



BALTICON 50 POCKET PROGRAM

May 27 - 30, 2016

Anti-Harassment Policy

Balticon and other BSFS events are dedicated to providing a comfortable and harassment-free environment for everyone. In order to offer a welcoming and safe space for everyone, please be respectful of all others. Do not use slurs or derogatory comments about a person, group or category of people. This could include comments based on characteristics such as (but not limited to) actual or perceived race, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, physical appearance, age, religion, ability, family or marital status or socioeconomic class. Do not behave in a manner disrespectful to another individual. The complete text of the BSFS Anti-Harassment Policy is available at <http://balticon.org/wp50/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Harassment-Policy.pdf>.

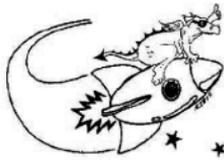
Pet Policy

No pets allowed in Balticon function space.

Weapons Policy

All weapons, including but not limited to all swords, knives and replicas, projectile weapons including nerf toys and waterguns, must be peace bonded by designated convention personnel immediately upon the purchase of the weapon from a dealer or entering the hotel. It is your responsibility to be aware of and follow all laws regarding the possession of weapons. No sparring will be permitted in the convention. Balticon reserves the right to hold any weapons in violation until the end of the con. Failure to comply with this policy may result in the confiscation of your badge. Masquerade Costumers are excepted for the time spanning a half hour before the Masquerade to a half hour after the Masquerade.

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Daily Newsletter

Hours of Operation

Function	Location	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Art Show	MD Salons A and E	5 pm to 7:30 pm	10 am to 8 pm	10 am to 1 pm; reopen for sales 2:15 to 5 pm	10 am to 2 pm
Art Auction	New Garden MD Salon D			2 pm	
Con Ops	MD Salon F Entrance is beside the elevators	Friday 2 pm through Monday 5 pm See Convention Operations for Lost & Found, security issues, late-night registration, to locate a specific Balticon staff person, access to locked functions spaces, etc.			
Con Suite	Club Lounge 12th Floor	Friday 4 pm through Monday 2 pm			
Dealers Room	Baltimore Ballroom	2 pm to 7:30 pm	10 am to 7 pm	11:30 am to 8 pm	10:30 am to 3 pm
Hal Haag Memorial Game Room	Federal Hill 5th Floor	3 pm to 2 am	9 am to 2 am	9 am to 2 am	9 am to 3 pm
Hall Costume Contest	Front Entrance MD Salon D	Through Sunday evening			Winners' photos on display
Open Filk	Pride of Baltimore 6th floor	10 pm to 4 am	10:30 pm to 4 am	10 pm to 3 am	2 pm to 5 pm
Registration	Maryland Foyer	1 pm to 9 pm	8:45 am to 9 pm	8:45 am to 7 pm	10 am to 2 pm

Most convention areas will close by 2 am each night. The Anime and Video Rooms and the Con Suite will be open 23 hours a day, allowing one hour down time for housekeeping.

This year Convention Operations and Team Medical Dragon are located in CON CENTRAL, Maryland Salon F. In the Maryland Foyer outside of Salon D, you will find the Accessibility and Volunteer Desks, and Masquerade Registration. The entrance to Convention Operations (Con Ops), Security and Medical in Salon F is near the elevators.

Special Events

Seating times are shown in *italics*.

Friday

<i>7:00 PM</i>	Opening Ceremonies	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
<i>7:30 PM</i>		
<i>9:00 PM</i>	Balticon Short Film Festival	MD Salon B
<i>9:30 PM</i>	Friday Face Time: Meet the Scientists Social	Parlor 6036
<i>10:00 PM</i>	Dancing in the Gears Steampunk Ball	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)

Saturday

<i>10:30 AM</i>	The Art of John Picacio	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
<i>11:35 AM</i>	Mister poor choices III:	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
<i>12:00 PM</i>	That moment when.	MD Salon B
<i>12:50 PM</i>	Gretchen & Bill Roper Concert	MD Salon B
<i>1:00 PM</i>		
<i>1:00 PM</i>	GRRM Presentation	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
<i>1:15 PM</i>		
<i>2:15 PM</i>	Baen Road Show	MD Salon B
<i>4:00 PM</i>	Martin and Picacio: A Conversation	MD Salon B
<i>4:15 PM</i>	Between Author and Artist	
<i>8:15 PM</i>	Masquerade	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
<i>8:45 PM</i>	Young Writers Awards	
	Bobby Gear Memorial Charity Auction	
<i>11:00 PM</i>	Post-Masquerade Party/ICG Meet and Greet	MD Salon B

Sunday

<i>10:45 AM</i>	Dangerous Voices Variety Hour	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
<i>11:00 AM</i>		
<i>12:15 PM</i>	Costuming Auction	Kent
<i>12:45 PM</i>	Liars Panel	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
<i>1:00 PM</i>		
<i>2:15 PM</i>	Concert: Sassafrass	MD Salon B
<i>2:30 PM</i>	Art Auction & Bobby Gear Memorial Charity Auction	Guilford
<i>3:00 PM</i>	GoH George R. R. Martin Reading	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
<i>3:15 PM</i>		
<i>3:45 PM</i>	Balticon Short Film Festival	MD Salon B
<i>4:00 PM</i>		
<i>5:20 PM</i>	Boogie Knights Concert	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
<i>5:30 PM</i>		
<i>6:50 PM</i>	Dinosaurs, the Update	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
<i>7:00 PM</i>		
<i>8:15 PM</i>	Game of Thrones Episode Viewing	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
<i>9:00 PM</i>		
<i>10:00 PM</i>	GoT Discussion Party	MD Salon B
<i>10:20 PM</i>	Cecilia Tan's Circlet Press Variety Show	Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
<i>10:30 PM</i>		

Note to Parents

Anime

Parents, please be advised that there are a limited number of movies in the Anime Program which are appropriate for children under 12. Please take note of the ratings listed next to the movies. A document explaining the ratings will be posted on the Anime Room Door. It also appears in the BSFAN, and at <http://balticon.org/wp50/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/What-Anime-Ratings-Mean.pdf>.

Parents are strongly encouraged to take these ratings as a guide for what might or might not be inappropriate for their children to watch. In general, children under 14 should not be in the Anime Room between 10 PM and 5 AM, but everything in the middle of the day should be ok for ages 14 and up. Children under 13 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We recommend that parents of teens sit and view a portion of an "MA" rated movie to decide if it is something they want their teen to view.

Film Festival

All of the entries being screened in the film festival up to 9:30 PM are what the selection committee estimated would be considered G or PG rated. Entries screening after 9:40 PM range from estimated G to R rated, thus some movies screening after 9:40 PM may not be appropriate for children under 17 who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Video Program

Friday

3:00 PM	Mars Needs Moms	2011
4:30 PM	ParaNorman	2012
6:00 PM	Ironman III	2013
8:00 PM	Beauty and the Beast Pilot: "Once Upon A Time in the City of New York"	1987
9:00 PM	Beauty and the Beast Episode: "Masques" by George R. R. Martin	1987
10:00 PM	Star Wars: A New Hope (Original Edition)	1977
Midnight	Krull	1983
2:00 AM	Childhood's End	2015

Saturday

6:00 AM	Shrek Forever After	2010
8:00 AM	Frozen	2013
10:00 AM	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part I	2014
Noon	Ex Machina	2015 Hugo Nominee
2:00 PM	Star Trek: "The Cage" (First Pilot)	1965
3:00 PM	Star Trek: "Where No Man Has Gone Before" (Second Pilot)	1966
4:00 PM	Jupiter Ascending	2015
6:00 PM	The Twilight Zone: "The Last Defender of Camelot" story by Roger Zelazny, script by George R. R. Martin	1985
6:30 PM	The Twilight Zone: "The Once and Future King" by George R. R. Martin	1986
7:00 PM	Dark Shadows: Introduction to the series and first episodes featuring Barnabas Collins	1966
9:00 PM	Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back	1981
11:00 PM	Extraordinary Tales Tales from Poe featuring Christopher Lee and Bela Lugosi	2015
Midnight	The Babadook	2014
1:30 AM	It Follows	2014

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3:30 AM	Frankenstein (200th Anniversary Miniseries)	2003
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Sunday

6:30 AM	Shaun the Sheep Cartoons	
8:00 AM	Ruby Gloom, the Happiest Girl in the World	
9:30 AM	Shaun the Sheep the Movie	2015
11:00 AM	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part II	2015
1:30 PM	The Martian	2015 Hugo Nominee
4:00 PM	Star Trek: "The Trouble with Tribbles"	1967
5:00 PM	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Trials and Tribblations"	1996
6:00 PM	The Twilight Zone: "The Road Less Traveled" & "Toys of Caliban" by George R. R. Martin	1986
7:00 PM	Star Wars: Return of the Jedi	1983
9:15 PM	Cooties	2015
10:45 PM	What We Do in the Shadows	2014
12:15 AM	Ghost Team One	2013
1:45 AM	Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrill	2015

Monday

9:00 AM	Star Trek: "City on the Edge of Forever"	1966
10:00 AM	The Twilight Zone: "The After Hours/Lost & Found" Lost & Found by George R. R. Martin	1987
10:30 AM	Mad Max: Fury Road	2015 Hugo Nominee
12:30 PM	Star Wars: The Force Awakens	2015 Hugo Nominee

Anime Program

Anime showings are in the Gibson Room on the 6th floor.

Friday

3:00 PM	Cowboy Bebop (NR)	(24 min / episode)
5:00 PM	The Slayers: Season 1 Episodes 1-4 (PG)	(24 min / episode)
7:00 PM	Black Cat Episodes 1-4 (PG)	(24 min / episode)
9:00 PM	The Legend of the Legendary Heroes Episodes 1-4 (PG14)	(24 min / episode)
11:00 PM	Full Metal Alchemist: Brotherhood Episodes 1-4 (TV-14)	(24 min / episode)

Saturday

1:00 AM	Witchblade - The Animated Series Episodes 1-4 (NA)	(24 min / episode)
3:00 AM	Trinity Blood 12-15 (TV-MA)	(24 min / episode)
5:00 AM	Closed	
6:00 AM	Fairy Tail Episodes 12-16 (TV-14)	(24 min / episode)
8:00 AM	Last Exile Episodes 1-4 (TV-PG)	(24 min / episode)
10:00 AM	Studio Ghibli Howl's Moving Castle (PG)	(119 min)
Noon	Studio Ghibli Castle in the Sky (PG)	(125 min)
2:30 PM	Dragon BallZ: Resurrection F (PG)	(95 min)
4:00 PM	The Slayers: Season 1 Episodes 5-8 (PG)	(24 min / episode)
6:00 PM	Black Cat Episodes 5-8 (PG)	(24 min / episode)
8:00 PM	The Legend of the Legendary Heroes Episodes 5-8 (PG14)	(24 min / episode)
10:00 PM	Full Metal Alchemist: Brotherhood Episodes 5-8 (TV-14)	(24 min / episode)

Sunday

Midnight	Witchblade - The Animated Series Episodes 5-8 (NR)	(24 min / episode)
2:00 AM	Trinity Blood 16-19 (TV-MA)	(24 min / episode)
4:00 AM	Filler-a-thon (Various)	(3-10 min / episode)
5:00 AM	Closed	
6:00 AM	Fairy Tail Episodes 12-16 (TV-14)	(24 min / episode)
8:00 AM	Last Exile Episodes 5-8 (TV-PG)	(24 min / episode)
10:00 AM	Studio Ghibli Ponyo (G)	(103 min)
11:30 AM	Studio Ghibli My Neighbor Totoro (G)	(88 min)
1:00 PM	Studio Ghibli Kiki's Delivery Service (G)	(103 min)
3:00 PM	Studio Ghibli Porco Rosso (PG)	(94 min)
4:30 PM	The Last: Naruto the Movie (NR)	(112 min)
6:30 PM	Black Cat Episodes 9-12 (PG)	(24 min / episode)
8:30 PM	The Legend of the Legendary Heroes Episodes 9-12 (PG14)	(24 min / episode)
10:30 PM	Full Metal Alchemist: Brotherhood Episodes 9-12 (TV-14)	(24 min / episode)

Monday

12:30 AM	Witchblade - The Animated Series Episodes 9-12 (NR)	(24 min / episode)
2:30 AM	Trinity Blood 20-24 (TV-MA)	(24 min / episode)
5:00 AM	Closed	
6:00 AM	Fairy Tail Episodes 17-20 (TV-14)	(24 min / episode)
8:00 AM	Last Exile Episodes 9-12 (TV-PG)	(24 min / episode)
10:00 AM	The Slayers: Season 1 Episodes 9- 12 (PG)	(24 min / episode)
Noon	Evangelion 3.33: You Can {Not} Redo (NR)	(106 min)

Readings

Friday

4:00 PM	Steven Barnes Reading	Pride of Baltimore
4:00 PM	Charlie Brown, Gail Z. Martin, Michael Ventrella	St. George
5:00 PM	Michael Kangal, Gary L. Lester, Christie Meierz, Michael Underwood	St. George
6:00 PM	Paul Elard Cooley, Paula S. Jordan, Robert J. Sawyer, Christiana Ellis, Patrick Scaffido, David Sobkowiak	St. George
9:00 PM	Val Griswold-Ford, John Hartness, Alex Shvartzman, S. L. Wideman	St. George

Saturday

10:00 AM	Rob Barba, Lauren Harris, Ayne Hart, Chris Hiles	Mt. Washington
11:00 AM	Diane Bastine, Ty Burson, Vonnie Winslow Crist, Starla Huchton	Mt. Washington
1:00 PM	Mattie Brahen, John French, Phil Giunta, Steve Wilson	Pride of Baltimore
2:15 PM	1632 Readings	Mt. Washington
3:00 PM	A. L. Davroe, Tom Doyle, Scott Roche, David Wood	Pride of Baltimore
4:00 PM	Jared Axelrod, Brian Koscienski, Christopher Pisano, Jeff Young	Parlor 8059
5:00 PM	Paul Ellis, Kelly Harmon, Emily Leverett, Izolda Trakhtenberg	Parlor 8029
5:00 PM	Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Day Al-Mohamed, Elwin Cotman, John Walker	Parlor 8059
6:00 PM	Joseph Berenato, David Silverman	Mt. Washington
6:00 PM	Keith R. A. DeCandido, Christine Norris, Jean Marie Ward, and D. C. Wilson	St. George
7:00 PM	Doc Coleman, Reesa Herberth, Ruth Lampi, and Mike Luoma	St. George
8:00 PM	Michael Flynn, Larry Hodges, Laura Nicole, Sarah Pinsker	St. George
8:30 PM	Tortuga Readings at Balticon	Pride of Baltimore

Sunday

10:00 AM	T. Eric Bakutis, Veronica Giguere, Robyn Wyrick, Patrick Thomas	Parlor 9029
11:00 AM	John Cmar, P. C. Haring, Chris Lester, and Ada Palmer	Parlor 9029
12:00 PM	Jack Clemons, Ethan Siegel, and Dr. SETI	Mt. Washington
12:30 PM	Reading: Charles Stross	Pride of Baltimore
1:00 PM	Joe Haldeman, Michael Swanwick, Bud Sparhawk, Jo Walton	Mt. Washington
2:00 PM	Charlie Brown, Stephanie Burke, Grig Larson, J. Smith	Mt. Washington
3:30 PM	Broad Universe Rapid Fire Readings	Pride of Baltimore
5:00 PM	by 2015 and 2016 Compton Crook Winners, Joe Haldeman, R. A. MacAvoy	St. George
6:00 PM	Charles Gannon, Steve Lubs, Jennifer	Parlor 8059

AUTOGRAPHS

	Povey, Kim Stanley Robinson	
6:00 PM	Scott Edelman, Steve Lubs, Christopher Rose, Don Sakers	6:00 PM
7:00 PM	Ming Diaz, Goldeen Ogawa, Michelle Sonnier, Steven Southard	7:00 PM
9:00 PM	Arinn Dembo, Ken Schrader, Darrell Schweitzer, Michael Spence	9:00 PM

Monday

9:00 AM	Jo Walton Reading	Pride of Baltimore
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Autographs

Please observe posted guidelines for autograph sessions.

Friday

5:00 PM	Friday GoH and CCA Alumnus Autographing	Watertable PDR
6:15 PM	Mike Kangal, Cecilia Tan	PDR Table 1
6:15 PM	Michael Spence, David Wood	PDR Table 2
6:15 PM	Autographing: Fortress Publications	PDR Table 3

Saturday

10:30 AM	GoH and Awardee Autographs - George R. R. Martin	MD Salon B
10:30 AM	Saturday Morning Alumnus Autographing	Watertable PDR
1:30 PM	Paul Cooley, David Lee Summers and Steven Southard	PDR Table 1
2:00 PM	Saturday Gimungous Autograph Session	Kent
4:00 PM	Roberta Rogow, Bud Sparhawk, and Fran Wilde	PDR Table 1
4:00 PM	Saturday GoH Alumnus Autographings	Watertable PDR
5:00 PM	Sarah Pinsker, Alex Shvartzman and Michael Underwood	Autograph Table 1

Sunday

10:30 AM	Guest of Honor George R. R. Martin Sunday Autographing	MD Salon B
12:00 PM	Catherine Asaro, Sarah Avery, and Michael Swanwick	PDR Table 1
12:00 PM	John Hartness, Amanda Davroe, and Robyn Wyrick	PDR Table 2
2:00 PM	Mur Lafferty, Christine Norris, and Marilyn Brahen	Autograph Table 1
4:00 PM	Darrell Schweitzer, Michael Ventrella	Autograph Table 1
7:00 PM	Keith DeCandido, and Boogie Knights	Autograph Table 1

Monday

10:00 AM	Monday Gimungous Autograph Session	Kent
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Book Launches

Sunday

4:00 PM	Lighting and Necessity Launch Party	Parlor 11029
7:00 PM	Gaslight and Grimm Launch Party	MD Salon B

Chronological Program Schedule

- Thursday 6:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
3hr 9min
Workshop
- BSFS Writers Seminar Series: And On That Note**
Catherine Asaro
THIS ITEM IS PART OF THE BSFS WRITERS SEMINAR SERIES. PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
Two-time Nebula Award winning author Catherine Asaro has mastered the arts of blending romance and hard science fiction, and getting music right in science fiction. If you are struggling with either of these, this is the writers seminar you don't want to let get away!
(Workshops, Non-Public Events)
- Thursday 7:30 PM**
Parlor 6036
4hr 30min
Reception
- Guest of Honor and GoH Alumni Reception**
Steve Barnes, Michael F. Flynn, Kaja Foglio, Phil Foglio, Joe Haldeman, Donald Kingsbury, Sharon Lee, R. A. MacAvoy, George R. R. Martin, Steve Miller, Larry Niven, Jody Lynn Nye, John Picacio, Kim Stanley Robinson, Gretchen Roper, Bill Roper, Nancy Springer, Allen Steele, Charles Stross, Harry Turtledove, John Varley, Jo Walton, Connie Willis, Peter S. Beagle, Jonette Butler Program Coordinator (M)
This event is for our Guests of Honor and Very Special Guests only. It is intended as an informal, drop-in and out, space for you to recoup after travel, catch up with old friends and acquaintances, and grab a bite if you don't feel like going out to eat. Key department heads may poke their heads in briefly to introduce themselves. However, this is your space and we will keep our presence to a minimum.
(Non-Public Events)
- Friday 9:00 AM**
Parlor 9059
3hr 9min
Workshop
- BSFS Writers Seminar: Crafting and writing in a hard SF world...even if the world looks like fantasy - Chuck Gannon**
Charles Gannon
THIS ITEM IS PART OF THE BSFS WRITERS SEMINAR SERIES. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. THERE IS A FEE.
Chuck Gannon, well-known for his intense hard sf works as well as skilled universe building, is a former game designer and former Fulbright Scholar, and a member of SIGMA think tank. His first solo Novel, *Fire With Fire*, won Compton Crook Award 32. Three of his novels have been finalists for the Nebula Best Novel Award and he won an ALA Choice Award.
(Workshops, Non-Public Events)
- Friday 10:00 AM**
Parlor 6036
3hr 9min
Workshop
- BSFS Writers Seminar: On the Art, Techniques, and Missteps of Story Telling**
Bud Sparhawk
THIS ITEM IS PART OF THE BSFS WRITERS SEMINAR SERIES. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. THERE IS A FEE. Be prepared to talk about your current project!
(Workshops, Non-Public Events)

Friday Afternoon

- Friday 12:00 PM**
Parlor 11029
3hr 9min
Workshop
- BSFS Writers Seminar: Worldbuilding**
Fran Wilde
THIS ITEM IS PART OF THE BSFS WRITERS SEMINAR SERIES. PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
Fran discusses with students the line of supply, economics, and other invisible forces at play when building your world.
(Workshops, Non-Public Events)
- Friday 1:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
3hr 9min
Workshop
- BSFS Writers Seminar: Using Humor Effectively in SFF**
Jody Lynn Nye
THIS ITEM IS PART OF THE BSFS WRITERS SEMINAR SERIES. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. THERE IS A FEE.
Jody helps you get the most out of humor in your SFF.
(Workshops, Non-Public Events)
- Friday 2:00 PM**
Parlor 6036
3hr 9min
Workshop
- BSFS Writers Seminar: Writing Fantasy and SF in the Technothriller Mode**
Tom Doyle
THIS ITEM IS PART OF THE BSFS WRITERS SEMINAR SERIES. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. THERE IS A FEE. Tom will discuss and work with you on the challenges of writing fantasy and science fiction thrillers and action stories set in our contemporary and near-future world. Discussion will include historical backstory, action choreography, related genres, research, plotting, suspense, and mixing of literary and action styles. What are the particular problems and benefits of writing speculative fiction in an area where, even more so than usual, you can't just "make it all up"? To assist discussion, Tom will read a manuscript of yours before the seminar.
(Workshops, Non-Public Events)
- Friday 2:00 PM**
Watertable PDR
2hr Open
Forum
- Fan Coffeehouse**
We have this room all set up with tables and chairs, but the autograph session doesn't start until 5:15 pm. So we are offering the space to fan groups for First Day meetups! (Bring Your Own Cuppa.)
(Fan Program)
- Friday 2:00 PM**
Watertable PDR
3hr 5min Open
Forum
- Tables 1 & 2 Fans of ?**
(Fan Program)
- Friday 2:00 PM**
Watertable PDR
3hr 5min Open
Forum
- Tables 3 & 4 Fans of Diana Wynn Jones**
(Fan Program)
- Friday 2:00 PM**
Watertable PDR
3hr 5min Open
Forum
- Tables 5 & 6 ICG Meet and Greet 1**
(Fan Program)

- Friday 4:00 PM**
Fells Point
1hr 20min
Workshop
- Songwriters Workshop**
Kim the ComicBookGoddess
Tips and skill builders for song writers.
(Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)
- Friday 4:00 PM**
Guilford
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Getting the Most From Your Artist Alley Table**
Veterans offer tips on how to make your Artist Alley table production and have great fun at the con while doing so!
(Art)
- Friday 4:00 PM**
Guilford
50min
Presentation
- The Art of Ice and Fire**
John Picacio (M)
A Song of Ice and Fire has inspired a myriad of visual arts. There are book cover, calendars, art for games, etc. Here's a quick look at some of them.
(Game of Thrones, Art, Guest of Honor Events)
- Friday 4:00 PM**
James
1hr 50min
Workshop
- Becoming a Planeswalker - An Overview of Magic: The Gathering**
Scott Schroth (M)
Come learn about the concept of Magic: The Gathering. Ask experienced players about how to play, what types of games you can play, and the benefits and drawbacks of playing. This panel will cover the basics of being a planes walker and will give you some tools to get started.
(Gaming)
- Friday 4:00 PM**
MD Salon B
50min
Demonstration
- Fight Scene Planning**
Keith DeCandido (M)
A demonstration of planning and choreography for a fight scene, with audience participation. Wear comfortable clothes, we'll be sitting on the floor.
(Filmmaking)
- Friday 4:00 PM**
Parlor 8029
50min
Presentation
- Shield Maidens**
Are Shield Maidens fact or fiction?
(Skeptical Thinking)
- Friday 4:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
50min
Discussion
Panel
- How to Enjoy Your First Convention**
Gay Haldeman, Connie Willis, Bill Fawcett
Panelists offer tips on getting the most from your first convention experience. These panelists should know -- they are the spouses of some of our Very Special Guests and they have a LOT of experience!
(Fan Program)
- Friday 4:00 PM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Presentation
- John Varley Reading and Interview**
Michael Pederson (M), John Varley
John Varley offers a reading and chats with Michael Pederson.
(Alumni Events, Literary: Readers, Cross Track: Reading)
- Friday 4:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min Reading
- Steven Barnes Reading**
Steve Barnes (M)
(Readings, Guest of Honor Events)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Friday 4:00 PM

St. George
52min Reading

Readings: Charlie Brown, Gail Z. Martin, Michael Ventrella

Michael Ventrella, Charlie Brown, Gail Z. Martin
Fantasy Readings by Charlie Brown, Gail Z.
Martin, Michael Ventrella
(Cross Track: Readings)

Friday 4:00 PM

Watertable
Salons BC
1hr 30min
Dance

Beginner Ballroom Dance I: Tango

Alex Jacobs

No dance has the mystique or allure of the tango. Beloved by people all over the world, banned by the Vatican, captured in film, and now celebrated on dance shows, nothing else thrills like the tango because nothing else is the tango. Our professionally trained and certified dance teacher will show you the basics so you can join in this daring and exotic dance. No partner necessary!
(Dance)

Friday 4:15 PM

Mt. Washington
1hr 30min GoH
Presentation

John Muir and the Saving of California

Kim Stanley Robinson (M)

2016 Heinlein Award Recipient and SF author Kim Stanley Robinson offers a presentation and digital slideshow about John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club and namesake of UC San Diego's John Muir College, where Stan earned both his BA and PhD degrees. Robinson's longtime interest in Muir includes treks into the Sierra to follow Muir's trail. Speaking from the point of view of a science fiction writer who often speculates about the future, Robinson provides provocative perspectives on Muir's life, work, and especially his activism and impressive impact on public policy.

