



# WhimsyCon 2019

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# 2019 Guests of Honor

## Roberto Calas



Roberto Calas is an author and lover of history. His serial trilogy (*The Scourge*) is about a 14th century knight fighting his way through a demon-infested England to reunite with the woman he loves. And every bit of it is true except for the made up parts.

In addition to *The Scourge* series, Roberto has written *The Beast of Maug Maurai* trilogy (fantasy), and a variety of novellas and short stories. His two most recent works, *The Madness of Valatriste* and *The Children of Gehenna* are due out in 2019.

He lives in Sandy Hook, Connecticut with his two children.

Roberto is represented by Byrd Leavell, of Waxman Leavell.

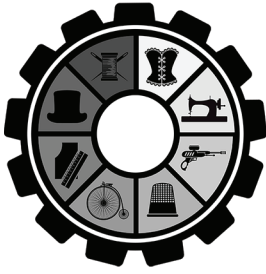


## Erin Card

Erin is a Renaissance Woman of creativity and loves doing anything she can with her hands. Between fashion designing, costuming, prop-making, crafting, and designing *Tiny Homes*, she also makes sure to leave time for video and board games, backyard soirees, and snuggling her husband and two cats.

She's judged and organized many contests, won several awards for her creations, and fancies herself an enabler — welcome to the Cosplay side. We have cookies.

# Welcome to WhimsyCon!



# WhimsyCon

## LETTER FROM THE ORGANIZER

Welcome! We're glad you decided to steer your ship to our harbor. While here, everyone is encouraged to be good citizens to each other. We come from a variety of places, and our destinations are wide and varied as well, but we all come here for shared interests and loves. Rather than divide because of our differences, let's unite in our shared joys, and bring new ideas to each other. Be kind, be gentle, be accepting, be open to new things, and be the awesome people that I know you can be. Welcome to WhimsyCon.

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## CONVENTION HOURS

FRIDAY: 5:00 PM – MIDNIGHT  
SATURDAY: 9:00 AM – MIDNIGHT  
SUNDAY: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

## REG/INFO DESK HOURS

FRIDAY: 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
SATURDAY: 8:30 AM – 9:00 PM  
SUNDAY: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

## VENDOR ROOM HOURS

FRIDAY: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
SATURDAY: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
SUNDAY: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

## ART SHOW HOURS

FRIDAY: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
SATURDAY: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM  
SUNDAY: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

# Safe Space & Anti-Harassment

WhimsyCon is proud to provide a safe space for everyone on site, including, but not limited to, guests, attendees, volunteers, hotel staff, and members of the public passing through. We gather together to support each other in the love and expression of our fandoms, also known as geeking out.

Being a safe space means that our attendees are free express themselves and their interests without fear of being attacked for their love of their fandom or for being themselves. It is an inclusive space for all people regardless of gender, gender presentation, pronoun choice, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, age, or affiliation.

No harassment of any kind will be tolerated. Our friends Merriam and Webster tell us that harassment is any activity or behavior that annoys persistently, bothers, creates an unpleasant or hostile situation or threatens another person or group of people.

If you wish to not harass or threaten, here are some guidelines you can follow:

- Before you touch (for example: hug, glomp, touch a cosplayer's costume), ask permission. "May I give you a hug?" "May I touch that fabric?"
- Clarify if permission is single-use, or if it extends longer (that day, that weekend, etc.).
- Ask before taking anyone's picture.
- Accept "no" as a reasonable answer without follow-up questions. Their reasons are not your business unless they choose to share them with you.
- If you find someone's outfit interesting, it is acceptable to tell them so, but do not expect further interaction after giving your compliment.
- Appropriate compliments include "Nice craftsmanship," "You captured the character really well," or "Thank you for representing my favorite character."
- Inappropriate comments can include (depending on context) "You look sexy," "Here's my number," "My cosplay is better than yours." If you are unsure, ask a friend to help you phrase your compliment.
- We recommend you avoid comparisons. (For example: "Your outfit is much better constructed compared to his.") Let each person's work stand for itself.
- Absolutely inappropriate behavior includes groping, looking up skirts/kilts, positioning yourself to look down shirts/dresses, coercing someone to do or say anything, hate speech (using words that purposely offend or insult).

If you are being harassed, or if you witness harassment at the convention, please report the situation to any convention staff member, visit the registration desk, or email [harassment@whimsycon.org](mailto:harassment@whimsycon.org).



# Clothing & Weapons Policy

Costuming and cosplay are encouraged at WhimsyCon. Please feel free to dress up as your favorite character(s) during the convention. (We sure plan to!)

When planning your costume, please mind the following guidelines, which are always in effect:

- Keep it PG: This is a family-friendly convention, and we want to maintain the goodwill of the hotel, so please keep your bits covered.
- Be nice to strangers and to your friends.
- No real weapons (including, but not limited to firearms), even if you have a permit or a license.
- No realistic-looking weapons: If security (ours or the hotel's) can't tell from a distance that it is a fake weapon, then it is too real. We applaud your authenticity, but must ask that you leave it at home.
- Specifically: Metal weapons and working projectiles are not permitted.

All attendees, panelists, vendors, volunteers, etc. agree to follow our policies by attending WhimsyCon.

To review all convention policies, visit: [www.shinygarden.org/events/policies](http://www.shinygarden.org/events/policies)

## Special Rooms & Events

### The Atrium

Our Atrium is a hub of activity! Enjoy demonstrations from various artists, displays of fanciful creations, interactive maker demos, massages, leather care, Silent Auction (to benefit Shiny Garden) and Mermaids! See the schedule on page 20 for more information.

### The Pool

Visit the pool for a demonstration by real Mermaids! Check with the Mermaids in the Atrium for times and details.

### BristleCone (Children's Programming)

Visit BristleCone to take part in projects for young makers. Check the schedule for details about classes and sessions.

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### Quiet Room

#### (11th Floor Boardroom)

The Executive Boardroom on the 11th floor has been designated as a Quiet Room, available to anyone needing a quiet place to relax.

No phone calls or loud conversations, please.

### The Airship (12th Floor)

Visit the 12th floor Airship! Parlors hosted by Airship Iron Opal and the Denver Victorian and Steampunk Society (DVSS) provide relaxation and socializing. Enjoy Tea Dueling, musical performances, and "Steampunk Scouts" selling cookies throughout the weekend. Check the schedule for details.

# Art & Adventures

## Silent Auction

Bid in the silent auction and ensure a shiny future for all of us. All proceeds benefit Shiny Garden, our host non-profit whose mission is to ensure all fans have a safe place to meet, share their interests, and connect with each other.

