



Program Schedule



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FRIDAY, May 22

Friday schedule

Time (EDT)	Track	Session Title	Presenters	Session Access
4:30 PM	Fan Interest	Opening Ceremony	Michael Rafferty and others	Twitch
5 PM	Skeptics	Two Kinds of Explanations: Those that Preserve History and Those that Rewrite It	Andrew Love, J	Zoom Registration
	Writing	Scrivener and Other Tools to Manage Creative Writing	Don Sakers (Moderator), Meriah L Crawford, Kelly E. Dwyer, Val Griswold-Ford, Beth Tanne	Zoom Registration
	Guest of Honor, Literary, Writing	Adding Love Stories to Genre Fiction	Ted Weber (Moderator), Ken Schrade, Wen Spence, Mary Fan, L. Marie Woo	Zoom Registration
6 PM	TV/Film	Boldly Going Forward	J.L. Gribble (Moderator), Brick Barrientos, Karen Osborn	Zoom Registration
	Science, Skeptics	Suggestible You — How the Mind and Body Continually Twist and Shape Our Reality	Erik Vance	Zoom Registration
	Literary, Writing	Alternate History — Just Add Magic	Alan Smale (Moderator), D.H. Aire, Day Al-Mohamed, Melissa Hayden, R.F. Kuan	Zoom Registration
7 PM	Publishing, Writing	Writing for Themed Anthologies	Michael Ventrella (Moderator), Keith R.A. DeCandido, John L. French, Monica Louzon, Jean Marie Walker	Zoom Registration
	Literary, TV/Film	Starship Troopers: What's All the Hype About?	Christopher Weu	Zoom Registration
7 PM	Science	Exploring Planetary Climate: A History of Scientific Discovery on Earth, Mars, and Titan	Ralph Lorenz	Zoom Registration

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	Guest of Honor, A	Infamous Bad Book Cover St			Lee Moye	Zoom Registratic
	Guest of Hono Interactiv	Wen Spencer Kaffeeklatsch/Literary			Wen Spence	Zoom Registratic
8 PM	Science	How to Heat and Cool Your Space			Brent Warn	Zoom Registratic
	Science	Ask a Scientist: Wildlife and Eco			Chris Lester (Moderator) Ted Weber Sam Droege Pam Garretts	Zoom Registratic
	Writing	Write What You Know! Wait, What Do I Ki			Jean Marie Ward (Moderator) Catherine Asar Stephanie Burk Larry Hodge Scott Roch	Zoom Registratic
	Gaming	Finding Games and Gaming Groups O			Spence (Moderator) Chooch Schuber TheGameMechar	Zoom Registratic
	Filk/Music Live Performan	Roberta Rogow Concer				Zoom Registratic
9 PM	Science	Recent Advances in the Science of Meteorology and Hydrology and Changes Weather Service Operati			Jason Tuel	Zoom Registratic
	Guest of Hono Writing	When to Tell Instead of Sl			Mary G. Thomps (Moderator) Wen Spence Meriah L. Crawfor Bud Sparhaw Gail Marti	Zoom Registratic
	Literary, Readin Writing	So You Want To Build A Galactic Em			Jennifer Povey (Moderator) Bill Laubenheim Arkady Martin Karen Osborn Don Saker	Zoom Registratic
	Live Performan Podcas	This Kaiju Life LIVE			Nobilis Reed Charlie Brown Mark Kilfoil Kim The Comic Book Godde Doc Coleman Veronica Giguere Jason Banks Keith Hughes Paul Coole	Zoom Registratic
	Filk/Music Live Performan	Maugorn Concer				Zoom Registratic
10 PM	Literary	So What is Horror			Chad Eric Smith (Moderator) L. Marie Wood Lee Murra Alan Smale John Wiswe	Zoom Registratic