(Guest of Honor Events)

Friday 4:30 PM

Homeland
50min Science
Presentation

Star Trek: Back to the Future?

Jack Clemons (M), Denise Clemons (M)

A multimedia presentation look-back at the imagined science and technologies of the Star Trek canon and the real-life parallels in NASA's Apollo, Space Shuttle, and International Space Station Programs. (Live reprise of a Friday presentation for those who were stuck in traffic.)

(Science: Presentations)

Friday 5:00 PM

Maryland Foyer
4hr Game

LARP Registration

(Gaming: LARP)

Friday 5:00 PM

MD Salon B
1hr 20min GoH
Presentation

The Girl Genius Radio Plays

Phil Foglio, Kaja Foglio

Join the creators of the award winning webcomic: Girl Genius, for an exciting live theatrical experience in the style of old-time radio, filled with adventure! Romance! And mad science!

(Alumni Events)

Friday 5:00 PM

Parlor 8059
50min
Discussion
Panel

Starting Your Own Small Press

Scott Andrews (M), Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Jeff Young, Brian Koscienski, R. A. MacAvoy
Taxes, registration, a company name...there are so many things to consider before you even start. Learn some of the things you should be aware of before you take that plunge into the publishing mogul pool.
(Literary: Editors)

Friday 5:00 PM

Parlor 9029
50min
Discussion
Panel

From Bright Idea to Planning

Lisa Ashton (M), D. Jeannette Holloman, Tom Jewell, Meg Nuge, Kate (Lady Sephiroth) Szkotnicki
Where do we find ideas? How can we take a sketch from a comic and turn it into a full fledged costume? This is the place to find out!
(Costuming)

Friday 5:00 PM

Pride of
Baltimore
50min
Presentation

What Is Fursuiting?

Goldeen Ogawa (M)
Come meet Tachyon, a real life fursuit-character, as he and his player take you through the ins and outs of fursuiting—wearing and performing a full-body animal costume for fun and... well, mostly for fun. Really, it is. Questions like "How do you SEE in that thing?" "How do you BREATHE in that thing?" and "How hot are you, really? Do you need help?" will be answered. There will also be a brief overview of the history of fursuiting, different methods and styles of construction, and where to start if you want to give it a try. This is an all-ages presentation and children are welcomed. Fursuiting demo to follow.
(Costuming)

Friday 5:00 PM

St. George
52min Reading

Readings: Michael Kangal, Gary L. Lester, Christie Meierz, Michael Underwood

Christie Meierz, Michael Kangal, Gary L. Lester, Michael Underwood
Science Fiction/Action Adventure readings by Michael Kangal, Gary L. Lester, Christie Meierz, Michael Underwood
(Cross Track: Readings)

Friday 5:00 PM

Watertable PDR
1hr Autographs

Friday GoH and CCA Alumnus Autographing

Jo Walton, Allen Steele, Nancy Springer, Joe Haldeman, Steve Miller, Sharon Lee
Balticon GoH Alumnus and Compton Crook Alumnus signings. To reach the Watertable Private Dining Room (PDR), go all the way through the hotel bar on the 5th floor. The PDR is behind the glass wall on the left just before the RPG Gaming Salon.
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions, Alumni Events)

Friday 5:30 PM

Fells Point
50min
Presentation

How to Make a Quilt from Old T-shirts

Lauren Kingsland (M)
A demonstration on how to make a beautiful quilt from your old t-shirts, putting all those old memories out on display instead of off to Goodwill.
(Costuming)

FRIDAY EVENING

Friday 5:30 PM

Homeland
50min Science
Presentation

The Science behind the Earth Orbiting Satellites

Maria Kelly Hrabinski (M), Frank Kelly (M)
In Memory of Angelita Castro Kelly, Filipino physicist, the first woman to become a NASA Mission Operations Manager
(Science: Panels)

Friday 5:30 PM

Parlor 9059
50min
Discussion
Panel

Poetry In Prose

The mantra for modern stories seems to be simple, straightforward writing. Is there room for poetry and craft when audiences seem to prefer to skip to the action?
(Literary: Poetry)

Friday 5:45 PM

Parlor 6036
50min
Discussion
Panel

Anime for Parents

Grig Larson (M), Robert Chase, Kathreja Sarfati, Christine Chase, Lady Ozma
Have no clue about Anime? Aren't even sure how to monitor what Anime your children are watching? Not so sure you care for the gender role messages you hear Anime criticized for? Let our panel of experts help you figure it all out!
(Anime)

Friday Evening

Friday 6:00 PM

James
50min
Discussion
Panel

Flipping the Script: Does Gender Change the Story?

Carl Cipra (M), K. M. Szpara, Nobilis Reed, Emily Leverett, Starla Huchton
In a world of Alpha Males and Pretty Princesses, how does gender determine character traits? What happens when the She becomes a He, or if gender is fluid? How much of a story would change if the roles were reversed, and should it change at all? Panelists discuss old tropes and turn them on their head, exploring how much an audience might be willing to accept before a character becomes ridiculous and unrealistic. Courteous audience participation is welcome.
(Literary: Readers)

Friday 6:00 PM

Parlor 8029
1hr 20min
Discussion
Panel

The Spread of Ingress - For Beginners Who Want to Get Their Feet Wet

Mildred Cady (M), Elektra Hammond
Heard about Ingress but don't know what it is? Haven't heard of it at all? Discover both the game and how it interacts with the world around you. Ingress is a massive multiplayer location based game...meaning that to play it, you have to go places. Portals are the statues, churches, and memorials that you walk by every day, and as an agent you interact with them in a struggle that may just influence the fate of humanity. Because, according to some, it's more than just a game. Fortunately, downtown Baltimore is a rich play area. After the panel, the moderators will guide new players through the Balticon Mission walking out to the port across the hotel and back. It's Time to Move.
(Gaming)

- Friday 6:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Another Way to Look At Things**
Harold Feld
Panelists discuss Commedia d'ell Arte and other underused creative forms of expression
(Literary: Readers)
- Friday 6:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Presentation
- Jo Walton Reading:**
Jo Walton (M)
Jo Walton reading her work.
(Alumni Events, Literary: Readers, Cross Track: Readings)
- Friday 6:00 PM**
St. George
1hr 18min
Reading
- Readings: Paul Elard Cooley, Paula S. Jordan, Robert J. Sawyer, Christiana Ellis, Patrick Scaffido, David Sobkowiak**
Patrick Scaffido, Christiana Ellis, Robert J. Sawyer, Paul Cooley, Paula S. Jordan, David Sobkowiak
Science Fiction and Science Fantasy Readings by Paul Elard Cooley, Paula S. Jordan, Robert J. Sawyer, Christiana Ellis, Patrick Scaffido, David Sobkowiak
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Friday 6:00 PM**
Watertable Salons BC
1hr Dance
- Family Sock Hop**
Michael Kangal
Bring the little ones to take off their shoes and dance to a fun and funny selection of music just for kids (and their parents!) Children age 7 and under with their parents.
(Dance)
- Friday 6:15 PM**
PDR Table 1
1hr Autographs
- Autographing: Mike Kangal, Cecilia Tan**
Cecilia Tan, Michael Kangal
Mike Kangal, Cecilia Tan. To reach the Watertable Private Dining Room (PDR), go all the way through the hotel bar on the 5th floor. The PDR is behind the glass wall on the left just before the RPG Gaming Salon.
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Friday 6:15 PM**
PDR Table 2
1hr Autographs
- Autographing: Michael Spence, David Wood**
David Wood, Michael Spence
Michael Spence and David Wood autographing at Table 2. To reach the Watertable Private Dining Room (PDR), go all the way through the hotel bar on the 5th floor. The PDR is behind the glass wall on the left just before the RPG Gaming Salon. ble
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Friday 6:15 PM**
PDR Table 3
1hr Autographs
- Autographing: Fortress Publications**
Christopher Pisano, Jeff Young, Brian Koscienski
Brian Koscienski, Chris Pisano and Jeff Young at Autograph Table 3. To reach the Watertable Private Dining Room (PDR), go all the way through the hotel bar on the 5th floor. The PDR is behind the glass wall on the left just before the RPG Gaming Salon.
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Friday 6:30 PM**
Fells Point
50min
Demonstration
- Readers' Origami Workshop**
Sonya Bleakley
Bring a favorite story and the class will pick a few critters from the stories to make origami figures of.
(Readings)

FRIDAY EVENING

- Friday 6:30 PM**
Homeland
50min Science Presentation
- Celebrity Inventors and Their Inventions**
Iver Cooper (M)
A look at who's who in invention and what they've done.
(Science: Presentations)
- Friday 6:30 PM**
MD Salon B
50min Presentation
- Podcasting ASoIaF & Game of Thrones**
Aziz Al-Doory, Ashaya, Jen Wilson, Matt Hughes (M)
History of Westeros and Radio Westeros discuss podcasting, ASoIaF, Game of Thrones, and what lies beyond with The Winds of Winter; moderated by BryndenBFish, founder of the blog 'Wars & Politics of Ice & Fire'.
(New Media: Live and Interactive, Game of Thrones)
- Friday 6:30 PM**
Mt. Washington
50min Discussion Panel
- Editing a Shared-World Universe**
Elektra Hammond, Sarah Avery (M), John Walker, Walt Boyes, Keith DeCandido
What challenges are faced by editors who want to establish a shared-world universe? How do you choose authors to play in your playground? What work goes in to setting the stage for everyone else's stories? How is this different in terms of rights and creative content? What happens when that world goes bust?
(Literary: Editors)
- Friday 6:30 PM**
Parlor 9059
50min Open Forum
- Hard Science Fiction in Film (Film, TV and Video)**
Jeff Young, Carl Cipra (M), Doug Fratz
Does hard science fiction remain the core in SF films? What movies have best captured the best qualities of hard science fiction? Are post-apocalyptic and other soft SF films diluting hard SF's impact in film?
(Film, TV, and Video)
- Friday 7:00 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
30min Special Event
- Seating for Opening Ceremonies**
(Event Seating)
- Friday 7:00 PM**
Parlor 6036
2hr Children's
- Kamikaze Costuming**
Persis Thorndike
Fabric, glue, pins, and needles. Ribbons, lace, buttons, cd's and more.
(Children's)
- Friday 7:30 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
20min Special Event
- 01- Welcome and Introduction of Guests of Honor**
John Picacio, Mark Van Name (M), Gretchen Roper, Bill Roper, George R. R. Martin
(Special Events)
- Friday 7:30 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
20min Special Event
- 02- Compton Crook and Heinlein Award Ceremonies**
(Special Events)

- Friday 7:30 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
10min Special Event
- 03- Introduction of Amateur Writing Contest Winners**
(Special Events)
- Friday 7:30 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
5min Special Event
- 04- GRRM Intro**
(Special Events)
- Friday 7:30 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
10min Special Event
- 05- GRRM Talk**
(Special Events)
- Friday 7:30 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
20min Special Event
- 06- 50th Anniversary Presentation including Alumni welcome and intro**
(Special Events)
- Friday 7:30 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
1hr 30min Special Event
- Opening Ceremonies**
John Picacio, Mark Van Name (M), Harry Turtledove, Peter S. Beagle, John Varley, Connie Willis, Fran Wilde, Jo Walton, Charles Stross, Allen Steele, Nancy Springer, Kim Stanley Robinson, Ray Ridenour, Jody Lynn Nye, Larry Niven, Steve Miller, R. A. MacAvoy, Sharon Lee, Donald Kingsbury, Joe Haldeman, Charles Gannon, Kaja Foglio, Phil Foglio, Michael F. Flynn, 2015 Compton Crook Winner Alexandra Duncan, Shirley Avery - Fan Guest of Honor, Martin Deutsch - Fan Guest of Honor, Fran Wilde, Author 2016 CCA winning novel _Updraft_, Todd Brugmans, Steve Barnes, Jonette Butler Program Coordinator, Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess, Gretchen Roper, Bill Roper, George R. R. Martin
We'll introduce our guests and award winners and have the official changing of the guard.
(Special Events)
- Friday 8:00 PM**
James
50min
Discussion Panel
- Writing for the Grantsville Gazette and the Ring of Fire Press**
Robert Waters, Walt Boyes (M), Walt Boyes, Bjorn Hasseler, Joy Ward
Editor Walt Boyes, Associate Editor Bjorn Hasseler and other 1632 authors discuss the nuts-and-bolts of writing for the Grantville Gazette, an SFWA pro venue which publishes fiction and nonfiction dealing with the 1632 universe. Also, Walt Boyes and Joy Ward will talk about RoF Press.
(Literary: 1632, Literary: Readers, Literary: Writers)
- Friday 8:00 PM**
Parlor 11029
3hr Party
- New Orleans (NOLA) Bid Party**
Y'all come on up! Learn all about what New Orleans can offer for World Con 2018
(Fan Program)

FRIDAY EVENING

Friday 9:00 PM

Fells Point
50min
Workshop

Miniature Hat/Fascinator workshop

Carol Salemi (M), Lisa Ashton (M)

Mini Hat Workshop: Join us to create your own mini-hat! There will be mini hats and fascinator bases which clip to the hair, and all manner of ribbon, trim, netting, feathers, and other decorative elements to attach to your hat. Cost is \$5 for all you need, and an extra \$5 will get you the "rosette kit" to make a double hand-sewn rosette for your hat as well. No pre-reg necessary. All supplies and glue guns will be provided for use at the workshop.
(Costuming)

Friday 9:00 PM

Guilford
50min
Presentation

Virgil Finlay: Ideas Made of Light

Scott McDaniel (M)

Using only black marks, how would you draw a transparent spirit or an unearthly alien glow? Virgil Finlay was a master illustrator from the 30's to the early 70's, drawing for pulp sci-fi and horror magazines. He created art for stories by Lovecraft, Howard, Derleth, Asimov, and more. This presentation will show some of his work and dive into a detailed analysis of his techniques for rendering light, shade, mist, and transparency in black and white.
(Art)

Friday 9:00 PM

Homeland
1hr 30min
Reception

Friday Face Time: Meet the Guests

Kaja Foglio, Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess

(M), Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Kim Stanley Robinson, Jody Lynn Nye, Allen Steele, John Varley, Fran Wilde, Harry Turtledove, Steve Miller, Sharon Lee, Phil Foglio

Meet the Guests and Program Participants.
(Cross Track: Receptions, Fan Program)

Friday 9:00 PM

James
50min
Workshop

Childhood Memories

Don Sakers

An open forum discussion for teens. How did first you get bitten by the sci-fi bug? A book? Comic books? A particular movie or TV show? High school D&D game? Computer club? Come take a stroll down memory lane and share your "first time" story with us! Bring a parent to share their story!
(Teen)

Friday 9:00 PM

Kent
25min Concert

Jack Carroll CONCERT

Jack Carroll

(Concert)

Friday 9:00 PM

MD Salon B
2hr 30min
Special Event

Balticon Short Film Festival

(Special Events)

Friday 9:00 PM

Mt. Washington
50min
Presentation

Nutty Bites LIVE! JRR Tolkien vs. CS Lewis

John Walker, Nutty Nuchtchas (M), Laura Nicole, Mark The Encaffeinated ONE, Christiana Ellis, Tek The Clockwork Doctor

A debate about two amazing authors who have shaped the fantasy genre. Pitting two amazing authors and contemporaries as our panel tries to decide who has had a greater impact on the genre and the general public.
(New Media: Live and Interactive)

Friday 9:00 PM

Parlor 8059
50min
Discussion
Panel

Author Support Networks: Who, What, Where, Why, When, and How?

David Wood, Sarah Avery (M), J. R. Blackwell
Author support networks (ASNs) aren't just for writers new to the publishing scene. What kinds of ASNs exist? What are their benefits? What are the pitfalls of an ASN, and how does one avoid them? How can writers develop their own ASNs? (Professional Education & Development, Technology, Literary: Writers)

Friday 9:00 PM

Parlor 9029
1hr 20min
Presentation

Queering the Feed: GLTBA in podcasting.

Jared Axelrod (M), J. R. Blackwell
Whether it's a show explicitly about GLBTQA issues, or just a host who happens to proudly wave a rainbow flag, there is a definite queer presence in podcasting. (New Media: Live and Interactive)

Friday 9:00 PM

Parlor 9059
50min
Presentation

How to Survive a Geek Convention

Grig Larson (M), Lady Ozma, Lee Sarfati
It's rough out there, folks. But with some tips from our panelists, you can do this! (Fan Program)

Friday 9:00 PM

Pride of
Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel

Tales from the Slush Pile

Bernie Mojzes, Hildy Silverman (M), Mur Lafferty, Emily Leverett, Joshua Bilmes
Editors share tales of some of the gems they've waded through and give advice one what to avoid doing so you don't become future fodder for a panel such as this. (Literary: Editors)

Friday 9:00 PM

St. George
52min Reading

Readings: Val Griswold-Ford, John Hartness, Alex Shvartzman, S. L. Wideman

Val Griswold-Ford, S. L. Wideman, John Hartness, Alex Shvartzman
Urban Fantasy Readings: by Val Griswold-Ford, John Hartness, Alex Shvartzman, S. L. Wideman (Cross Track: Readings)

Friday 9:00 PM

Watertable
Salons BC
2hr Dance

Teen Dance

Balticon Teens want a dance to call their very own. This is it! Come dance, enjoy the lights, the music and maybe even win something! (Dance)

Friday 9:15 PM

Parlor 8029
2hr Game

Two Rooms and a Boom!

Alan Aspinwall (M), Pyris (M)
Do you like mystery and intrigue? In this game, everyone has a role and belongs to one of two factions. At the start, no one knows who anyone else is. For several rounds players interact with each other in two separate rooms, trying to learn more about each other. One faction has their blue leader - El Presidente. But it is not easy being blue. The other faction, supporting a radical red bomber, wants to blow up El Presidente! At the end of the last round, if the Blue Leader and the Red Bomber end up in the same room, the RED team wins, otherwise the BLUE team wins. Come and try to save the El Presidente! Or maybe blow them up! (Gaming)

FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday 9:30 PM

Kent
25min Concert

Sarah Pinsker CONCERT

Sarah Pinsker

(Concert)

Friday 9:30 PM

Parlor 6036
1hr 30min
Reception

Friday Face Time: Meet the Scientists Social

Miriam Winder Kelly (M), Paul Loeschke (M)

Come meet the Science Program presenters and panelists. There will be cheesecake!

(Science: Presentations)

Friday Night

Friday 10:00 PM

Ballroom (MD
Salons CD)
3hr Special
Event

Dancing in the Gears Steampunk Ball

Susan de Guardiola (M)

Attention all aeronauts, aethernauts, lady and gentleman adventurers, mad scientists, inventors, and other Steampunks and neo-Victorians!

Join us at 10 pm Friday night at for a time-traveling formal evening at the Steampunk Ball!

Become part of the living clockwork of Victorian and Victorian-inspired set dances and spin madly with your partner to romantic waltzes and lively polkas. No previous experience is needed; all dances will be taught by dance mistress Susan de Guardiola. Music will be an eclectic mix of modern and nineteenth century. Steampunk, neo-Victorian, or Victorian costume encouraged and admired but not required. Airships and time machines should be parked outside the ballroom. No sabers, ray guns, or clanks permitted on the dance floor.

(Dance, Special Events)

Friday 10:00 PM

Club Lounge
1hr 30min
Game

ASOIAF Trivia Tourney

Lada Bartova

Teams of 2-4 will be competing in two rounds to become the ultimate ASOIAF champions and win the support and adoration of the smallfolk (and some cool prizes). Questions will be focusing on the main book series with bonus rounds on other released material. You can show support for your favorite team by being a "BACKER" - make a \$10 or greater donation to the team via the moderator. Ties will be decided by the team that raised the most money. All proceeds will go to George and Paris Martin's favorite charity.

(Cross Track: ASOIAF/Game of Thrones, Literary: Readers)

Friday 10:00 PM

Fells Point
45min
Workshop

FSM Fascinator Workshop

Lisa Ashton (M), Carol Salemi (M)

For those who want more whimsy, come make a fascinator based on the Flying Spaghetti Monster.

(Costuming)

Friday 10:00 PM

Guilford
50min
Presentation

The First Discovery of Gravitational Waves

Ethan Siegel (M)

How we directly confirmed the existence of ripples in the fabric of space itself more than 100 years after they were first predicted.