Stop by throughout the weekend to see everything available.

## Art Show

**Friday 6-10pm**

**Saturday 11am-9pm**

**Sunday 9am-2pm**

The WhimsyCon Art Show is located on the 2nd floor and showcases pieces in a variety of media from local artists. These pieces are available to bid on or buy outright, depending on your level of patience!

# Games & RPG Sessions

## Games

If gaming suits your fancy, we have Steampunk-themed RPGs, D&D Adventure League, and the entire Shiny Garden board game library. For information and to sign up, head to the Gaming Room, across from Main Events.

## D&D Adventure League

Dungeons & Dragons Adventure League can be found in the Gaming Room across from Main Events.

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# Panelists (By First Name)

## A.M. BURNS

A.M. Burns lives in the Colorado Rockies with his partner, several dogs, cats, horses, and birds. He is a former president of the Colorado Springs Fiction Writers Group.



## ANDREW HALLAM

Andrew Hallam earned his PhD at the University of Denver. His dissertation was an analysis of the interplay between myth and allegory in in LOTR. He is a scholar of sci-fi and fantasy, Star Wars, superheroes, and Beowulf.



## AARON SPRIGGS

Scientist by day, rock star by night. Aaron is the poor man's Buckaroo Banzai. Aaron goes to Burning Man every summer, and usually a band tour. As an author, he has published poetry, short stories, and one novel.



## ASHLEY M VASQUEZ

Vasquez is a Denver based writer and nerd who loves to play in the world of make-believe. She is published in 4 anthologies: Adventures in Zookeeping, Just Desserts, Wit and Whimsy, and Shatter Your Image.



## AMY GRISWOLD

Griswold is a professional seamstress with 30+ years of experience in clothing construction and industrial sewing. Her body of work includes wedding gowns, costuming, boat covers, custom reupholstery, etc.



## BECK WASIK

Beck is a steampunk writer that likes to give an alternative look to actual historical events. She's been perfecting her craft of the written word for more than half her life.



## ANA MACDONELL

Ana was born and raised in Spain, and came here 25 years ago. She is been a congoer for +30 years. She is a pirate, alien, trekkie, shieldmaiden, companion, Sith, Stark, Gryffindor, Pikachu, and mystery lover.



## BETSY DORNBUSCH

Betsy Dornbusch is the author of several fantasy short stories, novellas, and novels. The latest is THE SILVER SCAR. When she's not writing, she reads, snowboards, and goes to punk rock concerts.



## ANDARTA

Andarta is a professional psychic who performs tarot and oracle card readings, past life regressions, shamanic journey work, and Reiki healing. Andarta is an Empath who can sense people's feelings.



## BLAIR BARTLETT

Blair has been doing photography since 4th grade. Blair also does all his own matting, and photographs his wife Mitzi's sculptures. They live in CO with their feline overlords Koda and Sparo.



# Panelists

## BLIND LEMMING CHIFFON



Blind Lemming Chiffon is a musician and filker from Denver, Colorado. He's been an Interfilk guest at FilkOntario. If you want to know what filk is, he's probably the last person you ought to ask.

## CALVIN STUDZINSKI



Rocket scientist, game developer, aspiring author, and avid amateur historian, Calvin has loved Steampunk since he found it. Age of Aether, the historical steampunk fantasy RPG, will be publishing soon!

## BRENNA



Brenna is proud to bring you fun and easy canvas painting & stuffed animal classes! See the Whimsical Whiskers booth in the Vendors Room and adopt your snuggly dragon friend today!

## CAROL VAN NATTA



Carol is a bestselling author whose works include the *Central Galactic Concordance* space opera series, paranormal romance, and retro SF comedy. She shares her home with a mad scientist and many cats.

## BRETT J. BAKER



Brett Baker is an independent author and publisher, and a graduate of the University of Colorado. He lives in Denver. For more information about Brett or his books, please visit <http://www.brettbaker.ws>.

## CAROLYN KAY



Carolyn Kay is a fae changeling struggling to make it in the mortal realms as a meager scientist and writer. Catch her at [carolynkayauthor.com](http://carolynkayauthor.com).

## BRIAN ZIMAN



Brian has studied Physics, Computer Science, and Linguistics. For fun, he translated the Tales of Beedle the Bard back into Ancient Runes. He is a board member of Shiny Garden, who hosts WhimsyCon.

## CHARLES & TAUNI ORNDORFF



With over 20 years experience, Charles and Tauni are master costumers, skilled in numerous techniques for making costume parts including vac-forming, casting, 3D printing, sewing and more.

## BRYAN OLIVER



Oliver directed the series Tales of a Broken Reality for 4 years. The project features steampunks of all backgrounds. Tales of a Broken Reality is a sideways look at The Wizard of Oz gone horribly wrong.

## CHAZ KEMP



Chaz Kemp is an Art Nouveau illustrator specializing in Steampunk, Fantasy & Sci-Fi. He's also a drummer, singer and Art Muppet Supreme! Check out his tarot deck too... [www.Patreon.com/ChazKemp](http://www.Patreon.com/ChazKemp)



# Panelists

## COLLEEN OAKES

Oakes is the author of books for both teens and adults, including *The Queen of Hearts Saga*, *The Wendy Darling Saga* and *The Black Coats*, arriving February 2019. She lives in Denver with her husband and son.



## DAME URSULA WHIFFENPOTT

Professional opinion-giver/costumer. Always ready for a cup of tea and a great conversation!



## CONNIE WILLIS

Willis is the Hugo- and Nebula-Award winning author of *Doomsday Book*, *Crosstalk*, and *Blackout/All Clear*. She's a SFWA Grand Master and has been inducted into the Science Fiction Hall of Fame.



## DANA BELL

Bell writes regional CO tales and has lived many places. Many of her stories are set there and star the various cats she's been owned by. Her works include her novels *Winter Awakening* and *God's Gift*.



## COURTNEY WILLIS

Courtney Willis is an emeritus professor of physics from UNC. He has been attending and participating in Science Fiction Conventions with his wife, a well known SF writer for over 40 years.



## DYLAN EDWARDS

Edwards is an award-winning queer and trans cartoonist. He is the creator of *Transposes* and *Valley of the Silk Sky*. His work has also appeared in anthologies, including *QU33R* and *No Straight Lines*.



