

LepreCon 33 Program Schedule

(Current as of 4/27/07 – Consult the pocket program at con for final schedule)

Thursday Room 113 - Con Suite Prog Rm 8:30 PM GOH Roundtable

An intimate roundtable, where you can meet our Guests of Honor and ask them questions one-on-one. This is your opportunity to discuss the Star Wars universe and what's coming up in the Mandalorian books with Guest of Honor Karen Traviss. You can find out how Jael produces the exquisite works of art she is known for and more about the business of being a successful artist for publication. Local Artist Guest of Honor, Nola Yergen-Jennings, will be available to discuss her experiences costuming and with stage presentation. And multi-talented author – singer Emma Bull will be available to answer your questions about her writing and music. Emma Bull, Jael, Karen Traviss, Nola Yergen-Jennings

Thursday Room 113 - Con Suite Prog Rm 9:30 PM Thursday Night Filk Circle

Join our filk circle for fun, laughter and music.

Gary Swaty

Friday Ballroom B 3:00 PM The Ballad in the Age of Television

The 21st Century is the era of short scenes, jump cuts and the music video. Nobody has time for tales told to music, or do they? How have our storytelling songs changed to survive?

Emma Bull, Nancy Freeman, Christina Paige, Gary Swaty, Tom Tuerff, Jennifer Aronson

Friday Ballroom A 4:00 PM How Do You Get to a Book Cover

What makes a good book cover? What unconscious cultural preferences exist? Can you ever tell a book by its cover? If so, what does it tell you about the artist and their process?

Dr. Laura Brodian Freas, Gilead, Adam Niswander, Bob Self, Michelle M. Welch

Friday Ballroom B 4:00 PM Has Star Wars Left Us with an Enduring Mythology?

Star Wars has been the most visible brand in science fiction since the late 1970s. It has introduced concepts and vocabulary into society in a way that no other aspect of SF has ever done. Will that influence eventually fade away or will Star Wars always be with us?

Tabitha A. Bradley, Joel Cranson, Scott Vaughn

Friday Ballroom C 4:30 PM Use Your Masquerade Presentation to Tell a Story A costume is only part of a masquerade entry. The presentation is the other part. How you can grab and hold the attention of the audience and judges by telling them a story.

Maryeileen Flanagan, Ernest Hogan, David Lee Summers, Kit Townsend, Randall Whitlock, Gail Wolfenden-Steib

Friday Ballroom B 5:00 PM Censorship and Artistic Freedom

How free is our speech right now? Is there *ever* a reason to silence a creator?

Tabitha A. Bradley, Greg Brown, Joseph Formichella, Gilead, Jeffery Scott, Evo Terra

Friday Ballroom C 5:30 PM Hard Targets: Armor and Weapons Fabrication with the 501st Stormtrooper Legion

Join Bill Warner, Mark Tiefert, Lance Dworshak and other members of the Dune Sea Garrison, the Arizona chapter of the 501st, for "How to.." instruction and demonstrations on building replica costumes and props using such techniques as vacu-forming, cold resin casting, hand-laid fiberglass, cold hammer metal working and more. Special tips on how to bolt, screw, hot glue, JB weld, tape, Velcro, super glue or otherwise adhere two things together that have never been adhered together before and exclaim, "It's from Outer Space!"

Lance Dworshak, Mark Tiefert, Bill Warner

Friday Ballroom B 6:30 PM Orbital Commerce Update Presentation
Spaceflight historian Hugh Gregory lets you know the latest and greatest on the Orbital Commerce Project, the world's first non-government funded flight school of training sub-orbital pilots and payload specialists. Hugh Gregory

Friday Ballroom A 7:00 PM Bodypainting Demo
Award-winning bodypainter Mark Greenawalt paints his work of art directly on his lovely model Courtney Black. During this amazing demo, Mark explains his techniques, and creates a living, breathing masterpiece. Mark Greenawalt, Courtney Black