(Fan Program)

- Friday 10:00 PM**
Kent
25min Concert
- Concert: Dr. SETI - Threescore Ten and Counting**
Dr. SETI
(Concert)
- Friday 10:00 PM**
Mt. Washington
1hr 50min
Discussion
Panel
- The Songs of Ice and Fire**
There's "The Raines of Castamere" and "The Dornishman's Wife," but fans have also created filk songs set in GRRM's universe. We'll sing some of them, and maybe create new ones. Has anyone filked "Little Lion Man" about Tyrion yet? (50 min, open forum/performance)
(Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)
- Friday 10:00 PM**
Parlor 9029
1hr Discussion
Panel
- Why Ant Man and the First Thor Movie are Good...**
Day Al-Mohamed, S. L. Wideman (M), Meg Nuge, Hugh J O'Donnell, Joshua Bilmes
and most of the other superhero movies are not. Panelists explain why they agree (or disagree) with this statement.
(Film, TV, and Video)
- Friday 10:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
50min Film
Screening
- Friday Night Science Flicks**
Lance Oszko (M)
A selection of short science fact films.
(Science: Flicks)
- Friday 10:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Buy My S#*%
John Hartness**
Buy My S#*% - How to Sell Books at Conventions and Build a Career One Book at a Time - Hand-Selling books is one of the most terrifying things authors have to do. Actually speaking to other human beings can turn the most polished wordsmiths into blubbing pools of goo. Publisher, Author, Podcaster, and Raconteur John G. Hartness shares his tricks, tips and pitfalls with you to increase the profitability and fun of appearances, conventions, and book signings.
(Literary: Writers)
- Friday 10:30 PM**
Kent
25min Concert
- Roberta Rogow CONCERT**
Roberta Rogow
(Concert)
- Friday 11:00 PM**
Fells Point
1hr 15min
Demonstration
- Spinning Demo**
The Spinning Wheel has come a long way since your great-grandma's days. Come watch Art Program Coordinator Nancy Janda spin some magic! Spinning Demo
Presenter: Nancy Janda
The Spinning Wheel has come a long way since your great-grandma's days. Come watch Art Program Coordinator Nancy Janda spin some magic!
(Art)
- Friday 11:00 PM**
Homeland
1hr 30min Open
Forum
- ASOIAF Meet and Greet**
After Friday Face Time, the room will stay open for fan groups and unaffiliated fans to meet, chat and plan the rest of their Balticon weekend!
(Game of Thrones)

SATURDAY MORNING

Friday 11:00 PM

James
5hr Open Filk

Friday Open Filk

Gary Ehrlich

It's the start of the con! Drop by to sing and/or play some music with us. Or just pull up a chair and listen!

(Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)

Friday 11:00 PM

Parlor 9029
1hr 30min
Multimedia
Presentation

Nobilis Erotica Live

Nobilis Reed

Nobilis is back again with the best erotic literary podcast on the web.

(New Media: Live and Interactive, Midnight at the Oasis)

Friday 11:00 PM

Pride of
Baltimore
1hr 30min
Performance

Dirty Mad Libs

Veronica Giguere, Patrick Scaffido (M), Doc Coleman

We take finely crafted erotic literature, punch holes in it, stuff them with your own poorly considered suggestions, and present them for your entertainment. You're welcome.

(Midnight at the Oasis)

Friday 11:00 PM

St. George
52min Reading

Readings: Alessio Brio, Stephanie Burke, Kelly Szpara, Cecilia Tan

Stephanie Burke, Cecilia Tan, K. M. Szpara, Alessia Brio

Erotica readings by Alessio Brio, Stephanie Burke, Kelly Szpara, Cecilia Tan

(Cross Track: Readings)

Friday 11:30 PM

Parlor 8029
1hr 30min Party

Gamers Party

Because 2 Rooms and a Boom! always turns into a party anyway.

(Gaming)

Friday 11:30 PM

Watertable
Salons BC
2hr Dance

Friday Dance Party

Michael Kangal

Midnight Dance Party? Club Dance? Live Band?

(Dance)

Saturday 12:30 AM

Homeland
1hr 30min Open
Forum

Steampunk Chat Zone

Danced as much as your feet can take, but not ready to call it a night? Stop by Homeland, take a load off and socialize.

(Fan Program)

Saturday Morning

Saturday 7:00 AM

Watertable
Salons BC
50min Open
Forum

Early Birds Morning Yoga

Independent practice. Come in and perform your morning Surya Namaskara and perhaps share your knowledge with another. Presenter: YOU!!!

(Fan Program)

Saturday 8:00 AM

James
1hr 30min
Moderated

Shabbat Observance

Barry Nove

Shabbat Morning Service with Parsha Torah Study in lieu of Torah Reading

(Fan Program)

- Saturday 8:00 AM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Presentation
- The Craft of Writing**
Connie Willis love to speak about the Craft of Writing. Bring your coffee and come hear what she has to say!
(Alumni Events, Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 8:00 AM**
Parlor 9059
3hr 9min
Workshop
- Set Phasers to Stun: Writing Short Literary SF/F**
Sarah Pinsker
Many current short fiction markets emphasize character and prose. Discuss everything that goes into bringing short literary SF/F from idea to submission-ready manuscript.
(Workshops, Literary: Writers)
- Saturday 8:00 AM**
Watertable
Salons BC
30min
Workshop
- Martial arts stretch and warm up**
Marcus Lawrence (M)

(Fan Program)
- Saturday 8:30 AM**
Watertable
Salons BC
1hr 15min
Workshop
- Stage Combat Workshop**
Marcus Lawrence
Learn how perform onstage hand to hand combat that looks convincing to the audience but is safe for you. This is a full participation event, so we recommend that you attend the Martial Arts Stretch and Warm-up in the Dance Hall at 9 am to loosen up in preparation for this workshop.
(Performing Arts)
- Saturday 8:45 AM**
Homeland
35min
Presentation
- Hey! That Fantasy's Got History in It!**
Harry Turtledove (M)
GoH Alumnus Harry Turtledove reads from his fantasy works. If we ask, maybe he'll talk a little with us about his love of history and the challenges of weaving history into his fiction.
(Alumni Events, Cross Track: Readings, Guest of Honor Events)
- Saturday 9:00 AM**
Ballroom (MD
Salons CD)
50min
Presentation
- Tech for Costumers**
Eric Gasior (M), Gaia Eirich (M)
Come to Maryland Ballroom AB and learn from our Tech Crew how to make the most of stage technology.
(Costuming)
- Saturday 9:00 AM**
Federal Hill
3hr Game
- Munchkin Tournament**
Pyris (M)
Go down in the dungeon. Kill everything you meet. Backstab your friends and steal their stuff. Grab the treasure and run. Sure, you can steal treasures and kill monsters within your own group, but are you Munchkin enough to win a really big game? Players will face off in pods of 4 - 6 and earn their way to the final table.
(Gaming)

SATURDAY MORNING

- Saturday 9:00 AM**
Fells Point
50min Science
Presentation
- Crocheted Hyperbolic Geometry**
Ben Steinhurst (M)
The discovery of hyperbolic space in the 1820s and 1830s marked a turning point in mathematics and initiated the formal field of non-Euclidean geometry. In 1997, Daina Taimina, a mathematician at Cornell University, made the first useable physical model of the hyperbolic plane—a feat many mathematicians had believed was impossible—using, of all things, crochet.
(Science: Presentations)
- Saturday 9:00 AM**
Guilford
50min
Presentation
- Connie Willis: Where the Ideas Come From**
Connie Willis (M)
Ms. Willis clues us in on what gets her mental gears turning and reads some examples from her works.
(Alumni Events, Cross Track: Readings, Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 9:00 AM**
Maryland Foyer
1hr 45min
Game
- LARP Registration**
(Gaming: LARP)
- Saturday 9:00 AM**
Mt. Washington
50min
Presentation
- Star Wars Saved My Life!**
Steve Barnes (M)
Self-help for fans from author Steven Barnes.
(Alumni Events, Fan Program)
- Saturday 9:00 AM**
Parlor 11029
3hr 9min
Workshop
- The Business of Short Fiction**
Alex Shvartsman
We'll discuss researching short fiction markets, preparing manuscript for submission, cover letters, communication with editors, contract review and negotiation, reprint rights and markets, foreign rights, and other aspects of monetizing your short stories. Alex Shvartsman has experience on both sides of the editorial desk, having sold nearly 100 original short stories and countless reprints, and having edited nine anthologies, with several more in progress.
(Workshops, Literary: Writers)
- Saturday 9:00 AM**
Parlor 8029
50min
Discussion
Panel
- The Future of Government**
Jennifer R. Povey, Ada Palmer (M), David Walton, Ian Strock, Day Al-Mohamed
What is the future of government on planet earth?
(Fan Program)
- Saturday 9:00 AM**
Parlor 8059
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Writing a Winning Song**
Jack Carroll, T. J. Burnside Clapp, Roberta Rogow, Gretchen Roper, Bill Roper, Mitchell Burnside Clapp (M)
Our panel of musical experts talks about aspects of songwriting, from developing ideas to choosing tunes and musical styles (50 min, discussion panel)
(Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)

- Saturday 9:00 AM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Discussion
Panel
- From social media contestant to a published writer**
- You can get published by joining writing groups and contests on social media sites, such as LinkedIn and Goodreads.
- Example: For the first time, I've had two short stories published thanks to social media. In 2014, I had entered Jot Russell's Microstory contest on LinkedIn. This year, Russell and the contestants, including myself, put together an anthology titled "The Future Is Short: Science Fiction in a Flash (Volume 2)." I have one flash fiction in it. Afterward, a small press publisher noticed my work in Russell's monthly contest and asked me to submit a short story for her anthology, "Visions II: Moons of Saturn." My 3,700-word story was accepted, and the book was published in the summer. I'm now working on several short stories and a novel that is based on works I've submitted to the contest.
- So social media can be a compelling way for a writer to get his or her name out in the publishing world. I have also been writing more science fiction and fantasy since I joined the contest. It's a good way to brand and promote your work, too.
- (New Media: Live and Interactive)
- Saturday 9:00 AM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel
- What Would You Like to Know About the 1632 Universe?**
- Charles Gannon, Walt Boyes (M), Bjorn Hasseler, Meriah Crawford*
- 1632 Universe authors are on hand to answer audience questions about what has happened so far in the 1632 universe, and -- snerk collars permitting -- what might happen in the future.
- (Literary: 1632)
- Saturday 9:00 AM**
St. George
2hr 50min
Workshop
- Writers Workshop -- And Here's the Pitch!**
- Steve Lubs (M)*
- And Here's the Pitch!' A chance to practice pitching your story/book/film idea, and receive feedback immediately from fans and friends.
- (Literary: Writers)
- Saturday 9:15 AM**
Kent
4hr 20min
Game
- Magic: The Gathering Tournament**
- Scott Schroth (M)*
- (Gaming)
- Saturday 10:00 AM**
Fells Point
50min
Science
Presentation
- Crocheted Hyperbolic Geometry Workshop**
- Ben Steinhurst*
- The world is not flat and your geometry shouldn't be either. In the first hour we talked about some of the 2300 year long history of worrying about non-Euclidean geometry and about how to create crocheted models of hyperbolic spaces and what happens to familiar shapes in hyperbolic space. In this second hour we will move over to the workshop room, sit down and start to make crocheted hyperbolic shapes together. Let's see what kind of shapes we can draw on hyperbolic planes.
- (Science: Presentations, Workshops)

SATURDAY MORNING

- Saturday 10:00 AM**
Guilford
50min
Discussion
Panel
- No Sew Costuming**
Kate (Lady Sephiroth) Szkotnicki (M), D. Jeannette Holloman (M)
What's that you say? You'd love to get into costuming but you cannot sew at all and don't want to learn to? You love the idea of attending a con in costume, but you have 2 left thumbs? This panel will discuss everything from putting a great costume together from found objects to welding and using completely non-sewing skills to bring your ideas to life. Let our panelists lead you down the path to costuming without a stitch!
(Costuming)
- Saturday 10:00 AM**
James
50min
Presentation
- LARPing 101 for New Players**
Have you ever heard of LARPing? Take role-playing to the next level by actually being the character you are playing and physically doing the things they would do in character. If you are new to Live Action Role Playing, come to this panel to learn more about how they work.
(Gaming: LARP)
- Saturday 10:00 AM**
MD Salon B
15min Special
Event
- Seating for GoH Autograph Session**
(Event Seating)
- Saturday 10:00 AM**
Mt. Washington
50min Reading
- Readings: Rob Barba, Lauren Harris, Ayne Hart, Chris Hiles**
Rob Barba, Lauren Harris, Ayne Hart, Chris Hiles
Military SF and Manga Readings and Fantasy by Rob Barba, Lauren Harris, Ayne Hart, Chris Hiles
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Saturday 10:00 AM**
Parlor 6036
55min
Children's
- Play Dough Fun**
Eta Hack (M)
Make and play with the best no-bake play dough ever.
(Children's)
- Saturday 10:00 AM**
Parlor 8029
3hr 9min
Workshop
- Why Doesn't My Story Work?**
Michael Swanwick
You've got a good idea, decent characters... and the story just doesn't work. The problem is almost certainly structural, and structural problems are surpr
(Literary: Writers, Workshops)
- Saturday 10:00 AM**
Parlor 8059
50min
Presentation
- This is How We Do It: Creating a Convention from Scratch**
Harknell (M), Onezumi Hartstein (M)
The creators of Intervention Con and (Re)Generation Who talk about what the process is like of taking a convention from a good idea to a successful event.
(Fan Program)
- Saturday 10:00 AM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Presentation
- Jody Lynn Nye Interview and Reading/ Mike Pederson**
Michael Pederson (M), Jody Lynn Nye
Mike Pederson interviews Jody Lynn Nye before her reading
(Alumni Events, Cross Track: Reading, Literary: Readers)

- Saturday 10:00 AM**
Watertable Salons BC
50min
Workshop
- Improv Workshop**
Lauren Schiller, Bill Roper (M), Gretchen Roper
Whether just ad-libbing during a concert, or hosting a Masquerade, or running an auction, improv skills can help you bolster your confidence and build rapport with your audience. Come learn the basics of improv, how to relax and let the comedy flow! Dress comfortably – we'll be sitting on the floor in the Dance Hall and using the stage there. (50 min, Workshop)
(Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)
- Saturday 10:20 AM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
15min GoH
Presentation
- Seating for Dr. John Picacio**
(Event Seating)
- Saturday 10:30 AM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
1hr GoH
Presentation
- The Art of John Picacio**
John Picacio, Mark Van Name (M)
Hugo Award-winning artist John Picacio answers questions from the audience and presents a slideshow of his work. He'll reveal his latest covers and product artworks, highlight the process for his George R. R. Martin calendar, and share a few super-secret sneak peeks into what he's currently working on.
(Art, Special Events, Guest of Honor Events)
- Saturday 10:30 AM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- Air Pollution in Maryland**
Doug Fratz (M)
With two major metropolitan areas, Maryland has traditionally faced strong air pollution challenges. What are the major pollutants that Maryland has been seeking to control? How successful have they been? To what degree are these pollutants from local versus regional sources? What is the prognosis for the future? An active atmospheric scientist working on these issues will explain the science of tropospheric air pollution and how it impacts Maryland and the region.
(Science: Presentations)
- Saturday 10:30 AM**
MD Salon B
1hr 30min
Autographs
- GoH and Awardee Autographs - George R. R. Martin**
Fran Wilde, Author 2016 CCA winning novel _Updraft_, 2015 Compton Crook Winner Alexandra Duncan, George R. R. Martin, Kim Stanley Robinson, Christopher Rose
Guest of Honor George R. R. Martin and winners of Awards will sign Autographs in New Garden from 11:20 to 12:50. Be polite there will be a wait.
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Saturday 10:30 AM**
Watertable PDR
1hr Autographs
- Saturday Morning Alumnus Autographing**
Steven Barnes, Michael Flynn, Connie Willis, R. A. MacAvoy, Harry Turtledove, Larry Niven

(Alumni Events, Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)

SATURDAY MORNING

- Saturday 11:00 AM**
Fells Point
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Building a Meal for an Imagined World**
Denise Clemons
Writers feed their characters. Since our diet informs who we are, environmental and cultural details can be illustrated by what your characters choose to eat. This interactive workshop will allow participants to create recipes, menus and meals from the ingredients available on their invented worlds.
(Readings)
- Saturday 11:00 AM**
Guilford
50min
Demonstration
- Iron Artists 2016, Saturday**
Christopher Pisano, Ray Ridenour (M), Tom Kidd, Goldeen Ogawa, Todd Brugmans
Two rounds! Six artists draw audience ideas from a hat and produce their interpretation of the ideas. Just to make it more interesting, each artist will take a turn creating under the ELMO, so that the audience can see the masterpiece as it develops! The resulting works go to the Bobby Gear Memorial Auction for BSFS Books for Kids.
(Art)
- Saturday 11:00 AM**
James
1hr 30min
Game
- LARP Opening Ceremonies**
Meteorite to Vote

Politics as usual in the Old Republic are the setting for this year's LARP, and the planet Keran is no exception. Which side will she choose? Stay with the Republic? Or side along with the Separatists? Factions from both sides are pitted against each other in their effort to convince the system's Senator to side with them. As if this was not enough, he also has to deal with a kidnapping, warring crime bosses, rogue pirate clans in the midst of a historical set of negotiations, the discovery of a metallic ore with unique properties the Jedi may be interested in, whispers of some kind of lost archive... the list goes on. Oh yeah... and where is the damned Sabbacc game being held?

Join us over the Memorial Day weekend for a rousing good time of rogues and robots, Jedi and blasters. Come celebrate all that is Star Wars.
(Gaming: LARP)
- Saturday 11:00 AM**
Mt. Washington
52min Reading
- Readings: Diane Bastine, Ty Burson, Vonnie Winslow Crist, Starla Huchton**
Vonnie Winslow Crist, Diana Bastine, Starla Huchton, Ty Burson
YA Fantasy Readings by Diane Bastine, Ty Burson, Vonnie Winslow Crist, Starla Huchton
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Saturday 11:00 AM**
Parlor 6036
55min
Children's
- Calligraphy**
Brent Warner

(Children's)

**Saturday
11:00 AM**Parlor 9029
1hr 20min
Presentation**Web Serial Toolbox***Cecilia Tan (M)*

Serialized fiction is an old art form with a 21st century medium: the Internet. In this workshop we'll discuss how a web serial can be a crucial cornerstone in building a writing career: not only why but how to run a web serial, the pros and cons (mostly pros) of serializing your fiction online, the difference between serializing novel you've already written in order to build readership or draw attention to a series and developing a serial and writing it in "real time", the various platforms available for writers for serialization, ways to publicize your serial, monetizing your serial, free online tools, and much more.

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(Technology, Cross Track: ASOIAF/Game of Thrones)

**Saturday
11:00 AM**Pride of
Baltimore
50min
Presentation**Uncomfortable Science**

How science cuts through the noise of social media pressure and easy answers to make daily decision-making MORE difficult.
(Skeptical Thinking)

**Saturday
11:15 AM**Watertable
Salons BC
1hr Dance**Hoopdance***Patches, Maugorn*

Hula Hoop Jam: Come out and get your hoop on! There will be hoops to use or bring your own. Other flow toys (poi, staff, etc.) welcome too. Patches has a great record of getting people to hoop who swore they couldn't.
(Dance)

**Saturday
11:30 AM**Homeland
50min Science
Presentation**Blood, Sweat, and Fears***John Cmar (M)*

The Chair of Lifebridge Health Ebola Preparedness Taskforce discusses How three different infectious outbreaks are -- Ebola, Chikungunya, and Enterovirus -- are trying to kill us, and how we are fighting back.
(Science: Presentations)

**Saturday
11:35 AM**Ballroom (MD
Salons CD)
10min Special
Event**Seating for MVN**

(Event Seating)

Saturday Afternoon

- Saturday**
12:00 PM
 Ballroom (MD
 Salons CD)
 1hr Special
 Event
- Mister poor choices III: That moment when .**
Mark Van Name (M)
 Want to know how the 2008 Compton Crook award winner got that nickname?
 Want to know what he does in those moments?
 Come to his STANDUP COMEDY SHOW and laugh until you hurt.
 (Special Events)
- Saturday**
12:00 PM
 Fells Point
 50min
 Presentation
- Miss Lizzy Mini-Exhibition**
Lisa Ashton (M)
 Making history come to life with a hands-on collection of authentic Edwardian and Victorian garments. Hold history in your hands!
 (Costuming)
- Saturday**
12:00 PM
 Guilford
 50min
 Workshop
- In Their Own Worlds**
J. R. Blackwell (M)
 Ever wonder what an author would do if they stepped into their own novels? For one year, J. R. Blackwell launched a photo-project to figure out the answer. This presentation will take you through conception, costume design, planning, post production and final project, including details on how she raised over 15k to finance the project. You will learn how to build a werewolf, where to find a wombat and how to get a mutant monster into a cornfield. Join in on the adventure and learn about how to make a big idea come to life.
 (Art)
- Saturday**
12:00 PM
 Mt. Washington
 50min
 Discussion
 Panel
- Loteria!! (aka Mexican Bingo)**
John Picacio (M)
 Artist GoH John Picacio hosts several rounds of Mexican Bingo! Play this classic, easy-to-learn game of chance for the opportunity to win cool prizes and see how John is redefining Loteria for a new era.
 (Art, Gaming)
- Saturday**
12:00 PM
 Parlor 6036
 55min
 Children's
- CSI Kids**
John L. French (M)
 Find the clues! Solve the crime!
 (Children's)
- Saturday**
12:00 PM
 Parlor 8059
 50min
 Discussion
 Panel
- Politics, Law and Policy in SFF**
Charles Gannon, D. C. Wilson (M), Tom Doyle, Robert Chase, Joy Ward, Donald Kingsbury, Harold Feld
 What writers get wrong about politics, law, and policy and what getting it right would look like.
 (Literary: Readers)
- Saturday**
12:00 PM
 Pride of
 Baltimore
 50min
 Discussion
 Panel
- What Makes Hard Science Fiction Hard?**
John Walker, Doug Fratz
 What are the characteristics that distinguish "hard science fiction" from other subgenres of SF and fantasy? Which past and current authors most epitomize hard SF? Which have done it best in terms of literary quality? What themes and tropes are most characteristic of hard SF? What characteristics disqualify fiction from being considered hard SF?
 (Literary: Readers)

- Saturday 12:00 PM**
St. George
1hr 20min
Presentation
- Creating Believable Villains**
Maria Snyder (M)
Fictional villains like Professor Moriarty, Hannibal Lecter, and Darth Vader continue to stand the test of time. Their enduring legacy is due to their complexity as characters. This workshop will focus on how to turn your one dimensional villain into a full blown bad ass that your readers will love to hate.
(Literary: Writers)
- Saturday 12:30 PM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- The Evolution of Birds**
Jordan Price (M), Steven Muller
How evolution has created the elaborate sounds and colors that songbird species exhibit today. Presented by J. Jordan Price -- Steven Muller Distinguished Professor of the Sciences and Professor of Biology, St. Mary's College of Maryland.
(Science: Presentations)
- Saturday 12:30 PM**
James
11hr 20min
Game
- LARP Central Open**
(Gaming: LARP)
- Saturday 12:30 PM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Presentation
- Interview and Reading: Joe Haldeman**
Jean Marie Ward (M), Joe Haldeman
Michael Pederson's interview with Joe Haldeman includes Joe reading from writing.
(Alumni Events, Cross Track: Readings, Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 12:30 PM**
Watertable
Salons BC
1hr 15min
Dance
- Line Dance Class / Teen Dance**
Learn to line dance. We have just enough time to get some dancing in before the Masquerade!
(Dance)
- Saturday 12:50 PM**
MD Salon B
10min Special
Event
- Seating for Ropers Concert**
(Event Seating)
- Saturday 1:00 PM**
Ballroom (MD
Salons CD)
15min Special
Event
- Seating for GRRM Presentation**
(Event Seating)
- Saturday 1:00 PM**
Guilford
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Writing: It's My Job AND What I Do For Fun!**
Jody Lynn Nye, Carl Cipra (M), Maria Snyder, Jean Marie Ward, Keith DeCandido
Our panelists discuss how awesome it is having their job be something they love to do: the work itself, the fan, the other authors they meet, the places they get to visit.
(Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 1:00 PM**
MD Salon B
1hr Special
Event
- Gretchen & Bill Roper Concert**
Gretchen Roper, Bill Roper
(Special Events)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Saturday 1:00 PM**
Mt. Washington
50min
Multimedia
Presentation
- Black Tribbles Podcast**
Erik Mack (M), Randy Green, Scott Edelman, Laura Burns, Len Webb (M), Jason Richardson
Too cool to be geeks, too cute to be nerds; we are Black Tribbles. We look at popular culture from an African American point of view with a humorous style that educates as it entertains. Check us weekly on BlackTribbles.com and subscribe via iTunes and Soundcloud (New Media: Live and Interactive)
- Saturday 1:00 PM**
Parlor 6036
55min
Children's
- Magic Show**
Mark MacDicken (M)
"Flabbergast" is a time-traveling wizard who amuses children and adults alike with feats of prestidigitation and legerdemain! Prepare to be... Flabbergasted!
(Children's)
- Saturday 1:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Robert Heinlein**
John Tilden (M), Michael F. Flynn, Charles Gannon, John Walker, Walt Boyes, Don Sakers
Panelists discuss Robert Heinlein's Legacy and the major themes of Heinlein's work The Heinlein Society representative will be here to take your Blood Drive registration, too!
(Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 1:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
52min Reading
- Readings: Mattie Brahen, John French, Phil Giunta, Steve Wilson**
John L. French, Steven Wilson, Phil Giunta, Marilyn "Mattie" Brahen
Fantasy, Mystery and Science Fiction Readings by Mattie Brahen, John French, Phil Giunta, Steve Wilson
(Cross Track: Reading)
- Saturday 1:00 PM**
St. George
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Hands On Screenwriting**
James Gossard (M)
Bring your screenplay challenges to this workshop.
(Filmmaking)
- Saturday 1:15 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
1hr Special
Event
- GRRM Presentation**
Mark Van Name (M), George R. R. Martin