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# Panelists

## ENEASZ BRODSKI



Podcaster and author, winner of the 2018 Writers of the Future award, with short stories published in *Asimov's* and *Analog* magazines. His novel "What Lies Dreaming" can be read at [WhatLiesDreaming.com](http://WhatLiesDreaming.com)

## IAN THOMAS HEALY



Ian Thomas Healy writes superhero and speculative fiction and is the creator of the Just Cause Universe of superhero novels. Local Hero Press focuses upon high-quality crossgenre speculative fiction.

## GAIL HENRY



Gail Henry is a writer, movie and TV buff, book enthusiast, and proud Hufflepuff. She is housemate to an adorable black cat who loves to cuddle.

## J.D. HARRISON



J.D. Harrison is a lifelong horsewoman, often in the uncommonly intelligent company of her horse, Smoke. She believes in soul satisfying relationships with animals, and reading voraciously.

## HANNAH BARTLEY



Hannah specializes in tailoring thrift shop finds into costuming by using clothing, able cloths, curtains, and whatever else she finds.

## J.L. FORREST



J.L. Forrest writes short fiction and novels for the likes of *Analog Science Fiction and Fact*, *Crossed Genres*, the *Robot Cowgirl Press*, and others. His work ranges from science fiction to the deeply mythopoetic.

## HOPEFULLY COSPLAY



Hope began cosplaying in 2013 & mermaiding in 2016. She tends to create cosplays from existing pieces, & placed 1st in the Creative Division of the costume contest at *AnomalyCon 2017*.

## JAN SCOTT-FRAZIER



Jan is a public speaker, storyteller, multimedia artist, and art/creativity educator who has spoken at over 250 anime, sci-fi, and comics conventions. She also does education and outreach for the LGBTQI community.

## IAN BRAZEE-CANNON



Ian Brazee-Cannon a writer, film maker, game designer, podcaster. His short stories have been in *The Fifth Di...*, *Wondrous Web Worlds*, *Forgotten Worlds*, *Tales of the Talisman*, and various anthologies.

## JANET ROSE



A Colorado native, relationship educator and nonprofit attorney specializing in disability law. She serves on the board of *Shiny Garden* and brings a trauma-informed lens to geekdom.

# Panelists

## JESSICA LAUREN GABARRON

Jessica, Slytherin, movie quoter, and book enthusiast, once failed creative writing in high school, but that hasn't stopped her from writing and getting published.



## KATOFDIAMONDS

KatOfDiamonds has been cosplaying since 2012 and has been streaming cosplay progress on Twitch since Late July 2018! She loves talking cosplay and troubleshooting as she is self taught in most things.



## JODI M. FRANKLIN

Aspiring author, dog lover, and motorcycle enthusiast, Jodi M. Franklin enjoys crafting stories of mischief and mayhem in genres of steampunk, si-fi, and fantasy.



## KATHLEEN SLOAN

Sloan has been a filker since 1976 and has been reading science fiction even longer. In 2007 she was inducted into the Filk Hall of Fame. Her song "Take It Back" won the Pegasus award for best classic filk in 2016.



## JOSH VOGT

Josh Vogt's novels include Forge of Ashes and his humorous urban fantasy series, The Cleaners. He's a member of SFWA, and a Scribe Awards and Compton Crook Award finalist. Find him at JRVOgt.co



## KIMBERLY KEANE

Kimberly lives a secret life of playing with data sets, caring for a furry dragon, and answering questions for her adult children like: "How do taxes work?". She also writes speculative fiction.



## JULIE NAKAO

Julie Nakao currently is the Chair for WhimsyCon 2019 and on the Shiny Garden Board. She has been geeking out with Denver conventions since 2011.



## KNIGHT

The 2017 Colorado bootblack, and 2nd runner up for International Mr. Bootblack, Knight has been publicly caring for leather since 2013. Don't know what boot blacking is? Stop by the atrium to find out!



## KARINA SCOTT

Karina started Freedom Inside as a means to help her friends and family reach their dreams. Now she is growing it to help as many people as possible find the freedom they need to live their lives.



## LARA BECKWITH

Lara is a Library assistant At Hoffman Library and grew up doing historical reenacting and sewing. She created the first Sewing Lab at the Aurora Public Library where she teaches all levels and ages to sew.



# Panelists

## LOSING LARA



Losing Lara is a singer/songwriter with a focus on nerdy music. Fandoms highlighted in her work include Harry Potter and Firefly. She performed on the Yes All Witches Tour posts weekly YouTube videos.

## MELANIE UNRUH



Melanie is an artist and maker of decorative and functional pottery, and historical and fantasy sartorial arts, ranging from historical to fantasy, Viking to Victorian, and hats to spats.

## LOU J BERGER



Berger is an Active member of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America (SFWA) and has published short stories in Galaxy's Edge Magazine, Daily Science Fiction, and a handful of anthologies.

## MELISSA KOONS



Melissa Koons is a former English teacher who now works as a writer and editor for Spine Press + Post. She still contributes to education as a tutor. She has one novel published and multiple short stories.

## LYNDSIE CLARK



Lyndsie Clark grew up in Boulder, Colorado as the only child of hippie parents. She has a Master's degree in Linguistics and speaks fluent Italian. Her debut cyberpunk novel, Anamnesis, arrives in October.

## MERMAID ARA



Mermaid Ara is visiting Whimsycon from her home in Mermaid Lagoon, Neverland, and is excited to share how you too can join the mermaid community!

## MARIO ACEVEDO



Mario Acevedo is a national bestselling author, and has won a Colorado Book Award and an International Latino Book Award. He contributed to Nightmares Unhinged, CyberWorld, and Blood Business.

## MICHELLE REEVES



Michelle Reeves has been in the Denver Sci-fi community for over 10 years. She knows the importance of including the next generation in events and strives to create fun and innovative panels for all ages and abilities.

## MEL PLETT



A Creative Technologist and Craftswoman who designs interactive light and motion elements for costumes and props using a combination of physical computing technology and traditional handicraft skills.

## MIKE CERVANTES



Mike Cervantes is a humorist, cartoonist, steampunk enthusiast, regular contributor to Denver's local steampunk convention, AnomalyCon. He writes and publishes stories on TheScarletDerby.com.



# Panelists

## MIKE KLOEPFER (MIKEYZART)

Kloepfer is an award-winning artist with a career over 3 decades. He has drawn over 1,000 professional portraits and 12,000 caricatures for collectors worldwide.



## MISTRESS MAB

Mistress Mab is a long time cos-player, Jill of many trades, and general geek. She is a lover of almost all things steampunk related from gaslamp fantasy novels to diesel punk music.



