOR 1041-Intellectual Property Law and Fanworks-

This was a well-received talk given by Robert R Chase at Anime USA this past year, and a subject of which all fans engaged in fanworks should have some knowledge.

11:00 AM-PIMLICO-Reading: J.R. Blackwell, Alex Shvartsman, Paula Jordan

11:00 AM-SALON A-Dangerous Voices Variety Hour-

Dangerous Voices Variety Hour takes its cues from such diverse inspirations as the popular Baltimore 510 reading series, NPR's quiz show Wait Wait Don't Tell Me, and Orson Welles' original War of the Worlds broadcast. It features readings, irreverent author interviews, trivia, prizes, and more.

11:00 AM-SALON B-Academic vs. Emotional Book Reviewing-

Reader and author panelists discuss which approach to book reviewing they find most useful, maddening, and informative.

11:00 AM-SALON D-Boardgame Mainstays-

11:00 AM-VALLEY BALLROOM-Dinosaur Update-

Perennial Balticon Favorite Dr. Holtz's presentation Dinosaur.

11:15 AM-PARLOR 1026-Hidden Harbor Mysteries Launch-

Come join the cast and crew of a new audio series that pays tribute to the golden age of radio. Producer Bryan Lincoln and writer Jay Smith bring together an award-winning cast of voice actors to recreate a serialized pulp fiction show full of action, intrigue, heroism and romance set against an alternate America of the late 1930s. Highlights and features from the show will be presented along with a discussion among the creators of this fresh, new story.

11:30 AM-SALON C-Electronics and Your Costume-

How to get that extra zing for your costume. Come learn about LEDs, wiring, and how to use electric elements in your costume safely.

12:00 PM-CHASE-Dueling crafts! New Dimensions in Paper Beads and Magic Wands & Sonic Screwdrivers Workshop-

Two crafts workshops for the price of one!

New Dimensions in Paper Beads: earn to design paper beads which match your own concept of a string of fashionable beads with your own statement

- AND -

Magic Wands & Sonic Screwdrivers Workshop: For young wizards, witches, fairies, and time lords! Make your own unique instrument of molecular manipulation.

12:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Next Steps: What To Do After Recording Your Podcast-

There are a lot of tutorials, presentations, and classes on how to record a podcast but when it gets to posting and sharing your cast, things seem to get glossed over. There are many components working in concert to make a podcast feed. This session aims to explain what each of those components are and how they function together. Further, we hope to show you how you can save money by picking and choosing what services provide each piece. This session will cover: choosing a hosting provider, choosing blog/podcast software; tagging mp3s; writing show notes; uploading files to a host; posting an episode; feed creation; and finally statistics/tracking.

12:00 PM-DERBY-Promoting Your Book-

Self-promotion tips for authors. Are bookmarks and/or postcards effective at garnering attention? Does a blog help or hurt an author? Does an author have to have

a website? How do you find good reviewers? What tactics do NOT work? What methods might work for an established author that wouldn't work for a beginner?

12:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Liar's Panel-

Each panelist, including the moderator, answers all the questions. All answers must be the truth, except three. No one other than the answering panelist knows if the answers are true or lies. After each one, anyone in the audience can challenge the answering panelist. Multiple people can challenge; the more, the better. After there are no more challengers, the panelist tells whether the answer was truth or a lie. If it was true, every challenger puts a dollar in a bucket that runners pass. If it was a lie, the panelist puts \$10 in the bucket. All proceeds go to support the literacy program, BSFS Books for Kids.

12:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Tim Dodge, Larry Hodges, and Chris Lester

12:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-SF and The Thinking Man-

Panelists discuss how science fiction affects public thinking and policies.

12:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Bernie Mojzes, Steven H. Wilson, Nancy Janda

12:00 PM-SALON B-How To Read Writers We Don't Understand-

What if you need to know esoteric scientific or paranormal jargon, advanced physics or obscure history to comprehend a work? How does the reader determine if the effort is worthwhile?

12:15 PM-SALON A-Well THAT Was Unexpected -

The history of radio astronomy is full of serendipity, foibles, and a lot of ingenuity. From the accidental discovery of noise from the cosmos in the 1930s to the unusual vehicles kept around one of the world's biggest radio telescopes, there will be stories that shape an entire field and tell about the people behind the science. The stories of these scientists and engineers in radio astronomy inspire and entertain.

12:30 PM-SALON C-Celtic Design Drawing Workshop-

Brent will show participants how to lay out and draw a Celtic interlace.

1:00 PM-BELMONT-Poetry Workshop-

Explore the arena of verse from inspiration and writing to submitting for publication and mall press publishing. Open mic & reading of annual poetry contest winners follows.

1:00 PM-CHASE-Super Moves-

Dance as you explore your inner super hero

1:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Promoting Your Podcast-

Where and how does an up and coming podcaster spread the word about their releases?

1:00 PM-DERBY-2014 in Podcasting- What was Awesome? -

It's a new year for podcasting. What needs to be in our ears?

1:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Brian Koscienski, Chris Pisano, Jeff Young

1:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Open Heart Surgery with a Chain-saw: Deep Edits-

Your draft is back and it isn't pretty. How do you perform edits at the level of story/character without junking the whole work? What are some tricks to keep discouragement at bay? What happens when the effects of those edits ripple through the whole story?

1:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-The World is Large and Strange-

History contains many things so strange that, if you put them in fiction, readers would find them too implausible to be believed, yet they are actually true. Panelists discuss what this tells us about history, belief, "plausibility" and the process of constructing fiction.

1:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: P.C. Haring, Grig Larson, Lawrence M. Schoen

1:00 PM-SALON A-An Intimate Q&A Session About the Internet & Google-

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Dr. Vinton Cerf, Internet and Google Guru

(Marv Zerkowitz, moderator)

1:00 PM-SALON B-Reading as Exploration-

Panelists tell us about books they read recently that opened up new avenues of thinking for them.

1:00 PM-SALON D-Beginning Beading on Fabric-

Come learn how to sew and embroider with seed beads! We will teach you the basics: what kinds of beads to use, what kinds of needles and thread are needed, and how to prepare your fabric or surface for this type of beads. The hands-on portion of the workshop consists of actually sewing the beads onto fabric around a cabochon, a flat-back plastic or glass piece, and then attaching the cabochon using

a beading technique called peyote beading. If there is time, we can also teach edge beading and how to make a beaded fringe. This is NOT a class where you leave with a finished project, but you WILL learn a technique that you can adapt to many different types of costuming.