(Special Events)
- Saturday 1:30 PM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- Ketamine, Depression and our Brains**
Steven Levine (M)

(Science: Presentations)
- Saturday 1:30 PM**
Parlor 9059
1hr 20min
Workshop
- Poetry Reading Workshop**
Come and get some guidance and feedback on your poetry reading skills. Then consider staying and trying out your newly honed talents at the Open Mic Poetry Readings
(Literary: Poetry)

- Saturday 1:30 PM**
PDR Table 1
1hr Autographs
Autographing: Paul Cooley, David Lee Summers and Steven Southard
Paul Cooley, Steven Southard, David Lee Summers
Paul Cooley, Southard, David Lee Summers at Table 1. To reach the Watertable Private Dining Room (PDR), go all the way through the hotel bar on the 5th floor. The PDR is behind the glass wall on the left just before the RPG Gaming Salon.
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Saturday 2:00 PM**
Fells Point
50min
Moderated
Techno Pagan Rite
Patti Kinlock (M)
Join fans from Turning Circle for a techno pagan, with nods to old powers and new.
(Fan Program)
- Saturday 2:00 PM**
Guilford
50min
Presentation
Dryer Lint Demo
Heidi Hooper
How Heidi Hooper makes her unique art
(Art)
- Saturday 2:00 PM**
Kent
1hr 15min
Autographs
Saturday Gimungous Autograph Session
Diana Bastine, Walt Boyes, Alessia Brio, Val Griswold-Ford, Tom Doyle, Scott Edelman, Phil Giunta, Kelly Harmon, Starla Huchton, Mur Lafferty, Grig Larson, Chris Lester, Gail Z. Martin, Mark MacDicken, Christine Norris, Ada Palmer, TJ Perkins, Jennifer R. Povey, Izolda Trakhtenberg, Linda Swann, Lawrence Watt-Evans, S. L. Wideman, Robyn Wyrick
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Saturday 2:00 PM**
Parlor 11029
1hr 30min
Presentation
Farscape: A Requiem
A respectful "memorial" for the show featuring various (live) look-a-likes of the cast, costumed attendees are strongly encouraged to attend. General feel good party for fans of the show and great photo ops! Volunteers for makeup and costume are welcome! There will be prizes for the best character look-alikes!
(Film, TV, and Video)
- Saturday 2:00 PM**
Parlor 6036
55min
Children's
Tea time in Wonderland
Leigh Targaryen, Jay Buechler
Children will fall down the rabbit hole and enjoy movement activities, stories, and of course a tea party with the Mad Hatter and the White Queen.
(Children's)
- Saturday 2:00 PM**
Parlor 8029
50min
Discussion
Panel
Working with and Altering Commercial Patterns
Leslie Johnston (M), Gaia Eirich (M)
You have a great idea for a costume, you have found a pattern that almost does the job, then what? Or the only available pattern is for someone with a totally different body type. Come here and learn how to deal.
(Costuming)
- Saturday 2:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
50min
Presentation
History of Ballroom
Alex Jacobs (M)
A history of ballroom seminar with a focus on how it can apply to writing or game development. This is a 35 minute lecture with a Powerpoint presentation and a Q/A period.
(Dance, Literary: Writers)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Saturday 2:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Presentation
- Time Passed in the Past**
Virginia DeMarce (M)
For many American writers, history seems to be divided into the categories of Ancient Times, Middle Ages, and After the American Revolution. This can sometimes work for fantasy settings (even if clunky) but does not work for an alternate history series that is tied to the very specific era of the second third of the 17th century. From the beginning of the series, Eric Flint tried to focus readers on the thought that they can't use a vague mental image of "middle ages" as the paradigm (e. g. Rebecca Abrabanel's familiarity with naptha in 1632). This presentation will focus on several of the important ways in which "early modern" is not medieval.
(Literary: 1632)
- Saturday 2:15 PM**
MD Salon B
1hr 30min
Special Event
- Baen Road Show**
Keith DeCandido, James Minz (M), Harry Turtledove, Charles Stross, Jody Lynn Nye, Larry Niven, Joe Haldeman
Jim Minz, Senior Editor at Baen Books, brings us the annual Balticon edition of news, games and free stuff from Baen Books.
(Special Events, Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 2:15 PM**
Mt. Washington
1hr 35min
Reading
- 1632 Readings**
Jack Carroll, Robert Waters, Joy Ward, Bjorn Hasseler, Charles Gannon, Virginia DeMarce, Walt Boyes
1632 Readings by Walt Boyes, Jack Carroll, Virginia DeMarco, Charles E. Gannon, Bjorn Hasseler, Joy Ward and Robert Waters
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Saturday 2:15 PM**
Watertable
Salons BC
55min Dance
- European Folk Dance**
Iver Cooper (M)
Learn several folk dances of Europe and the Near East from dance teacher/writer Iver Cooper, who has studied folk dance in Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria, and learned dances from other countries from visiting native teachers. Each country has its own distinctive movement vocabulary and music. No partner necessary.
(Dance, Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)
- Saturday 2:30 PM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- Modern Timekeeping and Theories of Time**
Demetrios Matsakis (M)
Philosophers have speculated on the nature of time since at least Aristotle. Einstein brought the question to a new level, but today many scientists and philosophers think they have an even better understanding. Unfortunately they don't agree with each other. The Chief Scientist for Time Services at the Naval Observatory will give you an equationless review of some of these theories, and let you decide what to believe.
(Science: Presentations)
- Saturday 3:00 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
4hr Special
Event
- Masquerade Rehearsal**
Jay Buechler, S. L. Wideman, Dragan Rose, Marianne Pease, Tom Jewell, Leslie Johnston, Don Sakers, Gaia Eirich, AD Boorman, Mark MacDicken, Leigh Targaryen

(Masquerade)

- Saturday 3:00 PM**
Fells Point
1hr 50min
Workshop
- Fantasy Art Workshop**
Charlene D'Alessio
This is a hands-on participation workshop. Attendees will be drawing Fantasy subject matter from a variety of small Fantasy props (provided) with a variety of drawing materials (provided).
(Art)
- Saturday 3:00 PM**
Guilford
50min
Multimedia
Presentation
- Online Retailers, Libraries and Beyond: Finding Your Readers in the Wild**
For self-published authors, finding your readers can be difficult. Learn about various distribution options, including how to get your ebooks into libraries, to help you target your readers where they are.
(New Media: Technology)
- Saturday 3:00 PM**
Parlor 6036
55min
Children's
- Fairy Gardens**
Rosy Dorffner
Make a garden for the fairies at your house to play in!
(Children's)
- Saturday 3:00 PM**
Parlor 8029
50min
Presentation
- 5G**
Harold Feld
Why the Next Evolution in Wireless Tech is So Much More Complicated Than 4G or 3G.
(New Media: Technology, Fan Program)
- Saturday 3:00 PM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Social Media for Authors**
Walt Boyes, Charles Stross, John Walker, Joy Ward, Gail Z. Martin (M)
There's a skill to presenting yourself and publicizing yourself in social media; things to emphasize and things to avoid. Should you create an image? Avoid politics? Twitter or Facebook? How much is too much? The panel will discuss strategies for letting people know about your work without turning yourself into an advertisement or spam.
(Literary: Readers, New Media: Live and Interactive)
- Saturday 3:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
50min
Presentation
- Open Mic Poetry Readings**
Vonnie Winslow Crist
Bring your own poems or those of a favorite poet to share.
(Literary: Poetry)
- Saturday 3:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
52min Reading
- Readings: A. L. Davroe, Tom Doyle, Scott Roche, David Wood**
David Wood, Amanda Davroe, Scott Roche, Tom Doyle
Science Fiction, Horror, and Fantasy Readings by A. L. Davroe, Tom Doyle, Scott Roche, David Wood
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Saturday 3:00 PM**
St. George
1hr 20min
Workshop
- World-Building**
Jody Lynn Nye
Jody Lynn Nye shares her experience to guide you through the process of world.
(Literary: Writers, Guest of Honor Events)
- Saturday 3:30 PM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- Weird Medical Science**
Robert I Katz MD (M)
The most interesting cases (weirdest?) cases of the last year
(Science: Presentations)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Saturday 3:45 PM**
Watertable
Salons BC
2hr Dance
- Medieval Dance**
Patches (M)
Come learn a bunch of easy and fun medieval dances. Music provided by Maugorn and friends.
(Dance)
- Saturday 4:00 PM**
Guilford
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Xenoarchaeology Road Show**
Brick Barrientos, Jody Lynn Nye (M), Jim Beall, Ray Ridenour, Thomas Holtz, John Varley
Panelist look at strange objects and determine what their function might have been in a dead alien society.
(Fan Program, Alumni Events)
- Saturday 4:00 PM**
Kent
50min
Presentation
- About Mars**
Kim Stanley Robinson (M)
Kim Stanley Robinson talks about Mars, followed by readings from his Mars trilogy.
(Alumni Events, Readings)
- Saturday 4:00 PM**
MD Salon B
15min Special
Event
- Seating for Martin and Picacio chat**
Doors open for seating for Martin and Picacio chat
(Guest of Honor Events, Special Events)
- Saturday 4:00 PM**
Mt. Washington
50min
Presentation
- Metamor City Retrospective**
Chris Lester, Doc Coleman (M), Michael Spence, Scott Roche, Nobilis Reed, Christiana Ellis
The Metamor City Podcast was a sci-fi/fantasy audio fiction series that ran from 2007 to 2010, with some additional content in early 2011. Creator Chris Lester set the live podcast aside for a "brief hiatus" that lasted much longer than planned or expected. Doc Coleman talks to Chris and some of the old cast about the good ol' days.
(New Media: Live and Interactive)
- Saturday 4:00 PM**
Parlor 11029
50min Game
- Ingress Resistance Meetup**
Mildred Cady (M)
Resistance Agents! It's time to say hello! Meet your fellow faction mates from around the world at Balticon. Discuss the changes to recent anomalies have brought to the Resistance, or just sit back and relax with stories of operations and that time you took down/put up that BIG field. Also, be sure to check the mission tab in your scanner for a limited time Balticon 50 mission.
(Gaming)
- Saturday 4:00 PM**
Parlor 6036
55min
Children's
- Learn to Crochet**
Eta Hack
Eta has been crocheting since she was 5 years old and she will teach you the basics!
(Children's)
- Saturday 4:00 PM**
Parlor 8029
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Podcasting for the Listener**
Hugh J O'Donnell, Nutty Nuchtchas, Heather Welliver (M), Mark The Encaffeinated ONE
A panel about podcasting for a listener, where to find podcasts, how to get involved, and what listeners are looking for. Pet peeves listeners have and things they love about some podcasts.
(New Media: Live and Interactive)

- Saturday 4:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
52min Reading
- Readings: Jared Axelrod, Brian Koscienski, Christopher Pisano, Jeff Young**
Jeff Young, Brian Koscienski, Jared Axelrod, Christopher Pisano
Humorous Science Fiction and Horror Readings by Jared Axelrod, Brian Koscienski, Christopher Pisano, and Jeff Young
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Saturday 4:00 PM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Performance
- Connie Willis Interview and Reading**
Michael Pederson (M), Connie Willis
Mike Pederson interviews Connie Willis and Connie gives a reading.
(Alumni Events, Literary: Readers, Cross Track: Readings)
- Saturday 4:00 PM**
PDR Table 1
1hr Autographs
- Roberta Rogow, Bud Sparhawk, and Fran Wilde Autographing**
Roberta Rogow, Bud Sparhawk, Fran Wilde
Roberta Rogow, Bud Sparhawk, Fran Wilde signing at Table 1. To reach the Watertable Private Dining Room (PDR), go all the way through the hotel bar on the 5th floor. The PDR is behind the glass wall on the left just before the RPG Gaming Salon.
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Saturday 4:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel
- L5 Habitat Planning**
Michael F. Flynn (M), Donald Kingsbury, Joe Haldeman, Paula S. Jordan, Sharon Lee
Posed: Earth is establishing a permanent community at L5 (not just a scientific community). What assumptions must be made to answer the following: What jobs are the most critical to maintaining the physical environment at the L5 habitat? Since there are no candidates with L5 Habitat experience, would a master and apprentice system be a good approach to post-education on-the-job training? Why or why not?
(Fan Program)
- Saturday 4:00 PM**
Watertable PDR
1hr Autographs
- Saturday GoH Alumnus Autographings**
Charles Stross, Peter S. Beagle, Donald Kingsbury, Bill Fawcett, Jody Lynn Nye, John Varley
Peter S. Beagle, Bill Fawcett, Donald Kingsbury, Jody Lynn Nye, Charles Stross, John Varley
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Saturday 4:15 PM**
MD Salon B
1hr Special
Event
- Martin and Picacio: A Conversation Between Author and Artist**
John Picacio, Mark Van Name (M), George R. R. Martin
A Conversation Between Author and Artist
(Guest of Honor Events, Special Events)
- Saturday 4:30 PM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- Quantum Dots**
John Ashmead (M)
Quantum dots (QD) are semiconductors made via several possible routes. John Ashmead and Stephen Granade discuss how they are made, their properties and their applications in research.
(Science: Presentations)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Autograph
Table 1
1hr Autographs
Sarah Pinsker, Alex Shvartzman and Michael Underwood Autographing
Sarah Pinsker, Alex Shvartzman, Michael Underwood
Sarah Pinsker, Alex Shvartzman, Michael Underwood
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Fells Point
1hr 50min
Demonstration
Linoleum Block Carving and Printing for Teens
Ruth Lampi
Teen participants will be able to design, carve and print a linoleum block print of their own to take home.
(Teen)
- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Kent
50min Science
Panel
Finding a Foot to Stand On
2015 Compton Crook Winner Alexandra Duncan, Carl Cipra (M), Charles Gannon, Fran Wilde, Larry Niven, Connie Willis
Lot's of hard SF is written by people who don't have a degree in a hard science. Some of them make the science in their work believable. Some... not so much. How do you go about laying the groundwork to support the science in your fiction?
(Science: Panels, Alumni Events, Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Mt. Washington
50min
Discussion
Panel
Political Models for Science Fiction worlds
Joy Ward, Meriah Crawford, Tom Doyle (M), Brenda Clough, Donald Kingsbury
There many different kinds of political systems, whose workings are unknown to the general public and mostly unknown even to science-fiction fans. Sf politics can be pretty hackneyed, kings and monarchies, empires, dark ages, even democracies touted as the best of all systems, or suffering a major collapse. So our panelists are going to have some fun trying to create a better kind of political system than a democracy or monarchy.
(Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Parlor 11029
50min Game
Ingress Enlightened Meetup
Mildred Cady (M), Elektra Hammond
Enlightened Agents! It's time to say hello! Meet your fellow faction mates from around the world at Balticon. Discuss the changes to recent anomalies have brought to the Resistance, or just sit back and relax with stories of operations and that time you took down/put up that BIG field. Also, be sure to check the mission tab in your scanner for a limited time Balticon 50 mission.
(Gaming)
- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Parlor 6036
55min
Children's
Storyteller Tim Tells Stories
Tim Livengood
Storyteller Tim Livengood tells stories that he pulls from out of his head. Humorous stories, stories about how the world got the way that it is (sorry about that!) and perhaps a tall tale or two.
(Children's)

- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Parlor 8029
52min Reading
Readings: Paul Ellis, Kelly Harmon, Emily Leverett, Izolda Trakhtenberg
Paul Ellis, Kelly Harmon, Izolda Trakhtenberg, Emily Leverett
Fantasy Readings by Paul Ellis, Kelly Harmon, Emily Leverett, Izolda Trakhtenberg
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
52min Reading
Readings: Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Day Al-Mohamed, Elwin Cotman, John Walker
Elwin Cotman, Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Day Al-Mohamed, John Walker
Fantasy Readings by Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Day Al-Mohamed, Elwin Cotman, John Walker
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
50min
Discussion
Panel
The Fine Art of Rejection
Joshua Bilmes (M), Brian Koscienski, Lauren Harris, Gail Z. Martin, Scott Edelman, Nobilis Reed
Editors answer the hard questions. What are your deal-breakers? How do you winnow that mountain down into the select few choices? What makes your task harder? How do you decide when a story deserves more than a form rejection?
(Literary: Editors)
- Saturday 5:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel
Positive, Utopian and Optimistic SF
Ada Palmer
Given the recent saturation of dystopian, post-apocalyptic and grimdark F&SF, what new directions stand to be opened by examining positive futures?
(Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 5:00 PM**
St. George
50min
Presentation
Marketing Metrics
Angela Render (M)
Gathering, understanding, and using numbers in your internet marketing efforts
(Dollars & Sense)
- Saturday 5:30 PM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
Inertia Navigation on Earth... and Beyond
Andy Love (M)
(Science: Presentations)
- Saturday 5:30 PM**
Mt. Washington
25min Concert
Mattie Brahen Concert
Marilyn "Mattie" Brahen
(Concert)

Saturday Evening

- Saturday 6:00 PM**
Guilford
50min
Presentation
Tom Kidd: Projects of the Past and Present in Fantastic(al) Art
Tom Kidd (M)
Tom talks bout his Gnemo Project, and his art for books by George RR Martin.
(Art)
- Saturday 6:00 PM**
Kent
50min
Presentation
Beyond the Wall
Vivid Muse (M), Nutty Nuchtchas (M), Christiana Ellis, Chooch Schubert (M)
A Game of Thrones podcast.
(New Media: Live and Interactive)

- Saturday 6:00 PM**
Mt. Washington
25min
Reading
- Readings: Joseph Berenato, David Silverman**
Joseph F. Berenato, David Silverman
Critical analysis of Pop Culture, Atheist, Non-fiction Reading: by Joseph Berenato & David Silverman
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Saturday 6:00 PM**
Parlor 8029
50min
Discussion Panel
- 1966: The Year That Changed Pop Culture**
Joseph F. Berenato (M), Diane Weinstein
Hey hey, holy logical panel, Barnabus! Fifty years ago, pop culture as we have come to know it was born. The year 1966 gave rise to Star Trek, Dark Shadows, the Batman television series, The Monkees, and more! Come celebrate five decades of their influence and share your memories.
(Fan Program)
- Saturday 6:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
50min Video
- Adapting Your Fiction for Stage and Screen**
Clint Gaige, James Gossard, Dave Robison (M), Charlie Brown
Have you finished your book, then said, "This would make a great movie?" This panel will give you a few steps to take fiction to the screen or the stage.
(Filmmaking)
- Saturday 6:00 PM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Presentation
- Building a Creative Team**
Scott Pond, Sue Baiman, Paul Cooley
Join the crew of Shadowpublications.com as they discuss how the team of Scott Pond, Sue Baiman, and Paul E Cooley came to be, how responsibilities are handled and delegated, and how creative differences are managed.
(New Media: Live and Interactive)
- Saturday 6:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
50min
Discussion Panel
- Vetting the Editors**
Alessia Brio, D. H. Aire (M), Sarah Avery, Gail Z. Martin
As a publisher or Indy author, what should you look for in an editor? How can you tell if they know their stuff? Where can you go to find reputable editors for your project and to learn what is fair rate and practices for the work being commissioned?
(Literary: Editors)
- Saturday 6:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Discussion Panel
- Gender and Sexuality in Westeros**
Game of Thrones has been both lauded and criticized for its portrayal of women and alternate sexuality. Is it a feminist worldview or exploitive? How is the TV series different from the books in this regard? And is that a good thing or not so much?
(Literary: Readers, Cross Track: ASOIAF/Game of Thrones)
- Saturday 6:00 PM**
St. George
52min
Reading
- Readings: Keith R. A. DeCandido, Christine Norris, Jean Marie Ward, and D. C. Wilson**
Keith DeCandido, Jean Marie Ward, Christine Norris, D. C. Wilson
Steampunk and Urban Fantasy Readings by Keith R. A. DeCandido, Christine Norris, Jean Marie Ward, and D. C. Wilson
(Cross Track: Readings)

- Saturday 6:15 PM**
Watertable
Salons BC
1hr Dance
- Beginner Ballroom Dance II: Foxtrot**
Alex Jacobs
Have you ever wanted to learn to ballroom dance? Then come to this introductory workshop. Our professionally trained and certified dance teacher will teach you some basic steps and techniques to have you gliding across the floor. No partner or experience necessary! Note that this class is available in several sessions, each of which focuses on a different dance. This session will be teaching foxtrot, a classic, jazzy ballroom style.
(Dance)
- Saturday 6:30 PM**
Homeland
50min
Science Panel
- Hindsight**
Michael F. Flynn (M), Joe Haldeman, Larry Niven, Allen Steele
In your fiction, what Science have you extrapolated that has been proven by recent research? What has been disproven and how / what would you update if you were writing that story today?
(Science: Panels)
- Saturday 6:30 PM**
Mt.
Washington
50min
Concert
- Maugorn Concert**
Maugorn
Our resident bard Maugorn the Stray knows over a thousand songs! Come see which ones he'll grace us with tonight!
(Concert)
- Saturday 7:00 PM**
Guilford
50min
Multimedia
Presentation
- Fighting God: The Presentation**
David Silverman
A multimedia presentation of the author's book *_Fighting God_*
(Readings)
- Saturday 7:00 PM**
Mt.
Washington
50min Special
Event
- A Scout's Eye View of the Liaden Universe**
Steve Miller, Sharon Lee
Sharon and Steve offer a tour of the Liaden Universe, as only those who spend much of their life there can do!
(Alumni Events, Special Events, Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 7:00 PM**
Parlor 11029
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Teen Forum - Walking the walk, Talking the talk**
Are you a closet SF fan? A closet geek? Do you like hanging out with your parents but don't mention that to other teens? Meet other teens who are representing themselves loud and proud in all their glorious geekdom.
(Teen)
- Saturday 7:00 PM**
Parlor 8029
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Games of GoT**
Aziz Al-Doory (M), Ashaya (M), Jeff Hartline (M)
There's a board game, a card game, a video game, an RPG, a MUDD, and more. Panelists will tell you about their favorite games set in GRRM's "A Song of Ice and Fire" universe.
(Gaming, Game of Thrones)
- Saturday 7:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Anime 101**
Jason G Banks, Lee Sarfati (M), Christine Chase
Come learn the basics from long-time Anime fans!
(Anime)