TV/Film	Trailer Party		Daniel Kimmer	Zoom Registration
Guest of Honor Live Reading	Reading: Lee Moyer		Lee Moyer	Zoom Registration
SATURDAY, May 23 Saturday schedule				
Time (EDT)	Track	Session Title	Presenters	Session Access
10 AM	Science	Ask a Scientist: Medical Professionals	Douglas Dluzen (Moderator) Dr. Gandal Kim the Comic Book Goddess Richard Mack	Zoom Registration
	Writing	You Can't Shop at Target in Middle Earth	E.C. Ambrose (Moderator) Gail Martir Roberta Rogov James Stratton Beth Tanne	Zoom Registration
	Gaming	How to Have a Good Time Gaming With Strangers	Bob Oliver (Moderator) Mildred Cadon Jose Smith	Zoom Registration
	Live Reading	Reading: Osborne and Pins	Karen Osborn Sarah Pinsker	Zoom Registration
11 AM	Science, Skeptic	Am I Reading Legitimate Science?	Thomas Holtz (Moderator) Douglas Dluzen Henry S. Gibbon Anna Kashin Ted Weber	Zoom Registration
	Gaming, Publishing	My First Kickstarter: Lessons Learned	Jay Stilp	Zoom Registration
	Literary, Religious	What Makes a Compelling Fantasy Religious?	Kim Hargan (Moderator) Daniel M. Fort A.L. Kaplan Ada Palmer Mary G. Thompson	Zoom Registration
	Live Reading	Reading: DeCandido and Martine	Keith R.A. DeCandido Nick Martel	Zoom Registration
12 PM (Noon)	Science	Ankle Robotics After Stroke: Iron Man Meets Neuro-Rehabilitation	Richard Macko, M.D.	Zoom Registration
	Writing	Tips for Writing Comics	James Mendez Hodes (Moderator) Jeanne Adam Ken Schrade Ryan Van Loan	Zoom Registration
	Gaming	Co-op Gaming Online: Digital Board Games	Jose Smith	Zoom Registration
	Interactive	Arkady Martine Kaffeeklatsch	Arkady Martir	Zoom Registration
1 PM	Science	Wild Bees: Is Your Backyard Supporting the 20,000+ Species or Have You Eliminated Them?	Sam Droeg	Zoom Registration

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						Starla Huchto A.L. Kaplan Mary G. Thompson	
	Literary, Writing	Favorite Genre Love Story				L. Penelope (Moderator) Jamaila Brinkle Stephanie Burk Margaret Rile Anna Kashin	Zoom Registration
	Science, Literature	Aircraft Carriers in Space				Christopher Weu	Zoom Registration
	Filk/Music Guest of Honor	Getting Started With Streaming				Chooch Schubert (Moderator) Eric Colemar Lizzie Crowe Kim the Comic Book Goddess	Zoom Registration
2 PM	Science	Cicadas Are Drugged by Fungi to Mate No More				Matthew Kasson, PI	Zoom Registration
	Gaming	You Can Start GMing Now: Tips for First-Time GMs				Kelly Shannon Pierce (Moderator) Peter Bryan James Mendez Hodson Jennifer Povey	Zoom Registration
	Literary Reading, Writing	Time Travel and Paradox				Don Sakers (Moderator) D.H. Aire, Daniel Kimme Valerie Mickle John Tilde	Zoom Registration
	History and Folklore	Kingdom of Warrior Women: The Dahomey Kingdom and its Legacy				Chidumebi Njoku-Brown	Zoom Registration
3 PM	Science	Reconstructing Facial Anatomy and Feeding Mechanisms in Invertebrates				Ali Nabavizadeh, PI	Zoom Registration
	Guest of Honor Publishing	Intro To Self-Publishing				Kim Hargan (Moderator) Jean Cooper Keith Hughes Lee Moyer Cerece Rennie Murphey	Zoom Registration
	Live Reading Poetry	BSFS Poetry Contest Winners Read				Patti Kinlock (Moderator)	Zoom Registration
	Guest of Honor Filk/Music	Getting Ready For Your First Performance				Bill Laubenheimer (Moderator) Eric Colemar Lizzie Crowe Sarah Pinski	Zoom Registration
	Gaming	A Joyful Rumble: Black Joy In Video Game Culture				Javon Goard, M	Zoom Registration
4 PM	Science	Is There Life On Mars				Patricia Ann Strickland	Zoom Registration
	New Media Publishing	Why the Storyteller Needs a Narrator				John Walker (Moderator) Melissa L. Hayde Starla Huchto Mike Luoma Dave Robison	Zoom Registration
	History and Folklore Writing	Historical Research — Not Just Writing				D.H. Aire (Moderator) E.C. Ambrose R.F. Kuang Melissa Scott Monica Louzo	Zoom Registration

