

KEYCON MENTORS PROGRAM

Are you new to Keycon? Do you have questions? Do you want to meet people? Are you having trouble figuring out the Art Show bidding system? Are you wondering what this "dead dog" is that people are talking about?

The Keycon Mentors Program is here to help! Just look for the people with "Keycon Mentors Program" badges and feel free to approach them that's what they're there for, and they'll be happy to help you out.

The Keycon Mentors Program will be providing kit bags for newbies, so be sure to pick yours up at the Beginners Guide to Keycon panel on Friday night.

In the meantime, we invite you to visit (and join) the Keycon Mentors Program Facebook group. A link can be found on the Keycon website in "The Mentors Program" section, at www.keycon.org.



CAPTAIN AWESOME

If you're all alone between panels, or stranded in some distant hallway and feeling Awesome, never fear: Captain Awesome is here! He brings challenges, tomfoolery, games and events! With talent (and courage) you could win free, Awesome raffle tickets for free, Awesome prizes!

"Trust me," he says, "I'm a captain. An Awesome one."



HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

Keycon 28's first official event is the Halloween Social. Please feel free to join us for great music (Da Gopher), dancing, prizes, and a spooky time. Tickets are available from ConCom members and at Pendragon Games, as well as at Game Knight. We hope to see you all there!

Event: Halloween Social
Start Time: Saturday, October 16 at 8:00pm
End Time: Sunday, October 17 at 2:00am
Where: Polish Combatant's Association - Club 13
(1346 Main Street, just next door,
North of Pendragon)



Manitoba's Premiere Fantasy and Sci-Fi Convention



Keycon 28

May 20 - 22, 2011

Radisson Downtown, Winnipeg

Author Guest of Honor

L.E. Modesitt, jr.

Toast Mistress

Liana K

Artist Guest of Honor

D.K. Sweet

Artist Guest of Honor

Theresa Mather

See back cover for info on Halloween Social

Keycon 28

MESSAGE FROM THE CONCHAIRS

If you have come to one our open meetings over the past few months, you would have seen the maelstrom of activity already taking place to make this the most exciting convention in our 28 year history. Already we have seen countless new ideas, new faces, and so much enthusiasm that we cannot help but be excited for all of the events between now and Victoria Day weekend. We all know that Keycon is special, but it is in the dedication of those behind the scenes stepping up to make memories for our convention goes where the magic really happens. Our team is working feverishly to make everything just right.

Keycon28 brings a number of wonderful surprises thanks to the brilliant ideas of the community. This year we will see an expanded hallway fun program thanks to Captain Awesome. Our newbies, will be supported and guided throughout the convention by an amazing new Mentor's program. The ideas keep pouring out to enhance your convention experience and to make this year's convention truly memorable.

We have been asked several times this year if Keycon has a theme. The only answer (aside from Levi wanting to call it "I Love You Con") is that our theme is "We are a science-fiction/fantasy convention". Our goal is to bring to the Winnipeg community the best that science-fiction and fantasy literature have to offer and with our tremendously talented special guests we expect to do just that.

This year we are bringing guests of honour such as L.E. Modesitt, who artistically straddles both science-fiction and fantasy with his book series, shorts stories and other published works. Darryl K. Sweet has produced some of the most memorable cover art for science fiction and fantasy novels, including several collaborations illustrating for L.E. Modesitt. Our second artist guest of honour (a Keycon first), Theresa Mather, who is no stranger to the convention art show community and indeed even to Keycon, brings her talent and skills back this year. As does our editor guest of honour, Barbara Galler-Smith, editor of EDGE and Tesseract books. We are excited that she will share her experience and expertise with so many new writers in our community. This year we will also see Liana K return as toast-mistress. Liana's effervescence and encyclopaedic knowledge of all things fannish have made our conventions so memorable and amazing that we are delighted to have her return.

