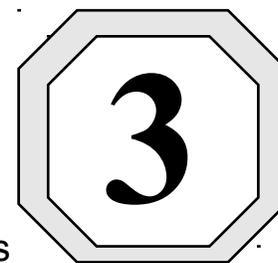


The OryConian

Sunday, 9 Nov 2014

This is obviously news, it's on paper and everything.



Goodbye, Doubletree

After years of wonderful conventions here, OryCon is moving out and returning downtown. We're all sorry to see our years here end; this is a fine hotel with really great people and OryCon

This is not actually the last convention in this hotel. Steampunk fans will enjoy GearCon here on the 4th of July weekend. And in 2016 we'll all return here for Westercon 69, which has been mentioned already.

Hello, Marriott

Orycon moves back to the downtown Marriott again in 2015 (on the third weekend in November, the 20th to 22nd).

The Marriott welcomes Orycon back and sends the following message:

"The Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront is delighted to welcome you to OryCon 2015! Your organizers have an exceptional agenda in store for this event that has been designed to ensure that your time at the hotel is both enjoyable and comfortable. We look forward to hosting you and your fellow attendees!"

For any of you who remember the Marriott Orycons (okay, that's lots of you), there are some things you should know. If you remember meeting Jennifer Phillips, who helped so well with previous cons as part of the convention services staff, she is still there and is now head of convention services and will provide the same great service.

However, what is not there includes the mechanics of the old elevator system, the new improvements leading to improved reliability and speed. Their Director of Engineering says that the end result of these improvements is that they are so much faster and more efficient that it feels as though they have added a whole additional elevator to the system.

As well, the sports bar has been replaced by more meeting space and there is now easy stair access to the meeting rooms on the third floor from the lower floors. Additional bar space has been added to the lobby to make sure we can get our drinks as well as ever.

And the sleeping rooms have been renovated.

Join us next year back year back at the Marriott.

Masquerade Mystery

We're sure that the masquerade happened as scheduled Saturday night and that people won prizes for cool costumes but at press time we haven't gotten a list of who or for what! Registration says Nora Timmerman & John Lafayette won memberships to OryCon 37, and rumor has it Mr. Lafayette wore an excellent Romulan costume.

Orycon Observations

Rob Wynne will not be performing his scheduled concert today. He is not feeling well.

Hugh Gregory is departing early as his ride has been summoned back to the mother ship Canada.

Feedback about this year's con can be given at <https://sites.google.com/site/oryconsurveys/home> where you can tell people what you think of OryCon.

Registration reported 1411 attending humanoids as of Sunday morning; this isn't the biggest OryCon ever (last year was!) but it's a very comfortable convention size. Don't forget to buy a membership to OryCon 37 today!

The **PDX Browncoats** fan table had an unfortunate encounter Saturday night when someone put whipped cream where it should not be; the cleaning was not complete Sunday morning when this was discovered, and it's said some minor artifacts are missing.

It's Got a Bird On It, It Must Be Art

If you didn't get to see the art we had this year it's too late now. Anyone who didn't drop in when they had the chance missed every single one of these works:

Judges' Choice:

Best Space/Adventure: Jeff Sturgeon, Contemplation
Best Mythical Creature: Herb Leonhard, Dragon Tea Party
Best Gothic/Macabre: Adrian Boorne/Alan, The Lovers
Best Steampunk: Barbara Wallen, I'm Late Top Hat
Best 3-D: Andy White, Backpack Wings
Best Mixed Media: Aubrey Kae Anderson, The Red Queen
Best Unconventional: Mark Chapman, Psudo Moloskran

Popular Choice:

Best Space/Adventure: Jeff Sturgeon, Contemplation
Best Mythical Creature: Cori Dietsch, Lichen Dragon
Best Gothic/Macabre: Rob Carlos, Rise of Cthulhu
Best Steampunk: Barbara Wallen, I'm Late Top Hat
Best 3-D: Lupa, Teacup Tauntaun
Best Mixed Media: Andy White, Clock Gauges
Best Unconventional Materials: Vandy Hall, Marhpal Eagle & Hunter

Director's Choice:

Best Space/Adventure: Jeff Sturgeon, New New York
Best Mythical Creature: Cori Dietsch, Taurus Diety
Best Gothic/Macabre: Zane Bryan, Madness
Best Steampunk: Braden Duncan, Nuts & Bolts
Best 3-D: Barbara Waller, I'm Late Top Hat
Best Mixed Media: Aubrey Kae Anderson, Shirogawa
Best Unconventional Materials: Martha Hull, Philomena the Historian

Grand Prize: Gordon & Peggy Hayes, Warrior Garden

Best in Show: Barbara Waller, I'm Late Top Hat

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Random Fiction

For some reason this was dropped anonymously into the submission box. The handwriting was quite legible, so we're passing it along to you.

