

Progress Report #2



“Ahoy! Orycon 29
spotted off the port
bow!”

November 16-18, 2007

Portland, Oregon

Deadline Approaches: Room Booking

Book your rooms, book early. The closing date for our guaranteed \$106 room rate is **Thursday, October 25, 2007**. We have wording in our contract about the extending the rate if they project having rooms available. Last year they didn't and we don't believe the group rate will be available after the 25th. Indeed, if you have to cancel at the last minute, check the webpage and we will have an email so that you can tell us and we will try to move the rate onto another deserving Orycon attendee. But nothing replaces booking your room early.

To book your room, you may go to the Orycon 29 webpage - <http://www.orycon.org/orycon29/> and click the Passkey Reservations for Marriott link.

Or, if you prefer to make your reservation by phone, use this Pass Key number: 1-800-266-9432. They are set up with the correct details. There is a link that explains how to book multiple rooms that will help with that process.

There are a few things that will help make your interactions with the hotel run the most smoothly.

- Remember, the Marriott Corporate has made the decision to go completely non-smoking, and that this is not the fault of the Orycon conglom or the hotel staff
- Tip nicely and say thank you
- Bring your room confirmation # in case there is confusion
- If you have companion or service animals, please bring their harnesses/certifications
- If you have special needs let Orycon or the hotel know, so we can try to help you

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1401 SW Naito Parkway
Portland, Oregon 97201 USA
Phone: 1-503-226-7600

To Get to the Hotel

From the Airport

By Light Rail: Board the MAX train in the baggage claim (lower) level of the airport. The fare is \$2.05, with several ticket machines at the station (keep the ticket—it's your proof of fare). Exit the train at the Morrison/SW 3rd Ave MAX Station and walk south 10 blocks (one-half mile) to the hotel.

By Taxi or Shuttle: Taxi fare from the Airport runs about \$30. The Blue Star Downtown-Airport Express (bluestarbus.com) from the Airport to the hotel costs \$14 one-way, or \$24 round-trip.

Driving Directions

Southbound on I-5: Take the City Center/Oregon City exit (exit 300B). Cross Morrison Bridge and turn right on to Naito Parkway. The hotel will be on your right in ½ mile.

Northbound on I-5: Take the I-405 exit (exit 299B), and almost immediately take the City Center/Naito Parkway exit (exit 1A). Go through 2 stop lights to Naito Parkway; the hotel is immediately on your right.

Westbound on I-84: Take the I-5 SB exit on the left towards Salem/Beaverton. Immediately take the City Center/Oregon City exit on your right, cross the Morrison Bridge and turn right on to Naito Parkway. The hotel will be on your right in one-half mile.

By bus or Light Rail

Bus: The Marriott hotel is about a mile from the temporary Transit Mall (two or three blocks, depending on which side of the mall you get off the bus--the transit mall has been shifted to 3rd & 4th Avenues for the next year or so). Exit the bus anywhere between Market and Jefferson and walk east (downhill, towards the river) to 1st Ave, where you'll find the Marriott.

Light Rail: Exit the train at the Morrison/SW 3rd Ave station (westbound), or the Yamhill District station (eastbound). The hotel is 9-10 blocks (one-half mile).

From the Amtrak Train Station

By bus: Walk 1/8 mile southwest from Union Station Amtrak Depot (800 NW 6th Ave) to NW Broadway & Hoyt. Take the #9-Powell to SW 3rd between Jefferson & Columbia. The hotel is three blocks to the southeast (walk towards the river). The entire trip is within (free) Fareless Square.

By taxi: Be sure to ask for the “Waterfront Marriott”, rather than the City Center Marriott. The fare will be approximately \$10.



Pre-Reg: If you got this Progress Report you have already registered and will be picking up your badge at Pre-Reg. It'll be back in the same spot, on LL1, under the Up escalator. Friday's breakdown is A-K, L-R and S-Z. Lines form back along the hallway.

If your name, address or badge name is incorrect, please contact orycon29@gmail.com now—don't wait for the convention!

Susan C. Petrey Fund Celebrates 25 years of Supporting Writers

At this OryCon the Susan C. Petrey Clarion Scholarship Fund Celebrates the 25th anniversary of the first scholarship awarded. We need your help to do it! Many highly honored authors such as Ursula K. Le Guin, Vonda N. McIntyre, Kate Wilhelm and others will be attending OryCon for the first time in years to honor this event.

Expect the RETURN OF THE EGGS! Once again every egg will be winner and they will still cost only \$2. Look for the eggs in the dealers' room and around the convention. We have many wonderful prizes but are still looking for more. We need both big and small items, especially some top end ones. Do you have something to donate, or have contacts with a business who might donate merchandise or gift certificates? Contact us at susanpetrey@comcast.net.