2:00 PM-CHASE-Tall Tails –

Storyteller Tim Livengood tells stories that he pulls from out of his head. Humorous stories, stories about how the world got the way that it is (sorry about that!) and perhaps a tall tale or two.

2:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Dynamic Voice Acting - Some Mature Themes-

Concerned about some of the performances of your actors? Would you like to give the director your very best work? Alex White demonstrates the importance of power, context and motivation through a series of acting games. Come try your hand at directing our panel of professional voice actors, or join us onstage with a performance of your own. Be prepared to critique and be critiqued, as this panel is intended to improve your skills.

2:00 PM-DERBY-Full Cast vs. Straight Read-

Featuring people who have done podcast novels as straight reads, who have done ones with a full cast, and one fans of each. The discussion will center around the pro's and con's of each and the (probably irresolvable) question of which is better.

2:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Art Auction-

Art Show entries with more than 3 bids will be auctioned. Any remaining items from the BSFS Books for Kids Charity Auction that begins during the Masquerade Halftime will follow, time permitting.

2:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Brandon Sanderson and Charles Gannon -Autographing

2:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Cthulhu out of the Hat: Writing Prompts for the Deranged-

Panelists and audience write science fiction stories based on the items pulled out of a hat. Panelists will read their stories at the end, audience members will share their resulting stories on the grass by the tennis courts at Noon on Monday. We had so much fun last year we're doing this again!

2:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-Meeting Other Podcasters-

Why you should network with other podcasters, and what you should steer clear of.

2:00 PM-PIMLICO-Open Readings Sunday-

Writers who have a science fiction or fantasy short story or novel they want to read from drop in, read it to others and (if they want) ask for some feedback. The rules are simple: the author goes to the front table and signs in, waits their turn. The moderator sets the timer on the table for 10 minutes maximum. If you ask for feedback, accept it graciously and without argument. Audience: Do not offer feedback to anyone who does not ask for it.

2:00 PM-SALON A-Our Solar System: Scales and Latest Discoveries-

Our Solar System: Scales and Latest Discoveries, Inge Heyer

2:00 PM-SALON B-Doomed, I Tell You! Doomed!-

Panelists discuss the value (or lack thereof) of doom and gloom speculative Fiction.

2:00 PM-SALON C-How to write from an animal point of view-

How to use no-human creatures effectively as point of view characters

2:00 PM-VALLEY BALLROOM-Mr. Poor Choices II-

Want to know how the 2008 Compton Crook award winner got that nickname? Want to know what's bothering him now? Come to his STANDUP COMEDY SHOW. Hear about some of his most recent poor choices, learn just what's confusing him and laugh until you hurt.

3:00 PM-BELMONT-Poetry Readings-

Readings of the annual poetry contest winners, followed by Open Mic poetry readings.

3:00 PM-CHASE-Medieval Make Believe-

Travel in a storybook world. Create simple crowns, princess or wizard hats, and create their own coat of arms to make your character com alive!

3:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Steps to Successful Self-Publishing-

The basic and necessary steps to go from unpublished to successfully self published. What do you need to make sure to do?

3:00 PM-DERBY-Metamor City Live Drama-

Metamor City is a gritty mega-metropolis where the buildings soar hundreds of meters above ground and humans rub shoulders with telepaths, shapeshifters, and even stranger beings. Listen as creator Chris Lester and the Metamor City Players perform a live radio drama -- complete with music and sound effects -- and enter a world like no other.

3:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Wheel of Time Discussion-

Panelists discuss the Wheel of Time series.

3:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Sarah Avery, Mark Jeffery, and David Sklar

3:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Professionalism and the Emergent Writer-

How should writers starting to release their work balance exposure and professionalism? Authors discuss what writers starting to make the scene should definitely do and definitely avoid as they start sharing their work with the world.

3:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-Speaking in Public for Writers-

The mechanics and logistics of reading and speaking in public for writers

3:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Hildy Silverman, Mark Van Name, Jeffrey Lyman

3:00 PM-SALON A-Genius Machines: The Future of Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality, Robotics, and Biomechanics-

Almost Human? Can humanity remake itself with science? Download our brains into computers or other technologies yet to be invented? Live in virtual universes so well developed that we can no longer tell created worlds from reality - artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and biomechanics (neural prosthetics + enhanced living body)? Augment our minds and bodies, add human organs on chips & programmable nanotherapeutics? Catherine Asaro reviews genius machines + super humans in the military, government, and commercial sectors.

3:00 PM-SALON B-Etiquette in Science Fiction and Fantasy-

What do manners and formality do for a civilized society? How do we design such a system for the cultures in our stories?

3:00 PM-SALON C-OZ: The Yellow Brick Road Never Ends-

It's been 75 years since Judy Garland put on the Ruby Slippers and went in search of the Wizard of Oz, and Oz is as popular as ever - the recent movie "Oz the Great and Powerful" and not one but TWO upcoming tv shows based on the OZ books by L. Frank Baum. Stick around for a screening of one of the earliest OZ movies, "His Majesty the ScareCrow of OZ."

3:00 PM-SALON D-Teen Chat -- Doctor Who-

Change is coming, for good or for bad.: remembering the past and looking to the future. What would like to see in the wibbly wobbly ball of time? Open discussion, ages 13-19

4:00 PM-BELMONT-Teen Writer's Workshop-

Teen Writer's Workshop

4:00 PM-CHASE-More than Just Coloring Pages –

Does your coloring lack dimension? Learn how to make your coloring jump off the page.

4:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-The YA Voice-

Releasing your Inner Teenager Ever read a young adult book that sounds like it was written by an adult? That's so preachy and boring to that your reaction is an underwhelming meh? Yeah, me too. This module will focus on the trend in first person POVs in YA novels and how to pull it off without sounding so last year. (50 mins)

4:00 PM-DERBY-Fullcast Podcast Live-

Bryan Lincoln and Abigail Hilton with guests

4:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Brandon Sanderson Reading-

Brandon Sanderson Reading and interview

4:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Eric Bakutis, Darrel Schweitzer, and Walter Poetzman

4:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Who did what to whom, where, when, and why? –

Methods of keeping continuity straight for series and shared world anthologies.

4:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-Handling The Technical Side: Writers & Their Fact Checkers-

Authors and technical advisors or subject matter experts discuss how the author wrestles with the importance of getting enough technical homework done (military, science, etc.) to ensure they don't write something so unbelievable that they end up losing readers, or having readers "fall out of the story" over a detail.

4:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Jared Axelrod, L. Jagi Lamplighter, Christine Norris

4:00 PM-SALON A-Cosmic Smackdowns!-

Cosmic Smack downs! Highlights of 5.5 billion years of interplanetary collisions.

4:00 PM-SALON B-They Play in Other Sandboxes-

Panelists discuss successful and well-known SF writers who write in other genres and recommend some examples we might want to read.

4:00 PM-SALON C-His Majesty the ScareCrow of OZ-

After the Oz discussion panel, stick around for a screening of one of the earliest OZ movies, "His Majesty the ScareCrow of OZ".

4:00 PM-SALON D-Masquerade show and tell-

Entrants from the Masquerade display their work and answer questions about making and showing their costumes.

4:00 PM-VALLEY BALLROOM-Marty Gear Memorial-

5:00 PM-CHASE-CSI Balticon-

John French introduces young people to the basic techniques used by the police to identify people involved in crimes.

5:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-How to craft a pitch-

How to put together a brief pitch of your story so you can easily explain it to potential agents, publishers, and promoters.

5:00 PM-DERBY-The Fantasy Author's Guide to Beer-

Your hero stops at a medieval tavern to drink a cold, hoppy beer with lots of head stop! How has beer changed through history? What do authors need to know as they describe their characters' favorite brews? What did the beer of yore look and taste like? Samples not provided.

5:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Raising Geeklings-

Passing Geek consciousness on to the next generation. Raising children who have tech awareness, inquiring minds and global consciousness.

5:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Mary Turzillo, Christine Norris, and Vonnie Winslow Crist

5:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-Dueling Drabbles-

Authors spin out 100 word stories in this competition for best Drabbler of Balticon 47.

5:00 PM-PIMLICO-Broad Universe Rapid Fire Reading Sunday-

Rapid Fire readings from some amazing women/authors.

5:00 PM-SALON A-Avoiding Obvious Science Errors in Science Fiction-

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5:00 PM-SALON B-Good and Evil in Genre Literature-

Panelists discuss the treatment of these abstracts, if they are indeed abstract. Who handles them well? Who does not? Is one or the other winning?

5:00 PM-SALON C-L. Frank Baum-

5:00 PM-SALON D-Authors vs. Artists SFF Pictionary-

Authors team up against Artists in a game of Pictionary.

5:30 PM-BELMONT-Maps for Fictional Worlds-

Dystopias, post-apocalyptic, fantasy, and science fiction all have one thing in common - fictional worlds. They also present a unique challenge to the author as in how do you build a world from scratch? Do you use an existing city and change it? Do you use a historical map? Or do you draw your own?

5:30 PM-PARLOR 1026-Dirty Magick-

Readings from the first Dirty Magick anthology and what's next from Lucky Mojo Press.

6:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Blogging for dummies-

What works. What Doesn't. How to use a blog to drive traffic to your site, book, or podcast.

6:00 PM-DERBY-When New Becomes Old-

A discussion of new media, old media, and what could be the next big thing.

6:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Casting: Working with Amateurs vs. Professionals-

Panelists discuss the pros and cons of casting amateurs versus casting professionals for your film.

6:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Val Griswold-Ford and John Henry

6:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-Narration vs Voice Acting-

The difference between narration and voice acting. What skills do you need and what makes a good narrator as opposed to a good voice actor.

6:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Collin Earl, Mike Luoma, Jennifer R Povey

6:00 PM-SALON A-Pluto and SETI's New Horizons-

Prof. H. Paul Shuch, CFII LSRM-A/GL/WS Chief Flight Instructor, AvSport of Lock Haven discusses uploading a Message from Earth (kind of a Voyager Record 2.0) into the memory banks of NASA's New Horizons spacecraft, heading to Pluto.

6:00 PM-SALON B-Science Fiction Title Chain-

It's a game! The audience provides the words for a science fiction story or novel's title, the panelists arrange them in a more or less coherent order. Then each panelist and an audience member (who is not an author) come up with a descriptive synopsis. The audience votes on the synopsis they like best. In honor of our Guest of Honor's works, every synopsis must contain two of the three words "wheel", and

"mist" and "steel."

6:45 PM-VALLEY BALLROOM-Seating for Film Festival-

7:00 PM-CHASE-Sunday Night RPG-

7:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-WordPress 101-

Learning to go from novice to hero using the Wordpress content management system.

7:00 PM-CON SUITE-Dark Quest Books/Bad-Ass Faeries Launch Party-

Those Bad-Ass Faeries are back in Dark Quest Book's all-new volume, It's Elemental, along with plenty of other great new titles. Come help the authors, editors, and the publisher celebrate the their spring releases, including Baba Ali and the Clockwork Djinn by Danielle Ackley-McPhail and Day Al-Mohamed, In All Directions by David Sherman, Beginning a Beginning by Danny Birt, Trouble on the Water, Consigned to the Sea, Tales from Rugosa Coven by Sarah Avery, and Trust and Treachery. Join us for food, fun, and as always PRIZES!

7:00 PM-DERBY-The WEIRD Show's 300th Episode! LIVE!-

The WEIRD Show, a Parsec-awarded podcast and radio show celebrates its 300th episode at Balticon! Let's look back at the weird news, strange ideas and odd views and celebrate them!

7:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Arthur Vincie and Chris Jackson-

7:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Positive Role Models in Manga and Anime-

The Bad Role Models are easy to identify -- but what anime characters are considered positive role models for adults or children? What story lines and or character arcs have become personal inspiration? Come share!

7:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-Your Novel: Getting to Second Draft:-

OK, your first draft is finished. Uneven? Needs trimming? Poorly organized? Yep. But drafted through to the end? Yes! So, how to recognize what's good and what's not and wrestle it into shape? Novelists, both seasoned and newbie, discuss how they go about it.

7:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Mark Jeffrey, H. Paul Shuch, Mary Turzillo

7:00 PM-SALON A-Sagan's Toolkit-

Weird Science, Pseudoscience, and Skepticism

7:00 PM-SALON B-Writing Real Children-

How can authors realistically portray children in their writing, whether in YA, or in adult works featuring young characters? What are the pitfalls to watch out for when writing a child character?

7:00 PM-SALON C-Tales from the Recording Studio-

Our panelists explore their adventures in recording, from finding studio time to herding fellow band members to working through the inevitable false starts, outtakes and other recording mishaps.

7:00 PM-VALLEY BALLROOM-Balticon Sunday Night Short Film Festival- A competitive screening of short films in Live Action, Animated and Specialty film categories. You be the judge!

7:30 PM-BELMONT-Boldly Going: Star Trek Fan-Made Episodes-

Miss Star Trek? Wish the original series continued for more than 3 seasons? Well never fear, talented fans are continuing the adventures of the Enterprise and crew, and many of their efforts are very well done. Come and hear about some of the best.

8:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Social Media Promotion -

For writers, podcasters, and artists. Learning to take advantage of free or low costs internet resources to build your marketing strategy and brand.

8:00 PM-DERBY-Interactive Fiction-

Interactive fiction is becoming more accessible as a medium for expression. Panelists discuss the genre, its history, and its potential.

8:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Swing and Jitterbug Dance-

The host, Iver Cooper will be offering a half hour of instruction; The rest of the evening will be open dance. Iver Cooper will be on hand for individual coaching if you want a bit more help.

8:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Timothy Dodge, Brian Koscienski, Scott Roche

8:00 PM-SALON A-The World of Weird News-

Bigfoot, UFOs, and Other Questionable Claims

Sharon Hill

8:00 PM-SALON B-Firebringer Press Presents-

What's new and upcoming from Firebringer Press

8:00 PM-SALON C-Filk Concert: Batya Wittenberg-

8:30 PM-PARLOR 1026-Metamor City: Things Unseen Book Launch-

8:30 PM-PARLOR 1041-Trafficking in Magic/Magicking in Traffic and The Memory Singer Launch-

Fantastic Books invites you to join them in celebration of the launch of their first original anthology: "Trafficking in Magic/Magicking in Traffic" edited by David Sklar and Sarah Avery, and the launch of T. Jackson King's newest novel "The Memory Singer".

9:00 PM-BELMONT-Ex Libris:-

Five players. Each player brings a book, preferably obscure erotica, and take turns reading the title and cover copy. Other players take turns writing first sentences for that novel. They have two minutes. These are submitted to the player whose turn it is, who reads out the first sentences, along with the REAL first sentence. Audience votes, winner gets a point. In order to facilitate voting, audience is given cards with numbers 1-5 to hold up. Winner is the player with the most votes.

9:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Beyond the Wall Live-

Join co-hosts P.G. Holyfield, Vivid Muse, Chooch Schubert, Christiana Ellis and Nutty Nuchtchas as they discuss the previous week's episode of the HBO television series "Game of Thrones," with Q&A and maybe a surprise or two. We'll be focusing on the television series, but also spend time on most of the other forms of media tied to the Song of Ice and Fire series by George R.R. Martin, including (of course) the novels, RPG and board games.

9:00 PM-DERBY-Dead Robots' Society Livecast-

J. Daniel Sawyer joins the Dead Robots' Society's Paul Cooley and Scott Roche to talk about writing.

9:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Brand Gamblin, Starla Huchton, Alex White

9:00 PM-SALON A-Chasing the Signal-

A tour of remote observatories and the science they will uncover in the next decade. From the most remote places on Earth, international teams of astronomers chase after an elusive signal: the whisper of hydrogen from the very early Universe. With this science, we can unlock some of the secrets of the first galaxies to form. The techniques for these radio telescopes are new with their own challenges and pitfalls.

9:00 PM-SALON B-Space and Time Magazine-

The staff of Space and Time Magazine discuss what's current and upcoming with the magazine.

9:00 PM-SALON C-Filk Concert: Boogie Knights-

10:00 PM-BELMONT-Film the Raven Evermore: Films Based on the Tales of Poe-

Since the beginning, the tales of Edgar Allen Poe have inspired filmmakers and been adapted as movies. Come discuss some of the movies made from Poe's stories, and then stick around for screenings of some of the best.

10:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Exquisite Corpse-

Come join us as we take this surrealist writing game from nearly a hundred years ago, and turn it into an opportunity for base smut!

Everyone will be invited to participate, but we don't mind if you just want to watch.

10:00 PM-DERBY-All Balticon Summarize <author> Competition-

One by one, competitors have sixty seconds to summarize an author's entire oeuvre, modeled after the Monty Python Skit Summarize Proust Competition. The author is the judge, counting out how many novels are summarized.

10:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Non-human Costuming-

Aliens can have fur, wings, and claws. Learn how to build the body parts we don't have.

10:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Lauren Harris, Abigail Hilton, Chris Jackson

10:00 PM-SALON A-Astronomers R Us-

The weirdest phenomena in the universe ...audience participation encouraged.

10:00 PM-SALON B-Teen Belly Dancing Workshop - Ages 13 to 19-

In this Workshop you will have fun with Yasaman in learning the Grace, Posture, Outline, and beginner Moves in belly dance; Yasaman will tell you a little bit about belly dance history: how it has changed and grown in the US and what fusion belly dance is all about. Then she will do a short performance demonstration (at the end). This workshop is both for those who have never taken a belly dance class or workshop, as well for those who have and wish to refresh. There is always something new to learn from every Teacher. Yasaman will also have a free gift for each student.

Belly Dancing Class for ages 13 to 19 only. This is a full participation class. No spectators allowed!

10:00 PM-SALON C-Sunday/Monday Overnight Night Filk-

10:15 PM-PARLOR 1041-The Street/Freelance Hunters Launch-

Celebrate the print release of Paul Cooley's The Street and Hugh O'Donnell's Freelance Hunters.

11:00 PM-BELMONT-Sunday/Monday Overnight Videos in the Belmont-Overnight Video

11:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-Nutty Bites Live! George R R Martin vs Robert Jordan-

Join Nuchtchas, Tek, and guests as they debate the works and influence of these great authors. Debate is a lose term when you have great respect and love for both sides. As Robert Jordan is the Ghost of Honor we hope he will attend.

