

KEYCON 28 CONCOM

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Manitoba's Premiere Fantasy and
Sci-Fi Convention

Keycon 28

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Radisson Downtown, Winnipeg

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From the Con Chairs

We're going to keep our comments brief this time. But we do want to let you know that preparations are moving steadily on towards the convention. The people that compose our great team continue to do a great job handling the details that compose a great convention.

There is a spot of bad news. At this time Darryl K. Sweet has had to pull out of attending Keycon due to health issues. Join us in wishing him good health.

In the run up to the convention we had a successful Halloween social. Just recently we had a fantastically attended Movie Night. The enthusiasm is building as we approach con weekend.

Here's a reminder of who some of our guests this year are. L.E. Modesitt, who artistically straddles both science-fiction and fantasy with his book series, short stories and other published works is of course the author guest of honour. Our artist guest of honour, 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. Another returning face is Canada's own Robert Sawyer. It probably won't take much coaxing to get him to tell how it felt having his book made into a TV series. Check the website, www.keycon.org, for other news and announcements.

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 donations2011@keycon.org.

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



VOLUNTEERS

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!



OPERATIONS

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.

Ops2011@keycon.org



MEMBERSHIPS

Full weekend memberships are currently \$40. Please note that they are going up to \$50 as of May 1st. The at door price will be \$60.

REGISTRATION

Here are the hours for registration. Registration will again be behind the stair case on the Eleventh Floor

Friday May 20 noon-10pm

Saturday May 21 10am-6pm

Sunday May 22 10am-2pm

register in advance and be on the fast track at con! Keycon memberships can be purchased by secure Internet transactions through the website www.keycon.org or at the following stores.

Pendragon Games

Dog Eared Books

Game Knight

Comics America

Bookfair

Galaxy Comics

Face off Cards

Registration2011@keycon.org

HOTEL

Keycon 28 will once again be held at the Radisson Downtown. The hotel wishes to remind everyone to book your rooms **NOW!** It is a popular hotel and does fill up. Plan to have a room booked before you arrive. Please call 956-0410 and ask for Sandi or Tracy. Mention that you are with Keycon to get the great rate. If you book thru the toll free number they have no concept of the Keycon rate. See you at the Radisson Hotel 288 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba on the May long weekend.



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.

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

MASQUERADE - The Lurch

Let's show Winnipeg what they're missing! A post-Masquerade Lurch is being planned while the room is being prepared for the social! Bring yourself, in costume, to the lobby of the hotel and we'll go on a short trek through downtown. Weather permitting, the streets! If it's raining, and you're feeling adventurous, we'll do a jaunt through the MTS Center/Portage Place! Show your spirit and join us! Times will be posted throughout the convention.

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...;))



HOSPITALITY

Hello from the further-ist reaches of the galaxy. I am out here searching for fun and exotic games, food and pleasures to bring back to good old planet Earth for your enjoyment at Keycon this year. OK I am actually leaving that up to the folks who will be bringing you a wonderful selection of hospitality suites. But it sounds better than "Hi, as I sit here on my butt, wondering what other people are doing...." lol Seriously though, some of the plans I have been hearing are amazing. I am looking forward to seeing the finished suites. So make sure you plan into your busy schedule plenty of time to come and enjoy the 15th floor."

Official Hospitality Suite - New Cairo Club est 1701

The New Cairo Club returns as the Official Hospitality Suite at Keycon in 2011. All your favorites from last year will be returning with a few new.....

Who are you? What do you want? Do you mind, I'm dictating a hospitality blurb here. Doctor??? You're not my doctor. She's got a great What do you mean there's been a change in management?? Hey, you guys, what Genius let these people in?.. A hostile take over?? Hey, let go of me!! This is evil, I tell you. Just EVIL!!

.....All further communications will be through the League of Evil Geniuses. You will want to visit!



Captain Awesome Room



The Room of Awesome will be a suite for chillaxing, light snacks, TV and video games galore! Captain Awesome will have specific challenges in this room (including a tournament, for the gamer inclined!) and will have a special prize wheel board set up near the end of the convention. Come and join our stress-free environment and gaze at the Wall of Awesome!

Programming Item - The Editors' Den

Keycon 28 will have several editors in attendance willing to consider manuscripts for publication. Space is limited and appointments will be required. You will have 15 minutes to make your pitch so come prepared.

Your submission package must include the following:

1) A professional query letter which includes the title of your novel, word count, genre, a brief biography and your contact information. Please list relevant publication credits.

2) A synopsis of your book that describes the story from beginning to end. Please keep it to 1-2 pages in length. Please give your synopsis an appropriate title, not simply 'synopsis'. i.e.:
Synopsis-The Winner.

3) The First 50 pages or three chapters, in Times New Roman 12pt on white paper, print on one side only and indicate paragraph breaks with an indent. Please name your partial manuscript appropriately, i.e.:
Partial-The Winner.

4) A promotional plan, showing short term and long term goals. While your submission won't be won or lost on the basis of this 'plan', it will get you thinking about what you can do to help promote your novel.

5) All pages need a header with the author's last name and manuscript title, i.e.: Smith/The Best Novel Ever

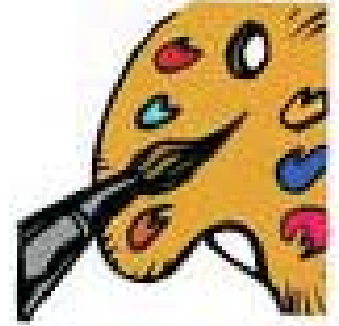
There will be a sign up sheet at the Registration desk on Friday night only or by contacting programming2011@keycon.org prior to the convention.