This year the auction will be shorter to concentrate on the best items. Heads up! The time will be 4PM on Saturday with the location to be determined. Just a few of the items include a stunning Ursula Le Guin limited edition of **Direction of the Road**, an amazing hand beaded boa by Vonda McIntyre, Laurie Edison jewelry, several Hayao Miyazaki art books, a lovely stained glass unicorn, OryCon 30 membership #1 and much more. Don't miss the fun.

Although we are still seeking donations, I want to thank those who have already made commitments. In addition to those named above they are Night Shade Books, Fish Brewing, Gresham Grocery Outlet, David Haugen, Kate Yule, Kate Wilhelm, Book Universe, Wrigley-Cross Books, Dragon's Head Books, John Bunnell, Kathe Koja and all the others who have inadvertently been forgotten.

We're still making plans, so watch out for other Petrey/Clarion events at OryCon.

OSFCI table at OryCon 29

Not sure what OryCon's parent non-profit organization - Oregon Science Fiction Conventions Inc. (OSFCI) - really is or does? Want to find out more about how to get involved with future OryCons, GameStorms, and other cons we sponsor or the Susan C. Petrey Clarion Scholarship Fund, the Endeavour Award, and the Clayton Memorial Medical Fund? Stop by the OSFCI table at OryCon this year.

If you are a current or former OSFCI member please sign up to help staff the table (working on OryCon is not a pass - various committee members have already made commitments). Pre-con please email me at rsachter@gmail.com or just sign up at the table at con. Thank you.

Pizza for Petrey

It's Saturday at OryCon and you need to get a bite to eat in between panels and before the Costume Ball. This year thanks to Pizza Schmizza's generosity, you can do that and help support the Susan C. Petrey Scholarship Fund at the same time.

It's easy. All you need to do is present our Petrey Pizza flyer with your purchase. You can print a flyer before the con from a link on the Petrey Fund page: <http://osfci.org/petrey/index.html> or get them at OryCon. We'll have flyers all over the con including at the OSFCI fan table and the Petrey table in the Dealers Room.

On Saturday, November 17th from 4 pm to 8 pm, Pizza Schmizza will donate 35% of all purchases made with the Petrey flyer at the closest 2 stores to the con hotel: Riverplace --1811 SW River Drive #100 and 512 SW Taylor Street. Yes, during that four hour period **35¢ of every \$1.00 spent** by Petrey supporters **when accompanied by the Petrey Pizza flyer** -- whether it's a slice or whole pie, called in, or carried out will be donated to the Susan C. Petrey Scholarship Fund. *Please note that distribution of the flyers at the stores is **NOT ALLOWED**.*

Greetings from the Dealers Room...

The OryCon 29 Dealers' Room is full. Waiting Lists have been started for Tables and Booths. Dealers' forms are still available from the website (<http://www.orycon.org/orycon29/>). If you wish to be on a waiting list you must send in your forms with a check to cover the cost of the space desired. The check will then be held pending assignment of space. It will be returned if no assignment can be made. It is highly recommended that you try to attend the convention. Memberships can be bought independently via the website. No more applications for dealers' spaces will be accepted after November 1st.

You can get more information about the Waiting List policies from the room liaison, Mary Olsen; mary@clueserver.org.

The Dealers Room hours will be:

Friday.....Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday.....10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday.....11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dealers confirmed for the space:

Artist Guest of Honor: Molly Harrison

Molly Harrison specializes in elegant, fantasy art pieces using ink and watercolors. Her most common subjects are faeries but she has been know to work with unicorns, mermaids and dragons.

Filk Guest of Honor: Peter Beagle

Peter Beagle is perhaps best known for his book (movie and songs), The Last Unicorn. His novelette, Two Hearts won a Hugo last year.

Other Dealers:

Ancient Mirrors/Art of Faery: Meet Fantasy Author, Jayel Gibson and the works of Michele-lee Phelan

Angelwear: Beautiful jewelry designs in semi precious stones and finely wrought metals.

Anthony Wynn: Author and biographer.

Art of Wings: Wings of fabric and feathers, feather gauntlets and other fanciful costume accessories.

Avatar Gaming & Gifts: Card games, Medieval gifts, Papo figurines, hats, latex weapons and more.

Black Cat Jewelry & Gifts: Sterling silver jewelry, wooden boxes and glass dragons.

Book Universe, Inc./Massoglia Books: New and old books, t-shirts, games, and memorabilia.

Cargo Cult Books: New books, DVDs and CDs.

Cordochorea Creations: Handcrafted beaded jewelry of precious stones, metals, glass, pearls & amber.

Dancing Muse: Pirate clothes, hosiery, corsets and boots.