In fact, we can hardly wait! This year's convention is shaping up to be truly unique

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KEYCON 28 CONCOM

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| Con Chairs | Nancy Fetterman Levi Labelle, LeAmber Kensley |
| Vice Chairs | Carol Leblond Tim Hogue |
| Art Show Team | Phynix Caskey Linda Mansfield |
| Dealers Room | John 'The Bear' Speelman |
| Donations | Justine Kay |
| Editor | Laurie E. Smith |
| Extravaganzas | Bodi Milljour |
| Gaming | Pierre Leblond |
| Guest Liaisons | TBA |
| Hospitality | Diana P. |
| Hotel Liaison | Kim May John Pattie |
| Marketing | Mark "DaGopher" Dobres |
| Official Con Suite | TBA |
| Operations | Iain MacNair |
| Programming | Ed Walker Dave Strang |
| Registration | Skye May |
| Toastmistress | Liana K |
| Video Room | TBA |
| Volunteers | Glen Hosea Ed Paradis |
| Website | Natalie Verge |

REGISTRATION

Hello everyone!

Bring all your friends! Better yet, have them register in advance and be on the fast track at con! Not to mention save them ten bucks which they should then take you out for coffee with :P



Keycon memberships can be purchased at:

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| Pendragon Games | Bookfair |
| Dog Eared Books | Galaxy Comics |
| Game Knight | Face off Cards |
| Comics America | |

There will also soon be a PayPal button on the website, at www.keycon.org.

A weekend pass is \$40 until May 1st, at which point the price will increase to \$50.

More on registration hours and day pass prices to come next PR.

Cheers!
Registration
Registration2011@keycon.org



MESSAGE FROM THE CONCHAIRS - continued

and we are so deeply inspired to do our very best for the community we can barely contain it. We can't wait to see you all again at the convention and we hope you feel the same. If like us, May seems too far away to get your Keycon fix, you are always welcome to join us in the planning stages. Come to a concom meeting. We would be so happy to have you. If we don't see you until the October Halloween Social, know that we have many special things planned for you and you will be glad you came.

HOTEL

Keycon 28 will once again be held at the Radisson Downtown. For more information, please visit <http://www.radisson.com/winnipegca>.

When you call to book your hotel room, please call the Winnipeg hotel direct, mention Keycon and ask for Sandy in registration. Mentioning Keycon will get you a special convention rate! Or if you have any questions you can get in touch with us at hotel2011@keycon.org.



OPERATIONS and VOLUNTEERS

Every year, Operations staff are the trouble-shooters of the Convention. What ConCom constructs, Ops maintains. Ops members will be identifiable, and a line of communication will always be available to deal with any difficulties during the Con. When attending Keycon, remember to pay attention to the directions and expectations of conduct, for everyone's safety and comfort. Some of the more significant ones are to ensure that all weapons are peace-bonded, children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult, and food and drinks are not allowed in the art room or dealer's room.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the convention. ConCom are all volunteers, but we cannot do it alone. We need the help of our members. Like last year, we will have a volunteer suite with drinks and snacks for those who have helped us out, and intend to provide other perks to our volunteers. Please contact the individual departments you wish to help with, or contact us at volunteers2011@keycon.org.



Thanks for all your help!
Ops2011@keycon.org

EXTRAVAGANZAS

The Extravaganzas department is already working on plans for Keycon 2011. Our usual events will carry on as always: Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Children's and General Masquerade, as well as our ever-popular Friday night mixer and the Dance on Saturday night.

As well as the masquerades, there will be the Hallway Costume Contest: stay tuned for details.

The Annual Keycon Hallowe'en Social is almost upon us. It will be held on Saturday, October 16th at the Polish Combatant's Association - Club 13 (1346 Main Street, just north of Pendragon Games and Hobbies). Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available from any Convention Committee member, or they can be bought at either Pendragon Hobbies and Games, 1354 Main Street or Game Knight, 726 Osborne Street South.

For more information, contact Bodi at extravaganzas2011@keycon.org

At this point, our Annual Games Day is not scheduled for the same day as the social, but never fear, we will hold one before the convention itself comes around. Please stand by.

We are pleased to announce that a local group, "Wafer Thin", will be performing during the judging portion of the Masquerade. These three young men are talented songwriters, musicians and performers all and they are regular Keycon attendees themselves. Local music is indeed alive and well at Keycon!

