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Want info about Orycon?

Check out our web page!

<http://www.orycon.org/orycon24/>

You will find the most up-to-date information for Guests of Honor, Artshow, Committee list, membership information, and more....

News from the Chair

Greetings,

First of all, I would like to thank the Orycon 24 committee for all of their hard work and support. By all accounts we are going to have a great convention this year!! Friends of Filk have sponsored Jeff and Maya Bohnhoff as our Filk Guest of Honor, I welcome you.

Orycon 24 is pleased to announce our first Meet the Pro's Reception that will be held just after the Endeavor awards on Saturday evening, to be followed by the Masque Ball and dance. I am looking forward to the wonderful costumes and great conversation, and don't forget to bring your dancing shoes!!

James Wilsonsage has resigned his post as Orycon 24's Co-Chair due to family obligations, I wish him well and good luck in his future endeavors.

I am very proud of our convention and have been enriched greatly by serving on the committee for the last seven years, of which I was Art Show Director for six. Remember Orycon 24 is run on blood, sweat and volunteers.

Regards,

Lacey Axmaker

Orycon 24 Chair

Art Show

Art Show is slowly filling up, we currently have 14 artists reserved, plus of course our GoH Lee Seed. I'll be contacting our regulars who haven't responded yet, and expect to fill up by mid-late October. This year's Art Show will be generally quite similar to previous years' Art Shows; I'm just doing what Lacey taught me :)

Dealers

The Dealer's Room is full and there is only one person on the waiting list.

Hopefully, all of the changes are behind us. We've had two vendors cancel due to family or work obligations. Springtime Creations and HK Cinema - Deadly Dragons can't make it. The vendors who are going to be at OryCon (as of the date of this article) are:

Angelwear Creations, Backlash Inc., Black Oak / Amberfire, The Dancing Muse, Dragon Tales, Dragonmaker, Dreaming Wolf, Escape...Books, Everett Comics, Express Yourself, Fantasy Art Resources, Fantasy Creations, Friends of Filk, The Fur Connection, Games Plus, Goblin Art, Lady Jaynes Books, Little Toad Designs, The Magickal Aardvark Ltd., Mark J. Ferrari Illus., Mon Droit Studio, One Wilde Knight, Quicksilver Fantasies, Redwolf Ltd., Realm of Regalia, SDL Designs, The Stag & The Griffin, Steelcraft / Legends of Camelot, Wrigley-Cross Books and Zelda's Place / Interzone.

We'll have quite a cross-section of products for your perusal. Everything from costumes and accessories to wearable art and materials for the do-it-yourself fan. Memorabilia and art for your collection shelves and walls. Books and music to read them by - for that second library you'll be adding to your house after Thanksgiving or, is that third?

Don't forget to check out the display for the Sue Petrey Auction on Sunday.

See you there!

Mary Olsen

The Clayton Memorial Medical Fund

The Fund has expanded its coverage and now helps professional mystery and horror writers in addition to professional science fiction and fantasy writers who are facing of medical emergencies. The Fund's geographical limits remain the same. Writers receiving aid must live in the Pacific Northwest states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, or Alaska. The Clayton Fund was founded in 1996 as the Oregon SF Emergency Fund by Oregon Science Fiction Conventions, Inc. (OSFCI) in response to the illness of Portland writer Jo Clayton. Our initial funding came from a national campaign by writers and fans of science fiction and fantasy and to help Jo. We have continued to receive donations from individuals and from the conventions OryCon, Norwescon, and Left Coast Crime. The fund has assisted a number of writers in the region.

If you know of a Northwest writer needing help because of illness or injury, or if you are a writer needing such help, please contact the fund at:

Clayton Memorial Medical Fund

c/o OSFCI

P.O. Box 5703

Portland, Oregon 97228

You may e-mail the chairman of the board of trustees, Jim Fiscus, at: fiscus@sff.net

Donations may be sent to the Clayton Memorial Medical Fund/OSFCI at the above address.

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Volunteers

A word or two from the volunteer coordinator

If you find yourself with not much to do for an hour or two at Orycon24, we ask you to volunteer to sit by a door.

Without volunteers, OryCon does not run smoothly as it could. If you are wondering what areas we need help with, they are: setup for artshow, hospitality, ballroom, and general operations of hospitality and events in the convention. After the convention is over there will be a raffle for the volunteers that worked during the convention. If you have anything you would like to see for the volunteers, please contact me at troberts42@yahoo.com

Thanks for your time, Drink caffeine, and see you there.

Tom - That Volunteer Guy.

