

Book Launch

René Walling and Nanopress are pleased to celebrate the launch of *Burning Days*, a collection of short stories by Glenn Grant, at Arisia 2011 on Friday, January 14th. There will be a reading and signing off-site at Pandemonium Books and Games (4 Pleasant Street in Cambridge, near the Central Square Station) from 7 PM to 9 PM, and a party in room 1607 from 10 PM to 12 AM. Come join us! To find out more, visit http://nanopress.ca/english/books/Burning_Days.html

Safety Corner

The Westin requires at least socks to be worn ON THE FEET within the building. No bare feet.

Working dog is working. Please do not pet the service dogs. Thank you. -Access Services

Info Desk

The Info Desk has been moved to the mezzanine.

Press Liaison

If you need a quiet space for an interview or podcasting, contact the Press Liaison through the Information Desk.

Writing Contest

Write an imaginative flash fiction about life on Josh Simpson's glass worlds on display in the art show. Your submission should be inspired by the large planet in his display. Submission under 700 words, and entered between 5 PM Friday and 6:30 PM Saturday.

Online submissions are preferred. Submit your story online to writingcontest@arisia.org. Include your name and contact information. If you cannot do that, you can enter on paper by handing in your story (with the form available) to the art show. Please write legibly.

Activities

There is still space in the Author & Artists Alley! Have a book or two you want to publicize? Cool stuff you make? Something you want to show off or sell? For a mere \$20, you can have a 5 hour block in the Alley, located between the dealers and art show. Limited time slots available. Contact Lisa at lhertel@gmail.com or 508-574-8685, or find her in the Galleria.

Art Happenings

Public Preview for the Art Show! Open from 6 PM to 9 PM in the Galleria. This is your chance to scope out your favourite works and see our Guest of Honor showcase. Bidding will not be allowed - that starts bright and early tomorrow at 9:30 AM.

Artist Guest of Honor Josh Simpson will give a docent tour of the art show on Saturday starting at 2 PM. Signup is required and is located at art show registration. Signup is also required for the Tactile Tour on Saturday at 5 PM.

Parties

Check the Party Board in the Galleria for up-to-date information.

AnimeCons: Room 1642

Burning Days Book Launch: 10 PM-12 AM - Suite 1607

Circler Press: Suite 1466/1467

Zig Labs Pajama Party: 7:30 PM-1 AM - Suite 1406/1407

Fannish Paradise Chocolate Truffle Party: Suite 706/707

Family-Friendly Costume Party: Suite 506/507

Blood Drive: Back & Bigger Than Ever!

Massachusetts General Hospital hopes we'll respond to the deepening international blood shortage crisis by filling the beds on both their buses on Saturday, from 9:30 AM-4 PM. Children's Hospital returns on Sunday with their only bus, 10a-4p. Appointments in advance are recommended, but not required, and can be made with a wandering Naughty Nurse volunteer, at the Heinlein Society Blood Drive table in the lobby, or by texting your desired day (Saturday or Sunday) and time (e.g, 2:20 PM; round to every ten minutes) to 617-943-4399. Thanks, all! Eat and sleep well!

Several dealers are offering discounts for blood donors and volunteers wearing the appropriate ribbons or badges. Feel free to ask dealers.

The Naughty Nurses of the Heinlein Society Blood Drive will be provided with Blood Bucks gift certificates, good only at Arisia 2011, from Sunspot Designs (in the Dealers' Room) to hand out to blood donors as they choose. Impress them.

Anime Room

All Anime showings are in Stone.

Friday Evening

7:30 PM: Samurai Champloo (ep. 1-4) In exchange for saving two fighters from execution, Fuu, a waitress at a teahouse, demands that they accompany her on a journey to find "a samurai who smells of sunflowers."

9:15 PM: Samurai 7 (ep. 1-2) A young priestess named Kirara travels the countryside gathering stray samurais to save the land.