11:00 PM-DERBY-Circler Press Present-

11:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Con Etiquette 101 for Teens-

Whether this is your first con or your 100th, it is important to know how to interact with others. Topics include offering construction criticism, no means no, safety in numbers, appropriate and inappropriate touching, and more.

11:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Jhada Addams, Alessia Brio, Stephanie Burke,

MONDAY PROGRAMMING

12:00 AM-DERBY-Shotgun Mythos: Death of a Speaker-

Cynical private investigator Joss Washburn has seen the worst that humanity has to offer, and thinks that nothing can surprise him. But a simple missing persons case changes all of that, as Joss finds himself in the middle of a struggle that has gone on for millennia. The War For Free Will Is About To Begin.

To learn about the complex mythology of the Shotgun Mythos world, visit <http://www.shotgunmythos.com/Mythology/index.html>.

12:00 AM-VALLEY BALLROOM-Rocky Horror Picture Show-

Shadowcast of the Rocky Horror Picture show.

Please no throwing food or liquids!

Shadowcast by: Maura Taylor, Chelsea Manzon, Jacqueline Maranville, Ian Turner, Brandon Lee, Melissa Conley, Cecilia Frank, Kelsey Hughes, Esther Louisa Robinson, Justin Smith, Pierson Parvand Higareda, Samantha Reilly

8:00 AM-BELMONT-Monday Morning Cartoons!-

For the next two hours, bring your young'uns to watch the cartoons and films that held Baltimore kids spellbound on Saturday mornings in the twentieth century. Cartoons of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s.

8:00 AM-CHASE-Long-term Career Planning for Creatives: Surviving the Next 10 Revolutions-

The publishing world is constantly changing so how can you prepare for a future that you can't even predict?

8:00 AM-CHESAPEAKE-Nurturing Online Communities-

How do you encourage your readers to form a rabid online fanbase? Can a writer nurture fans to gather in groups so large they rival the might of Joss Whedon's Browncoats?

8:00 AM-DERBY-How and Why Romance is 53% of the Market-

Editors, publishers and book reviewer panelists try to explain this phenomenon to those of us who Just. Don't. Get. It.

8:00 AM-MCCORMICK SUITE-Kaffeeklatsch - Myke Cole-

8:00 AM-SALON A-eBook publishing for the erotica author-

What are eBook publishers looking for? What will get a contract into your hands, and what can you expect to see on it when you get it? eBook publishing won't make you rich, but the rewards are not inconsiderable if you've got the talent and energy to make it work. We'll discuss what it takes to get from the slush pile to the reader.

8:00 AM-SALON B-Etiquette & Gender Changes in Fiction-

Many genres are based on historical time periods where etiquette and gender roles were very specific, and a completely correct How does a writer come to the decision of what to change?

8:00 AM-SALON C-The Short Fiction Market-

You Were Published WHERE? Panelists talk about new magazines that have come and gone, new zines that seem to have staying power, Kickstarter, etc.

9:00 AM-CHASE-How to write Polyamory and not a train wreck -

With poly coming to the attention to the mainstream media world, what are the factors that writers need to take into account when their characters develop this relationship dynamic? Writing a monogamous relationship is difficult enough;

how do you write a relationship for three or more?

9:00 AM-CHESAPEAKE-Google+ for authors-

Google+ is built to showcase your skills and expertise. Come learn how authors can leverage this first-ever social layer to win fans and showcase their expertise across all of Google's properties.

9:00 AM-DERBY-Best Entry Level Books To Recommend-

What are the best books to lend a friend to convert them to the ways of Science Fiction and Fantasy?

9:00 AM-GARDEN ROOM-Whist Tournament-

By Popular Request! Close to two hours of relaxation and learning dedicated to the game of Whist: the game that everyone who's read Jane Austen and Charles Dickens has heard of, but most don't know how to play.

The first half of the session will focus on learning the game, and during the second half we will track the games and the top players will win prizes.

9:00 AM-PARLOR 1026-Collaborating –

To be a successful indie author you either need to develop a number of non-writing skills, or work with an editor, a cover artist or graphic designer, and/or a layout expert.

9:00 AM-PARLOR 1041-Crowd sourcing-

When to use a crowdsourcing method for funding your next project and when not to. How to make sure your crowdfunding is successful and how to plan ahead so you can deliver what you promise.

9:00 AM-PIMLICO-Reading: Leigh Amy Alexander, Danny Birt, -

9:00 AM-SALON A-New Insights on Syphilis-

Dr. John Cmar, Sinai Hospital offers New insights on a disease that keeps on re-emerging.

9:00 AM-SALON B-Don't Forget the Can-Opener-

Packing and preparing for a multiple-generation space flight. You have one year to prepare. What do you take to provide for you and your future generations? Help our author panelists plan!

9:00 AM-SALON C-Magic Spreadsheet-

How to use the magic spreadsheet to improve your writing habit

9:00 AM-SALON D-Working with Worbla-

Learn the many application of Worbla and other thermoplastic materials in costuming.

10:00 AM-BELMONT-The State of SF and Fantasy on TV-

SF and Fantasy TV shows are all over the dial these days. Panelists discuss their favorites, which are being overlooked, and what's coming up.

10:00 AM-CHASE-How Not to Make the Second Book of Your Trilogy a Let-down-

Editor and reader panelists offer advice on writing successful sequels.

10:00 AM-CHESAPEAKE-From Page to Pod-

According to Marshall McLuhan, "Form and content are closely related." For stories existing in both print and podcast form, how do they change as they cross media? What are the strengths and weaknesses of both forms of storytelling, and what should authors keep in mind as they adapt their novels for podcasting?

10:00 AM-CON SUITE-Lego Challenge-

Tons of Lego, kids, and imagination!

10:00 AM-DERBY-Literary vs Speculative vs Genre Fiction-

With Spec/Genre Fic taking over the book shelves, why is there still a distinction

10:00 AM-HUNT BALLROOM-Art Show Monday Workshops: Kumihimo

-Kumihimo is the traditional Japanese technique of braiding multiple strands to create intricately colored cords. We will be using commercial foam braiding discs to make our cords. Space is limited to 12 participants, sign up in the Art Show. \$4 materials fee.