Orycon 24

November 22-24, 2002

**We are on a later weekend than usual, so
don't forget to mark your calendars!**

Editor Guest of Honor

By Page Fuller

Martin H. Greenberg is our Editor Guest of Honor this year. He is widely regarded as the leading anthologist in trade publishing, and has served as editor or author of more than 1200 books in various genres, including science fiction, fantasy, mystery and adventure. The writers Greenberg has worked with are a who's-who of bestsellers: Isaac Asimov, Tom Clancy, Stephen King, Anne McCaffrey, Sue Grafton, Scott Turow and Dean Koontz.

Here is a small sample of the anthologies edited or co-edited by Martin H. Greenberg:

"The Further Adventures of Xena"

"Single White Vampire Seeks Same"

"Best Military Science Fiction of the 20th Century"

"Cat Crimes for the Holidays"

"Tales of the Batman"

Greenberg is also a retired University of Wisconsin-Green Bay professor with a specialty in terrorism and national security. He has said that the terrible events of Sept. 11 are likely to impact his work because he does techno-thriller fiction and military fiction with terrorist scenarios. He taught national security and published books on terrorism.

We look forward to forward to meeting Mr. Greenberg and the discussions that are sure to enlighten and entertain.

The above information was taken from an article by Dave Tianen titled "Anthology of his life is never-ending story". To read the full article, please go to the OryCon Website.

GAMING

Gaming at OryCon this year is presented by Game Storm, OSFCI's annual game convention that takes place in March. We have a lot of good stuff planned, including many popular events from previous years. Role playing highlights include Traveller by Doug Berry, author of several Traveller support books; GURPS Cliffhanger by author Brian Underhill; and the ever popular RPGA Dungeons and Dragons events. In addition to dozens of scheduled events for various card games and board games we will have a full Board Game Library for members to check out and enjoy. Game Storm staff will be on hand to teach you the rules of new games.

As we get closer to the date of the convention, be sure to watch the OryCon website for a schedule of gaming events. We will update it as our schedule gets filled in over the next few months. At the con, check out The Wall outside Yakima and Umatilla for a complete up-to-date schedule where you can sign up for the games you want to play. It s a good time for all at OryCon Gaming!

Masque Ball

Karyn Hoffert and Melissa Householder

Change is in the air. Along with some balloons, streamers and a few dancing aliens. We are pleased to welcome you to the first Alien Embassy Ball. All are invited. That means you with the third eye. And you with the blue skin and pink go-go boots. Please join us for food, music and a macrocosmic language lesson as you get to know your intergalactic neighbors. So dust off that prom dress, tux or whatever suits your species' needs and get ready to have some fun! (Please cover all vital body parts.)

For the non-crafty: a mask-making panel.

And for the people with 2 (or 3) left feet, dance lessons will be provided.

Programming

Helen Umberger

And now for something completely different... this year the Endeavor awards will be presented Saturday night followed by an award banquet/meet the pro's event. To be followed by a masked ball. The theme of the masked ball is "Meet the humans (the pro's)". We hope folks are inspired to come in costume for the ball. The events above are taking place instead of a masquerade this year.

Susan C. Petrey Scholarship Charity Auction

This year's Petrey auction promises to be a great one. We have recently received a large donation of artwork from Marilyn Mork, a frequent exhibitor in the OryCon art shows, along with her son Carl. Previous to his recent death, Carl and Marilyn collaborated using variety of art techniques including copperplate etching, embossing, and casting of handmade paper. There are too many of these fine art pieces for just one auction, so we have selected a dozen of the best to start off this year's list of items for sale.

Of course, we will have a great number of other items as well. Come and bid on everything from books and proofs, to costuming pieces and jewelry. You never know what will turn up. Of course, the proceeds benefit the Susan C. Petrey Clarion Scholarship Fund, a non-profit and tax exempt charity.

Want to help support the scholarship in ways besides bidding at the auction? Donate anything you think may be of interest to another fan. We've sold everything from the right to be a character in a book to an armadillo basket. We would also appreciate help in getting some of the donated artwork matted or framed. If possible, we like to receive donated items prior to the convention to give us time to catalog and promote them. For addition information call (503)281-9449 or email wrigcros@teleport.com. Please send donations to

Susan C. Petrey Fund
C/o Wrigley-Cross Books
1809 N. E. 39th Ave.
Portland, OR 97212



**You are invited
to a Masked
Ball hosted by
the Human
Embassy**



**Nov. 23, 2002 in
the Double Tree
Ballroom.**

The Endeavour Award

The judges for this year's Endeavour Award -- Howard V. Hendrix, Harry Turtledove, and Elisabeth Vonarburg are in the middle of assessing our six finalists. The winner of the Endeavour Award will be announced at OryCon Saturday night (November 23) followed by an Endeavour/ meet the authors reception. Thirty-one books were entered for this year's award. Howard Hendrix is expecting to attend the convention and will present the award.