10:15 PM: Afro Samurai (ep. 1-2) In a futuristic Japan where conflicts are settled by the sword, Afro Samurai (voiced by Samuel L. Jackson) must avenge his father's murder.

11:15 PM: Samurai Horror This anime series features three classic horror stories set in medieval Japan.

Saturday

9 AM: Satoshi Kon Legacy presentation includes four films and the series Paranoia Agent.

Blogger Room

Come visit the scenic blogger room in the Executive Boardroom on the Mezzanine Level! Blog about things!

Hours: Fr: 6-9 PM, Sa: 10 AM-6 PM, Su: 10 AM-6 PM, Mo: 10 AM-2 PM

Hotel Information

The Westin utilizes "single stream" recycling. Please rest assured that all containers and paper fiber products are recycled!

Program Additions & Errata

All panels are 75 minutes unless noted otherwise.

Item changes:

Sat 11 AM Steampunk Bocce is now located in the Prefunction space in front of Grand Ballrooms A & B
Nerf Gun War Sat 5pm changed to Sun 6:30pm

Moderator changes:

Fri 11 PM The Big Fear - Mark Waks is no longer moderating.
Sat 11 AM Comics as Spin-Off - Mark Waks is no longer moderating.
Sat 9:30 AM SF/Mainstream Convergence - Alexander Jablokov is the new moderator.
Sat 2 PM TV Year in Review - Adam Lipkin is the new moderator.

Cancelled Items:

Sat 3:30 PM Human Contact: Black Ops Anthropology

Participant Additions:

Fri 5 PM Doing What You Love - Sandra Hutchinson
Fri 5 PM Taboos in Fiction - Vylar Kaftan
Fri 5 PM Food Communicating Culture in Literature - Larissa Niec
Fri 5 PM When Science Overreaches - Ken Olum
Fri 6:30 PM Imagining Anarchy - Vylar Kaftan
Fri 6:30 PM Re-Reading Childhood Classics - Sonya Taaffe & Carl Danielson
Fri 9:30 PM Corsets, Hoops, & Other Undergarments - Barbara M Pugliese
Fri 11 PM The Big Fear - Carl Danielson
Fri 11 PM Reading Amundsen, Berman & Kane - Catherine Kane
Sat 2 PM Men's Costuming - Solveig Pflueger
Sat 2 PM Why Do We Need Slayers? - Vanessa Layne

Sirs and Dames Not Appearing in This Film:

Laurent Castelluci, Aurora Celeste, Bill Levay, Frank Michaels, KT Pinto, Dr. Richard Staats, Trish Wilson

Participant Session Cancellations:

Sat 11 AM Faeries of Color - Tananarive Due
Sat 12 PM Sassafrass & Stranger Ways - Kristina Finan
Sat 12:30 PM Props? In a Role-Playing Game? - blee
Sat 2 PM Monster Make-up - Jamila Sisco
Sat 5 PM Writing and Racial Identity - Tananarive Due

Participant corrections:

Gayle Blake should be listed as Misty Pendragon.

There are 2 Jason Schneidermans at this convention. Here are there respective schedules:

Jason Schneiderman's schedule is as follows:

Fri 8:00 PM Adams D&D Roundtable
Sat 12:00 AM Otis Richard III Midnight Callback
Sun 11:00 AM Douglas Fannish Music: What Makes Geek Rock

Dr. Jason Schneiderman's schedule is as follows:

Fri 5:00 PM Galleria Art Program When Science Overreaches
Fri 11:00 PM Burroughs The Mind of the Nerd: Psychology & Fandom
Sat 2:00 PM Independence Men's Costuming (M)
Sun 5:00 PM Burroughs Our Weird Biology
Sun 6:30 PM Lewis Scientific Consensus vs. Scientific Truth
Mon 2:00 PM Lewis How Fabric Works

539 Magrathian Apprentice Training: Build a Planet Fasttrack is limited to 15 participants. There will be a sign-up sheet at Fast Track.

Tomorrow's Clear Ether submission deadline is NOON! tinyurl.com/arisianews