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	Filk/Music Live Performan	Metricula Conce					Zoom Registratic
5 PM	Science	Bacteria and the Microbiomes in Homes, Around Earth, and Ab			Douglas Dluze		Zoom Registratic
	Publishing Writing	Dealing with Literary Rejec			Karen Osborne (Moderat Joshua Bilme Morgan Hazelwoc Larry Hodge Margaret Rile		Zoom Registratic
	Costuming Guest of Hono	Posing for Photos In Costume and Co:			Leigh and Jay Targary		Zoom Registratic
	Gaming	Gaming in the Electronic and Digita			Mildred Cad		Zoom Registratic
	Filk/Music Live Performan	Sassafrass Conce					Zoom Registratic
6 PM	Science	Testing the Robots that Keep Us Safe: Performance Standards for Respo			Raymond Shel Archer Losel		Zoom Registratic
	Guest of Hono Literary, Writi	Writing the Spectrum of Feminine Str			Val Griswold-Ford (Moderat Jamaila Brinkle Monica Louzo Cerece Rennie Murpl Wen Spence		Zoom Registratic
	Guest of Hono Literary, TV/Film	The Future From The Shadows: Noir i			Ted Weber (Moderat Charlie Brown Lee Moyer Mark Van Nan		Zoom Registratic
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7 PM	Literary, Scienc	Jews in Spac			Marvin Pinke		Zoom Registratic
	Literary	Science Fiction Has Always Been Pol			James Mendez Hodes (Modera Mary Fan Arkady Martin Ada Palmei Sarah Pinski		Zoom Registratic
	Costumin;	Post-Apocalyptic Fashion Dos and D			Jennifer Povey (Moderat Thomas Atkinso Don Sakers Doug Warde		Zoom Registratic
	Live Readin	Reading: Huchton and Les			Starla Huchto Chris Leste		Zoom Registratic
8 PM	Literary, Scienc	Ask a Scientist: Rockets and Sp			Brent Warner (Moderat Ken Carpenite Pamela Gay Inge Heyei Valerie Mikle		Zoom Registratic

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	Guest of Honor Writing	Making Painful Ed			E.C. Ambrose (Moderator) Kim Hargan Julayne Hughes Nick Martel Wen Spencer	Zoom Registration
	Costuming	Balticon 54 Virtual Masquerade			Lee and Jay Targaryen (Moderator)	BSFS Twitch
	Fan interests Gaming	Streaming Content: Going Live Or			Tee Morri	Zoom Registration
	Filk/Music Live Performance	Kim the Comic Book Goddess Con				Zoom Registration
9 PM	Writing	Getting the Most From a Writers' Association			Jean Marie Ward (Moderator) Bud Sparhawk Jamaila Brinkle Sarah Pinsky Lee Murra	Zoom Registration
	Live Performance Podcast	MythWits AUA Thick-It Challenge			Peter Bryant (Moderator) Mike Kafes Scott Pond Tori Duke Pond	Zoom Registration
	Live Reading	Reading: Kimmel and Ventrel			Daniel Kimmel Michael Ventrel	Zoom Registration
	Filk, Music Guest of Honor Live Performance	Cheshire Moon Concert				Zoom Registration
10 PM	Live Performance	Cold Reads			Spencer (Moderator) Starla Huchton Mike Luoma Dave Robison Julayne Hughes	Zoom Registration
	Filk/Music Live Performance	Saturday Open Filk				Zoom Registration
	Literary Reading, Writing	Modern SFF Erotic			Nobilis Reed (Moderator) Stephanie Burk Jean Cooper Margaret Rile	Zoom Registration

SUNDAY, May 24
Sunday schedule

Time (EDT)	Track	Session Title	Presenters	Session Access
10 AM	Science	Underwater Mapping of the Bikini Atoll, 73 years after the Nuclear Test	Arthur Trembly	Zoom Registration
	Writing	Writing While Life Rolls Over	Scott Edelman (Moderator) Michael Ventrel Doc Colemar Hildy Silverma Javon Goar	Zoom Registration
	Reading, Writing	Beta-Reading Propositions: What are you interested in?	Keith Hughes (Moderator) Morgan Hazelwood Starla Huchton Mike Luoma Ted Webe	Zoom Registration