The finalists for the fourth Endeavour Award and the \$1,000.00 honorarium that accompanies it are:

"The Free Lunch" by Spider Robinson, Tor (Hardcover);

"Getaway Special" by Jerry Oltion, Tor (Hardcover);

"Homefall" by Chris Bunch, Roc SF (Mass market);

"Past the Size of Dreaming" by Nina Kiriki Hoffman, Ace (Hardcover);

"Tales From Earthsea" by Ursula K. Le Guin, Harcourt Trade (Hardcover); and,

"The Year the Cloud Fell" by Kurt R.A. Giambastiani, Roc SF (Mass market).

Buy the books. You'll have some great works to read and will be able to debate which is best as you wait to hear our results. After you hear the results, you can really start arguing over which how things turned out. So have fun with the books and READ them all.

The annual Endeavour Award honors a distinguished science fiction or fantasy book. To be eligible for the award, a work must be an original novel or single author collection of stories published, as either a hardcover or a paperback, for the first time in the English language during the calendar year preceding the giving of the award. The author(s) must have been living in the Pacific Northwest--Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, The Yukon, and British Columbia--when the book was accepted. If books are first published outside of the United States or Canada and are not entered at that time, they may be entered when first published in the United States or Canada.

We are now collecting books for next year's Award. Our entry form is on the Endeavour Web page: www.osfci.org/endeavour

The Award operates under OSFCI's 501 (c) (3) non-profit status and donations to support the Award are tax deductible. For additional information, contact Jim Fiscus at fiscus@sff.net.

We thank, OSFCI, Norwescon, and OryCons 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 for their support.

Endeavour Finalists Involved In Writers Workshop

We expect a number of the Endeavour Award finalists to be involved in the writers workshop.

Special Workshop with Shorter Deadline

Chris Bunch, an Endeavour Award finalist last year and again this year, author of over 30 novels, and a former script writer in Hollywood, is again offering a special workshop for two to four writers. The manuscript rules are the same as stated above. However, Chris wants to focus his efforts on the writers he feels he can best help. (It writers are either writing at too low a level or at a professional level, Chris believes that he would not be able to give them significant help in the time available.) The session will again involve two hours. In the first, Chris will critique the manuscripts. After a break, the members of the group will discuss the manuscripts with Chris.

If you are interested in applying for the workshop with Chris Bunch, mark your envelope ATTENTION: CHRIS BUNCH

Be sure that it reaches the workshop at the above address by Friday September 15. If Chris does not feel he can work productively with a particular manuscript, that manuscript will enter the main workshop.

Hotel

Melanie Schaber · mel-content@attbi.com

Once again OryCon will be held at the Columbia River Double Tree Hotel. Our \$92 room rate covers up to four people in a room; each additional person adds \$15 for rollaways. If you specifically ask for a river-view room you'll pay \$15 extra.

Parties: The Interstate Wing is designated as a "party wing"—if you plan to hold a party, you need to make sure your room is reserved there. As before, the hotel will charge a \$100 deposit against damage/cleaning for open parties (they do this for all groups, not just OryCon). To date, however, all such deposits have been completely refunded and the hotel has been very happy with us. Open parties also need to be registered in the convention office, so that we can coordinate with the hotel and help you get needed trash bags and cleaning supplies from the hotel.

If you have any problems with the hotel I would be more than willing to help in anyway possible.



Hotel Reservation Form

Mail or telephone the following information to:

Doubletree Hotel Portland / Columbia River
1401 North Hayden Island Drive
Portland, OR 97217
(503) 283-2111

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip or Postal Code/Country _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Arrival Time _____

(arrivals after 6 pm must be guaranteed)

Credit Card Information (Visa, MC, AmEx, Discover, Diners Club)

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

The OryCon room rate is \$92 (plus tax) for up to four people (\$15 per person in excess of four).

- _____ 1 Bed _____ 2 Beds _____ Rollaway (\$15)
- _____ Smoking _____ Nonsmoking
- _____ Quiet Wing _____ Party Wing (Interstate)
- _____ View (\$15*) _____ Handicap-Accessible

Check-in time is 3:00 pm. You must guarantee payment to hold a room past 6:00 pm on your arrival date. After Oct. 22, all unreserved rooms are released and reservations are subject to availability -- but the \$92 OryCon rate remains applicable.

*Fee applies only if a view room is specifically requested.