## NISSA LAFETE

As the faerie Queen of LaFete, Nyssa began the Festival of Faerie in 2012. She is a maker of wings, stories, laughter, and new friends. She loves storytelling and hearing new stories!



## OLIVIA WYLIE

Olivia Wylie is a blogger, comic artist, professional horticulturist, illustrator and jack of all trades. Her projects revolve around historical and folkloric researches, particularly concerning the Gilded Age.



## OWEN WEARS

Though born in California, Owen spent his formative years in northern Colorado. In 2014 he switched from working in the comics industry to writing prose. He edits the fantasy anthology EXTERUS.



## PAUL LELL

Sci-fi/fantasy writer, game designer, costumer, science enthusiast, father, and so much more!



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## PERI CHARLIFU



Peri Charlifu is an artist potter working out of Lakewood CO, where he lives with his husband. Peri has been making and selling art professionally for 37 years and makes his living on the convention art show circuit.

## RUBIEE TALLYN HAYES



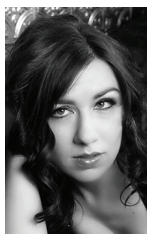
Rubiee is a renaissance Pooka who sings, writes, blends loose-leaf teas, and creates functional pottery. She owns Dryad Tea and Dryad Pottery, where her art is for purchase.

## PINK PITCHER



Pink Pitcher is a seamstress, textile and domestic historian, and artist (among other titles). She enjoys costuming and cosplaying in a variety of genres. She is currently publishing her first comic - Root & Branch.

## SANDRA WHEELER



Sandra works professionally as a technical writer, editor, and designer. She is Shiny Garden's Publications Director, and co-editor of the WhimsyCon Anthology.

## PROF. ARTIMUS G. SMITHMAGE



Professor Artimus G. Smithmage is Maker/Metalsmith for 30 years, with 10 years in Steampunk life making jewelry props leather metal and other mis media.

## SCOTT CROSSON



Scott Crosson is a long time podcaster and armature comedian. His newest project is a Super Hero review channel.

## RICHARD BLAKE



Richard provides full-time care and part-time frustration for his family as he develops and delivers innovative STEM, Writing & Humanities programming to groups with the amazing good taste to hire him.

## SHEILA MCCLUNE



Sheila enjoys writing, cooking, creating art, costuming, and hosting tea parties. She can be found helping to run conventions, especially in the con suite. In so-called Real Life, she works as a data analyst.

## RICHARD E. FRIESEN



Richard Friesen is a science fiction and fantasy author, whose five-book fantasy series, The Dreaming King Saga is now complete. The first volume in the humorous superhero series about Narcolepsy is out now.

## STACE JOHNSON



Stace Johnson is a Colorado writer, musician, and IT guy. He has published fiction, non-fiction, and poetry in various anthologies & magazines. Visit him at: [lytspeedconsulting.com](http://lytspeedconsulting.com)

# Panelists

## STANT LITORE

Stant Litore is the author of *Ansible*, *The Zombie Bible*, *Nyota's Tyrannosaur*, and *Dante's Heart*. He lives in Aurora, Colorado with his wife and three children.



## TRAVIS HEERMANN

Heermann is the author of seven novels, including *Death Wind* and *The Ronin Trilogy*, plus short fiction in *Apex Magazine*, *Alembical*, and others, and work on the *Firefly Roleplaying Game*, *Battletech*, and *EVE Online*.



## THEA HUTCHESON

Hutcheson works under several names. She garnered an Honorable Mention in *The 17th Year's Best Fantasy and Horror*. *Locus Magazine* calls her work "sensual, fertile, with seed quickening on every page."



## VERONICA R. CALISTO

Masseur of people and plot lines. Singer of songs inside her own head. Author of *Diary of a Mad Black Witch*, *A Griffin Scorned*, and the first in *SparkleTits Chronicals: Starfish & Coffee*.



## THOMAS A. FOWLER

Fowler is the author of nerdy things, primarily sci-fi. He helps authors market & publish themselves as the Marketing Director at Spine Press & Post & is a cohost of the *Geeky Gab Podcast*. [ThomasAFowler.com](http://ThomasAFowler.com)



## VICTORIA REGINA

Victoria Regina LOVES making unique hats great and small. Using traditional millinery skills, she has mastered the art of using non/traditional materials to create 'sculptures' for the head.



## TOMAS O'DREAMS

Liam Bootzin has been entertaining adults and children with his stories since 1987.



## VIVIAN CAETHE

When not fighting crime or tinkering with Tarot spreads, Vivian Caethe writes weird fiction, science fiction, fantasy, quirky nonfiction and everything in between. She lives in CO with her supervillain cat.



## TRAI CARTWRIGHT

Trai Cartwright, MFA, is a 25-year entertainment industry veteran and creative writing specialist. She teaches, produces, and writes screenplays and novels, and can be found at [www.craftwritte.com](http://www.craftwritte.com).



## VONIÈ STILLSON

Voniè has a MA in DMT and Counseling from Antioch University New England, is a lifelong comic and sci-fi fan, leads ADTA's Multicultural & Diversity Affinity Group for geek culture and Captain of Airship Iron Opal.



# Panelists

## Also Appearing

### **CORI**

Do you remember GhostBusters? I'm kinda like that, and a Wizard, for your muscles.

### **KEVIN FROST**

Frost is the lead editor of the retro-punk short story zine Curiosities and was a Parsec Award finalist for the companion podcast, Gallery of Curiosities, in 2018.

### **LANNIE PIHAJLIC**

Lannie is a Colorado artist that enjoys making art using all sorts of media, from painting and sculpting, to digital art. He works range from realism to fantasy and science fiction based art.

### **LEE FRANCIS 4**

Dr. Lee Francis 4 is an Indigenerd Extraordinaire and founder of Native Realities, Red Planet Books and Comics, and the Indigenous Comic Con.

### **LYNN GOLD**

Lynn writes computer documentation by day and silly music by night. She's been active in west coast fandom and con-running for decades.

### **ROBIN BAYLOR**

Robin is a veteran, an engineer, and a musician. She has lived in 4 timezones, and is fascinated with tech past, present and future.

### **STORM**

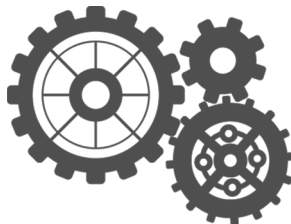
Multi media fantasy artist. Anthropologist specializing in belief systems. Voracious reader and collector of books and the beautiful oddball. Polio survivor.

### **SUSAN CLARE ADAMS**

Susan Clare Adams is an author and poet with stories published by Villainous Press and two books of poetry by NT Publishing. She lives in Colorado where she surrounds herself with family and friends.