There was once a black cat who liked to roam forests looking for people (or whatever it took for people). Sometimes it was sflouking for food, sometimes for sport. Sometimes it sought people for companionship.

If it could make itself small and innocent looking, it would. But at other times it took on the fierce, feral power of a sleek ebony lynx.

And of course on nights of the full moon, it would uncontrollably transform into an eleven-year-old boy. With a baseball bat.

But the shapeshifting feline got a surprise when it came across a kindly ranger who smiled and said, "Hello there, shapeshifter cat."

Shocked, the cat sat down and stared at the ranger. "What's your name?", he asked. "Mine's Tony." The cat rubbed against his ankles, purring, and tried to convey he name 'He who hunts lesser beings with a stick.'

After chatting a while the ranger calmly picked up the shapeshifter and promptly took off its head. "It's always better to lull them to sleep with boring chatter, or else they'll but you!"

Collecting its head, the ranger headed to his car and drove away. A good night's work.

Future Conventions of the Future, to be held in the Future

OryCon 36 draws to a close, but fandom doesn't end.

Here's your very quick cheat sheet to what's coming up.

Rustycon 32: Seatac WA, Jan 16-18 www.rustycon.org

Foolscap: Redmond WA, Jan 30-Feb 1 foolscap.org

Conflikt: Seatac WA, Jan 30-Feb 1 www.conflikt.org

Radcon 6C: Pasco WA, Feb 13-15 www.radcon.org

Game Storm 17: Vancouver WA, March 19-22 gamestorm.org

Norwescon 38: Seatac WA, April 2-5 <http://www.norwescon.org>

Sakura-Con, April 3-5, Seattle WA <http://www.sakuracon.org/>

NWRD 2015: Vancouver WA, May 7-10

www.mindseysociety.org

Westercon 68 (also Conjecture 13 & Conchord 27): San Diego CA, July 2-5 westercon68.org

Anglicon: Seattle WA, June 12-14 anglicon.com

GearCon: Portland OR (right here in the Doubletree, in fact!) July 3-5 <http://pdxgearcon.com/>

Galacticon IV Resurrection: Seattle WA, July 31-Aug 2 www.galacticon.org

Kumoricon 2015: Vancouver WA, Sep 4-7 www.kumoricon.org

Worldcon 2015: Sasquan: Spokane WA, Aug 19-23

www.sasquan.org

OryCon 37: Portland OR, Nov 20-22 www.orycon.org

Overheard in Passing

Why am I sticky?

...and my left elbow has a short.

"Did I say something funny?" "Not yet, but if you do I'll put it in the zine."

If I called you Ben Affleck you'd come.

Judging by the sound in your pants, I don't want to know.

"Thank you, doughnut fairy!" "Sorry, I'm straight."

Is this 'money' a kind of candy? 'Cause I'd like some.

I really think you can manage better outrage than that.

My boobs are too big to have lanyards.

It's not my fault, my cucumber is fabulous.

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Aah, I just blacked myself!

Somewhere there is a context desperately looking for that quote.

He may have entered himself.

I can't have an elf, so I'm going to drink one.

It's okay, that was just my nose.

She's wound tighter than a cheap watch.

"Hm, red currant wine..." "AC or DC?"

I had to take the corset off, my feet were killing me.

I cannot operate broccoli with these gloves.

I haven't looked yet but I hope the tauntaun head gets a lot of awards.

Cards Against Humanity or just dirty minds?

I am milking my burrito!

Locating my pants. Do not judge.

I'm never anything!

I'm a shark!

You might want to get a llama. They're very low maintenance.

Hey! What are you doing to my panda?

Braaaaaains ... or sleep ...

I have absinthe in my hair...

"You're looking very dapper." "Yes, I may dap at any moment."

The laws of physics called, they want dinner back.

On Friday I was traveling at the speed of light. Now I'm traveling at the speed of heavy.

I'm not well informed but I'll give you information.

Did I just offend your virgin ears?



Hey, opinionated fan person! Want a chance to shoot your ~~mouth~~ keyboard off? Scan this code to give feedback; tell us how you liked this OryCon and help make next year even better! If you don't process unholy mystic glyphs you can also type

<https://sites.google.com/site/oryconsurveys/home> into your browser manually.