Bodi Milljour,
Extravaganzas

DEALERS ROOM

Hello all Keycongoers! The Dealers Room will return again and we plan to bring you another wide variety of goods to peruse. Books, collectibles, games, costume accessories - if we can fit it in, it'll be there! Space will be a little more limited as we're initially planning to occupy Peregrine (12th floor, opposite the restaurant), BUT! We want to provide a quality weekend of Dealers' Room goodness for everyone, so stay tuned! Stay interested! Stay financially able...;)

John "The Bear" Speelman
Dealers' Room Wrangler
Dealers2011@keycon.org



GAMING

We're getting ready for another great year of gaming at con this year. We will have a good mix of board games and card games as well as some good old fashioned tabletop RPGs going on from early to late, to appeal to all your different schedules. And what's that I hear? Rumors of some sort of games tournament? Well, I can neither confirm nor deny these rumors at this point, so you'll just have to stay tuned for more information. As well, Gaming is looking for volunteers to run games of any variety. If you are interested in running any game, please contact either the Con Chairs, or email Gaming directly at gaming2011@keycon.org and let us know you want to volunteer.



DONATIONS

As a not-for-profit, Keycon relies heavily on the kindness of strangers to help us make the most of the socials, masquerades and many other events. Last year, businesses such as Games Knight, Aphrodite's Whisper, Raven Comics and Collectibles, among so many others to whom we are also thankful, made our events more memorable with the prizes they gave. Our convention could not run without the support of our community, and this year is no different.

Seeking donations in the community is a tireless job. This year, the ConCom has chosen to recognize the hours of hard work required to make sure that we have enough prizes, and to maintain the precious relationships that keep our many supporters coming back to Keycon year after year, through the establishment of a specific Donations position on the committee. Justine Kay, who has in the past been integral to the success of donations campaigns returns again to work her magic. Justine needs your help though. If you are looking for a place to volunteer or are looking for a new way to give back to the convention with either your time, your wallet, or your (still in the package) stuff, please contact donations@keycon.org.

PROGRAMMING

Keycon 2011 is fast approaching. The programming grid is being set up and filled in piece by piece. Is there anything that you want to see on it? Now is the time to speak up. Was there a panel or discussion from a past Con you want brought back so you can get in the last word? A new twist on an old theme? Maybe something completely out of the void? Let us know so we can work towards getting it together. Don't hesitate to let us know your ideas at programming2011@keycon.org. We will try our best to work them into the perfect spot within the grid. And when you show up for the panel you will be able to say "I made this happen!"

Dave and Ed

MARKETING

Well the truth is that I have never done this kind of job before so it is all new to me. I hope that I do you all proud.

Marketing has now met a couple of times and we have our letter to the sponsors made and have the preliminary template for our advertising plan in place... I have heard some great ideas from members at our last meeting and will be meeting with them and implementing some of those ideas to finalize what we are presenting to the potential sponsors. I am hoping that we will be able to bring in some new blood to Keycon through the combined efforts of Marketing and the ConCom.

I am hoping to see companies such as the movie theatres or even music stores buy into this and support our wonderful group.

Gopher
Marketing2011@keycon.org

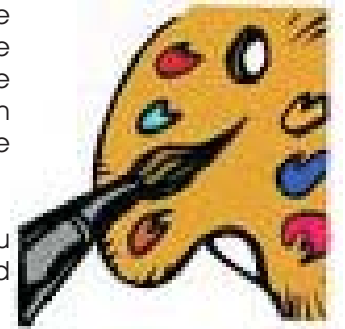


ART SHOW

Hello Artists and Art Fans,

We have an important announcement for you all: We will have more panels! That is right, this year we were so happy we sold out so fast. It made us so happy, we just had to get room for more! That means you can get a panel if you missed the chance before! We are taking deposits for the new panels starting NOW!

Deposit is \$10.00 per panel, and with each panel you get 4' x 2' of space, tables are also available in limited quantity, and they too are \$10.00 per half.



How are we able to find more panels? Well that is the awesome part, I am happy to say that Art Show is taking on a larger room! With the new room, we want to run more art programming.

