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Saturday, May 23, 2009

Program Grid Errata Download Commencing...

SATURDAY

10 am Salon B Remove Joy Ward

10:30 am Pimlico - Nancy O. Greene reading cancelled.

11 am Salon D Remove Laurel Cunningham-Hill

12 pm Salon B - Add Hildy Silverman

1 pm Salon B Remove Joy Ward

2 pm Remove Joy Ward

Noon Autographing Maryland Foyer – Add 2009

Crook Winner

Noon Salon D Remove Getting Started

Noon Salon D – Add Painting on Fabric with Carol Salemi

3 pm Salon C – Charles E. Gannon Reading moved to Sunday, 3 pm, Salon C

3 pm Belmont - Add Jonathan Mayberry

4 pm Chesapeake remove Soccergirl, add Dave Slusher

5 pm Salon C - Add J. Andrew World

5 pm Salon D – Add Hugh Casey

5 pm Belmont - Add Hildy Silverman

6 pm Chesapeake remove Soccergirl, add JR Blackwell

Midnight Salon B - Add Ghost Stories with Bill Mayhew.

SUNDAY

11 am Salon A - Fantastic Voyage: A Modern-Day trip to Darwin's Galapagos Islands

11 am Salon B – Add Steve Miller

11 am Salon C - Add Halla Fleischer and J. Andrew World

Noon Pimlico – Add Danny Birt Reading

1 pm Autographing Maryland Foyer remove 2009

Crook Winner

3 pm Salon B – Add Steve Miller

4 pm Salon C Add Theme Anthology with Steve Miller

4 pm Hrab Stage - Remove Bill Gawne

5 pm Salon D - Add Tool Time: What's There and How to Use It with Tom Atkinson, Marvin Bryant, Donna Dube

7 pm Belmont – Add Hugh Casey

8 pm Salon B – Add Steve Miller

9 pm Chesapeake - Soccergirl Incorporated

Live! Is replaced with Don't Be That Guy with Susan

Z, JR Blackwell, Michele White, Sheila Dee, and Paul Fischer (M)

11 pm Chesapeake - Remove Soccergirl add MAinPA

11 pm Salon B - Remove Jonathan Maberry

MONDAY

10 am Valley Ballroom - After Film Festival Winner will be "Coming Attractions" for 2009 Movies, Independent Film and British TV.

10 am Salon B Add Started: Where Costume Ideas

Come From with Lisa Ashton, Carol Salemi

11 am Belmont - Add Ray Ridenour

Noon Salon B Add Hugh Casey

Noon Salon C remove Soccergirl and Jonathan Maberry, add Dan Tabor

1 pm Salon B - Add Ray Ridenour

2 pm Salon D add Dan Tabor

3 pm Derby add Dan Tabor

3 pm Salon B – Add Masquerade & Costume Q& A with all who have survived.

7 pm Hrab Stage - Add Kim Fortuner

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year Balticon will be hosting a special event -- a Workshop to prepare teachers to develop a class on science fiction for primary or secondary students. If you are a teacher attending Balticon, please consider also attending the workshop and helping to build an awareness of science fiction among your students. There is no charge for those already attending Balticon.

The Workshop will take place on Monday, May 25, 2009 (Memorial Day), from 12 noon to 4 p.m., in the Garden Room at the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn. No advance registration is required. The Teaching Science Fiction workshop covers what to teach, how to organize a class, and ways to promote the course. The workshop answers questions educators may have about this idea-oriented, forward-looking, student stimulating body of speculative literature.

Presenters include: Catherine Asaro, author and Nebula Award winner; Magi D. Shepley, a teacher who has taught science fiction in the classroom; and David-Glenn Anderson of Reading for the Future. Materials for the workshop have been developed by the AboutSF Science Fiction Resource Center, a joint project of the University of Kansas, the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, and the Science Fiction Research Association.

If you want to invite someone, a special Workshop-only one-day Balticon membership is available for \$11 for teachers attending the Workshop. For non-teachers not attending Balticon, the regular Monday Balticon day rate applies.

Dark Quest Books and editor Mike McPhail would like to congratulate the contributors to **So It Begins.**

Their talent and hard work has been recognized by the awards committee for the Next Generation Indie Book Award

Finalist – Best Anthology Finalist – Short Stories - Fiction

Please check out the book in the dealers' room or come help us celebrate at the launch party, Sunday the 24th from 7:30pm to 9:30pm in the Garden Room!

Sales Table Hours (Information Booth Maryland Foyer) Friday: 4pm-8pm Sat and Sun: 11am-7pm

VIDEO Gaming Returns to BALTICON!

From 8:30 pm on Saturday, a mobile video gaming van will be set up at the top of the stairs above the Con Suite(Frankie & Vinnie's). Play video games all evening! Also, one hour of gaming time from Games2U will be on the RIF auction during the Masquerade Half-time.

Party, Party, Party!

Parties are posted on the Party Board up in the Maryland Foyer near the escalator.

We came, We volunteered and We got the T-shirt!

The Balticon Beserkers are looking for great group of Volunteers. If you're interested in lending a hand to make Balticon a better convention, please check in at our Volunteer's Desk.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

If you have any changes or announcements for Sunday's Rocket Mail, please drop off the information to the Program Participants Registration Table by 3:00 PM Saturday.