Friday Ballroom B 7:00 PM Electronic Rights on the Web
If you bridge borders, can you lose your copyright? How does copyright vary by country? What can you do to protect your rights using technology?
Tabitha A. Bradley, Greg Brown, Michael R. Mennenga, David Lee Summers, Evo Terra

Friday Ballroom C 7:00 PM Glass Engraving
Discover the art of engraving on glass. Amy Schulz brings SF and Fantasy designs that you can use to engrave a glass we will provide. Just think how much fun you will have cruising the parties tonight and showing off your work!
Amy Schulz

Friday Starlight 7:00 PM Meet the Pros
Come and mingle with your favorite program participant.

Friday Art Show - Ballroom E 8:00 PM Art Show Walkthrough with Jael
Join our Artist Guest of Honor, Jael, and Art Show directors David Gish and Sylvana Anderson-Gish as they guide you through the Art Show. It is a wonderful way to get an artists' eye view of the creativity, beauty and color.
Sylvana Anderson-Gish, Jael, David Gish

Friday Ballroom B 8:00 PM Can Biotechnology Alter Human Nature, and Should It?
Delete the genes for fatal childhood diseases. Delete the genes for baldness. Delete the genes for depression. Add the genes for faster reflexes. Although you may agree with some of these possibilities, somewhere down this slippery slope you will draw a line. Are any of these alterations benign? If we are going to make changes, who decides what changes can be made or should be made?
Bennie Grezlik, Richard Leis, G. David Nordley, Ken St Andre, Karen Traviss

Friday Flagstaff 8:00 PM Anime Room
Join us for the best in contemporary anime. Check the pocket program, and posted schedule for times.

Friday Starlight 8:00 PM Texas Hold 'Em Tournament
What could be better than no limit Texas Hold 'Em, a no-host bar and prizes? Join us for fun in the Starlight Room after the Meet the Pros Reception.

Friday Ballroom C 8:30 PM Illustrators of the Future: Winning Strategies
Tips on submitting and winning the Illustrators of the Future Contest from one of the judges, artist Laura Brodian Freas.

Friday Ballroom A 9:00 PM Revisiting Favorite Childhood TV as Adults
What were your favorite shows as a child? Why did you enjoy them? When you saw them as an adult, what changed for you?
Jael, Judith Herman, Christina Paige, Ken St Andre, Scott Vaughn, Randall Whitlock

Friday Room 113 - Con Suite Prog Rm 9:00 PM Saturday Night Filk Circle - Songs of Weaponry
The song can be about anything, but there's gotta be a weapon in it somewhere. Don't limit your voice, sing about *any* kind of weapon - blasters, planet-destroying lasers, vehicular manslaughter, Superman trimming his toenails and blowing the clippings at someone with his super-breath... Lots of fun in store.

Friday Ballroom B 9:30 PM UFP SciFi Jeopardy
Sci-Fi Jeopardy is an audience participation media oriented trivia contest for fun and prizes. We mimic aspects of the TV game show "Jeopardy", except ours is audience participation. We divide the audience into teams. We pose the "answer" and the teams pool their knowledge to pull out the response in the form of a question. The winners pick from our treasure trove of prizes. The game is put on by the United Federation of Phoenix. United Federation of Phoenix, Jim Strait, John Wheeler, Lee Whiteside, Dr. David A. Williams, Mark Boniece, Dawn Grigsby

Friday Ballroom A 10:00 PM Dark Bedtime Stories
What's better than a scary story right before bedtime? Put on your pajamas and your fuzzy slippers and join us for a few readings...
Judith Herman, Cary Riall, Bob Self, David Lee Summers

Friday Room 113 - Con Suite Prog Rm 10:30 PM Friday Night Filk Circle
Join us for filk and fun.

Friday Ballroom A Midnight Adult Fan Fiction Reading
Con attendees - bring examples of your fan fiction to share in this adult round-robin reading circle.