### **VENNESSA ROBERTSON**

Venessa Robertson is a Colorado author and a Homeschooling mother of two. When not writing she operates large and small rescue in rural Colorado. [www.vrobertsononline.com](http://www.vrobertsononline.com)





# Vendors

## **2 WYRD SISTERS**

Decadent bath and body products to pamper yourself and the ones you love.

## **A LITTLE BIT OF LINDA**

Handmade jewelry with a steampunk and geeky vibe. Jewelry is partly made of circuit boards, nuts, springs, and so on.

## **ASHELON PUBLISHING**

We strive to introduce positive cultural diversity to the Steampunk genre through our art and stories because the 1800s happened everywhere.

## **BEAUTY AND THE BEADS /**

## **ROCKHOUND STUDIO**

Hand strung and woven jewelry, geometric shapes, jewelry boxes, rocks, crystals, and geode cracking.

## **BF FROG PUBLISHING**

Science Fiction and Fantasy Writer and Publisher.

## **BLACK BECOMES HER**

Cameos integrated into jewelry and accessories with Gothic, Victorian, Steampunk, and Fantasy stylings.

## **CHRONOHOARD**

Jewelry for steampunk and fandom interests in semi-precious stone beads and brass or copper chain.

## **CURIOSITIES**

Curiosities publishes a thrice annual zine of short stories curated for retro-punk interests, available in digital and print on demand formats, in addition to producing the Gallery of Curiosities audiofiction podcast.

## **DRYAD TEA**

Hand-blended teas inspired by music, mythology, literature and general geekery. Hand made pottery and more! We are your one stop tea shop, just add hot water!

## **ECLECTIC ENDEARMENTS**

Eclectic Endearments offers a variety of hand made, one of kind Steampunk accessories: such as Mini Top Hats, Leather hatbands and leather cuffs.

## **EXTERUS**

Exterus is an expose of both stand-alone and serialized fantasy short stories with an added twist of the epic and the macabre.

## **FABRIQUEWERX STUDIOS**

Fabriquewerx offers a unique selection of handmade leather accessories, costume pieces, jewelry, shoes and more for steampunks, heroes, elves, pirates, knights and other gentle lunatics.

## **FAMILY CREATIONS**

Custom clothing and accessories including custom chainmaille pieces.

## **FREEDOM INSIDE**

Freedom Inside the Box is all about giving yourself the freedom to lead the life you want. We'll be displaying our variety of fandom clothing items as well as answering questions pertaining to our offered services.

## **FUNKMASTER LOVECRAFT**

## **STUDIOS**

We hand-craft items from antique, vintage, and re-purposed materials. We strive to provide unique gifts based on a philosophy of love for the past.

# Vendors

## **GREEN GRIFFIN PRESS**

Green Griffin Press is a small press specializing in private publication at this time.

## **HAN MOTOGEAR**

We opened a Store here in Evergreen South (EVERSO) and have steampunk accessories, leather hats and light sewing if needed to make your costume your own!

## **KRYSTYNA LYNN KREATIONS**

We specialize in Steampunk Attire. Many items are handcrafted by owner Rhonda Painter.

## **LAIR OF ABRAXAS**

Geek Haven, game lounge an Viking Hall. Everything you need to enjoy a night out.

## **LEAFING OUT**

Leafing Out explores the magic of the green world through art and ethnobotanical writings.

## **LOCAL HERO PRESS**

Local Hero Press is a Denver-based publisher of quality crossgenre fiction.

## **MISS VICTORIA REGINA**

Victoria Regina has a delight for hats. She has adopted a technique in hat making that dates back over 100+ years & is known for dedication to quality to truly make one-of-a-kind pieces.

## **NEW MOON CRAFTS**

New Moon Crafts brings to you octopus themed necklaces and earrings, as well as other fine crafts from the sea.

## **OUT IN COLORADO FICTION**

Colorado creatives that produce LGBT fiction and comics. We do conventions across the state and welcome stories of all members of the queer community

## **POCKET SIZE CHAINMAIL**

A chainmail menagerie of pocket-sized fun, from butterflies to octopi to lions.

## **RABBIT TALES**

From etched glass ware, 3D printed table top accessories, prop kits to embroidered bags, iron on patches, resin works, and everything in between.

## **ROOT & BRANCH**

Pink Pitcher is a seamstress, textile and domestic historian, and artist. She is the author and artist of Root & Branch - a Fantasy Graphic Novel series.

## **SEWJUSTSEW**

Custom costumes, hats & leather products.

## **STANT LITORE**

Stant Litore lives in Aurora, Colorado and is the author of Ansible, The Running of the Tyrannosaurs, The Zombie Bible, and Dante's Heart.

## **THE MAD TATTER**

The Mad Tatter creates lace designs incorporated into jewelry.

## **THE SCARLET DERBY**

Mike Cervantes, independent author, artist presents The Scarlet Derby and Midnight Jay.

## **THRIFTY GRYPHON**

Bracelets, handmade gifts, and more from repurposed materials and the creativity of the mind!

# Vendors & Authors

## TIME WELL SPENT GAMES

We sell the hottest new board and card games! Like what you played today? Stop by and say hi!

## TWO OLD BEARS

We make custom Steampunk jewelry and sell accessories and other devices.

## WANDERING JOTUN CRAFTS

We are dedicated to serving and uplifting the folks society forgets: queer folks, down-to-earth pagans, nerds.