SATURDAY EVENING

- Saturday**
7:00 PM
Parlor 9059
50min
Presentation
- Transmedia On A Budget**
James Gossard, Pamela Gay (M), Allison Gamblin, Charlie Brown, Clint Gaige
Creating transmedia can be cost a lot of money, be it filming/editing video, or website hosting/design and many other hidden variables. Here are a few tools to cut the budget, either free or nearly free to help you tell your story across many media.
(Technology, Filmmaking)
- Saturday**
7:00 PM
Pride of Baltimore
1hr 20min
Discussion Panel
- What is Brony Fandom?**
Brick Barrientos (M), Billy Flynn
Is your son or daughter a brony? Are they just creepy guys in their mother's basements or a new expression of masculinity? Why do 8-10 thousand of them come to the Baltimore Convention Center every summer?
Depending on the audience, this could be about explaining the culture to non-My Little Pony fans or just a discussion of the show in general.
(Fan Program)
- Saturday**
7:00 PM
St. George
52min
Reading
- Readings: Doc Coleman, Reesa Herberth, Ruth Lampi, and Mike Luoma**
Reesa Herberth, Mike Luoma, Ruth Lampi, Doc Coleman
Steampunk and Space Opera Readings by Doc Coleman, Reesa Herberth, Ruth Lampi, and Mike Luoma
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Saturday**
7:15 PM
Kent
55min
Concert
- Peter S. Beagle Concert**
Peter S. Beagle
(Concert)
- Saturday**
7:30 PM
Homeland
45min
Science Panel
- MAD SCIENTISTS Slam!**
Jack Clemons, Inge Heyer, Arinn Dembo, Jim Beall, Pamela Gay (M), Tim Livengood, John Monahan
What would YOU do to be the ultimate Mad Scientist to conquer and rule the world (using real science)? Audience participation encouraged!
(Science: Panels)
- Saturday**
7:30 PM
Parlor 6036
1hr Reception
- Bring 'Em Back Patron and Sponsor Autograph Reception**
Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess (M), R. A. MacAvoy, Jo Walton, Joe Haldeman, Gay Haldeman, Bill Fawcett, Jody Lynn Nye, Peter S. Beagle, Charles Stross, Larry Niven, Steve Barnes, Steve Miller, Sharon Lee, Kaja Foglio, Phil Foglio, Harry Turtledove, Allen Steele, Michael F. Flynn, Donald Kingsbury, Nancy Springer, Jonette Butler Program Coordinator (M), John Varley

(Non-Public Events)
- Saturday**
7:30 PM
Watertable Salons BC
1hr Dance
- Balticonga**
Susan de Guardiola (M)
It's our Golden Anniversary and Susan de G. has designed a new dance class just for us! Conga is much more than that line dance they do at weddings. Come and let her show you how its done!
(Dance)

- Saturday 8:00 PM**
MD Salon B
2hr 59min
Special Event
- Masquerade Green Room and Photography**
(Special Events, Costuming, Masquerade)
- Saturday 8:00 PM**
Parlor 11029
49min
Discussion Panel
- Networking for Creatives**
K. M. Szpara
Creating written or visual art is often a solitary job--except when it's not. This workshop covers how to introduce people, make friends at conventions, spread around good publishing Karma, and similar topics. Ask awkward questions, practice in a safe environment, and hopefully leave with some new. We'll do this in a "reception" type setting to provide a realistic practice environment. LIMITED TO PARTICIPANTS. SIGN UP AT THE INFO DESK.
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- Saturday 8:00 PM**
Parlor 8029
50min Game
- Eurogame Basics: What is a Eurogame and Why Should I Play Them?**
Pyris, Michelle Hymowitz, hymie!
If you have ever enjoyed playing boardgames in the past such as the game of Life, Sorry!, Parcheesi, Monopoly, etc. but have never played any eurogames you really need to come to this panel. We will have seasoned eurogamers on hand to recommend the best beginner eurogames and copies will be available for you to look at during the panel.
(Gaming)
- Saturday 8:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
50min
Moderated
- Catholic Mass**
(Fan Program)
- Saturday 8:00 PM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Discussion Panel
- Starts With a Bang**
Meriah Crawford, Ethan Siegel, John L. French (M), Larry Niven
Wherein we discuss the origins of the universe, space travel and other cool stuff.
(New Media: Live and Interactive)
- Saturday 8:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
50min
Presentation
- Geek Etiquette 102**
Kathreja Sarfati (M), Lady Ozma
What not to say to a female geek.
(Fan Program)
- Saturday 8:00 PM**
St. George
52min
Reading
- Readings: Michael Flynn, Larry Hodges, Laura Nicole, Sarah Pinsker**
Larry Hodges, Laura Nicole, Michael F. Flynn, Sarah Pinsker
Fantasy Readings by Michael Flynn, Larry Hodges, Laura Nicole, Sarah Pinsker
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Saturday 8:15 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
30min
Special Event
- Seating for Masquerade**
(Masquerade)

SATURDAY EVENING

- Saturday 8:30 PM**
Kent
50min
Concert
- Catherine Asaro CONCERT**
Catherine Asaro

(Concert)
- Saturday 8:30 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
1hr 20min
Reading
- Tortuga Readings at Balticon**
Val Griswold-Ford, Alan Spencer, Jack Campbell, David Lee Summers, Misty Massey, Laura Nicole
Authors presenting their short stories of the high seas and those daring opportunists that call the ocean blue their home. Costumes are encouraged for a special prize from the authors.
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Saturday 8:45 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
15min
Special Event
- 01- Young Writers Awards**

(Masquerade, Special Events)
- Saturday 8:45 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
30min
Special Event
- 02- Young Fans Masquerade**

(Masquerade, Special Events)
- Saturday 8:45 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
1hr 45min
Special Event
- 03- Novice thru Master Masquerade**

(Masquerade, Special Events)
- Saturday 8:45 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
2hr 30min
Special Event
- Masquerade**
S. L. Wideman, A. L. Kaplan, Dragan Rose, Marianne Pease, Tom Jewell, Leslie Johnston, Ron Robinson, Don Sakers, Gaia Eirich, AD Boorman, D. Jeannette Holloman, Mark MacDicken, Heidi Hooper, Leigh Targaryen, Jay Buechler

(Special Events)
- Saturday 9:00 PM**
Homeland
1hr 50min
Game
- SF Trivia with Brick Barrientos**
Brick Barrientos (M)
Special Balticon and Star Trek Golden Anniversary Edition!
(Fan Program)
- Saturday 9:00 PM**
Mt. Washington
50min
Presentation
- Dead Robots Society Live Podcast**

Join authors Terry Mixon and Paul E Cooley as they welcome guests to a live show of the Parsec Award Nominated "Dead Robots' Society. " We'll discuss the ins and outs of writing genre fiction as well as publishing and other topics.
(New Media: Live and Interactive)
- Saturday 9:00 PM**
Parlor 8029
50min
Discussion Panel
- Social Media -- Inspiration or Time Suck**
Heidi Hooper, Michael Spence (M), Tom Kidd, Kathreja Sarfati, Michael Ventrella
The wonderful world of Facebook, Snapchat, Pinterest, Twitter, and other communication platforms lets artists (and writers) reach a wider audience than ever. But does the artist control social media or does it control them?
(Art)

- Saturday 9:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
50min
Presentation
- Independent Publishing- Building Your Brand**
Paul Cooley, David Wood
What steps can an independent author take to: engage with an build and audience, develop an author brand, and sell more books?
(Literary: Writers)
- Saturday 9:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Anime vs. Anime**
Randy Green, Kennedy Allen (M), Len Webb, Jason Richardson, Erik Mack
A fun debate for select panel participants and the whole audience. We'll break up popular chargers from the world of anime TV and films into brackets and let the crowd debate who will be the winner. We'd give out brackets to attendees at the convention so they can fill them out beforehand. One bracket selected from the audience (with the winning character) will win a cool Grand prize.
(Anime)
- Saturday 9:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
50min
Discussion
Panel
- The Greatest Animated Films Ever**
Robert Chase, Michael Ventrella (M), Larry Hodges, Christine Chase, Meg Nuge
Our panelists try to come up with a Top Ten consensus of the greatest animated feature films ever. Which films will make the cut? And, more importantly, can they do it while avoiding violence?
(Film, TV, and Video)
- Saturday 9:00 PM**
St. George
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Contrast and Compare: A Song of Ice and Fire and Game of Thrones**
David Walton (M), Jesse Friedman
The HBO series has gone beyond the published books and diverged in may ways from GRRM's story. Panelists discuss some of the differences and make (almost certainly incorrect) predictions of what will happen in future episodes and books.
(Literary: Readers, Film, TV, and Video)
- Saturday 9:30 PM**
Parlor 6036
1hr 30min
Game
- Cards Against Humanity: SciFi Romance Edition**
Reesa Herberth (M), Michelle Moore
You haven't really lived until you've experienced _____ and _____. A slightly shittier parallel universe? A sweet spaceship? A 55-gallon drum of lube? Come play the funniest naughty game out there, now with a SciFi romance spin!
(Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 9:45 PM**
Kent
50min
Concert
- Kim Fortuner CONCERT**
Kim the ComicBookGoddess
(Concert)

Saturday Night

- Saturday 10:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
50min
Presentation
- The Use of Pendulums In Ancient Metrology**
How length measurement problems were solved (accurately) with limited tech in pre-modern times.
(Alumni Events)

SATURDAY NIGHT

- Saturday 10:00 PM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Finding Your Niche**
Peter Bryant, D. C. Wilson (M), Pamela Gay, Day Al-Mohamed, Ethan Siegel
What do you both have expert knowledge in and are capable of engaging your audience in with your unique voice? How do you present yourself to the world and how do you present your subject matter to the world that's different from what everyone else is doing? Finding your own unique self is the first step, and everything else grows from that.
(New Media: Live and Interactive)
- Saturday 10:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
5hr Open Filk
- Saturday Open Filk**
Gary Ehrlich
Drop by to sing and/or play some music with us. Or just pull up a chair and listen!
(Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)
- Saturday 10:00 PM**
St. George
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Trends in Erotic Short Fiction**
Alessia Brio, Nobilis Reed (M), Cecilia Tan
Panelists discuss this years trends in Erotic Short Fiction. What's themes are we seeing more of? What are we seeing more of: character driven stories or plot-driven stories? How about the quality of the writing? Audience Q&A welcome!
(Midnight at the Oasis)
- Saturday 10:00 PM**
Watertable Salons BC
2hr Dance
- Balticon 50 New Media Jubilee**
Chooch Schubert (M), Terri Flynnstress, Nutty Nuchtchas (M), Christiana Ellis, Vivid Muse (M), Billy Flynn
This is the party put on by Balticon's very own New Media's folks. Come dance with your favorite podcasters, or relax and catch up in the dining area outside the RPG Gaming Salon.
(Dance)
- Saturday 10:30 PM**
Parlor 9059
1hr 30min
Discussion
Panel
- Anime After Dark**
Lee Sarfati (M), Jason G Banks, Kathreja Sarfati, Christine Chase
Panelists discuss Anime for mature audiences.
(Anime)
- Saturday 11:00 PM**
Club Lounge
1hr
Presentation
- ASOIAF Trivia Tourney Championship Round**
Lada Bartova
The finalist teams from Friday night's rounds vie to become the ultimate ASOIAF champions and win the support and adoration of the smallfolk (and some cool prizes). Questions will be focusing on the main book series with bonus rounds on other released material.
(Game of Thrones)
- Saturday 11:00 PM**
Homeland
1hr Film
Screening
- Saturday Night Science Flicks**
Lance Oszko (M)
A selection of short science fact films.
(Science: Flicks)
- Saturday 11:00 PM**
MD Salon B
2hr Special
Event
- Post-Masquerade Party/ICG Meet and Greet**
Join us to celebrate the Masquerade, watch the video with your fellow costumers, eat a few snacks, and relax.
(Special Events)

- Saturday 11:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
1hr 20min
Discussion
Panel
- HOT! HOT! Or NOT??**
Ally Bishop, Arinn Dembo (M), Jennifer Levine, Cecilia Tan
Panelists discuss what they think makes erotic SF/F hot for women. Or Not. They'll be reading examples of both for the discussion.
(Midnight at the Oasis)
- Saturday 11:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Flipped Paranormal Romance**
Starla Huchton, Val Griswold-Ford, Christie Meierz
Bring us a nice vanilla paranormal romance story. Panelists will change some genders, turn the paranormals into aliens, make the language more ... colorful... and generally turn it into something else entirely!
(Midnight at the Oasis, Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 11:00 PM**
St. George
1hr 30min
Discussion
Panel
- A Cthulhu Out of The Pillowcase: The Adult Version**
The moderator will pull 4 objects out of a pillowcase. The panelists have 30 minutes to create an erotic horror tale which includes those 4 objects. While they are writing, the moderator will draw 3 more objects from the pillowcase, and write the audience's story on the flip pad as each member who wishes to contributes a sentence.
(Literary: Readers)
- Saturday 11:30 PM**
Parlor 6036
2hr 30min
Game
- Late Night Cards Against Humanity**
Pallas Schroth, Scott Schroth, Michelle Hymowitz
If you have ever heard of or played the card game Apples to Apples and enjoyed it, this game is definitely for you. Be aware that these are adult-themed cards and the way we humans respond to them in a group of strangers can be a little disturbing.
(Gaming)
- Saturday 11:55 PM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Flipped Romance**
Stephanie Burke (M)
Bring us a nice vanilla paranormal romance story. Panelist will change some genders, turn the paranormals into aliens, coarsen the language, and generally turn it into something else entirely!
(Midnight at the Oasis)
- Sunday 12:20 AM**
Watertable Salons BC
1hr 40min
Dance
- Midnight Dance Party**
Michael Kangal
Just enough time to get some dancing in before the Masquerade!
(Dance)

Sunday Morning

- Sunday 7:00 AM**
Watertable Salons BC
50min Open
Forum
- Early Birds Morning Yoga**
Independent practice. Come in and perform your morning Surya Namaskara and perhaps share your knowledge with another. Presenter: YOU!
(Fan Program)

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday 8:00 AM

James
50min
Presentation

LARPing 102 for the Advanced Player or GM

Karen Miden

Do you enjoy LARPing so much that you want to set up and/or run your own LARP? Come to this panel and learn from experienced GM's and players what goes into creating and running a LARP.

(Gaming: LARP)

Sunday 8:00 AM

Kent
50min
Discussion
Panel

Thinking Out-Loud? Or Thinking-Out Loudly?

Connie Willis (M)

Connie Willis on telepathy and writing about telepathy. With readings from her new book.

(Literary: 1632)

Sunday 8:00 AM

Parlor 6036
1hr 30min
Game

Cards Against Humanity - Sunday

Here we go again...

(Fan Program)

Sunday 8:00 AM

Parlor 9059
3hr 9min
Workshop

Fantasy: Worlds, Characters and Pacing

Jo Walton

A troubleshooting seminar with Hugo and Nebula award winning author Jo Walton. Let's work together on how to integrate the fantastic and make it just as real as everything else without losing the sense of the numinous, how to make our worlds solid and interesting, how to have varied characters who aren't clichés, and most of all, that most troublesome and endlessly fascinating issue, pacing.

(Workshops, Literary: Writers)

Sunday 8:00 AM

St. George
1hr 20min
Workshop

Typography workshop: Beyond Microsoft Word and CreateSpace

Whether you're writing a paper for a class or the Great American Novel, type is the dress our words are clothed in, someone said (could it have been Beatrice Ward?). Just as saggy sweatpants are fine for walking the dog, nobody cares how your email is formatted. But your papers and books, now — wouldn't a neatly tailored suit, or a sweeping ball gown, or natty plus-fours, or what-have-you — wouldn't your books look better well and carefully dressed? Type has a five-hundred year history (not to mention the history of all the lettering arts), during which thousands of artists have developed methods, standards, and strategies for best presenting printed words to the reader. Every detail matters! LIMITED TO 10 PARTICIPANTS. BRING YOUR LAPTOP.

(Literary: Readers)

Sunday 8:00 AM

Watertable
Salons BC
1hr 30min
Workshop

Introduction to Martial Arts

Steve Barnes (M), Steve Barnes, R. A. MacAvoy, Deja Biernesser

We'll be here for two hours. Drop in and learn about different martial arts disciplines and learn some stretching and warm-up exercises from each presenter.

(Fan Program)

- Sunday 9:00 AM**
Fells Point
1hr 20min
Workshop
- New Life for Old Silk**
Nancy Janda
Participants will hand-sew a Japanese-style pouch using vintage kimono silk. All levels of skill welcome; you will be working with sharp needles.
Material fee of \$5. 00; materials to make two pouches provided.
(Art)
- Sunday 9:00 AM**
Guilford
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Coming to the Negotiation Table**
Mike McPhail, Gail Z. Martin, Joshua Bilmes (M)
Authors and editors don't always see eye to eye. How to work together toward the same end while still maintaining the author's vision.
(Literary: Editors)
- Sunday 9:00 AM**
Mt. Washington
30min
Discussion
Panel
- Everybody Was There**
Stephanie Burke, Carl Cipra (M), Harry Turtledove, Walt Boyes, Jean Marie Ward
The real world has always been more complex than traditional history gives it credit for-- Roman emperors from the barbarian north and the Saharan south, female gladiators, Africans in medieval Britain, trans-gendered natives in North America, Chinese sailors in the Arabian Nights. Panelists discuss their favorite exceptions to the historical "rules" and how they weave those tales into their fiction.
(Readings)
- Sunday 9:00 AM**
Parlor 11029
3hr 9min
Workshop
- The Business of Writing**
Keith DeCandido
Best-selling award-winning author Keith R. A. DeCandido discusses all the (many many many) parts of a writing career that don't involve writing: time management, money management, career management, and so on. You know, all the things they never even mention in creative writing class.....
(Workshops, Literary: Writers)
- Sunday 9:00 AM**
Parlor 8059
50min
Moderated
- Sunday Service/Meeting**
Dotty Kurtz
A non-denominational and Universalist worship service with roots in Christianity.
(Fan Program)
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Finding Balance**
Gail Z. Martin, Angela Render
Do you wear more than one literary hat? Having trouble divvying your time between your editing duties and your need to write? The Pros share their tips on how to do it all.
(Literary: Editors)
- Sunday 9:30 AM**
St. George
1hr 20min
Demonstration
- Book Layout and Design for the Beginner**
Danielle Ackley-McPhail
You may be working in the literary profession, or you may be creating a family history book or an fund-raising cookbook. In any case, you can create a better result by learning the basics.
(Literary: Readers)

SUNDAY MORNING

- Sunday 9:30 AM**
Watertable
Salons BC
1hr Workshop
- Stretch and Sketch, Sunday**
AD Boorman (M)
Bring a sketch pad or use our sketch paper. We'll start with 20 minutes of gentle yoga stretching with yoga teacher Art Boorman, to loosen bodies and minds, then sketch. We will be on the floor, so wear loose clothing.
(Dance)
- Sunday 10:00 AM**
Homeland
50min
Multimedia
Presentation
- Antarctica**
Kim Stanley Robinson (M)
2016 Heinlein Award Recipient, and SF author Kim Stanley Robinson discusses how the environment of Antarctica has changed from 1998, when his novel *Antarctica* was released, to today, and what impact those changes may have on our planet as a whole.
(Workshops)
- Sunday 10:00 AM**
James
13hr 50min
Game
- LARP Central Open**
(Gaming: LARP)
- Sunday 10:00 AM**
Kent
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Story and Song**
Ada Palmer, Gary Ehrlich (M), Roberta Rogow, Bill Roper, Emily Lewis
Many works of science fiction and fantasy have inspired songs both serious and funny. In this session, we highlight a few of these songs and works. Each song will be preceded by a short reading from the work that inspired it.
(Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)
- Sunday 10:00 AM**
Mt. Washington
50min
Presentation
- Nancy Springer Interview and Reading**
Laura Nicole (M), Nancy Springer
Laura Nicole interviews Nancy Springer and introduces her Reading
(Alumni Events, Cross Track: Readings, Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 10:00 AM**
Parlor 6036
55min
Children's
- Balloon Bounce Space/Face Painting**
Ming Diaz
Take a span of medium thick plastic drop cloth about 10' by 20', tape it together, add a floor fan at one end and an entrance slot at the other, inflate. Throw in any number of balloons, nerf balls, graffiti pops, and children. Also add some adults, seated at either end of the inflated chamber to control the Runamoks.