Saturday Ballroom B 10:00 AM SF Tube Talk
Learn about the best of current and upcoming SF television shows.
Lee Whiteside

Saturday Ballroom C 10:00 AM Jewelry Making Workshop
Hands on jewelry making workshop. Make a beautiful piece of jewelry to wear around the rest of the convention!
Doreen Webbert, Cynthia Bullock

Saturday Starlight 10:00 AM Local Artist GOH Speech - Nola Yergen-Jennings
Award-winning Local Artist Guest of Honor, Nola Yergen-Jennings, will be available to discuss her experiences costuming and with stage presentation.
Nola Yergen-Jennings

Saturday Ballroom A 11:00 AM Zen Scavenger Hunt
We send you off on a Zen Scavenger Hunt. The audience will be formed into teams and sent out to find ten items. The catch is that you won't know what items the judges are looking for. When the judges announce an item, you'll have to decide which of your items is the best match, and figure out how to justify the match to the judges.
Rick Cook, Cary Riall, Ken St Andre

Saturday Ballroom C 11:30 AM Taking Your Costumes From the Street to the Dungeon: Airbrush Techniques and Fabric Distressing
Basic techniques used to achieve wear and tear on costumes for the stage--this includes an overview of dying, mechanical means and air brush techniques This is a condensed version of a seminar taught by Gail Wolfenden-Steib at a national theatre conference. Attendees paid \$240 each for this seminar alone, and it sold out in about a week. Definitely a "must do" demo for costumers!
Gail Wolfenden-Steib

Saturday Art Show - Ballroom E 12:00 PM Sculpture Demo by Sylvana Anderson-Gish
Drop by the Art Show to watch sculptor Sylvana Anderson-Gish create.
Sylvana Anderson-Gish

Saturday Ballroom A 12:00 PM Things I Wish Some Pro Had Told Me When I Was Just Starting Out
There's always some things a writer or artist learns the hard way. Artists and writers in discussion of things they didn't know when they started out, but wish they had.
Gilead, Bennie Grezlik, Annette Sexton-Ruiz, Will Shetterly, Tony N. Todaro

Saturday Ballroom B 12:00 PM Trouble in Tri-D
The unique challenge faced by 3D artists.
Tabitha A. Bradley, Dr. Susan Gleason, Amy Schulz, Scott Vaughn

Saturday Starlight 12:00 PM Filk GOH Speech - Emma Bull
"Emma Bull is a fantasy and SF writer and a musician. Emma's been in a passel of bands, written a few novels, one of which was a finalist for the Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy Awards and was a Phillip K. Dick second-place honoree. Sense of place has always been important to Emma's fiction, and it has an effect on her music, too. Come and find out more about what this means.
Emma Bull

Saturday Ballroom A 1:00 PM Turning Your Hobby into a Profession
How do you make a living at what you love to do? Writing, art, costuming, etc.
Joseph Formichella, Hugh Gregory, Judith Herman, Robert Peacock, Randall Whitlock, Nola Yergen-Jennings

Saturday Ballroom B 1:00 PM How Star Wars Changed Our Lives
How Star Wars changed movies, books, the space program, fandom and society.
Joel Cranson, Karen Traviss

Saturday Ballroom C 1:00 PM How to Draw / Paint Warrior Women
Gilead shows you the basics of drawing and painting warrior women.
Gilead

Saturday Ballroom A 2:00 PM Character Creation in Gaming
How do you create a believable character? How important are your character's skills in multiplayer universes? RPGs? LARPs?
Greg Brown, Ken St Andre, Karen Traviss

Saturday Ballroom B 2:00 PM NASA Science Update
What's new with NASA? Discover what developments are occurring within the world's preeminent space program.
Dr. David A. Williams

Saturday Starlight 2:00 PM GOH Speech - Evolution of an Artist
Jael has now illustrated over 150 book covers in the areas of SF, Fantasy, and Horror and has completed hundreds of commissions. A book of her art, Perceptualistics, included text by John Grant (of Disney Animation fame) and was released by Paper Tiger. Come see her work from the past to the most recent.
Jael

Saturday Ballroom C 2:30 PM Tarot Workshop

This is an interactive hands-on Tarot workshop. Attendees will learn basics and have the opportunity to win a Tarot edition or book.