Dragon's Head Books and Gifts: Books, swords and figurines.

Dragonmaker: Fantasy sculpture and masks.

Dragons Unlimited: Dragons of all types.

Everett Comics: Books and toys.

Friends of Filk: Fannish music, books and gifts.

Games Plus (Located within Gaming): Games and gaming materials, t-shirts.

Gavin Claypool: New DVDs

Lady Jayne's Books: Books, new and old. Plus, a few related items.

Mon Droit Studio: Vintage jewelry, Egyptian themed statuary and gifts.

Moonlighting: Clothing, jewelry and costume accessories.

Realm of Regalia: Trim, feathers and additional costume accessories.

Redwolf Ltd.: Handcrafted penandular brooches, torcs, rings, hair picks, and pewter pins

Sapioscape: Gadgets and desk toys.

Sea Fire Productions: Music.

Seams Like Magik: Medieval, Renaissance, Asian and fantasy

clothing and accessories.

Shadow's Treasure Chest: Wool cloaks, fancy cloaks, appliqué leather and LED pins.

Shamanic Arts: Activated crystals and other stones, stone spheres, earth spirit wands and more.

SteelCraft / Legends of Camelot: Medieval weapons and Celtic merchandise.

Tai-Pan Literary and Arts Project: Anthropomorphic fanzine and artwork.

Tales of Tamor / Carol Phillips Art: Books, posters, prints, original art, bags, magnets and note cards.

(GreeHee: *The Journey of Five* won the NCPA award for Best Juvenile Fiction this year.)

The Gilded Quill: Journals, wands, stationary, spellcases, ink pots and quills.

The Magickal Aardvark, Ltd.: Cloaks, capes, pouches and robes.

Wrigley-Cross Books: New, used and often difficult to find books.

Xcentricities: Corsetiere; clothing, accessories and jewelry.

Waiting List for Booths: *Unicorn*: Unicorns of all types.

Filking

Orycon 29's music programming has been updated with more of the filk circles, concerts and special events you've come to expect. Hear a concert by Music Guest of Honor *Peter Beagle, Alexander James, Frank Hayes, Cecelia Eng, Vixy & Tony* and many other performers! Bring your instruments to Jam in the Key of R, and your children to be entertained at Kinderfilk. Attend our workshops on vocal harmony, writing your own songs, and producing your own CDs. As always, the Filking will last until Dawn's early light, so come prepared to sing!

Signage

Signs will only be permitted on Bulletin Boards—do not tape to walls. Inquire at the office or in your Souvenir Book for locations.

Artists Wanted For Orycon 29!!

Orycon's Art Show is filling up fast, but there are 20 panels and 6 tables still available to display (and sell!) your paintings, sculptures, carvings, jewelry, etched glass or whatever form your art may take. If you are interested in reserving space in the Art Show, please let us know! The necessary forms and instructions can be found by clicking on the Art Show tab on the main Orycon 29 website, www.orycon.org/orycon29/.

Art Show Hours:

THURSDAY

Set-up:

4:00pm-11:00pm

Artist Check-in:

8:00pm-11:00pm

FRIDAY

Main Artist Check-in:

9:00am-1:00pm

Open to Membership:

2:00pm-6:00pm

Artist' Reception:

8:30pm-10:00pm

SATURDAY

Open to Membership:

10:00am-8:00pm

SUNDAY

Open to Membership:

9:00am-11:00am

Close-out for Auction:

Noon-2:00pm

Check-out/Tear-down:

2:00pm-6:00pm

See you at the convention!

Tammy J. Lindsley
Orycon 29 Art Show

99 cent Costume Constuction Workshop and Competition.

The Greater Portland Area Costumers Guild returns once again with its 2 hour completely family friendly costume construction workshop and competition. Now, you all are probably wondering what this is all about. Well, think of it as a combination of Iron Chef for costumers but with a McDonalds/Burger King budget. Those attending will be able to have a chance to go through a veritable cornucopia of fabrics and trims and electronic gizmos and gadgets and plastic-y things to make an outfit.

Construction supplies with be provided so the only thing the attendees need to bring is a vivid imagination and a willingness to have fun.

The fine crew of the Glitzlandia look forward to welcoming one and all aboard for an experiece that will leave one and all *in stitches*.

Vincent P. Vaughn
Secretary
the Greater Portland Area Costumers Guild.

Internet Café

Internet Café will be available in Hospitality from the start of the convention until the end of the convention. This year we're removing the 'no food or drink near the computers' rule. We'll try to cover as much area as possible with Wi-Fi, so folks are welcome to bring their own laptops. A laser printer will be available in the Internet Café for moderate use, as we anticipate minor printing needs for convention members and panelists.

Christopher Cullins
Manager, I-Café

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