## WHIMSICAL WHISKERS

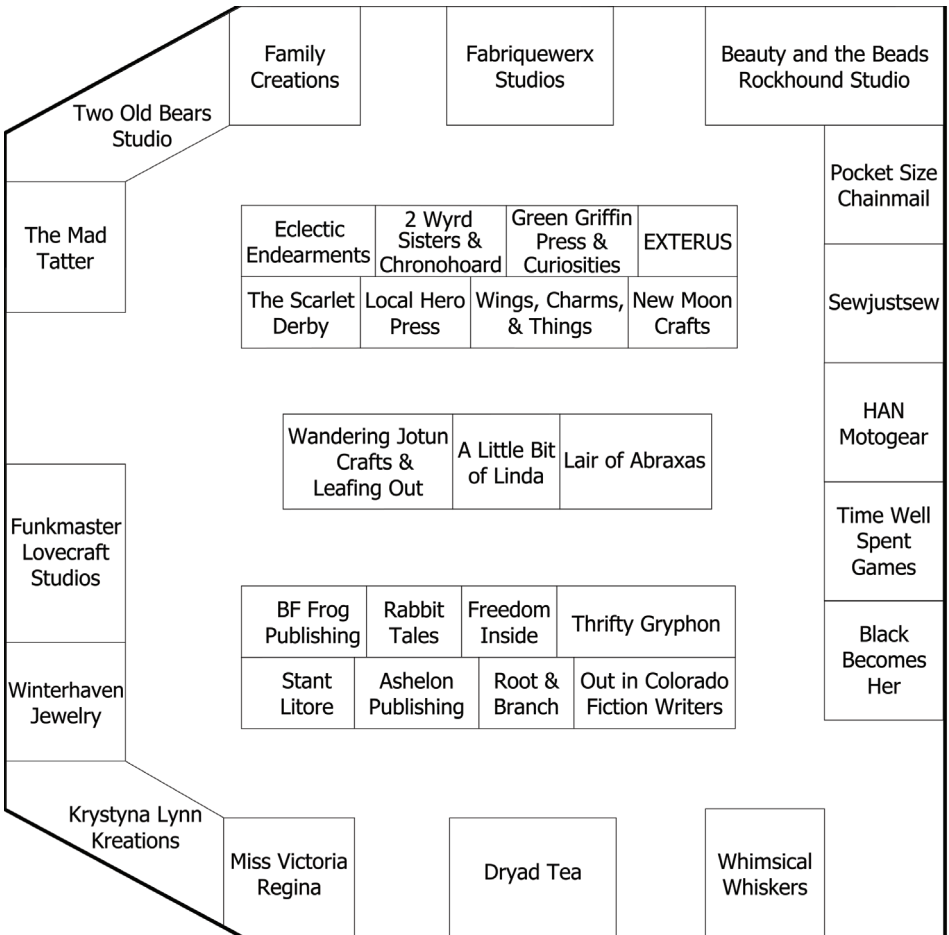
Unique dragons & other animals made with love and care. Accessories too!

## WINGS, CHARMS, & THINGS

Your one stop need for wings, jewelry, costume accessories and more.

## WINTERHAVEN JEWELRY

Unique chainmail jewelry and accessories.



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## 3D PRINTING IN COSTUMING

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Atrium*

Charles Orndorff, Tauni Orndorff

This demonstration and discussion shows how you can design and 3D print costume pieces. We will talk about materials, software and devices.

## 3D PRINTING WITH ERIN CARD

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Mesa Verde C*

Erin Card

Costuming Guest of Honor Erin Card discusses 3D printing techniques, process, and planning, with a bit of show and tell.

## ALEISTER CROWLEY, BEAST OF THE VICTORIAN OCCULT

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Vivian Caethe

An in depth look at the life and times of the Victorian occult's most infamous character.

## ART JAM

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Atrium*

Jan Scott-Frazier, Mistress Mab,

Rubiee Tallyn Hayes, Victoria Regina

Sit down and draw for an hour! Toss around ideas with other artists and flex those art muscles. All skill levels are welcome.

## ART OF BODY MOTION

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Atrium*

Cori

Somatic Awareness Principles. Easy exercises to bring awareness to how one's body moves and learning to listen to how to allow for change.

## AUTHOR GUEST OF HONOR

### READING

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Roberto Calas

Our Author and Artist Guest of Honor reads from his new fantasy novel, "The Madness of Valatriste".

## AUTHOR MEGA AUTOGRAPH

### RECEPTION

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Main Events*

Betsy Dornbusch, Ian Brazee-Cannon, Karina Scott, Mike Cervantes, Roberto Calas, Scott Crosson, Thea Hutcheson

Attending authors, including our Guest of Honor Roberto Calas, will be available to sell their books, provide autographs, and visit with fans.

## AUTHOR READINGS

*Friday, 6:00 PM-6:20 PM, Wind Star A*

Betsy Dornbusch, Carolyn Kay, Paul Lell

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Wind Star B*

Eneasz Brodski, Mike Cervantes, Richard E. Friesen

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Wind River B*

A.M. Burns, Dana Bell

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Connie Willis, J.D. Harrison, Travis Heermann

*Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Wind Star A*

J.L. Forrest, Lou J Berger, Vennessa Robertson

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Wind Star A*

Josh Vogt, Stant Litore, Susan Clare Adams

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Wind Star B - Various*

Mario Acevedo, Owen Wears, Thea Hutcheson

## BASIC LEATHER CARE

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Atrium*

Knight

We will teach you the basics of how to maintain your leather. Join Knight on an adventure into basic leather care.

## BAWDY SONGS OF THE

### VICTORIAN ERA

*Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Olivia Wylie, Pink Pitcher

An interactive experience of Victorian-era bawdy songs and dirty music. Lyric sheets will be handed out; learn the stories behind the most infamous of ditties.

# Sessions & Panels

## BEAD LOOM WORKSHOP

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Mesa Verde C*

Kathleen Sloan

Do you have a bead loom lying around that you haven't touched for years? Come learn how to use it again, with some variations. Please bring a loom if you have one, a limited number will be available.

## BLANKET FORTS (ADULT SESSION)

*Friday, 9:00 PM-10:50 PM, Wind Star B*

*Saturday, 10:00 PM-11:50 PM, Wind River A*

Blankets, coloring books, crayons, and stuffed animals. Wind down the night, make a fort and relax. Adults and calm teens only please.

## BLANKET FORTS (ALL AGES)

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Bristlecone*

Remember how much fun it was to make forts in the livingroom with couch cushions? Let's do it again! This time we'll be using blankets and tables to take us on our imagination journey to the ocean or stars - wherever we want to go!

## BOOK COVER MAMBO

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Roberto Calas, Stant Litore

Artists and Authors share their best and worst book covers and talk about what makes them work- and what doesn't.

## BOOTBLACKING

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Atrium*

Knight

Got creaky cuirasses or broken bracers? Join Leather Bootblack William throughout the weekend in the atrium as he demonstrates the proper way to care for your leather accoutrements.

## BUFF OUT THE DENTS! – ROBOT MAKEUP

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Wind River B*

Beck Wasik

A demonstration of what products and tools to use for your very own robot look! Inspired by the band, Steam Powered Giraffe, we will show how we designed our looks and do a quick application.

## BUILDING AND CULTIVATING YOUR CREATIVE COMMUNITY

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Mesa Verde C*

J.D. Harrison, Lara Beckwith, Lee Francis 4, Melissa Koons, Travis Heermann

How do you find people with shared creative energies to build community that inspires and helps you grow as an artist, author, musician, crafter, etc? Learn how in this panel.