Tabitha A. Bradley, Tamera Vaughn

Saturday Ballroom A 3:00 PM Doctor Who Retrospective: The Best Years What were/are the best years of Doctor Who? It goes beyond the important matter of "who made the best Doctor?" Which years had the best scripts, the best major story arcs, the best free-standing episodes?

David Lee Summers, Scott Vaughn, John Wheeler, Lee Whiteside

Saturday Ballroom B 3:30 PM Charity Auction

Bid high and bid often!

Catherine Book

Saturday Ballroom A 4:00 PM Can Art Change the World?

Looking at the intersection of politics and art, at what point does an artist create a work "with teeth"? Is science fiction and fantasy art just only escapism -- by definition?

Joseph Formichella, Ernest Hogan, Jael, Will Shetterly, Gilead

Saturday Ballroom C 4:00 PM Mask Making Workshop

Come and make a mask to wear at LepreCon's Regency Masquerade Ball. We provide materials, tools and inspiration!

Lea Farr

Saturday Starlight 4:00 PM Author GOH Speech - Karen Traviss A question and answer session. This is your opportunity to discuss the Star Wars universe and what's coming up in the Mandalorian books with Guest of Honor Karen Traviss.

Karen Traviss

Saturday Ballroom A 5:00 PM Heroes - Are You on the List?

A look at the new series, its fandom, and future.

Summer Brooks, Judith Herman, Emily Hogan, Lee Whiteside

Saturday Ballroom A-B-C 7:00 PM Regency Masquerade Ball

This year, the masquerade will be a Regency Masquerade Ball – you don't need to be in costume to come dance, but if you are you might just win an award. For those of you that want to dress up and have fun, we will have a mask-making workshop Saturday at 4 pm.

Marty Massoglia

Saturday Flagstaff 8:00 PM Anime Room

Join us for the best in contemporary anime. Check the pocket program, and posted schedule for times.

Saturday Room 113 - Con Suite Prog Rm 9:00 PM Saturday Night Filk Circle - Songs of Home and Place

There are many Filk Songs of Home and place -- "The Green Hills of Earth", "Banned from Argo", Many of the Pern Songs, Even Jeff Bohnhoff's "Hotel Dealer Floor" . Filk is actually full of such songs, join us as we sing them.

Gary Swaty

Saturday Starlight 9:30 PM ConFusion's Modern Dance

Dance and groove to a great mix of funk, rock, pop, alternative. Electronic and 80's music.

DieterK, Moekandu, Confusion Crew

Saturday Ballroom A 10:00 PM Combining Music, Art and Literature
What songs inspire artists? What visuals inspire songwriters? What do they have in common? What songs inspire authors? What books inspire songwriters? What do they have in common? What new dimension can an author add to their writing through song? What new insights can a singer bring to another's written word?
Ernest Hogan, Jael, G. David Nordley, Christina Paige, Tom Tuerff

Saturday Ballroom B 10:00 PM Costume or Fetishwear?
Drawing the Line, and Crossing It Want to wear your kinky duds at a convention but make them more SF/Fantasy? Want to spice up your regular convention wear with a touch of the off-beat? Love the gothic but not sure where to draw the line? Let our panelists guide you.
Maryeileen Flanagan, Maryeileen Flanagan, Kit Townsend, Nola Yergen-Jennings

Saturday Room 113 - Con Suite Prog Rm 10:30 PM Saturday Night Filk Circle
Come raise your voice in song!
Gary Swaty

Saturday Ballroom A 11:00 PM Themes of Abuse in Art and Writing Taboos in Fantasy and horror. Should you push the envelope in the interest of artistic freedom? Or, are some things better left unsaid?
Gilead, Christina Paige, Jeffery Scott