ART SHOW

~NEW THIS YEAR for ART SHOW~

Each year we try to make the Art Show better. Some things are easy to notice, such as the new Art Show Panels, while other things are more behind the scenes, to help make processing happen more quickly. This year, we have created bidder cards. Everyone will register in the Art Show, to make bids on artwork and you will be issued a bidder reminder card with your bidder number and a place to mark down your pieces. Not only will this help those who are bidding to keep track, but it will also help us to make sale pick-up faster.



Bidders:

We encourage you to take a moment to register to bid for art in this year's show and see how much more accurate and fast it will be. We are also going a bit greener. Unless you specifically ask for a printed copy, your purchase receipt will be e-mailed to you as a pdf. So start saving, because we will have great art for you this year.

Artists:

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.

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



DR SKETCHY

Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School will have a special session at Keycon, and all amateur and professional artists are hereby invited to take part at no extra cost, if they have a convention badge. A special rate will be available to those who are attending only for the Dr. Sketchy evening event.



For those under 18, we will have an afternoon 'Jr' live model sketch session, and we invite volunteers wearing their con costumes to stop by for a while and pose for our younger set to draw you. IF you want assistance in this experience we will have one or two people who can point out angles etc. to you for drawing, but the idea is to come and just have fun drawing with a live model.

The 3 hour 'Adult' version (over 18 only please due to the presence of alcohol) will be in the evening and attendees may purchase both non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages to sip while they sketch. Once again, if any attendee in costume would like to

volunteer as an additional model, please let the Art Show staff know so we can arrange our schedule accordingly. Since Keycon has full access to the space, we are able to extend the time if people are interested and we have additional models participating. Come out and help us put the Fun back into Art!



Submission form for Programming

Name of Panel: _____

Name of Moderator _____

Contact info for moderator and panelist: phone# _____

Email _____

People expected to attend _____ Size of room requested: _____

Description, set up and AV needs for panel: _____

Preferred day _____ and time _____

Listing of other panels that you are a moderator or panelist for: _____

Please email to programming2011@keycon.org
Or mail your submission form to: Keycon, attn Programming, P.O. Box 3178 Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6.

Office Use Only

Day _____ Time _____ Room _____

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.



PROGRAMMING

Greetings you unconventional conventionists! Programming for KeyCon 2011 currently includes Literary (Impact on editors in the e-world, favorite vs. excellent books, several readings and other topics), Art (an Artists Jam, a slideshow, the 'business' of art and more), and costuming fun. Liana K will be reprising her 'Pose Like a Pinup' panel, there's going to be more Gaming than you can shake your dice at, plus Music (concerts and filking), programming for children and the young at heart (start practicing your paper airplane skills) and many more fantastic ideas. Did we mention that this year's Keycon will feature the premiere performance of an original play by Kiss The Giraffe Productions don't miss their Steampunk Cabaret at the Sunday night dinner!

We think we have some terrific ideas, but there is always room for more! Think you have the greatest idea ever? You probably do. Feel you could contribute to it as a moderator or panelist? Let us know, using the submission form at the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions or ideas please feel free to contact us at programming2011@keycon.org

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's Awesome Blurb

This year will be Awesome, with Awesome challenges, Awesome games and plenty of Awesome prizes! I, Captain Awesome, have been preparing for our inevitable, Awesome encounters! I have a secret lair on the fifteenth floor now, and you can visit it for more games, healthy television viewing, and light beverages and snacks. The Wheel of Awesome is nearly complete, which I'm sure you will enjoy. Do you have a costume? If you don't, come to the panel on Saturday and my Awesomites and I will get you into an Awesome one! There will be a FREE raffle for going along with Awesome things, so participate and reap the Awesome rewards! Awesome!



GUESTS

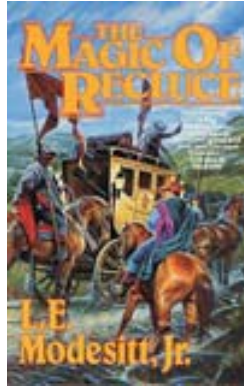
L. E. Modesitt, Jr.

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.

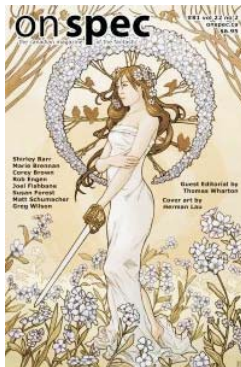


Barbara Galler - Smith

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's terribly proud that 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.



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 crestings of 5 antique carousels and decorative paintwork for a sixth.



Bonus Guests

Liana K - Toastmistress

She's Canada's Ultimate Fangirl, Queen of the Geeks, and Queen of Cosplay. And she's also Keycon 28's Mistress of Ceremonies, and we're more than pleased to have Liana K back this year!

Robert J. Sawyer - Author Guest

Robert J. Sawyer is the multi-award-winning author of critically-acclaimed best-sellers such as "Hominids," "The Terminal Experiment" and "Mindscan". His novel "FlashForward" was adapted into the ABC TV series of the same name.

Rae St. Clair Bridgman - Author Guest

Rae St. Clair Bridgman is the author and illustrator of kids' fantasy adventure novels, including The Serpent's Spell, Amber Ambrosia and Fish & Sphinx,