Gaming		Sandbox vs. Plot-Point Campaigns in Tabletop	Peter Bryant (Moderator) Chris Leste Chooch Schube	Zoom Registration
Filk/Music Guest of Honor		Arranging Music for Voice	Lizzie Crowe (moderator) Emily Lewis Ada Palme Batya Wittenberg	Zoom Registration
Gaming History and Folklore		The Evolution of Indigenous Narratives in Video	Chris Apple Lisa Kincade Dustin Richards	Zoom Registration
Dance		Hand Jive Workshop	Susan de Guardia	Zoom Registration
12 pm (Noon)	Science	A Bird in the Hand: 100 Years of Bird Banding and Citizen Science in North America	Pam Garrett	Zoom Registration
Writing		How Much Worldbuilding Is Too Much?	Alan Smale (Moderator) Melissa Hayden Melissa Scott Mary G. Thompson Ryan Van Loan	Zoom Registration
Publishing		What's This About A Social Media Presence?	Morgan Hazelwood (Moderator) Joshua Bilme Jamaila Brinkle Mike Luoma Tee Morri	Zoom Registration
Gaming		Games that Tell Stories and Storytelling in Games	Jose Smith (Moderator) Rodger Burn Jay Stilipek	Zoom Registration
1 PM	Science	Dinosaurs, the Update	Tom Holtz, Jr., PhD	Zoom Registration
History and Folklore Literary		How Contemporary Fears Shape Apocalyptic Literature	D.H. Aire (Moderator) Kelly E. Dwyer John Wiswell Hildy Silverman	Zoom Registration
TV/Film		The Mandalorian: Star Wars Outside of Space	Gadi Evron (Moderator) Thomas Atkinson Keith Hughes Don Sakers Kelly Shannon Pier	Zoom Registration
Filk/Music Guest of Honor		Music & Myth	Emily Lewis (Moderator) Eric Coleman Lizzie Crowe Ada Palme Batya Wittenberg	Zoom Registration
Live Reading		Reading: Edelman and We	Scott Edelman Ted Webe	Zoom Registration
2 PM	Literary Reading, Writing	Book Discussion: <i>The Pursuit of the Pantheon</i>	John Tilden (Moderator) Don Sakers Steve Wilso	Zoom Registration

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	TV/Film		Is <i>The Good Pla</i> Really A Comedy		Bob Oliver (Moderatc Brick Barrientc Doc Colemar Sarah Pinske Alex Wittenbe:	Zoom Registratic
3 PM	Science		Update on Space Medicine and Therapeutics for Enduring Safe Off-Wc		Eleanor O'Range:	Zoom Registratic
	History and Folklo Writinq		How to Mine History for New St		Alan Smale (Moderatc Day Al-Mohamec Jean Coope Roberta Rogov Melissa Scot	Zoom Registratic
	Publishin		Making Your Self-Published Book Look		Scott and Starla Huch	Zoom Registratic
	Writinq		There is No Finish Line: Momentum for W		Joshua Bilmes (Moderatc D.H. Aire, Keith R.A. DeCandid Scott Edelma L. Marie Woo	Zoom Registratic
	Guest of Honor Interactiv		Cheshire Moon Kaffeeklat		Eric Coleman and Lizzie Cro	Zoom Registratic
4 PM	Science		Synthetic Biology: Engineering Artificial And Natural Components For Biologic		Jennifer Weller (Moderat Anna Kashin John Skyla Ronald Taylc	Zoom Registratic
	Writinq		How to Self-Edit That Lousy First D		Mark Van Name (Moderat Julayne Hughe Margaret Rile Beth Tanne James Strattc	Zoom Registratic
	Gaming		Running RPGs Without Time to F		Tamara Curry (Moderat Peter Bryan Mildred Cad Kelly Shannon Pier	Zoom Registratic
	Guest of Honor Live Readin		Reading: Wen Spenc		Wen Spence	Zoom Registratic
	Filk/Music Live Performan		Bill Laubenheimer Conc			Zoom Registratic
5 PM	Science		Weather Satellites: Saving the World from Low-Eart		Valerie Mikle	Zoom Registratic
	TV/Film		Star Wars: The Saga En		Jennifer Povey (Moderat Thomas Atkinso Charlie Brow Kim Hargar Cerece Rennie Murp	Zoom Registratic

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	Filk/Music Live Performan			Batya Wittenberg Conc			Zoom Registrati
6 PM	Science			Life on a Little Known Planet: The Ant Kingdom, The I		John LaPolla, Ph	Zoom Registrati
	Writin			Bad Transportation Math vs the Speed c		Jean Marie Ward (Modera Julayne Hughe Mark Van Nam Ken Schrade Catherine Asa:	Zoom Registrati
	Guest of Hono			I Survived a Volcano Erup		Wen Spence	Zoom Registrati
	Live readin			Reading: Al-Mohamed and Ma		Day Al-Mohame Gail Z. Marti	Zoom Registrati
7 PM	Art, Scienc			Astro-Animation 2020: To Explore and Boldly Animate the I		Laurence Arcadi Robin Corbe	Zoom Registrati
	Writin			Writing Support Groups — Online and		Val Griswold-Ford (Moderat Jeanne Adam Monica Louzo L. Penelop	Zoom Registrati
	Fan interes Writin			Grappling With Gend		Jay Stilipec (Moderat Bill Laubenheim Valerie J. Mikle	Zoom Registrati
	Live Readin			Reading: Hughes and Palr		Keith Hughes, Ada Paln	Zoom Registrati
8 PM	Literary, Scienc			Pandemics: Real Life vs Fic		John Skylar (Moderat Carmen Bok Dr. Harold Bok Anna Kashin	Zoom Registrati
	Guest of Hono Writin			Choosing Your Perspect		Ada Palmer (Moderat Jamaila Brinkle Meriah Crawfor L. Marie Woo	Zoom Registrati
	History and Folklo			The Invalid Corps: Film and Q		Day Al-Mohame	Zoom Registrati
	Live Readin			Reading: Ambrose and Van L		E.C. Ambrose Ryan Van Loa	Zoom Registrati
	Filk/Music Live Performan			T.J. and Mitchell Burnside-Clapp Con			Zoom Registrati
9 PM	Science, Writin			Mauled Men, Drowned Dames & Crispy Critters: A Body Disposal Primer fi		Jeanne Adan	Zoom Registrati