And don't forget Ming will be doing facepainting all weekend!
(Children's)
- Sunday 10:00 AM**
Parlor 9029
52min Reading
- Readings: T. Eric Bakutis, Veronica Giguere, Robyn Wyrick, Patrick Thomas**
Veronica Giguere, Patrick Thomas, Robyn Wyrick, T. Eric Bakutis
Science Fiction and Fantasy Readings: by T. Eric Bakutis, Veronica Giguere, Robyn Wyrick, Patrick Thomas
(Cross Track: Readings)

- Sunday 10:30 AM**
Fells Point
3hr Game
- IT'S a Pandemic!**
Dr. John Skylar, John Cmar (M), Jeff Thornsen, Perrienne Lurie, Pyris
Infectious diseases have been rampant for quite some time and we are still learning about how they spread and how to best contain them. Many movies and sci-fi stories have centered around the theme of infectious diseases. Come to this panel to learn more about infectious diseases and then stay for a game that models the spread of these diseases. You might win a prize!
(Gaming)
- Sunday 10:30 AM**
MD Salon B
1hr 30min
Autographs
- Guest of Honor George R. R. Martin Sunday Autographing**
George R. R. Martin, Michael Ventrella
Guest of Honor Autographing and Mike Ventrella Autographing
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Sunday 10:30 AM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Presentation
- Technology You've Never Heard Of**
Day Al-Mohamed, Bud Sparhawk (M)
Technology You've Never Heard Of (and Should be in a Book) - Slides, photographs, descriptions, and short film clips of technology from 11AD to 1800s that is strange and/or unique but is yet generally unknown.
(Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 10:45 AM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
15min Special Event
- Seating for Dangerous Voices**
Kaja Foglio, Phil Foglio

(Event Seating)
- Sunday 10:50 AM**
Watertable
Salons BC
40min Dance
- Family Sock Hop**
Michael Kangal
Bring the little ones to take off their shoes and dance to a fun and funny selection of music just for kids (and their parents!) Children aged 2 to 10 with their parents.
(Dance)
- Sunday 11:00 AM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
1hr 30min
Special Event
- Dangerous Voices Variety Hour**
Sarah Pinsker (M), Michael Underwood (M), Jo Walton, Fran Wilde, John Picacio, Peter S. Beagle
Dangerous Voices Variety Hour takes its cues from such diverse inspirations as the popular Baltimore 510 reading series, NPR's quiz show Wait Wait Don't Tell Me, and Orson Welles' original War of the Worlds broadcast. It features readings, irreverent author interviews, trivia, prizes, and more.
(Special Events, Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 11:00 AM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- The Science Behind the Food in the Star Trek Universe**
Denise Clemons (M)
Considering several different worlds and races of aliens, let's assess whether the signature foods and drinks match the characteristics of the creatures, industry, climate and geography of those worlds.
(Science: Presentations)

- Sunday 11:00 AM**
 Kent
 50min
 Presentation
- A Ride on the Carousel**
 Sharon Lee talks about the merry-go-round that is the writing life. Perhaps we can convince her to give us a reading from her Carousel Tides fantasy series.
 (Alumni Events, Cross Track: Readings, Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 11:00 AM**
 Mt. Washington
 50min
 Multimedia
 Presentation
- Mythwits -- Live at Balticon!**
Peter Bryant (M)
 Now the director of new media for the TSR Podcast Network, Peter S. Bryant has been podcasting for going on 10 years. Mythwits is his personal podcast. Come watch him and his guests play MatchWits!
 (New Media: Technology)
- Sunday 11:00 AM**
 Parlor 6036
 55min
 Children's
- Impossible Possibilities of Wire**
Lonnie Ingram
 Imagine the possibilities! Using pipe cleaners, you can create the item of your choice using a special technique created by Lonnie Ingram. Mr. Ingram is a self-taught artist with just over 25 years of experience and has created thousands of unique wire sculptures over the years. He will teach students of all ages how to combine basic shapes to create animals, people and things. The only limit is your imagination!
 (Children's)
- Sunday 11:00 AM**
 Parlor 8029
 50min
 Discussion
 Panel
- Writing Series: Is It a Good Idea?**
R. A. MacAvoy, Allen Steele, Michael Swanwick, Cecilia Tan
 The tremendous success of the Songs of Ice and Fire is only one of the examples of how popular can book series be. Yet, something can also be said for great stand alone books. This panel will discuss advantages and disadvantages of writing book series, and some of the unique challenges authors face when they are writing sequels and reintroducing the same characters and worlds all over again.
 (Literary: Writers)
- Sunday 11:00 AM**
 Parlor 9029
 52min Reading
- Readings: John Cmar, P. C. Haring, Chris Lester, and Ada Palmer**
John Cmar, PC Haring, Chris Lester, Ada Palmer
 Future and Science Fiction Readings by John Cmar, P. C. Haring, Chris Lester, and Ada Palmer
 (Cross Track: Readings)
- Sunday 11:00 AM**
 Parlor 9059
 50min
 Discussion
 Panel
- The Biggest Mistakes Made by Beginning Writers**
Michael Ventrella (M), Danielle Ackley-McPhail, David Wood, David Lee Summers, Christine Rake
 The panel will discuss (from a reader's point of view) not only writing mistakes but also promotional mistakes: How writers have screwed themselves over and killed their chances of making it in the publishing world after doing easily preventable things!
 (Literary: Readers)

- Sunday 11:00 AM**
St. George
1hr 20min
Presentation
- Fantastic Fight Scenes**
Maria Snyder
Action scenes are difficult to write. Writers must find the perfect balance between the four essential elements: description, dialogue, inner dialogue and character emotions. And we all know the fights in movies and on TV shows are unrealistic at best and often physically impossible without the aid of special effects. This session will cover how to write thrilling and realistic fight scenes using those four elements. (Literary: Writers)
- Sunday 11:30 AM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Religious and Racial Identity in SF/F**
Harold Feld (M)
Panelist discuss the portrayal of both societal and character religious and racial identity in SF/F. (Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 11:50 AM**
Watertable
Salons BC
2hr Dance
- Déjà Vu Regency Dance**
Susan de Guardiola (M)
Susan brings her Regency Dance event back to Balticon -- we were in Baltimore City the last time she presented this event, so it is only fitting that she brings it back to us this year! (Dance)

Sunday Afternoon

- Sunday 12:00 PM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- Star Trek and Astronomy**
Inge Heyer (M)
(Science: Presentations)
- Sunday 12:00 PM**
Mt. Washington
50min Reading
- Readings: Jack Clemons, Ethan Siegel, and Dr. SETI**
Dr. SETI, Jack Clemons, Ethan Siegel
Readings by Jack Clemons & Ethan Siegel: Memoir of time on Apollo & Shuttle Program, Science/Non-fiction
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Sunday 12:00 PM**
Parlor 6036
55min
Children's
- Twistin' with the Wizard**
Mark MacDicken
Love those amazing balloon creations made by the Wizard? Learn how to make some of your own!
(Children's)
- Sunday 12:00 PM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Presentation
- Women of Science: A History**
Laura Burns
A look at the women who have made an impact in the world of science over the years.
(Skeptical Thinking)
- Sunday 12:00 PM**
PDR Table 1
1hr Autographs
- Catherine Asaro, Sarah Avery, and Michael Swanwick Autographing**
Catherine Asaro, Sarah Avery, Michael Swanwick
Catherine Asaro, Sarah Avery, and Michael Swanwick Autographing
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

- Sunday 12:00 PM**
PDR Table 2
1hr Autographs
Autographing: John Hartness, Amanda Davroe, and Robyn Wyrick
Amanda Davroe, John Hartness, Robyn Wyrick
John Hartness, Amanda Davroe, and Robyn Wyrick Autographing
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Sunday 12:00 PM**
St. George
1hr 20min
Workshop
Exploring the Magick and Lore of the Celtic/Norse Gods/Goddesses Workshop
TJ Perkins
A presentation of the lives, background, myths/legends of Gods/Goddesses of Celtic and Norse Mythology, followed by a Pathworking for you to 'meet' the character you'd like to work with, then a fun writing exercise or 2. Sign up at the information desk
(Literary: Writers)
- Sunday 12:15 PM**
Kent
2hr 15min
Presentation
GCFCG Auction
D. Jeannette Holloman
The Greater Columbia Fantasy Costumers' Guild is holding their bi-annual auction. Come and bid on the fantastic fabrics, trim, buttons, and other fiddly bits up for auction. There are also some treasures from the Marty Gear Estate. So join us and see what wonders you can walk away with.
(Costuming)
- Sunday 12:30 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min Reading
Reading: Charles Stross
Charles Stross
Reading by Charles Stross
(Alumni Events, Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 12:45 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
15min Special Event
Seating for Liars Panel
(Event Seating)
- Sunday 1:00 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
1hr 30min
Special Event
Liars Panel
Mur Lafferty, George R. R. Martin, Mark Van Name (M), Joe Haldeman, Jody Lynn Nye
CATCH A LIAR, LAUGH HARD, HELP KIDS
THE RULES:
Each panelist answers a set of questions. All answers must be the truth—except three. No one other than the answerer knows which are true and which are lies. After each answer, anyone in the room can challenge the answerer. Multiple people can challenge; the more, the better. After there are no more challengers, the panelist tells whether the answer was the If it was true, each challenger puts \$1 in a bucket that runners pass. If it was a lie, the panelist puts \$10 in the bucket.
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BUY BOOKS FOR BSFS BOOKS FOR KIDS. BRING LOTS OF \$1 BILLS, SPOT THE LIES, AND RAISE MONEY FOR BSFS BOOKS FOR KIDS!
(Special Events, Fan Program)

- Sunday 1:00 PM**
 Guilford
 50min
 Presentation
- Free State Cthulhu: HP Lovecraft's' Maryland Connections**
AD Boorman
 Despite popular misconceptions, Howard Phillips (HP) Lovecraft was not a recluse who never left Providence. He traveled through Maryland and visited both Baltimore and Annapolis. My survey of the nonfiction writings and correspondence of HP Lovecraft produced specific details of his travels through and in Eastern Maryland. This lead me to make visits to those local places visited by the "Gentleman from Providence."
 (Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 1:00 PM**
 Homeland
 50min Science
 Presentation
- How Things Behave on Small Scales, and Why That's Useful**
Ben Shapiro (M)
 Microfluidics, Magnetic Forces, and Delivery of Therapy (Development of Magnetic Syringe)
 (Science: Presentations)
- Sunday 1:00 PM**
 James
 50min
 Presentation
- Breaking Into Writing for RPG Gaming**
Jennifer R. Povey, Alessia Brio, D. H. Aire, T. Eric Bakutis (M)
 Writing for RPGs from the practical side. How do you get hired? How does the legal side of things work? How do you make money? What kind of skills are useful?
 (Fan Program, Gaming, Professional Education & Development)
- Sunday 1:00 PM**
 Mt. Washington
 52min Reading
- Readings: Joe Haldeman, Michael Swanwick, Bud Sparhawk, Jo Walton**
Joe Haldeman, Jo Walton, Bud Sparhawk, Michael Swanwick
 Hard Science Fiction Readings by Joe Haldeman, Michael Swanwick, Bud Sparhawk, Jo Walton
 (Cross Track: Readings, Midnight at the Oasis)
- Sunday 1:00 PM**
 Parlor 6036
 55min
 Children's
- Garden Tiles**
Rosy Dorffner
 Decorate a ceramic tile to adorn your garden!
 (Children's)
- Sunday 1:00 PM**
 Parlor 8059
 50min
 Presentation
- Cosplaying on the Cheap**
Nutty Nuchtchas (M)
 Love cosplay but you are a poor college student? Come find out the places to find costumes and accessories without going broke!
 (Costuming, Anime)
- Sunday 1:00 PM**
 Parlor 9029
 50min
 Presentation
- Allen Steele Interview and Reading**
Michael Pederson (M), Allen Steele
 Michael Pederson chats with the Allen Steele and Allen offers a reading of his work.
 (Alumni Events, Cross Track: Readings, Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 1:00 PM**
 Parlor 9059
 1hr 50min
 Workshop
- Poetry Workshop**
Katie Hartlove, Vonnie Winslow Crist
 Explore the arena of verse from inspiration and writing to submitting for publication and mall press publishing.
 (Literary: Poetry)

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sunday 1:30 PM

Fells Point
1hr 20min
Workshop

Making Beaded Talisman Bags

Lisa Ashton (M), Carol Salemi (M)

A workshop to make lovely beaded bags for talismans and accessories for your costumes. (Costuming)

Sunday 1:30 PM

Pride of
Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel

Convention Connections

Gretchen Roper, Harry Turtledove (M), Nancy Springer, Kaja Foglio, Larry Niven

Funny stories, sad stories, and just plain strange stories and what came of those beginnings: Panelists discuss some of the lifelong connections they have made through convention experiences. (Fan Program)

Sunday 1:30 PM

St. George
50min
Presentation

Getting Horses Right in Your Fiction

Sarah Pinsker, Judi Fleming

Do's and don'ts - a crash course in horses for writers. (Literary: Writers)

Sunday 1:45 PM

Fells Point
1hr 15min
Game

Victorian Parlor Games

Mildred Cady (M)

Back by Popular Demand! Enjoy a selection of parlor games that you can bring home to amaze your friends! Challenge your mind and your Body! (Gaming)

Sunday 2:00 PM

Autograph
Table 1
1hr Autographs

Mur Lafferty, Christine Norris, and Marilyn Brahen Autographing

Marilyn "Mattie" Brahen, Mur Lafferty, Christine Norris

Marilyn "Mattie" Brahen, Mur Lafferty, Christine Norris (Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)

Sunday 2:00 PM

Homeland
50min Science
Presentation

Quantum Dots (continued)

John Ashmead (M), John Cmar (M), Dr. John Skylar (M)

The medical applications (Science: Presentations)

Sunday 2:00 PM

Mt. Washington
52min Reading

Readings: Charlie Brown, Stephanie Burke, Grig Larson, J. Smith

Stephanie Burke, Jay Smith, Charlie Brown, Grig Larson

Urban Fantasy Readings by Charlie Brown, Stephanie Burke, Grig Larson, J. Smith (Cross Track: Readings)

Sunday 2:00 PM

Parlor 6036
55min
Children's

Kenpo Martial Arts

Helen Fleischer (M)

Learn some cool moves! (Children's)

Sunday 2:00 PM

Parlor 8029
50min
Presentation

Hot Topics in Copyright and Patent

Harold Feld

Is it getting easier or harder to produce fan works or tinker with technology? (Technology)

Sunday 2:00 PM

Parlor 9029
50min
Discussion
Panel

Podcasting on the cheap

Scott Andrews, Doc Coleman (M), Mark The Encaffeinated ONE, Paul Ellis, Nutty Nuchtchas

Anyone can podcast, and it doesn't take a lot of money to do so. Come and learn the best tricks to podcast on the cheap with the ability to expand as your podcast grows. (New Media: Live and Interactive)

<p>Sunday 2:10 PM Watertable Salons BC 1hr Workshop</p>	<p>Beginner Ballroom Dance III: Rhumba <i>Alex Jacobs</i> Have you ever wanted to learn to ballroom dance? Then come to this introductory workshop. Our professionally trained and certified dance teacher will teach you some basic steps and techniques to have you gliding across the floor. No partner necessary! Note that this class is available in several sessions, each of which focuses on a different dance. This session will be teaching rumba, a romantic Latin style. (Dance)</p>
<p>Sunday 2:15 PM MD Salon B 1hr Special Event</p>	<p>Concert: Sassafrass <i>Lauren Schiller, Emily Lewis, Ada Palmer</i> (Special Events)</p>
<p>Sunday 2:30 PM Guilford 1hr Presentation</p>	<p>Art Auction & Bobby Gear Memorial Charity Auction at Balticon <i>Dr. Gandalf (M)</i> Items from the Art Show that had 3 or more silent bid go to voice auction here. Once those are finished, we'll continue the fundraising auction. (Art, Special Events)</p>
<p>Sunday 2:30 PM Parlor 9059 1hr 50min Presentation</p>	<p>Speak Your Words: Bring Your Written Work To Audible Life <i>Izolda Trakhtenberg</i> Many writers hesitate to speak their words out loud. Often, they lack confidence in their abilities or skills and need guidance on how to present their work to a live audience. This workshop provides accessible techniques and processes to help participants establish voice, character, a reading flow, and most of all the confidence to read their written word aloud. In this interactive workshop, participants claim their words with their voices. In This Workshop, you will: Start voicing and developing characters vocally Apply proper breathing, projection, enunciation, inflection and emotion when reading their work aloud Develop the confidence crucial to bringing out a nuanced and authentic reading (Literary: Writers)</p>
<p>Sunday 2:30 PM Pride of Baltimore 50min Presentation</p>	<p>AI: Doom or Boon <i>Robyn Wyrick</i> How Artificial Intelligence is already destroying the world, and why we should welcome it. (Literary: Readers)</p>
<p>Sunday 2:45 PM Kent 50min Presentation</p>	<p>Small Presents ()</p>
<p>Sunday 3:00 PM Ballroom (MD Salons CD) 15min Special Event</p>	<p>Seating for George R. R. Martin Reading (Event Seating)</p>

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sunday 3:00

PM

Fells Point
1hr 50min
Demonstration

Masquerade Show and Tell

Gaia Eirich (M)

Our lovely entrants from the Masquerade have a chance to show off the details and tribulations of their presentations on stage.
(Costuming)

Sunday 3:00

PM

Homeland
50min Science
Panel

Let's Build a Space Habitat

Charles Stross, Jim Beall (M), Pamela Gay, Catherine Asaro

Panelists will explore the space lift, energy, and space industries needed and assess how practical it might be now, or in the near future. Do we yet know how to grow enough plants for self-sustaining once it's built? Do we have to have access to the Moon or asteroids first? Could the GBB MegaCorp do it (Gates, Buffet, and Branson)
(Science: Panels)

Sunday 3:00

PM

Mt. Washington
50min
Discussion
Panel

Hot SF: Climate Change in Science Fiction

Doug Fratz, Maria Snyder, Kim Stanley Robinson, John Varley, Allen Steele (M)

As global climate change concerns heat up, more science fiction than ever includes global warming settings and themes. Which authors have done it best? Which works have failed in some way? Have all of the works got the science right? What climate change themes and settings have not yet been fully exploited? Why is climate change (and global warming in particular) such a controversial topic in the current cultural and political arena?
(Literary: Readers)

Sunday 3:00

PM

Parlor 6036
55min
Children's

Friendship is Magic

Leigh Targaryen, Jay Buechler

Children will find the meaning of true friendship through co-operative games, coloring, stories, and crafts.
(Children's)

Sunday 3:00

PM

Parlor 9029
50min
Discussion
Panel

Dynamic Voice Acting

Lauren Harris (M), Christiana Ellis, Veronica Giguere, Dave Robison, Starla Huchton

Think you've got what it takes to be a dynamite director or voice actor? Warm up your voice and get over here! A talented team of voice actors tackles tough scripts in cold reads. Afterwards, they invite the audience to take a crack!
(Special Events)

Sunday 3:00

PM

St. George
50min
Presentation

Writing Effective Reviews of Science Fiction Books

Doug Fratz (M)

Veteran science fiction book reviewer and commentator D. Douglas Fratz provides in-depth instruction on how to write effective reviews of science fiction books, and what to include and what to avoid doing. He also will touch on the ethics of book reviewing, and the current markets for reviews and how those markets have changed over the decades he has been writing reviews.
(Literary: Readers)

<p>Sunday 3:15 PM Ballroom (MD Salons CD) 1hr Special Event</p>	<p>GoH George R. R. Martin Reading <i>George R. R. Martin, Mark Van Name (M)</i></p> <p>(Special Events, Guest of Honor Events, Cross Track: Readings)</p>
<p>Sunday 3:30 PM Pride of Baltimore 1hr 20min Reading</p>	<p>Broad Universe Rapid Fire Readings <i>Gail Z. Martin, Jean Marie Ward (M), Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Kelly Harmon, Jody Lynn Nye, Vonnie Winslow Crist</i></p> <p>The woman of Broad Universe are back with flash readings to tweak your appetites! (Literary: Readers)</p>
<p>Sunday 3:30 PM Watertable Salons BC 1hr 30min Workshop</p>	<p>Advanced Dance Workshop <i>Susan de Guardiola (M)</i></p> <p>(Dance)</p>
<p>Sunday 3:45 PM MD Salon B 15min Special Event</p>	<p>Doors Open for Seating- Short film</p> <p>(Event Seating)</p>
<p>Sunday 4:00 PM Autograph Table 1 1hr Autographs</p>	<p>Darrell Schweitzer, Michael Ventrella Autographing <i>Darrell Schweitzer, Jay Smith</i></p> <p>Darrell Schweitzer, Michael Ventrella at Table 1. To reach the Watertable Private Dining Room (PDR), go all the way through the hotel bar on the 5th floor. The PDR is behind the glass wall on the left just before the RPG Gaming Salon. (Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)</p>
<p>Sunday 4:00 PM Guilford 50min Discussion Panel</p>	<p>Filk, Copyright and IP <i>Bill Roper, Harold Feld (M), Roberta Rogow</i></p> <p>A discussion of what you can and can't legally do when writing a filk song based on someone else's work, whether it's using a well-known tune or borrowing the plot from a favorite book or movie. (50 min, discussion panel) (Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)</p>
<p>Sunday 4:00 PM Homeland 50min Science Presentation</p>	<p>Emerging Pathogens <i>John Cmar (M), Dr. John Skylar</i></p> <p>Other emerging pathogens, particularly paramyxoviruses (Science: Presentations)</p>
<p>Sunday 4:00 PM MD Salon B 1hr 30min Special Event</p>	<p>Balticon Short Film Festival</p> <p>(Special Events)</p>
<p>Sunday 4:00 PM Mt. Washington 50min Presentation</p>	<p>Geek Radio Daily <i>Terri Flynnstress, Billy Flynn</i></p> <p>Geek Radio Daily is a place for geeks and stealth geeks alike to hang out and talk about a variety of geeky topics. Check out the sometimes weekly podcast..... sWeekly, if you will. The 'cast is usually available on Thursdays, and if you are new to the show, just jump right in! (New Media: Live and Interactive)</p>

Sunday 4:00 PM
Parlor 11029
1hr 30min
Launch Event

Lighting and Necessity Launch Party

Jo Walton, Ada Palmer

Join Ada and Jo as they celebrate the release of Ada Palmer's *Too Like the Lightning* (Tor, May 10th) and Jo Walton's *Necessity* (Tor, June 30th). *Too Like the Lightning* is Ada's first novel, beginning the "Terra Ignota" quartet, a fantastic socio-political science fiction series.

Ada teaches Renaissance history at the University of Chicago, writes fiction and non-fiction, studies manga and anime publishing, sings and composes music for *Sassafras*, and writes the philosophy and travel blog *ExUrbe.com*. She is a twenty-year Balticon regular, and was Music Guest of Honor in 2013.

Necessity is Jo's thirteenth book, concluding the Thessaly fantasy trilogy about the goddess Athene's time-traveling Platonic experiment. Jo Walton is the Hugo and Nebula award winning author of *Among Others*, and was guest of honor in Balticon in 2015. She also blogs about older books on *Tor.com*. Take this opportunity to help the authors celebrate!

Come talk to them, see them mumble in incoherent embarrassment about their own books while eloquently extolling the manifest excellence shining from their friend's books. With cake! And tea! And music!

(Launch Events)

Sunday 4:00 PM
Parlor 6036
1hr 55min
Children's

Wearable Armor

Tom Jewell

Make your own awesome shield and arm bracers for the coolest cosplays!

(Children's)

Sunday 4:00 PM
Parlor 8029
1hr 30min
Presentation

How to Internet

Ally Bishop (M), Pamela Gay

Ally Bishop delves into the tricky world we engage as creatives, especially for those who are introverted and/or tend to be inflammatory. :) Examples of what to do, what not to do, questions to ask if you aren't sure how to approach issues that involve passionate views, how to interact on different platforms, and how to track your activity effectively. I also address concerns dealing with overwhelm and life balance.

(Professional Education & Development)

Sunday 4:00 PM
Parlor 9029
50min
Presentation

Kim Stanley Robinson Interview and Reading

Michael Pederson (M), Kim Stanley Robinson

Michael Pederson interviews KSR and Stan offers a reading.

(Alumni Events, Literary: Readers, Cross Track: Reading)

Sunday 4:00 PM
St. George
50min
Discussion Panel

The Evolution of Hard Science Fiction

Robert Chase, Doug Fratz (M), Michael F. Flynn, Charles Gannon, Donald Kingsbury

Does hard science fiction remain the core subgenre in SF? Was it ever thus? What is hard science fiction? What are the best examples of hard SF today? In the past? Is the diversification of SF to include more soft SF, fantasy and slipstream diluting the hard SF core?