If you would like to have your art hanging and for sale in our show, run art programming, or help out with one of the more enjoyable locations to be in at Keycon, please contact us at artshow2011@keycon.org

HOSPITALITY

Hello folks. Once again Hospitality will be presenting a conglomeration of both old and new hospitality suites for your drinking, dining, gaming and various other sorts of pleasures. You can find us on the 15th floor, just follow the crowd of excited looking people with hunger and desire in their eyes. We currently have about six suites planning to thrill and amaze you, so that means that there is only room for a couple more!

Since Victor has left us for parts west (alas!), we are currently accepting bids to run the Video Room at Keycon 28. Make people happy all weekend long with magical images on a big screen! Submit your bid today!

If you are interested in bringing back a suite from years gone by or if you have an exciting new idea for a whole different party room, then contact Diana at hospitality2011@keycon.org and let me know. Looking forward to seeing your ideas. See you at the social in October!

Diana, Ghoddess of Hospitality

GUESTS

L. E. Modesitt, Jr.

Author Guest of Honour

(Biography courtesy of his official website.)

L. E. Modesitt, Jr. is the bestselling author of over forty novels encompassing two science fiction series and three fantasy series, as well as several other novels in the science fiction genre.

Mr. Modesitt has been a delivery boy; a lifeguard; an unpaid radio disc jockey; a U.S. Navy pilot; a market research analyst; a real estate agent; a director of research for a political campaign; legislative assistant and staff director for a U.S. Congressman; Director of Legislation and Congressional Relations for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; a consultant on environmental, regulatory, and communications issues; and a college lecturer and writer in residence. In addition to his novels, Mr. Modesitt has published technical studies and articles, columns, poetry, and a number of science fiction stories. His first story was published in 1973. He lives in Cedar City, Utah.



Darrell K. Sweet

Artist Guest of Honour

(Biography courtesy of Wikipedia.)

Darrell K. Sweet (born 1934 in Highland Park, New Jersey) is a professional illustrator best known for providing cover art for science fiction and fantasy novels, in which capacity he was nominated for Hugo award in 1983. He also produces art for trading cards and calendars. He is famous for providing the covers of the fantasy epic saga The Wheel of Time. He is also the illustrator for the well-known Xanth series by Piers Anthony, the Saga of Recluce series by L. E. Modesitt, Jr. and the Runelords series by David Farland as well as the original cover artist for Stephen R. Donaldson's series The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant the Unbeliever.



As of 2005, he has produced over 3000 images, beginning in 1975.

Theresa Mather

Artist Guest of Honour

(Biography courtesy of the Rock Feather Scissors website. Edited for length.)

A professional artist since 1989, Theresa Mather creates fantasy works featuring a variety of unusual creatures. Best known for her pieces painted on feathers and stone, integrating her paintings with the natural colors and textures of the surface, Theresa draws much of her inspiration from the world around her.

Theresa is an artist who chooses to work outside of gaming and publication, exhibiting and selling her work at science fiction convention art shows across the country. She enjoys the freedom this gives her to paint whatever she desires, allowing her paintings to be truly her creations. She was active in the field of antique carousel restoration from 1989 through 1999, painting suites of large scale paintings for the crests of 5 antique carousels and decorative paintwork for a sixth.

Theresa exhibits at over 70 shows each year and is the recipient of numerous awards, including Popular Choice Best of Show at ConJose, the 2002 Worldcon.



Barbara Galler - Smith

Editor Guest of Honour

(Biography courtesy of the On Spec Magazine website.)

Author Barb Galler-Smith resides in Edmonton with her fabulously supportive husband, John, and two Yorkies, Darby and Sailor Moon. She's a former Compuserve IMP, a member of Edmonton's Cult of Pain writers group, and a new groups of emerging writers called "the Scruffies". She's also busy editing with On Spec magazine where she gets to read lots and lots of stories. She is terribly proud her recent novel DRUIDS, a collaboration with US Author Josh Langston, was nominated for 2010 Aurora Award for Best Novel in English. The second book in the series is scheduled for Spring 2011, from Edge Science Fiction and Fantasy Publishing.