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Live Performance Podcast	Dead Robots' Society LIV	Paul Cooley Chris Leste Terry Mixon Scott Roch	Zoom Registration
Live Reading	Reading: Burke and Ril	Stephanie Burk Margaret Rile	Zoom Registration
Filk/Music Live Performance	Gary Ehrlich Conce		Zoom Registration
10 PM Fan interest	Dirty Mad Lib	Nobilis Reed (Moderator) Grig Larsen Stephanie Burk Charlie Brown Val Griswold-For	Zoom Registration
Dance	Blues/Slow Dance Pa	Susan de Guardia	Zoom Registration
Filk/Music Live Performance	Sunday Open Fil		Zoom Registration

MONDAY, May 25
Monday schedule

Time (EDT)	Track	Session Title	Presenters	Session Access
10 AM	Science	The Left Fin of Darkness: Sexual Fluidity in A	Eric Haag, PhD University of Maryland	Zoom Registration
	Writing	Fleshing Out Your C	D.H. Aire (Moderator) Kim Hargar Cerece Rennie Murphy Kaaron Warren Ted Weber	Zoom Registration
	Literary, Reading, Writing	The Solo Novel in Genre Fic	Joshua Bilmes (Moderator) Melissa L. Hayde Michael M. Jones Sarah Pinsky Ken Schrader	Zoom Registration
	Live Reading	Reading: Kaplan and Sm	A.L. Kaplan Alan Small	Zoom Registration
11 AM	Science	Clocks in the Rocks: Determining the Ages of Foss Rocks	Thomas Holtz, Jr., PhD	Zoom Registration
	Gaming	Worldbuilding for G	James Mendez Hodes (Moderator) Mildred Cad Tamara Curr Kelly Shannon Pier	Zoom Registration
	Literary	The Three Laws And Beyc	John French (Moderator) Meriah Crawford Keith Hughes Alex Wittenber Andrew Love,	Zoom Registration
	Live Reading	Reading: Povey and Sak	Jennifer Pove Don Saker	Zoom Registration

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Literary Writing	Oh No! My Beloved Peasant Vill	Mark Van Name (Moderator) Melissa L. Hayde Daniel M. Ford Beth Tanne Batya Wittenberg	Zoom Registration
Fan interest	What Do You Want to See at a World	Lisa Adler-Golde Gadi Evron Colette Fozard Bill Lawhorn	Zoom Registration
Art	Reference Like an Artist	Archer Losel	Zoom Registration
1 PM Science Live Performance Podcasts	The Daily Space Live and Production	Pamela Gay and various members of the CosmoQuest Team	Zoom Registration
Literary Writing	Turning the Starship of State: Government	Bud Sparhawk (Moderator) Day Al-Mohamed Arkady Martin Ted Weber Alex Wittenberg	Zoom Registration
Writing	Novel, Novella or Short Story	Don Sakers (Moderator) Monica Louzon Karen Osborn Sarah Pinsky Margaret Rile	Zoom Registration
Live Reading	Reading: Schrader and Wisniewski	Ken Schrader, John Wisniewski	Zoom Registration
2 PM Science	Remote STEM Learning	Tom Holtz (Moderator) Catherine Asar Art Boorman Sam Lubell John Monahan	Zoom Registration
Writing	Outlining vs. Pantsing	A.L. Kaplan (Moderator) Charlie Brown J.L. Gribble Vivian Shav Ryan Van Loan	Zoom Registration
Live Reading	Reading: French and Griswold-For	John L. French Val Griswold-For	Zoom Registration
3 PM Fan interest	Improving Balticon	Michael Raffert Eric Gasior Lisa Adler-Golde	Zoom Registration