(Literary: Readers)

- Sunday 5:00 PM**
Club Lounge
50min Game
- Ingress Cross Faction Meetup**
Mildred Cady (M)
Enlightened and Resistance Agents! It's time to say hello! Meet your fellow faction mates and the enemy at a friendly faction meetup. Also be sure to check the Mission tab in your scanner for a limited time Balticon 50 mission.
(Gaming)
- Sunday 5:00 PM**
Fells Point
1hr 20min
Workshop
- Hula Hoop Workshop**
Patches (M)
Make your own hula hoop, then take your new hoop across the hall to learn to dance while hula hooping!
(Dance)
- Sunday 5:00 PM**
Guilford
50min
Discussion
Panel
- So You want to Be an Agent?**
Joshua Bilmes
Literary Agent explains what a good agent does for their clients and talks about what skills and knowledge you need to have to become an agent. With a generous Q&A period at the end.
(Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 5:00 PM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- Who Speaks for Earth?**
Dr. SETI (M)
An Active SETI Presentation
(Science: Presentations)
- Sunday 5:00 PM**
Kent
25min Concert
- Harold Feld Concert**
Harold Feld
(Concert)
- Sunday 5:00 PM**
Mt. Washington
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Horror: The Genre and its Merit**
Paul Cooley
Horror authors, editors and fans discuss the state of the art with regards to the horror genre. Where is it and where is it going? Why should you jump on that train?
(Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 5:00 PM**
Mt. Washington
50min
Multimedia
Presentation
- Metamor City Retrospective Live!**
Lauren Harris, Laura Nicole, Chris Lester
Metamor City is a gritty mega-metropolis where the buildings soar hundreds of meters above ground, and humans rub shoulders with telepaths, vampires, shapeshifters, and even stranger beings. Come listen as creator Chris Lester and the Metamor City Players perform a live radio drama -- complete with music and sound effects -- and enter a world like nothing you've ever seen.
(New Media: Live and Interactive)
- Sunday 5:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
50min
Workshop
- World Building for Television**
Clint Gaige
(Filmmaking)
- Sunday 5:00 PM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Something Different**
Misty Massey, Sarah Avery (M), Reesa Herberth, Michelle Moore
Some books have quirky characters, some have unusual worlds, genders, art, politics. Panelists discuss their favorite quirky novels.
(Literary: Readers)

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

- Sunday 5:00 PM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Presentation
- Phil and Kaja Foglio Interview and Reading**
Kaja Foglio, Michael Pederson (M), Phil Foglio
Michael Pederson chats with the Foglios and they offer some readings of their work.
(Alumni Events, Cross Track: Readings, Literary: Readers, Art)
- Sunday 5:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
25min
Presentation
- Looking At The World In A WEIRD Way**
Mark The Encaffeinated ONE (M)
The world is a mysterious and wondrous place, but too often we are told that we need to be serious in order for it to make any sense. I'd like to offer an interactive rebuttal to the notion that seriousness and truth are actually the only measure of importance in the world, by looking at the world in an absurd, illuminating way -- or trying to, at least.
(Fan Program)
- Sunday 5:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Discussion Panel
- There's More to Music than Three Chords**
Maugorn, Emily Lewis, Lauren Schiller, Bill Roper, Kim the ComicBookGoddess (M)
From Renaissance polyphonic harmony to jazz to rap, filkers and fannish musicians are stretching their music beyond the standard folk/rock chord progressions and vocal keys. Come expand your listening horizons and find out how you can start experimenting with these musical forms. (50 min, Presentation?)
(Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)
- Sunday 5:00 PM**
St. George
52min Reading
- Readings: by 2015 and 2016 Compton Crook Winners, Joe Haldeman, R. A. MacAvoy**
Joe Haldeman, R. A. MacAvoy, Fran Wilde, Author 2016 CCA winning novel _Updraft_, 2015 Compton Crook Winner Alexandra Duncan
2016 Compton Crook Winner Fran Wilde, 2015 Compton Crook Winner Alexandra Duncan, Joe Haldeman, R. A. MacAvoy
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Sunday 5:15 PM**
Parlor 11029
2hr Moderated
- Needleworkers Tea**
Bring your knitting, crocheting -- whatever you feel like working on. We will endeavor to keep your teacup full and some light snacks on the tables. If you like your teacup, tell us -- we'll give you a piece of bubble wrap so you can take it home with you!
(Fan Program)
- Sunday 5:15 PM**
Watertable Salons BC
2hr Dance
- Swing Dance**
Iver Cooper, Michael Kangal
Put your dancing shoes on and step to a 20th century beat. For those new to swing dancing, Iver Cooper will use half the floor to teach basic steps for the first half, then the whole floor opens up for open dancing at 8:30. In addition to Iver's play list, DJ Mike Kangal will offer his swing sounds.
(Dance)
- Sunday 5:20 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
10min Special Event
- Seating for Boogie Knights Concert**
(Event Seating)

**Sunday 5:25
PM**

Parlor 9059
25min
Discussion
Panel

Weird or What?

Mark The Encaffeinated ONE (M)

Titles of stories and a brief synopsis is presented for the audience to judge whether this story was completely made up, or ripped from the headlines.

(Fan Program)

**Sunday 5:30
PM**

Ballroom (MD
Salons CD)
1hr Concert

Boogie Knights Concert

Boogie Knights

Songs of daring-do with nary a hey nonny nonny! Since 1982, the Boogie knights have put a humorous Medieval/mythical twist on everything from commercial jingles to TV/movie themes, from golden oldies to the latest top-40 songs. Our fearless leader, David Keefer (Theodoric of York, Medieval Disk Jockey) and our guitarist, John Scheeler (Sir John of Denver) are founding members. The rest, in order of joining, are: Sharon "SMAP" Palmer (Dionne of Warwick), Kate Pakaski (Alice the Cooper's daughter), Linda Swann (the Lady Pinque), Keith R. A. DeCandido (KRAD the Obscure), & Lynn Cunningham ("Mad" Donna). (Special Events, Concert)

**Sunday 5:30
PM**

Parlor 8029
50min
Discussion
Panel

Whose Program Is It, Anyway?

Jennifer R. Povey, Diane Weinstein (M), Billy Flynn, Don Sakers, Jay Nak

We'll discuss, model, and generally dissect the questionable (and sometimes outrageous) behaviors exhibited by program participants (and the audience!) at diverse conventions. Come prepared to be bored by speakers, experience the effects of panel-hogging, see totally-random subject changes, attacks on the other panelists and the audience, and all those other behaviors that make for poor panel participation. We'll share stories, advice, and solutions. Join us for the worst program item ever! (And—oh yes!—the audience gets to vote people off the panel every 10 minutes...) (Fan Program)

**Sunday 5:45
PM**

Kent
50min
Demonstration

Dramatic Voice Acting

Laura Nicole, Podcasting's Rich Sigfrit (M), Heather Welliver, David Sobkowiak, Doc Coleman

Have you ever wondered what makes a great audio drama character come to life? It is an actor's job to not only read the lines, but to also enact the scene directions audibly. This panel will demonstrate how an actor uses their skills to make convincing sound effects. Audience members may be asked to participate in demonstrations. (Performing Arts)

Sunday Evening

**Sunday 6:00
PM**

Guilford
50min
Discussion
Panel

Cover It! The Dos and Don'ts of Book Covers

Mike McPhail, Starla Huchton

Panelists discuss elements of successful book cover design, what not to do, and offer tips and advice on how to make the packaging sell your work. (Literary: Writers)

SUNDAY EVENING

- Sunday 6:00 PM**
Homeland
50min Science Presentation
- Water Water Everywhere**
Pamela Gay (M)
A wet tale of other worlds
(Science: Presentations)
- Sunday 6:00 PM**
Parlor 6036
50min
Demonstration
- Foam Armor Construction**
Tom Jewell (M)
For those of a more martial turn of costume, come to this workshop to make foam armor! Materials and assistance will be provided.
(Costuming)
- Sunday 6:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
52min Reading
- Readings: Charles Gannon, Steve Lubs, Jennifer Povey, Kim Stanley Robinson**
Charles Gannon, Kim Stanley Robinson, Jennifer R. Povey, Jack Campbell
Science Fiction Readings by Charles Gannon, Steve Lubs, Jennifer Povey, Kim Stanley Robinson
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Sunday 6:00 PM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Discussion Panel
- Web Creatives Play Make-Believe**
Bloggers, Talent, Producers and other online creatives discuss their work. We'll select an imaginary guest and cast movies starring them or their work.
(New Media: Live and Interactive)
- Sunday 6:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
52min Reading
- Readings: Scott Edelman, Steve Lubs, Christopher Rose, Don Sakers**
Scott Edelman, Don Sakers, Christopher Rose, Steve Lubs
Science Fiction Readings by Scott Edelman, Steve Lubs, Christopher Rose, Don Sakers
(Cross Track: Readings)
- Sunday 6:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Discussion Panel
- Sociological Implications of the Ring of Fire**
Charles Gannon, Walt Boyes (M), Bjorn Hasseler, Joy Ward, Virginia DeMarce
The Ring of Fire set off huge technological changes as downtimers digested the information in the libraries of Grantville. But far more importantly, it set off even larger sociological changes as people begin to live and work differently, and even stand and walk differently. Starting the American Revolution two centuries early means more than politics
(Literary: Readers, Literary: 1632)
- Sunday 6:50 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
10min Special Event
- Seating for Dr. Holtz**
(Event Seating)
- Sunday 7:00 PM**
Autograph Table 1
1hr Autographs
- Keith DeCandido, and Boogie Knights Autographing**
Keith DeCandido, Boogie Knights
Keith DeCandido, and Boogie Knights Autographing
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Sunday 7:00 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
1hr Science Presentation
- Dinosaurs, the Update**
Thomas Holtz (M)
Dr. Holtz brings us the latest news in the world of paleontology.
(Science: Presentations, Special Events)

- Sunday 7:00 PM**
Guilford
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Where'd the Air Go?**
Michelle Moore (M)
Come share your worst editing horror stories (all anonymous, of course) with readers and let's see who takes home the first annual Airlock Award.
(Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 7:00 PM**
Homeland
1hr 20min
Discussion
Panel
- Pseudoscience**
Mark The Encaffeinated ONE, Thomas Talbot MD, Marv Zerkowitz (M), Ben Steinhurst, Ethan Siegel
A discussion of the misuse and abuse of science in politics and everyday life.
(Skeptical Thinking)
- Sunday 7:00 PM**
Kent
50min
Presentation
- Woods Haven Mystercast**
Scott Pond, Paul Ellis, Veronica Giguere, Doc Coleman, John Walker, Laura Nicole, David Sobkowiak (M)
A full cast murder/mystery audio drama podcast which follows the life of Patricia Woods in the two weeks leading up to her murder.
(New Media: Live and Interactive)
- Sunday 7:00 PM**
MD Salon B
2hr Launch
Event
- Gaslight and Grimm Launch Party**
Vonnie Winslow Crist, Danielle Ackley-McPhail, Mike McPhail, Bernie Mojzes, Christine Norris, Jody Lynn Nye, Ken Schrader, Bud Sparhawk, David Lee Summers, Jean Marie Ward, Robert Waters, Misty Massey, Gail Z. Martin, Diana Bastine, R. S. Belcher, Danny Birt, Keith DeCandido, John L. French, Eric Hardenbrook, Kelly Harmon, John Hartness, Chris Hiles, Emily Leverett, Jeff Young
Authors from the Gaslight and Grimm invite you to help them celebrate!
(Cross Track: Launch Events)
- Sunday 7:00 PM**
Parlor 8029
50min
Presentation
- Who's Telling This Story Anyway?!**
Ally Bishop (M)
Ally Bishop addresses concerns over what POV to use in writing, as well as how to nail down the elusive writer's voice. Since most workshops focus on the nitty gritty of story elements, these get into the tough issues that crop up *while* working on refining those skills. I use examples, exercises, humor, and visual aids to engage and help my students learn.
(Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 7:00 PM**
Parlor 8059
50min
Presentation
- Documentary Filmmaking for Teens**
Eli Kuperman (M), Hannah Witkin (M)
Hannah and Eli's documentary film on the history of comics took first place in the Maryland History Day competition, and they will be going on to nationals. They discuss the tools, research skills, and methodologies that you should develop to help you create a successful documentary film.
(Teen, Filmmaking, Professional Education & Development)

Sunday 7:00

PM

Parlor 9059

50min

Discussion

Panel

Black Coffee in Space

Erik Mack, Len Webb (M), Jesse Friedman, Jason Richardson, Randy Green, Kennedy Allen

A frank and open discussion about the lack of representation of other races in popular Sci Fi and fantasy. A look at the evidence of this issue as seen in the Lord of the Rings trilogy and other works will lead into recent works that have addressed the issue (Star Wars, Game of Thrones) and a look at popular work of today that possibly offers a cure.

(Fan Program)

Sunday 7:00

PM

Pride of

Baltimore

50min

Discussion

Panel

Contrast and Compare: A Song of Ice and Fire and Game of Thrones

Allison Gamblin (M), Jesse Friedman

The HBO series has gone beyond the published books and diverged in many ways from GRRM's story. Panelists discuss some of the differences and make (almost certainly incorrect) predictions of what will happen in future episodes and books.

(Film, TV, and Video, Fan Program, Game of Thrones)

Sunday 7:00

PM

St. George

52min Reading

Readings: Ming Diaz, Goldeen Ogawa, Michelle Sonnier, Steven Southard

Ming Diaz, Goldeen Ogawa, Steven Southard, Michelle Sonnier

Fantasy and Steampunk Reading: by Ming Diaz, Goldeen Ogawa, Michelle Sonnier, Steven Southard

(Cross Track: Readings)

Sunday 7:45

PM

Mt. Washington

50min Concert

TJ and Mitchell Burnside-Clapp Concert

T. J. Burnside Clapp, Mitchell Burnside Clapp

(Concert)

Sunday 8:00

PM

Fells Point

50min

Discussion

Panel

History of the Book

Lauren Schiller, Ada Palmer

What was really in a pre-modern library? Or a pre-modern letter? This hands-on presentation on the history of the book from antiquity through the first few centuries of printing will let you touch and examine real (not replicas! Real!) examples of manuscript and printed materials from the fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, including samples of parchment, vellum, and period handwriting, and some facsimiles of classical and medieval book-making materials. Discussion of the chronology and key innovations in book history: papyrus, parchment, the codex, paper, wood blocks, movable type, and their impact over time on reading, writing, and record-keeping.

(Readings)

- Sunday 8:00 PM**
Guilford
50min
Discussion
Panel
- What is YOUR Favorite Gaming System?**
Zachary Eirins (M)
Come learn about many of the different gaming systems out there, both old and new, including D & D, Traveler, Runequest (Chaosium), Gurps, Big Eyes Small Mouth, White Wolf, Dogs in the Vineyard, Diceless Amber, Fate, etc. -- which ones work, how they don't work, and what they are good for. This panel will be a kind of "if you want to run this type of game, this system is good for that, " and "We love system X, but we always use this kind of house rule to correct Y when we do it. "
(Gaming)
- Sunday 8:00 PM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- The Fate Of The Universe**
Ethan Siegel (M)
Big Crunch, Big Rip or Big Freeze?
(Science: Presentations)
- Sunday 8:00 PM**
Kent
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Round-robin storytelling**
Larry Niven, Ian Strock (M), Fran Wilde, Nancy Springer, Grig Larson
The audience suggest prompts, and panelists have to spin out a story in round-robin fashion.
(Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 8:00 PM**
Parlor 11029
1hr
Presentation
- SFWA Meeting**
Bud Sparhawk, Michael Spence
SFWA officers discuss current and upcoming projects and answer questions. Current, past, and prospective members are welcome to attend. Meet & chat with other members of the organization.
(Literary: Writers, Professional Education & Development)
- Sunday 8:00 PM**
Parlor 6036
50min Open
Forum
- Teen Forum - Z-Nation or Walking Dead?**
Which presents a more believable zombie apocalypse scenario? Which characters do we like most? Hate most? An open forum discussion.
(Teen)
- Sunday 8:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
1hr Discussion
Panel
- "How Do You Do It?" Creating Around a Day Job**
Day Al-Mohamed, Meriah Crawford, Amanda Davroe (M), D. H. Aire, 2015 Compton Crook Winner Alexandra Duncan
Readers sometimes imagine writers spending their days in a study or a coffee shop, working nonstop on their next masterpiece. The truth is, many authors also hold down a day job. How do those authors find time to write? Is having another job a benefit or a detriment? How do they fit in life around their writing time and writing time around their lives?
(Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 8:00 PM**
Pride of
Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Keeping Your Series on Track**
Our panels of editors talk to writers about what they're looking for, what the pitfalls are and how to keep the process of working with your series editor on an even keel.
(Literary: Editors)

- Sunday 8:00 PM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel
- The Big Bang Theory**
Michelle Sonnier, Jennifer R. Povey, Christie Meierz, Ian Strock (M), Bud Sparhawk
There's been an ongoing, but relatively recent literary trend: Authors start novels and stories with a great big bang/at the most crucial moment. Then they backtrack and flash back! Panelists discuss why this is cropping up so much and whether it's a positive turn or not, and whether it has to do with fiction reflecting the Hollywood mentality of hook 'em fast, then get to all the tough stuff like characterization later. Panelists cite specific books where this works and doesn't, and examine the classics for areas where it happens and doesn't. Ian Randal Strock has agreed to participate on this panel (he said he already sent in his notes to you but I've spoken with him since). (get opinions from agents and publishers and writers)
(Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 8:00 PM**
St. George
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Science Fiction: The Next 50 Years**
Wendy Delmater, Jennifer R. Povey (M), Don Sakers, Christie Meierz, Joseph F. Berenato
With Balticon and Star Trek celebrating their fiftieth anniversary this year, it's tempting to look back on the last fifty years of science fiction and fandom. Instead, how about looking forward? Will science fiction, as a genre, cease to exist? How will it evolve as real technology becomes more and more "science fictional"?
(Literary: Readers)
- Sunday 8:15 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
15min Special Event
- Doors open for audience seating**
(Event Seating)
- Sunday 8:20 PM**
Watertable
Salons BC
2hr Dance
- Ten Forward Masked Ball**
Michael Kangal
Dress as your favorite Star Trek character or alien. Dance to Music from the Star Trek series and movies.
(Dance)
- Sunday 9:00 PM**
Ballroom (MD Salons CD)
1hr Multimedia Presentation
- Game of Thrones Episode Viewing**
Perrienne Lurie
Join us in MD Ballroom (Salons CD) to view HBO's Sunday night Game of Thrones episode.
(Game of Thrones, Special Events)
- Sunday 9:00 PM**
Guilford
50min
Discussion
Panel
- How to Make your SF Short Film**
Day Al-Mohamed (M)
(Filmmaking)
- Sunday 9:00 PM**
Mt. Washington
1hr Concert
- Danny Birt**
Danny Birt
(Concert)

Sunday 9:00 PM

Parlor 11029
50min
Discussion
Panel

Lovable Rogues in Media Fiction

Gail Z. Martin, Zachary Eirins (M), Jennifer R. Povey

Ice Pirates, the Firefly crew, Jack Sparrow, the Time Bandits -- there's no panel table, but roving panelists will talk, with anyone who will stand and listen, about favorite pirates and other rogues of the past 30 years in Films, TV and literature, and how our favorites all seem to have a certain self-deprecating humor. We may even have a compilation of clips to reminisce over.

(Fan Program)

Sunday 9:00 PM

Parlor 8029
50min
Multimedia
Presentation

Foley Effects

Bryan Lincoln

An audio demonstration.

(Readings)

Sunday 9:00 PM

Parlor 9029
1hr 20min
Discussion
Panel

Collaboration Over Distance

Pamela Gay, Sue Baiman, John Walker, David Sobkowiak (M), Veronica Giguere

How do creatives (authors, artists, and musicians) collaborate when they are separated by distance? What technologies allow the creative mind to reach out and expand their worlds?

(New Media: Technology, Professional Education & Development)

Sunday 9:00 PM

St. George
52min Reading

Readings: Arinn Dembo, Ken Schrader, Darrell Schweitzer, Michael Spence

Michael Spence, Ken Schrader, Arinn Dembo, Darrell Schweitzer

Fantasy, Horror and Weird Readings by Arinn Dembo, Ken Schrader, Darrell Schweitzer, Michael Spence

(Cross Track: Readings)

Sunday 9:15 PM

Kent
50min
Presentation

The Voice of Free Planet X live show!

Jason G Banks, Jared Axelrod (M), Dave Robison, Veronica Giguere, Christiana Ellis

On the Voice of Free Planet X podcast, Jared Axelrod has interviewed aliens, monsters, robots, witches, superheroes, creatures from Hell and, most harrowing, other intergalactic public radio producers. But nothing has prepared him for this, covering a no-holds-barred rap battle with the fate of humanity hanging in the balance! The worlds of public radio, hip hop, pro-wrestling and science-fiction slam together in a must-see spectacle in the valorous VFPX vein!

(New Media: Live and Interactive)

Sunday 9:30 PM

Parlor 11029
1hr 20min
Party

Meet eSpec Books

Danielle Ackley-McPhail (M), Mike McPhail

Come meet the authors, artists, movers and shakers that are the driving force behind eSpec Books. Oh, and have a nosh!

(Literary: Small Press Presents)

Sunday Night

- Sunday**
10:00 PM
Fells Point
50min
Discussion
Panel
- What A Long Strange Trip It's Been**
Harold Feld, Gary Ehrlich (M), T. J. Burnside Clapp, Dr. SETI, Roberta Rogow
A look at the Baltimore/DC area's filk history, best moments, etc.
(Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)
- Sunday**
10:00 PM
Guilford
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Authorian Jargon: A Readers' Handbook**
Bernie Mojzes, Goldeen Ogawa (M), Bud Sparhawk, Jennifer R. Povey, Gail Z. Martin
Tired of nodding your head sagely while listening to authors discussing their craft -- when the truth is you're not really sure what they said? What's a plot device -- and do you need a phillips head to turn it? When does a little idea become a Big Idea? Says who? Well! Our panelists will reveal all.
(Literary: Readers)
- Sunday**
10:00 PM
Homeland
1hr 30min
Discussion
Panel
- Misuse and Abuse of Science**
Tim Livengood, Mark The Encaffeinated ONE (M), Ethan Siegel, Ben Steinhurst, Harold Feld
A discussion of the misuse and abuse of science in politics and everyday life.
(Skeptical Thinking)
- Sunday**
10:00 PM
Kent
50min
Presentation
- BwaHaHa!!!!**
Tim Livengood (M), Jim Beall
How we each would take over the world, using our known science, if we were not such fine people.
(No guarantee that everyone will leave the room unchanged... or at all...)
(Fan Program)
- Sunday**
10:00 PM
MD Salon B
1hr 30min
Reception
- GoT Discussion Party**
Perrienne Lurie
Step right next door from the main ballroom episode viewing to discuss the episode with other fans and party.
(Game of Thrones, Special Events)
- Sunday**
10:00 PM
Mt.
Washington
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Mythic Science Fiction**
Vonnie Winslow Crist, John Walker
Strip away the trappings of iris doors and FTL drives, and many SF stories--including hard SF and military SF--are ancient myths, legends, even fairy tales in disguise. Hear how SF writers use mythology and folklore to create their visions of tomorrow.
(Literary: Readers)
- Sunday**
10:00 PM
Parlor 9059
50min
Moderated
- Blue Poets Corner**
Stephanie Burke (M)
Open Mic Readings of SF/F Erotic Poetry
(Literary: Poetry)
- Sunday**
10:00 PM
St. George
1hr 30min
Reading
- Late Night Readings: Hot Stuff! Handle with Caution**
A. C. Wise, Michelle Moore, K. M. Szpara
Queer Science Fiction and Fantasy with Erotic Content and Science Fiction Romance Readings by Alessia Brio, Bernie Mojzes, Michelle Moore, Nobilis Reed, K. M. Szpara, & A. C. Wise,
(Cross Track: Readings, Midnight at the Oasis)

<p>Sunday 10:15 PM Kent 4hr 45min Open Filk</p>	<p>Sunday Open Filk <i>Gary Ehrlich</i> Drop by to sing and/or play some music with us. Or just pull up a chair and listen! (Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)</p>
<p>Sunday 10:20 PM Ballroom (MD Salons CD) 10min Special Event</p>	<p>Doors open for audience seating (Event Seating)</p>
<p>Sunday 10:30 PM Ballroom (MD Salons CD) 2hr Special Event</p>	<p>Cecilia Tan's Circlet Press Variety Show <i>Cecilia Tan (M), Jennifer Levine</i> (Special Events, Midnight at the Oasis)</p>
<p>Sunday 11:00 PM Parlor 8059 1hr 30min Discussion Panel</p>	<p>Anime After Dark: Fan Service & Fetishism <i>Jason G Banks (M), Lee Sarfati, Rob Barba</i> Panelists discuss the roe of Anime in the kink world. (Anime)</p>
<p>Sunday 11:00 PM Pride of Baltimore 1hr 30min Discussion Panel</p>	<p>The Eye of Argon! <i>Hildy Silverman, Michael Ventrella (M), Ian Strock</i> "One of the genre's most beloved pieces of appalling prose" read by some of the best narrators, presented in all its theatrical glory and critiqued by those who can't keep a straight face. When a panelist makes a mistake, they are required to get up and act out the story! Everyone in attendance can also make an attempt at reading. Come prepared to laugh! (Fan Program)</p>
<p>Sunday 11:00 PM Watertable Salons BC 3hr Dance</p>	<p>Techno Dance <i>Barbara Mabie, Jay Nak</i> Come in and dance the night away! (Dance)</p>
<p>Monday 12:00 AM Homeland 1hr Film Screening</p>	<p>Sunday Night Science Flicks <i>Lance Oszko (M)</i> A selection of short science fact films. Sunday/Monday overnight (Science: Flicks)</p>

Monday Morning

<p>Monday 7:00 AM Watertable Salons BC 50min Open Forum</p>	<p>Early Birds Morning Yoga Independent practice. Come in and perform your morning Surya Namaskara and perhaps share your knowledge with another. Presenter: YOU! (Fan Program)</p>
<p>Monday 8:00 AM Pride of Baltimore 25min GoH Presentation</p>	<p>Steve Miller Reading <i>Steven Muller</i> (Guest of Honor Events, Literary: Readers)</p>

MONDAY MORNING

- Monday 8:30 AM**
Guilford
50min
Workshop
- Early Birds Stretch and Sketch**
Steve Barnes (M)
Bring a sketch pad or use our sketch paper. We'll start with 20 minutes of gentle stretching to loosen bodies and minds, then sketch. We will be on the floor, so wear loose clothing.
(Art)
- Monday 8:30 AM**
Homeland
30min
Demonstration
- Mild Stretching Exercises**
Miriam Winder Kelly (M)

(Fan Program)
- Monday 8:30 AM**
Pride of Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Space Opera: Now vs. Then**
Robert Chase
Was there more opera than space? Are today's characters stronger? Was there greater plot density in the old days?
(Literary: Readers)
- Monday 8:30 AM**
Pride of Baltimore
25min GoH
Presentation
- Connie Willis Reading**
Connie Willis (M)

(Guest of Honor Events, Literary: Readers)
- Monday 8:30 AM**
Watertable
Salons BC
50min
Workshop
- Practical Self Defense**

(Fan Program)
- Monday 9:00 AM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- The Parade of Clocks**
Stephen Granade (M)
Demetrios Matsakis, Chief Scientist for Time Service, Naval Observatory, with a presentation on clocks, from pre-historic to the near future
(Science: Presentations)
- Monday 9:00 AM**
Parlor 11029
3hr 15min
Workshop
- Keeping it Short: Writing Short Stories for Magazines and Anthologies**
Hildy Silverman (M)
THIS IS PART OF THE WRITER'S SEMINAR SERIES. THERE IS A FEE. PRE-REG IS REQUIRED
Participants will learn what works -- and what doesn't -- when it comes to writing and selling short fiction to magazine and anthology markets. Each participant should bring what they consider the two main problems with their short stories to share and discuss with the workgroup.
(Literary: Writers)
- Monday 9:00 AM**
Parlor 8059
1hr
Presentation
- Introduction: Engaging the Cafeteria Fringe: Science Fiction and Fantasy Clubs**
AD Boorman

(Professional Education & Development)

**Monday 9:00
AM**

Parlor 8059

50min

Presentation

Real Microgravity for Your Students — An introduction to the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program

Tim Livengood

The Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP) currently is wrapping up its proposal review to send the tenth set of student-designed and student-conducted experiments in mini-labs to experience weeks of weightlessness aboard the International Space Station before return to Earth for analysis. SSEP is the real deal in space science: students experience the entire life cycle of scientific research, starting with developing an idea for an experiment to conduct in space that takes advantage of microgravity (weightlessness) within the physical limitations of the mini-lab, which permits no exposure to light or external air and which may contain no power supply. From the basic idea, students must research their idea and the scientific context in which it fits, and write a proposal to justify the scientific value of the experiment, to explain how it will be done, what response is likely to arise due to microgravity, how it will be analyzed when the experiment container is returned to them, and how control experiments will be conducted and compared to the spaceflight version.

