

Westercon 74 Program Grid

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Monday, July 4, 2022							
Time	Tonopah Convention Center			Belvada Hotel		Mizpah Club	Mizpah Hotel
	Main Stage	Blue Room (Hybrid)	Gold Room	Nevada Club Room	Safe Room	Ballroom	3rd Floor Gaming
8:00 AM		Who could have Predicted? Plague novels / Meta / other horribly relevant things we thought were fictional when we were writing them					
9:30 AM		A Women's Voice - Discussions on folklore/fairytales, reinventing old stories for modern audiences by female writers.					Pathfinder Bounty #4 (10:30am-noon) - On a recent trip across the trade routes of the Golden Road, a merchant was robbed and her beloved family heirloom—a puzzle box—stolen. Hosted by Petrea Mitchell
11:00 AM		Discussion: Classics of Science Fiction Judgement Night by C.L. Moore with John Hertz	The Ins & Outs of Selling Books Online with Myrna Donato	Sword & Planet Distant worlds of wild adventure! Pulpy fun with Carson of Venus and John Carter of Mars! with Jim Doty		Hal Clement (Harry Clement Stubbs) at 100 with Gerald D. Nordley, Steve Gillett	
12:30 PM		The Laws of Magic: Fantasy World Building How to build your fantasy world Kevin Andrew Murphy	Presentation: Costuming For Your Body seeing something on someone can help you decide. What looks good on your body? with Carole Parker	The Economic impact of the Space Program How ordinary lives have been impacted by the Space Program		Can anyone be a writer What does it take to be a successful writer or is this a career for only a select few? with Jim Doty	
2:00 PM		The Long Road to Tonopah with Lisa Hayes, Kevin Standlee & Kuma Bear	Presentation: Paranormal history, Clairvoyance with Kimberly Roberts	My Most Recent Book A selected reading by Authors from their most recent book with Kevin Andrew Murphy, Sean Hazlett		Role of science and its application & applying it to SF How theory goes into practice with Bradford Lyau (M), Jim Doty	Open Gaming
3:30 PM		Meet and Greet with Bay Area Ghost Hunters	Presentation: Terraforming Venus What will it take to make Venus Liveable? Steve Gillett				
5:00pm	Closing Ceremony Chairman Kevin Standlee, GoH Kevin Andrew Murphy, Myrna Donato						
7pm - 12am	Alien Autopsy Party Westercon 74's "wrap party." Help us use up the rest of our supplies!						

Friday, July 1, 2022							
Time	Tonopah Convention Center			Belvada Hotel		Mizpah Club	Mizpah Hotel
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8:00 AM		Space Westerns - Cowboys vs Aliens, Serenity, Spacehunter with Stark Holborn					
9:30 AM		Current State of Space Opera - Space Opera has always been a key part of science fiction, and it has recently returned to the big screen with Denis Villeneuve's Dune. Who is writing Space Opera today? with Gareth L. Powell, Ken MacLeod					Open Gaming
11:00 AM		Diversity in writing A look at the different perspectives of a variety of authors varied styles with Talulah J. Sullivan (online) (M), W.A. Thomasson (onsite)	Presentation: The X-15 Rocket Plane, Flying the First Wings into Space with Michelle Evans			Nevada in Science Fiction A look at Nevada's influence in Science Fiction with Steve Gillett	Open Gaming
12:30 PM		Presentation: Exoplanets What is out there? with Will Morton (online)	Presentation: Costumes at Play SF and fantasy costuming, cosplay, steampunk, Ren Faires, mummies and more! What we do and why we do it with Zelda Gilbert	All Fiction is Fantasy So why is the SFF subset of literature (or any "genre", for that matter) such a red-headed stepchild of literature? with Jim Doty			1pm - 4pm KeyForge
2:00 PM	Opening Ceremony Chairman Kevin Standlee, GoH Kevin Andrew Murphy, Myrna Donato	Workshop: How to Create your Characters What steps are needed to create your SF/Fantasy Character with Will Morton & Timothy Cassidy Curtis	Canon's in Science Fiction Literature What constitutes a proper science fiction canon in literature? with Bradford Lyau (M), Jim Doty	Presentation: Introduction to Shibori Techniques Shibori is an umbrella of historical dyeing techniques.		Does "Minimum Viable Population" Apply to People? with Gerald D. Nordley	
3:30 PM		AI and writing/creation The new horror boom with Nick Mamatas	The Book of Beasts The fundamentals of monster creation with Kevin Andrew Murphy	At Play in the Land of Story How fan fiction stretches the imagination, nurtures the art of storytelling with Maggie Nowakowska		Ghost Hunting 101: Goals, protections, how-tos and tips with Adrienne Foster (M), Kimberly Roberts	
5:00 PM		Paranormal Research with Historical Bent The paranormal and history intersect with Janice Oberding	Presentation: Orbital Mechanics of Our Solar System Or, why don't all the planets crash into each other. with Jim Doty	Kaffeeklatsch with Kimberly Roberts		Weird Wars What do you get when you mix geopolitics with weird fiction? with Sean Patrick Hazlett (M), Kevin Andrew Murphy, J. Kent Hastings	Open Gaming
8:00 PM		Starting 7:00pm Filking 30-minute concert with Kathleen Sloan this is followed by a 60 minute song circle of songs about the stars after that, open filking	Demonstration Kerbal Space Program Take charge of the space program for the alien race known as the Kerbals with Guy Bradshaw	Presentation - Ghosts of Tonopah/Goldfield Region with Janice Oberding		Reading with Sean Patrick Hazlett	Open Gaming
10:00 PM				Kaffeeklatsch with Janice Oberding			
12:00 AM							