Saturday Ballroom A Midnight Vampires, Zombies, and Witches, oh my....
Dark beings are taking over fantasy and romance. Is it because they are sexier or more visually appealing? What does this mean for the future of the genre?
Christina Paige, David Lee Summers

Sunday Ballroom A 10:00 AM Barry Bard Memorial - At the Movies
A sneak peek at trailers for many exciting upcoming movies. After the trailer presentation, we will hold a lottery for FREE movie promotional material such as movie t-shirts, baseball caps, double-sided theater posters. Everyone wins!
Len Berger, Craig Dyer, Richard Bolinski

Sunday Ballroom C 10:00 AM I have Seen the Digital Future and It is Full of Fans
Once we were the proud and lonely few. But here in 2007, SF tropes are everywhere, and the interactions of the internet -- blogs, livejournals and so on -- feel like fanzines reinvented for the digital age. Except these days, everyone seems to be doing it. Are we no longer special?
Judith Herman, Emily Hogan, Ernest Hogan, Jacqueline Lichtenberg, Michael R. Mennenga, Ken St Andre

Sunday Ballroom B 11:00 AM Artificial Intelligence: Will We Recognize It When We See It?
Are we looking in the right direction? Are they training us? What if the AI doesn't want to be discovered?
Rick Cook, Richard Leis, G. David Nordley, Robert Peacock

Sunday Ballroom C 11:00 AM Applying the seat of your pants to the seat of your chair
Overcoming artists' and writers' block.
Greg Brown, Joseph Formichella, Adam Niswander, Will Shetterly, Tony N. Todaro

Sunday Ballroom B Noon Torturing Your Characters
Books where nothing happens to the characters are boring. Find out how to creatively torture and maim your characters for maximum effect. Can you go too far? When is character persecution relevant to the plot and when is it gratuitous?
Tabitha A. Bradley, Emily Hogan, Ernest Hogan, Tony N. Todaro, Michelle M. Welch, Cathie Yankovich

Sunday Ballroom C Noon Mandalorian Language and Culture
There is no word for hero. How language shapes the culture of the species. How they both shape story lines.
Karen Traviss

Sunday Ballroom A 1:00 PM Art Auction
Bid high and bid often!
Sylvana Anderson-Gish

Sunday Ballroom B 1:00 PM Punday
Come show off your punning ability in a classic Punday competition ala those in Spider Robinson's Callahan's Bar stories. Contestants are given a topic, and each must make a pun relating to the topic. Audience members can join in the punning and help select the winner.
Rick Cook, Tom Tuerff, Randall Whitlock, Mike Willmoth

Sunday Ballroom C 1:00 PM Middle Eastern Dance Costuming
Award winning costumer and belly dancer Rukshana shares the "how tos" of finding and making the right costume for your dance style and persona. Basics include how to make a dance bra, a "must have" costume piece, even if you don't belly dance
Gail Wolfenden-Steib

Sunday Starlight 1:00 PM Sunday Filk Circle
Sing, play, have a wonderful time!
Gary Swaty

Sunday Ballroom C 2:00 PM The New Doctor Who
The latest incarnation of Doctor Who has excited fans old and new and is already scheduled for more series and specials. What does this Doctor Who get right and wrong? What about Eccleston, Tennant, and Piper? What about its spinoffs - Torchwood and Sarah Jane Adventures?
David Lee Summers, John Wheeler, Lee Whiteside

Sunday Ballroom B 2:30 PM Convention Feedback
Convention attendees share their compliments and complaints about LepreCon 33 with our chairperson, committee and staff.
Shahn Cornell

Sunday Ballroom C 3:00 PM Spirituality and Writing
How much spirituality do you need to write with depth? Can you prevent too much from seeping through? Does your religion affect your writing?
Jacqueline Lichtenberg, Will Shetterly, David Lee Summers, Karen Traviss