Student proposals are evaluated by a review panel within their community and the best three are sent up to the national review panel, which ranks the three proposals within each community to determine which one will fly.

Communities are not in competition with each other — each participating community has one spot in the mission. Student researchers have the option to participate in the annual SSEP national conference, sharing their experiment outcome with fellow student researchers.

Several communities have participated multiple times, reacting to and building on the experience of previous student researchers in a classic example of the experience of true scientific inquiry.

(Professional Education & Development)

MONDAY MORNING

Monday 9:00 AM

Parlor 8059
50min
Presentation

Head in the Clouds: Unleashing Creativity Through Cloud Physics

Izolda Trakhtenberg

Great science fiction writers take science and combine it with compelling tales that engage and fascinate us. But how do those authors do it? How do they take science and turn it into exciting stories? How do they free their imaginations even as they adhere to the principles of physics, chemistry and biology? And how can we use some of those secrets to ignite our own and our students' creativity? Join science educator and writer Izolda Trakhtenberg to look at clouds and cloud physics and how they can spark our creativity in writing, moviemaking, and music. Make a cloud in a bottle and use the physics behind the activity to free your own creativity. Estimate cloud cover and learn how math and science combine with art on the most primal levels. Language arts and art teachers can also get in on the fun of using science and science experiments and philosophy in their work with students. Everyone will learn two fun activities to take back to the classroom to kindle creativity and interest in science, writing, and other artistic pursuits.
(Professional Education & Development)

Monday 9:00 AM

Parlor 8059
1hr
Presentation

PM 1 PM Dreaming for the Future

Catherine Asaro

Inspiring Our Future Scientists and Mathematicians with Science Fiction
(Professional Education & Development)

Monday 9:00 AM

Parlor 8059
1hr
Presentation

PM 2 PM Real Life or Fantasy

AD Boorman

Project Based Learning using Science Fiction
(Professional Education & Development)

Monday 9:00 AM

Parlor 8059
1hr
Presentation

PM 3 PM Promoting Literacy Through Writing Graphic Novels

(Professional Education & Development)

Monday 9:00 AM

Parlor 8059
7hr Workshop

Teaching With Science Fiction Workshop

(Professional Education & Development)

Monday 9:00 AM

Parlor 9059
50min
Discussion Panel

Consequences

Michelle Moore, Wendy Delmater (M), Joy Ward

In fiction, every character's action should have a consequence. A discussion of the consequences of actions of various characters in popular science fiction and fantasy, and examples of places where a story was hurt when there were no consequences.
(Literary: Readers)

Monday 9:00 AM

Pride of Baltimore
25min Reading

Jo Walton Reading

Jo Walton (M)

(Alumni Events, Cross Track: Reading)

- Monday 9:30 AM**
Guilford
2hr Workshop
How to Draw Manga style (Workshop)
Barbara Mabie (M), Rob Barba (M)
A workshop for aspiring Manga artists.
(Art)
- Monday 9:30 AM**
Mt. Washington
50min Concert
Joe Haldeman Concert
Joe Haldeman
(Concert)
- Monday 9:30 AM**
Parlor 10029
50min
Discussion
Panel
Games for 6 or More
Jeff Meyer, Peter Bryant
Most boardgames are for 2 - 5 players, so I always find it tough to choose a game that everyone is willing to play when you have 6 or more people. Come to this panel and learn about the most popular 6 player + games out there so that you know what games you need to have on your shelf that will handle large groups of people all playing the same game together.
(Gaming)
- Monday 9:30 AM**
Pride of Baltimore
25min
Discussion
Panel
It Takes a Village
Veronica Giguere, Dave Robison (M), Walt Boyes, Scott Pond, Paul Cooley
Indie publishing is not "Self Publishing". Even if you can do your own covers and layout, you need an editor or beta readers. If you don't have the skills (or time) to do your own cover and layout (and few do), it takes a village. Learn what you need to know, or whom to hire, to help make your book the best it can be.
(Literary: Writers)
- Monday 9:30 AM**
Pride of Baltimore
25min GoH
Presentation
Sharon Lee Reading
Sharon Lee (M)
(Guest of Honor Events, Literary: Readers)
- Monday 9:30 AM**
Watertable Salons BC
1hr 20min
Demonstration
Martial Arts Overview and Demo
If you have knowledge and skills to share, welcome!
A drop in clinic. Unmoderated.
(Fan Program)
- Monday 10:00 AM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
The Science of Art Conservation
Jennifer Giacca of the Smithsonian brings us a presentation on the scientific analysis of art works and cultural heritage objects.
(Science: Presentations)
- Monday 10:00 AM**
James
1hr 30min
Game
LARP Closing Ceremonies
(Gaming: LARP)

MONDAY MORNING

- Monday 10:00 AM**
Kent
1hr 30min
Autographs
Monday Gimungous Autograph Session
Joseph F. Berenato, Billy Crash, Ty Burson, Jack Campbell, J. R. Blackwell, Walt Boyes, Marilyn "Mattie" Brahen, Charlie Brown, Paul Cooley, Elwin Cotman, Michelle Moore, Vonnie Winslow Crist, Keith DeCandido, Virginia DeMarce, Reesa Herberth, Sarah Pinsker, Scott Roche, Darrell Schweitzer, Alex Shvartsman, Ethan Siegel, David Silverman, Jay Smith, Michelle Sonnier, Patrick Thomas, Michael Underwood, John Walker, Maugorn, David Walton
Almost 30 of your favorite artists, authors and podcasters, right here, right now!
(Cross Track: Autograph Sessions)
- Monday 10:00 AM**
Parlor 6036
2hr Children's
Lego Challenge
Eta Hack (M)
Tons of Lego, kids, and imagination! Nothing more needs to be said!
(Children's)
- Monday 10:00 AM**
Parlor 8029
50min
Discussion
Panel
SF&F Book Reviewing: Past, Present and Future
Doug Fratz (M), Sarah Avery
How has science fiction and fantasy book and movie reviewing changed over time and where are these trends headed? What are the ethics of reviewing? What makes for an effective review? How does reviewing differ from criticism?
(Literary: Readers)
- Monday 10:00 AM**
Parlor 9059
50min
Presentation
Anime Gone Mainstream
Rob Barba, Jason G Banks (M), Lee Sarfati
We're seeing more and more Anime references in everyday media. What does this mean for the genre?
(Anime)
- Monday 10:00 AM**
Pride of
Baltimore
25min GoH
Presentation
Kim Stanley Robinson Reading
Kim Stanley Robinson (M)

(Guest of Honor Events, Literary: Readers)
- Monday 10:30 AM**
MD Salon B
1hr 30min
Workshop
Belly Dance Workshop: Learn to dance like an Orion or an Argelian
Nina Amaya (M)
Nina Amaya has been studying the dances of the Middle East since the 1990's. She runs a belly dance troupe, Aubergine, and Brinjal, Baltimore's Bellydance Band. She also runs the Baltimore Faerie Faire, a one day festival dedicated to the fae creatures who stayed when the City was built around them. Study bellydance at Balticon and celebrate with The Fae at the Masquerade Ball, and the Faire the week after!
(Dance)
- Monday 10:30 AM**
Mt. Washington
1hr Concert
Peter S. Beagle Concert
Peter S. Beagle

(Concert)
- Monday 10:30 AM**
Parlor 10029
2hr 20min
Demonstration
X-COM Demo
Jeff Meyer (M)
NEED A CATCHY DESCRIPTION HERE.
(Gaming)

- Monday 10:30 AM**
Parlor 9029
50min
Discussion
Panel
- The Art of Series Editing**
Elektra Hammond, Sue Baiman, Walt Boyes (M), Gail Z. Martin, Charles Gannon
Editing is challenging as it is, but what are the things to consider when editing an ongoing series? Whether you're talking shared-world or not, there are things you need to take into account that make this a challenging undertaking.
(Literary: Editors)
- Monday 10:30 AM**
Pride of Baltimore
1hr GoH
Presentation
- Michael Flynn Reading**
Michael F. Flynn (M)
(Guest of Honor Events, Literary: Readers)
- Monday 11:00 AM**
Fells Point
1hr 20min
Workshop
- Treasure Box Workshop**
Merrily Wolf (M)
Choose from assorted sized and shaped cigar boxes to decorate a box for your special treasures.
(Teen)
- Monday 11:00 AM**
Homeland
50min
Presentation
- Hollow Earth, Sunken Continents & A Universe Made of Plankton?**
Thomas Holtz (M)
A Look At "Paranormal" Geology
(Skeptical Thinking)
- Monday 11:00 AM**
Parlor 8029
50min
Discussion
Panel
- How to Give and Get Critiques**
Scott Edelman, Sarah Pinsker (M), Connie Willis, K. M. Szpara, Alex Shvartsman
What goes into being a good critiquer. How to listen to others' critiques of your work. Where to find critique partners, online and in person.
(Literary: Writers, Professional Education & Development)
- Monday 11:00 AM**
Pride of Baltimore
25min GoH
Presentation
- Jody Lynn Nye Reading**
Jody Lynn Nye
(Guest of Honor Events, Literary: Readers)
- Monday 11:00 AM**
Watertable Salons BC
50min
Workshop
- Beginner Ballroom Dance IV: Waltz**
Susan de Guardiola (M)
Have you ever wanted to learn to ballroom dance? Then come to this introductory workshop. Our professionally trained and certified dance teacher will teach you some basic steps and techniques to have you gliding across the floor. No partner necessary! Note that this class is available in several sessions, each of which focuses on a different dance. This session will be teaching waltz, a smooth, elegant ballroom style.
(Dance)
- Monday 11:30 AM**
Pride of Baltimore
25min GoH
Presentation
- Charles Stross Reading**
Charles Stross
(Guest of Honor Events, Literary: Readers)

Monday Afternoon

- Monday 12:00 PM**
 Homeland
 50min Science Presentation
ISU (International Space University), the Update
Laura Burns (M)
 A discussion about the International Space University, its programs, and how you can participate, even if you aren't a student. (Science: Presentations)
- Monday 12:00 PM**
 Parlor 6036
 55min Children's
Story Telling
Don Sakers
 Come enjoy the fun, silly entertaining stories told by the amazing and lovable Mr. Don! (Children's)
- Monday 12:00 PM**
 Parlor 8029
 50min Discussion Panel
What's Hot Short Fiction?
Michael Underwood, Sarah Pinsker (M), Jean Marie Ward, Scott Edelman, Alex Shvartsman
 (Literary: Readers)
- Monday 12:00 PM**
 Parlor 9059
 50min Discussion Panel
Music IN Fiction
Scott Andrews (M)
 From George RR Martin's Armageddon Rag to Elizabeth Hand's Wylding Hall, SF writers love to write about music. Is writing about music like dancing about architecture? (Literary: Readers)
- Monday 12:00 PM**
 Pride of Baltimore
 25min GoH Presentation
Steve Barnes Reading
Steve Barnes (M)
 (Guest of Honor Events, Literary: Readers)
- Monday 1:00 PM**
 Homeland
 50min Science Presentation
The Latest News from Pluto and Beyond!
Carey Lisse PhD (M)
 (Science: Presentations)
- Monday 1:00 PM**
 Mt. Washington
 50min Discussion Panel
Building a Home Studio
Bill Roper (M), Dr. SETI, Heather Welliver, Lauren Schiller, Roberta Rogow, Maugorn
 For the aspiring musician or recording engineer, the basic components of a home recording studio can be assembled for a reasonable cost. Our panel reviews the best microphones, mixers, software, and other equipment to get you started. Or, if you already have the basics and the funds, how to upgrade your setup to the next level. (50 mins, discussion panel)
 (Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)
- Monday 1:00 PM**
 Parlor 10029
 1hr 20min Demonstration
Wire Sculpture for Teens
Lonnie Ingram
 Teens create a beautiful wire sculpture to take home!
 (Teen)

- Monday 1:00 PM**
Parlor 8029
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Breaking into the Game Industry**
T. Eric Bakutis (M)
What are the routes available to people who want to become professional game designers, artists, or programmers? How do I "break into" the game industry? What are game industry professionals looking for in resumes, portfolios, and applications?
(Fan Program)
- Monday 1:00 PM**
Parlor 9059
50min
Presentation
- How to Find/Start a Compatible Gaming Group**
Jeff Meyer (M)
Tools and tips for aligning the goals of gamers. This panel will talk about identifying the goals and motivation of different people in gaming to help determine how to run a game session to get everyone in on the fun. Aligning RPG gaming styles and choosing board games to meet the needs of the entire group.
(Gaming)
- Monday 1:00 PM**
St. George
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Judaism for the Elves**
John Skylar, D. H. Aire
How Jewish Culture and Religion Interact with Mainstream Fantasy.
(Readings)
- Monday 2:00 PM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- Polywell Fusion Research Update**
Bob Terry (M)
Loosely defined, PolyWell Fusion devices originated with Philo T. Farnsworth, got some crucial MHD insight from Harold Grad, blossomed under Robert Bussard, and have recently begun to spring up all over the world. We will cover some simple ideas that organize the "species".
(Science: Presentations)
- Monday 2:00 PM**
Mt. Washington
50min
Discussion
Panel
- Expanding the Circle**
Gretchen Roper, Roberta Rogow, Kim the ComicBookGoddess, Gary Ehrlich (M), Harold Feld
An open form with panelists and audience talking about how to attract new/more diverse blood to the filk community and cons. (50 min, open forum)
(Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)
- Monday 3:00 PM**
Homeland
50min Science
Presentation
- The Newest Moon**
Tim Livengood (M)
What we have learned from the spacecraft you didn't know we were flying.
(Science: Presentations)
- Monday 3:00 PM**
Mt. Washington
2hr Open Filk
- Open Filk Dead Dog**
Gary Ehrlich
It's the last chance to drop by to sing and/or play some music with us. Or just pull up a chair and listen!
(Music Panels, Presentations and Workshops)
- Monday 4:00 PM**
Homeland
50min
Presentation
- Improving Balticon**
Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess
(Fan Program)

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Monday 7:00 PM

Maryland
Salons EF
4hr Reception

Dead Dog Party

This Dog is Dead! Help us give it a proper wake! We will be playing games, eating pizza, finishing off the snacks and goodies from the Green Room and Con and generally shift into Party Hearty gear. NOTE: NOBODY touches the pizza until the truck is closed and locked. Loadmaster gets the first piece of pizza!

(Alumni Events, Administrative Tasks)

Monday 11:30 PM

Pride of
Baltimore
50min
Discussion
Panel

Created Religions in SFF

Gail Z. Martin, Amanda Davroe (M), Zachary Eirins

Worlds created by authors for SF/F often include created religions. What makes a religion seem "real"? Which created religions seem the most interesting? If you lived on Planetos and were going to follow a religion, which of the 6 would it be? Why?

(Game of Thrones, Literary: Readers)



Don't forget to visit the
**Hal Haag Memorial Game Room /
Hal's Game Room
(Federal Hill)**

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*For a break from the con, to relax with  
friends over a game of chance or get  
involved in deep strategy.*

Game Masters running demonstrations of  
new, challenging games  
Stimulating gaming panels  
RPG SCHEDULED GAMES.

Nightly Game @ 10 PM of BSFS's own  
**Social Class**

Saturday Game @ 9 PM of  
**Munchkin**

# **CATCH A LIAR, LAUGH HARD, HELP KIDS**

**WHO ARE THE LIARS?**  
**George R. R. Martin**  
**Connie Willis**  
**Joe Haldeman**  
**Jody Lynn Nye**  
**Mark L. Van Name**

**THE RULES:**

Each panelist answers a set of questions. All answers must be the truth—except three. No one other than the answerer knows which are true and which are lies.

After each answer, anyone in the room can challenge the answerer. Multiple people can challenge; the more, the better.

After there are no more challengers, the panelist tells whether the answer was the truth or a lie.

If it was **true**, each challenger puts **\$1** in a bucket that runners pass.

If it was a **lie**, the panelist puts **\$10** in the bucket.

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BUY BOOKS FOR BSFS BOOKS FOR KIDS.**

**BRING LOTS OF \$1 BILLS,  
SPOT THE LIES, AND RAISE MONEY  
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**Sunday, 1:00, Maryland Ballroom**

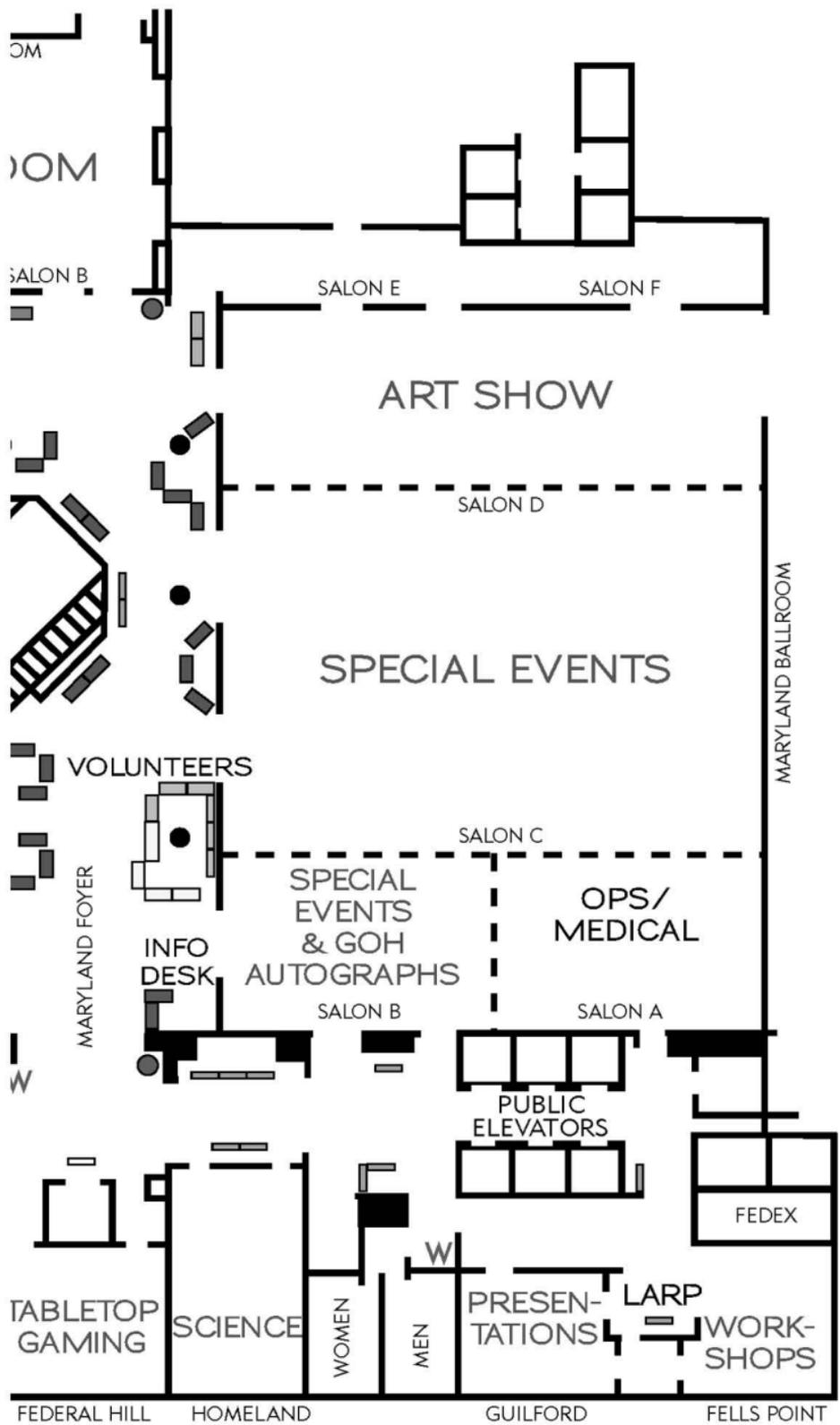
# RENAISSANCE BALTIMO



## FUNCTION SUITES

- Parlor – 8029 Gaming Panels & Small Panels
- Parlor – 8059 Film Prog, Small Panels, Launches
- Parlor – 9029 Interviews and Podcasts
- Parlor – 9059 Poetry and Other Seminars
- Parlor – 10029 Miniatures Gaming
- Parlor – 10059 VIDEO
- 12th Floor Club Lounge CON SUITE

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