## CHARACTER FOCUSED

### STORYTELLING

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Ashley M Vasquez, Ian Thomas Healy ,

Jessica Lauren Gabarron, Melissa Koons

Theme, action, plot, or character driven; what does character focused storytelling look like?

## CHARACTERS: WHO, NOT WHAT

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Mesa Verde B*

Connie Willis, Paul Lell, Roberto Calas

When writing characters not like ourselves, authors can make the mistake of thinking stereotypes represent the diversity they are striving for. Learn what stereotypes and tropes exist, and how to write better diverse characters!

## CHILDREN'S COSTUME PARADE

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Bristlecone*

Erin Card

All the under 18's are welcome to join for a parade through the convention, showing off their fun and whimsical costumes. Meet Costuming Guest of Honor Erin Card near the bottom of the stairs in the lobby to assemble.

## CLOSING CEREMONIES

*Sunday, 4:00 PM-4:25 PM, Main Events*

Erin Card, Julie Nakao, Roberto Calas

Come recap the weekend, relive the highlights, hear a few closing words from our guests, and say goodbye until next time.

## COLOR IN

*Friday, 8:00 PM-11:50 PM, Atrium*

Janet Rose

Join fellow con-goers for a coloring session in the atrium. Bring things to color and items to color with or use the provided materials! Enjoy some quiet coloring time after a long busy day.

# Sessions & Panels

## COMMISSION WORK: DESIGNING OTHERS' VISIONS

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Wind River A*

Rubiee Tallyn Hayes, Storm, Victoria Regina  
What elements make it so hard to design for someone else's vision? Some artists have given up on commission work all together; how can we make this work for everyone?

## CONCEPT ART IN ACTION

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Wind River A*

Chaz Kemp, Peri Charlifu

The goal of concept art is to convey a visual representation of a design, idea, and/or mood. In this panel, the room will draw an item that could be in film, video games, or other media.

## CONCERT: BLIND LEMMING CHIFFON

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Wind Star B*

Blind Lemming Chiffon

Concert with filk musician Blind Lemming Chiffon.

## CONCERT: KATHLEEN SLOAN

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Wind Star B*

Kathleen Sloan

Filk was around long before geek music. Kathleen has been filking for 40 years and will share classics and her own music.

## CONCERT: LOSING LARA

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, 12th Floor Airship*

Losing Lara

Come get lost in listening to wizard rock (Harry Potter), Firefly, and other nerdy themed music performed by Losing Lara!

## CONCERT: STACE JOHNSON

*Friday, 5:30 PM-6:20 PM, Main Events*

Stace Johnson

An hour of music performed by local musician Stace Johnson.

## CONVENTION HORROR STORIES

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Wind Star B*

Jan Scott-Frazier, Janet Rose, Lynn Gold, Thea Hutcheson

Come and hear stories of some of the convention guests' strange, sublime and horrible experiences.

## CORSETS Q&A: TIGHTLACING, WAIST TRAINING, AND MYTHS

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Wind River B*

Erin Card, Lara Beckwith, Vonie' Stillson

Lets answer some questions regarding corsets, materials, fit, construction, and what to look for when buying, as well as addressing common corset myths.

## COSPLAY EXCURSIONS AND ADVENTURES

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Wind River B*

Melanie Unruh, Sheila McClune, Vonie' Stillson

Excursions and Adventures for the Sartorial Exhibitionist. Cosplay isn't just for conventions; dress up and go out and about in your community. Ideas for venues and activities, getting together with like-minded folks, and avoiding issues.

## COSPLAYING THE SHADOW

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Vonie' Stillson

The shadow is the part of ourselves we keep hidden away from the world. Most people assume this means the dark aspects of life, but it can also include a secret identity.

## COSTUME CONTEST

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-7:50 PM, Main Events*

Dame Ursula Whiffenpott, Erin Card, Janet Rose, Kevin Frost

Join Costuming GOH Erin Card as entrants show off their fabulous and creative costumes and are judged by our panel of special guests.

## COSTUME CONTEST GREEN ROOM

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-5:50 PM, Thunderpass*

Dame Ursula Whiffenpott, Erin Card

This room is set aside for the Costume Contest participants to prepare before the Costume Contest. No peeking!

## COSTUME SWAP

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Thunderpass*

Hannah Bartley, Nissa LaFete

Have costume items you no longer want cluttering up your home? Exchange them to the costume swap. Leave what you want, take what you want. Items left will be added to the "freebies" table.

# Sessions & Panels

## **COSTUMING 101**

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Wind River B*

Amy Griswold, KatOfDiamonds,  
Mistress Mab

How do you get into costuming and cosplay? What you need to know to decide which cosplay to make, how to research for the project, how to find or make wigs, props, clothing, armor, etc, and finally, how to take care of yourself and others while in costume. Great for beginners and those in a rut that need a little push back into the hobby!

## **COSTUMING FOR ACCESSIBILITY**

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Wind River B*

Pink Pitcher, Storm

A discussion on how various people's needs are different so costume needs are different.

## **COSTUMING FOR EVERY BODY**

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Wind River B*

Amy Griswold, KatOfDiamonds,  
Lara Beckwith

A detailed look into proper proportioning of your costume to fit any and all body types. If you are lost at how to take your costume to "Wow that looks amazing!" the hidden secret is proper proportion!

## **CRAFTING AND CHATTING**

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-9:50 PM, Thunderpass*

Mel Plett, Robin Baylor

Open costume repair time. Come by for some social time with other fiber arts crafters. Bring your craft project in progress; we know you have at least one.

## **CREATE A STEAMPUNK CUFF!**

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Thunderpass*

Pink Pitcher

Discuss textile advancements in the early modern period while creating a cuff to suit your own style! Must be capable of threading a needle (will instruct), all materials provided.

## **CREATING MULTI-CULTURAL**

### **STEAMPUNK CHARACTERS**

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Aaron Spriggs, Carolyn Kay, Kevin Frost,  
Stace Johnson

Let's brainstorm a steampunk character that steps outside the normal upper-class British box. Audience participation is welcomed.

## **CREATIVES AND COLLABORATION**

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Mesa Verde C*

A.M. Burns, Bryan Oliver, Storm

Find out how to keep creating when you have multiple people on a project. From big egos to differing ideas, lets round table how you work as pieces of one machine.

## **CREATIVITY ROUNDTABLE**

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Wind River A*

Peri Charlifu, Chaz Kemp, Losing Lara,  
Mike Kloepfer, Pink Pitcher

What drives creative people, inspires us, keeps us going when the muse has gone out for pizza and left us sitting at our desks...alone...in the dark. Artists, writers, actors, musicians or just becoming one, come join us.