10:00 AM-MCCORMICK SUITE-Kaffeeklatsch - Geoffrey Landis-

10:00 AM-PARLOR 1026-Potter-verse Holes-

As much as we love them, the Harry Potter books have some logical inconsistencies and plot holes. This panel will discuss the parts we tend to ignore or overlook.

10:00 AM-PARLOR 1041-The Balticon Indie Spirit and What Makes Us Tick

There's something about Balticon that inspires people to start sharing their creative endeavors. What could be behind this indie spirit?

10:00 AM-PIMLICO-LARP Closing Ceremonies-

10:00 AM-SALON A-A Time Traveler's Guide to Talmud-

The 63 volume Babylonian Talmud discourses compiled a millennium and a half ago are records of a people exiled from their devastated homeland. Their leaders attempted to preserve their ancient way of life using techniques that reflect how

the World Wide Web works. Rabbinic conversations use classical Greek rhetoric, language games (incl. outrageous puns), & self-aware fantasy to extract wisdom & spiritual strength from encounters with an invisible God. Let's explore Talmudic time-travel narratives + major fantasy quests of spiritual reality & social construction. All welcome incl. Atheists & Aliens.

10:00 AM-SALON B-Branding Your Work For Success-

How to properly market your work so your genre spanning ground breaking work attracts readers instead of driving them away by being too specific or too vague.

10:00 AM-SALON C-Moments and Mechanics in History & their Potential in Steampunk-

Using unusual or fantastic events or inventions to increase not only the authenticity of your steampunk but to also spur ideas. Authors and reader panelists discuss these events and potential alts or impacts.

10:00 AM-SALON D-I Like Anime, So How Do I Share It With Friends?-

How to introduce folks to anime, and how to help them identify and avoid some of the weirder subject matter.

11:00 AM-BELMONT-Storytelling in Video Games-

The narratives in mainstream video games are becoming more sophisticated and mature. What is the industry currently doing and how could it get even better in the future?

11:00 AM-CHASE-Editor vs. Copyeditor-

What is the difference between editor and copy-editor? Are they the writer's allies or adversaries?

11:00 AM-CHESAPEAKE-ePublishing Today-

The current state of ePublishing. What markets you should be looking at, what changes are on the horizon, and what is selling.

11:00 AM-DERBY-Games fantastic and futuristic-

Will people be playing poker among the stars? Creation and modification of games and sports in Sci-Fi/fantasy settings. Examples include: Quidditch in Harry Potter, sports in Scott Sigler's Galactic Football League series, and Star Trek chess.

11:00 AM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Iver Cooper and Joshua Palmatier

11:00 AM-MCCORMICK SUITE-Kaffeeklatsch - Brandon Sanderson-

11:00 AM-PARLOR 1026-How to pick patterns and materials-

How to choose a pattern that can be easily modified and how to select appropriate fabrics and materials for various applications. Our panelists look forward to discussing accessories and props as well as garments.

11:00 AM-PARLOR 1041-Skool Daze: Pursuing a writing career while still in school-

So you're pulling double-duty with your writing: writing papers by day and stories by night. What are some ways to finish your novel and still get your homework in on time? What comes first: essays or edits? And how can academia help your fiction?

11:00 AM-SALON A-Dodos and Deextinction-

Dr. Thomas Holtz examines the serious discussion about resurrecting extinct species a la Jurassic Park. How would that work? What would be the challenges? What species would be likely candidates? And, if we can, should we?

11:00 AM-SALON B-Medicine in SF-

Medical professional and scientist panelists discuss examples from the absurd to the sublime and tell us what is wrong and right with the medical science into their examples.

11:00 AM-SALON C-Pay It Forward-

Authors who have successfully published their work or been published can help those just starting out. Does this happen? Can we do more from both sides of the equation?

11:00 AM-SALON D-Create Anything Imaginable...with Wire –

Only 13 Participants! Sign-up Sheet at Info Desk (near top of escalators) Using pipe cleaners, you'll be able to make an item of your choice using a special technique created by the artist, Lonnie Q. Ingram. Mr. Ingram is a self-taught artist, with more than 20 years experience and has created 1000s of unique wire sculptures over the years. We'll use basic shapes to create animals, people and things. What do you want to create? Your imagination is your only limit!

11:00 AM-TENNIS COURTS-Readings from the Cthulhu Hat-

The Deranged Bestow Their Works on the Rest: Run while you can! The audience members from the Sunday panel will be sharing their stories with all available victims. No guarantees of survival if Cthulhu is actually summoned. The panelists will choose the one they like best and it will be submitted for publication in the Balticon 49 BSFan. Meet us on the grass outside near the tennis courts. We'll have

some blankets available to sit on.

11:30 AM-PIMLICO-Reading: Charlie Brown, Ruth Lampi, Darrell Schweitzer, Joy Ward

12:00 PM-BELMONT-Beta Readers-

A good (free) alternative for the indie author. What to look for, how to cultivate a group of betas, what not to do.

12:00 PM-CHASE-Networking for Editors-

Need someone to blurb a book? Looking for copyeditors? Proofreaders? Artists? Writers? Reviewers? Panelists discuss how and where to find those connections your projects need to succeed and how to approach them.

12:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-The Shared Desk Livecast-

From the writing desk of award-nominated and award-winning authors and podcasters Philippa Ballantine and Tee Morris comes The Shared Desk, a writer's show that explores collaboration, science fiction, fantasy, and just about anything that catches their fleeting attention spans.

12:00 PM-CON SUITE-Storytelling with Don Sakers-

Come enjoy the fun, silly entertaining stories told by the amazing and lovable Mr. Don!

12:00 PM-DERBY-Music in Podcasts-

A panel of podcast novelists discussing how they've used music in their productions, what they think works/doesn't work, how they choose where and when to use it, and good sources of podcast music.

12:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Film Festival Winners and U.S. Film Trailers-

Come see the winners of the Sunday Night Short Film Festival and trailers and teasers for movies that will be showing up in U.S. theaters in coming months.

12:00 PM-HUNT BALLROOM-Art Show Monday Workshops: Omiage-

Omiage - the tradition of small gifts, \$5.00 materials fee - Students receive all materials and instructions to hand-sew a small oriental-style pouch from vintage kimono silk, suitable for gifting in the Japanese tradition of omiage. Additional materials will be available for purchase.