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2:00pm Autograph Session Michelle Evans
3:30pm Autograph Session Gerald D. Nordley

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9:30 AM		A Women's Voice - Discussions on folklore/fairytales, reinventing old stories for modern audiences by female writers.					Pathfinder Bounty #10 (10:30am-noon) Hosted by Petrea Mitchell Players who are new to Pathfinder 2 nd edition or Pathfinder Society are welcome.
11:00 AM		Presentation: SciFi Web3 Is a new Science Fiction community that combines NFTs and the Metaverses. with Michelle Deborah Weisblat-Dane	Presentation: Sacred Costumes Political, life stage and sacred costumes and how they're all related with Zelda Gilbert	The Role of Science Fiction In an increasingly science-fictional (and dystopian) world with Pat Murphy, Eileen Gunn		What you need to colonize a new planet Worldbuilding with Timothy Cassidy-Curtis, Gerald D. Nordley, Hugh S. Gregory	
12:30 PM			Presentation: Orbital Mechanics How do they do that? No equations needed with Jim Doty	Star Trek vs Star Wars Let the discussion begin. No phasers or lightsabers allowed with Maggie Nowakowska	Kaffeeklatsch with Pat Murphy		D & D 5th Edition 12:30 - 3:30pm with Kevin Andrew Murphy
2:00 PM		The Cutting Edge What are the latest discoveries in Nuclear Fusion and Particle Physics with Will Morton (online), Timothy Cassidy-Curtis (onsite), Gerald D. Nordley (onsite), Hugh S. Gregory	Presentation: In the Line of Duty Michael Adams and the X-15 with Michelle Evans	Presentation: So You Want to Produce an Anthology Creating an anthology with Sean Patrick Hazlett	Kaffeeklatsch with Eileen Gunn	Psychic Kids: how to find out if your child/family member is gifted with Kimberly Roberts	
3:30 PM		Presentation: Central Nevada Museum Presents The Tonopah History with Allen Metscher	Presentation: Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Explosions A video look on this subject with C.D. Carson	Reading by Eileen Gunn		Basics of ghost hunting Ghost hunting isn't complicated. with Janice Oberding	
5:00 PM		Discussion - Classics of Science Fiction The Door into Summer by Robert A. Heinlein with John Hertz	Presentation: 90 Year Starship with Gerald D. Nordley, Hugh S. Gregory	The Haunted Typewriter Ghost Hunting in Fiction with Kevin Andrew Murphy	Kaffeeklatsch with Jim Doty	Defining Rational Thinking In a world where post-modernism ideas are gaining audiences what role does rational thinking play with Bradford Lyau	Open Gaming
8:00 PM	Match Game SF 7pm - 9pm Get ready to match the stars and win prizes!	Starting 7:00pm Filking 30-minute concert with Lynn Gold this is followed by a 60-minute song circle of songs about the west, mining, and related stuff after that, open filking		Stranger Things Showing Come watch the last 2 episodes of the series which dropped yesterday.		Reading by Michelle Evans	Open Gaming
10:00 PM						A SciFi Poetry Slam Attendees are invited to share their SciFi Poetry	
12:00 AM							