12:00 PM-MARYLAND FOYER-Autographing: Paul Cooley and Leona Wisoker-

12:00 PM-MCCORMICK SUITE-Kaffeeklatsch - Ken Anders-

12:00 PM-PARLOR 1026-Oversize props for Cosplay-

Jealous of the beautiful weapons and props that you see cosplayers carrying? This panel will help you design and construct your own amazingly oversized prop.

12:00 PM-PARLOR 1041-Take my money, please!-

Looking at ways that creative people overcome the roadblock of creating a sustainable business. Panelists will discuss examples like what Cory Doctorow is doing where people who download the stuff for free can pay him money and part of that money still goes to his agent and his publishers.

12:00 PM-SALON A-The Atmosphere of Mars-

The atmosphere of Mars, and where it goes to bed at night

12:00 PM-SALON B-My Favorite Planet-

What fictional (or non-) world would you most like to visit or inhabit? Why? Would you like a past, future, or alternative Earth? Panelists tell us about their favorite planet!

12:00 PM-SALON C-Multi-creatives-

The demands of multiple artistic pursuits. Learning to do it all without losing your mind.

1:00 PM-BELMONT-Science for Writers Q&A-

Writers and aspiring writers bring their questions, and a group of science experts will try to hash out answers that would work in a hard SF universe. Let's get the people in the science track and the literary track talking to each other!

1:00 PM-CHASE-How Hard Can it Be? Jumping out of Genre-

What do you do when you get a great opportunity...in a field in which you have NO experience? What are the advantages and pitfalls to writing in many genres? What are some strategies for leaving your comfort zone?

1:00 PM-CHESAPEAKE-User Experience and Your Novel-

Join Alex White as he demonstrates how to apply UX design principles to the art of novel writing. This thought experiment will get those gears turning and have you thinking about your writing in new and exciting ways!

1:00 PM-CON SUITE-Spiffy Spacey Balloons-

The coolest balloon space guns, aliens, and space ships you have ever seen!

1:00 PM-DERBY-Sci-fi Evolution: Writing Non-Human Characters-

From fuzzies to androids to the genetically-manipulated, from telepathic felines

and sentient starships, science fiction is populated with decidedly NON-humans. But how strange can we make these characters, and how much like us do they need to be? Top authors in Science Fiction Romance reveal how to create the unbelievable and inter-breedable.

1:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-A Discussion of Musical Communities-

There are several musical communities under the fannish umbrella: filkers, SCA bards, comedy musicians, and wizard rock, to name a few. What qualities do these communities have in common? How are they different? Can some of the conflicts that have arisen be bridged and misperceptions corrected?

1:00 PM-MCCORMICK SUITE-Kaffeeklatsch - Halo Jankowski-

1:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: David Sklar, Gary Lester, -

1:00 PM-SALON A-NASA's New Laser Communications Missions-

Astronomer extraordinaire Laura Burns discusses NASA's new Laser Communications Missions.

1:00 PM-SALON B-When A Dwarf Is A Midget And Other Fantasy Conundrums-

The roles played by dwarves and elves in fantasy have remained fairly static although that does seem to be changing. Is there such a thing as a stereotypical dwarf and elf?

1:00 PM-SALON C-What is the difference between alternate history and parallel Worlds?-

Defining the genres and what tropes make up each one.

1:00 PM-SALON D-Why Writing Can't Be Taught And How To Teach It-

A discussion of the difficulties posed by teaching writing.

2:00 PM-CHASE-The Secret Life of Project Editors-

More and more, publishers are turning production responsibilities over to the editor. What is involved with heading a project? What considerations need to be added to your mental or physical checklist? It isn't as simple as cleaning up copy or selecting stories anymore. What other tasks might project editors encounter in today's industry?

2:00 PM-DERBY-Broadening Horizons-

How can writers and artists reach potential readers outside of their immediate science fiction markets?

2:00 PM-GARDEN ROOM-Marty Gear Memorial Filk Circle-

Come share your favorite songs about vampires, costuming, con-running, or any other songs that remind you of Marty or you think he would have enjoyed.

2:00 PM-MCCORMICK SUITE-Kaffeeklatsch - Charles E. Gannon-

2:00 PM-PIMLICO-Reading: Christiana Ellis, Patrick Holyfield, -

2:00 PM-SALON A-Software Patents-

What software patents are, and how they are stifling the computer industry.

2:00 PM-SALON B-The Plot is Dead! Long Live Characters!-

A discussion for writers as well as readers that examines why character-driven books triumph (most of the time) over plot-driven books.

2:00 PM-SALON C-Teen Chat -- Balticon Teen Program Wrap-Up-

Work on projects from crafts workshops, and chat about what worked and didn't work for you in the Balticon Teen program. We'll provide a flip pad so you can jot down your suggestions for next year's program! Open discussion, ages 13-19.

2:00 PM-SALON D-Dealing with Drug Addiction in Science Fiction-

Some authors give substance abuse very casual treatment, some address it as a symptom of societal dysfunction. The panel discusses some examples of these and other approaches.

3:00 PM-SALON A-Exciting Upcoming NASA Events: Comet Siding Spring sideswiping Mars and the ESA ROSETTA mission arriving at Comet 67P-

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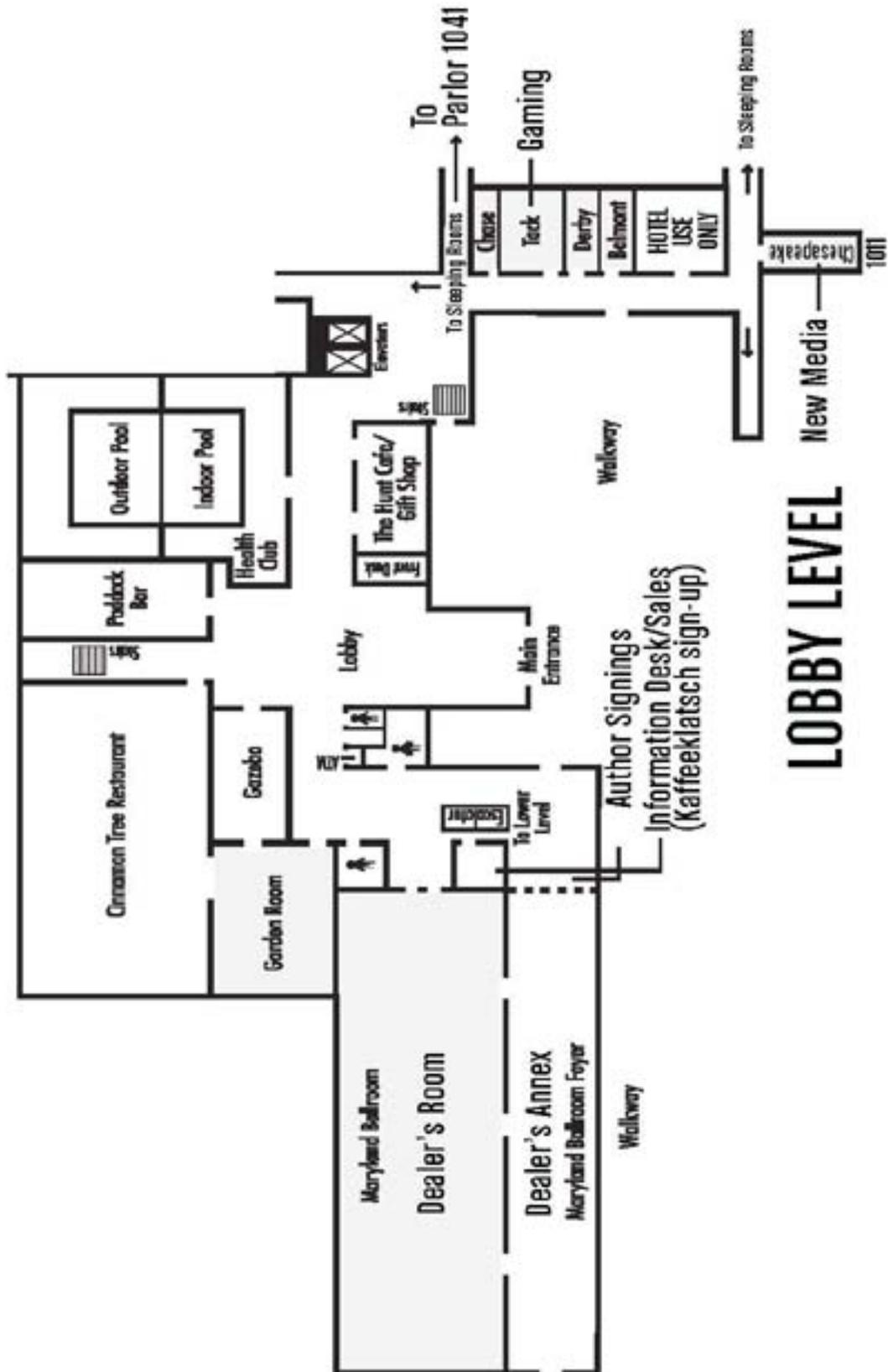
3:00 PM-SALON B-The Cash Is in the Details-

Technical Writers tell us how to make a living

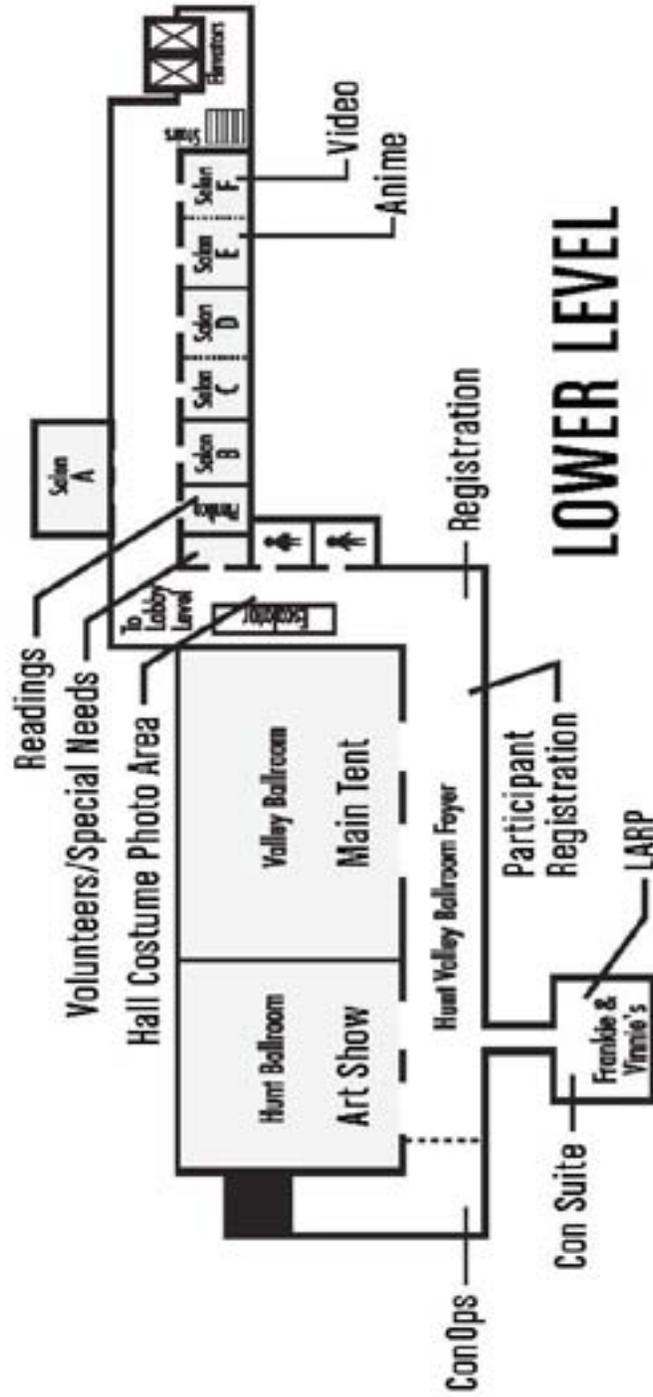
4:00 PM-SALON A-Improving Balticon-

Come help us figure out what went right, what went wrong, and how to do it all better next year.

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