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8:00 AM		Historical Writing in Fiction - How important is the use of historical sources by writers? Juliet E McKenna (m), Cheryl Morgan, Lucy Holland, Adrian Tchaikovsky, Lauren Beukes					Bridge (9-11am) Hosted by Petrea Mitchell
9:30 AM		Gulf Futurism - is an emerging movement that recognizes the Gulf's hyper-modernization and its impact on the local culture. Cristina Jurado, Noura Al Noman, Ashraf Alfaqih					
11:00 AM	Westercon Business Meeting Open to ALL Members 2024 Westercon Site Selection Announcement and other business.		Reading by Pat Murphy	How religion/spiritualism is treated in SF canon with Maggie Nowakowska	Kaffeeklatsch with Pat Murphy	Close but not quite to the speed of Light with Gerald D. Nordley, Hugh S. Gregory	Open Gaming
12:30 PM	1pm Stuffed Friends Gathering: All stuffed members meet on the Main Stage for a photo opportunity with Kuma Bear	Reusable or Expendable Spacecraft, is there really a debate? with Timothy Cassidy-Curtis (M), Jim Doty, Michelle Evans, Gerald D. Nordley, Hugh S. Gregory	Presentation: No Sew Color - How to add color to your costume or garment without having to sew using adhesives, silicon caulk, fabric paints, and dyes. with Carole Parker			What is Corporate horror - A horror sub-genre that features the feelings of alienation, inhumanity, nihilism, and callousness engendered by a faceless corporation.	Wild Cards: Mutants and Masterminds - Table top 12:30 - 3:30pm with Kevin Andrew Murphy
2:00 PM		From idea to paper Is this a process of pure inspiration and imagination or a calculated structured procedure? with W.A. Thomasson (onsite), Talulah J. Sullivan (online)	Brick & Mortar to an Online Store What it takes to make the transition with Myrna Donato	Dream Journals: How to start a conversation with yourself with Kimberly Roberts	Kaffeeklatsch with Eileen Gunn	Urban Legends in Science - Salt causes high blood pressure. We only use 10% of our brains. Vaccines cause autism. Where does this stuff come from, and why do these fallacies persist? with Jim Doty	
3:30 PM		Impromptu Storytelling or the never ending story with W.A. Thomasson	Research Aircraft and Spacecraft Programs A look at the different vehicle research projects with Michelle Evans		Kaffeeklatsch with Sean Patrick Hazlett	Fan Fiction Keeps the Wonder of a Story Alive with Maggie Nowakowska	
5:00 PM		Reading of Bill Ellern's Moon Prospector by C.D. Carson	The 3 Laws of Robotics With the Current Status of Robotic advancement are we creating a new race? Will Asimov's 3 Laws of Robotics be enough?	Who's your daddy? Just who are the fathers of these Star Wars characters Anakin Skywalker, Koray Kryze (The Clone Wars), Grogu (The Mandalorian), etc. with Maggie Nowakowska			Open Gaming
8:00 PM		Starting at 7:00pm Filking a 30-minute concert with Robin Baylor and Fred Capp this is followed by a 60-minute "Fan's First Filks" song circle about the songs you learned long ago, filks and found filks after that, open filking	Presentation: Nanotech Asteroid Mining How Nanotech Makes Asteroid Mining Obsolete with Steve Gillett	Trivia Contest with Ric Bretschneider		Regency Dancing with John Hertz	Open Gaming
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Janice Oberding
Maggie Nowakowska

3:30pm

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