## **CRITIQUE GROUPS:**

### **CARE AND FEEDING**

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Mesa Verde C*

Gail Henry, Kimberly Keane,

Travis Heermann, Veronica R. Calisto

Most established authors will recommend "the right" critique group for aspiring writers. What are some of the things to look for and pitfalls to avoid? Be wary and be wise by knowing how to get yourself into the right company.

## **CROSSPLAY & GENDERBENDING**

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Wind River B*

HopeFully Cosplay, Tauni Orndorff

How do you approach cosplay when the character you love is a different gender or sex? Join our discussion on techniques for manipulating your body, or the character's look to fit yours.

## **CUT TO SIZE**

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Thunderpass*

Amy Griswold, Sheila McClune

Flattering costuming comes in all sizes; design and build beautiful clothing for larger people.

## **DIALOG WORKSHOP**

*Friday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Roberto Calas

Dialog is one of the most powerful tools a writer has -- and one of the hardest to master. Bring a sample of dialog from your own work and have it dismantled and ridiculed by Roberto Calas. Gently.



# Sessions & Panels

## DIFFERENCE ENGINES: MECHANICAL BRAINS, ANALOG COMPUTERS

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Richard Blake

Before the digital era, the world's engineers, scholars, and tradespeople built elegant engines of logic to aid them in their calculations. Visit a world where bones and cogs are the cutting edge of computation and have hands-on time with computing artifacts from the 15th-20th centuries.

## DISCUSSING COMBAT IN FICTION

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Eneasz Brodski, Richard E. Friesen, Trai Cartwright

The good, the bad, and the ugly scenes of combat and action including the differences between games, movies, and literature. Also a discussion of the morality and emotional impact both upon the audience and the characters involved.

## DIVERSITY IN FANDOM

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Lee Francis 4, A.M. Burns, Losing Lara

What does diversity mean practically? How do writers show and not tell when it comes to making sure a variety of people are represented?

## DON'T BE A DIVA

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Wind Star A*

Jessica Lauren Gabarron, Carol Van Natta, Gail Henry, Lou J Berger, Susan Clare Adams  
One of the best lessons for the indie author business is learning to play well with others. Make friends, collaborate, and succeed together because shady ethics can bite hard.

## DON'T FLIP YOUR WIG!

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Wind River B*

HopeFully Cosplay

Don't just learn the basics - come watch them live! See how to detangle and restore a frazzled wig, set curls and bangs, and even trim your wig!

## DRAW OFF (ART TRACK)

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Atrium*

Chaz Kemp, Pink Pitcher

Artists are given a prompt from the audience and a time limit to draw their quick masterpiece. Ready, set, go!

## DRAWING SCIFI & FANTASY CHARACTERS

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Mesa Verde C*

Mike Kloepfer

This is a participation event for all skill levels! Draw along as Mike shows you how to draw your own Science Fiction and Fantasy characters in a relaxed and fun environment.

## ELECTRONICS: COSTUMES & PROPS

*Friday, 8:30 PM-9:20 PM, Main Events*

Erin Card

If you're ready to take your costume or prop to the next level of awesomeness; adding lights, sounds, or moving parts will put you there and beyond. Come see some of the incredible possibilities of costume electronics and the hows and wheres of getting started on your own projects!

## ETHICS AND ART

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Wind River A*

Blair Bartlett, Dylan Edwards, Olivia Wylie, Storm

How do ethics affect the artist? Talk about different ideas and situation, including pricing, copyright, stealing ideas, borrowing themes, payment, taxes, and how we treat each other!

## EVENING MEDITATION

*Saturday, 10:00 PM-10:50 PM, Wind River B*

Cori, Janet Rose

Need to relax after a long day of dressing up and embracing your inner airship captain? Bank your inner coals and shed your responsibilities with a meditation session. Everyone welcome.

## FABRIC RESOURCES

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Thunderpass*

Lara Beckwith, Pink Pitcher

Modern textiles that approximate Victorian fabrics, and where to find them.

## FAERIE COSTUMING

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Wind River B*

Nissa LaFete, Tomas O'Dreams

What do you do when your costume is part of your job! Tips, ideas, tricks and of course a few fun stories from our favorite fae on how they've incorporated fantasy elements into their costuming.

# Sessions & Panels

## FAN ART/INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Wind River A*

Dylan Edwards, Mike Cervantes

If it's not your intellectual property, does it have a place in the art show? Is it even legal?

## FANTASTIC BEASTS – CREATE A CREATURE

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Bristlecone*

Brenna, Michelle Reeves

Children of all ages are welcome to make your own Care of Magical Creatures book and a new magical creature to add to Newt's collection.

## FANTASY MAP CREATION

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Main Events*

Carolyn Kay, Pink Pitcher, Roberto Calas

Authors and Artists will work together to create a fantasy maps from inception and planning to final creation with audience input.

## FEET TO FINS: AN INTRO TO MERMAID COSPLAY

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Wind River B*

HopeFully Cosplay, Mermaid Ara

Take your cosplay underwater! If you've ever wanted to be a mermaid or merman, come learn the in and outs, the challenges water adds to cosplay, & most importantly, how to be SAFE!

## FIGHTING THE DAY JOB

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Wind Star A*

Brett J Baker, J.D. Harrison, Josh Vogt, Vennessa Robertson

How do writers and artists do it? The running joke about being starving artists isn't a joke. Finding time to write/do art and still have a day job, family, and manage working to pay the bills.

## FIRESIDE READING: STANT LITORE

*Saturday, 11:00 PM-11:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Stant Litore

Stant's readings will warm you and chill you and leave you ready for more.

## FOURTH DIMENSION TOURING

*Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Dana Bell, Richard E. Friesen, Thea Hutcheson  
Creating time travel in art, craft, and literature.

## FROM HARBOR FREIGHT TO AIRSHIP DELIVERY

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Mesa Verde C*

Mistress Mab

The art of curating treasures from cheap tool stores. Various tips and tricks for modifying boring personal protection equipment into the Steampunk Accessories of your dreams.

## FUTURE OF PRIVACY

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Highlands*

Eneas Brodski, Mario Acevedo

With our phones, smart speakers, and computers we buy into a system far more comprehensive than anything in Orwell's 1984. Big Data records everything. What does this mean for privacy?

## GEEK SONGWRITING

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Wind Star B*

Losing Lara, Stace Johnson

Our panelists discuss songwriting as a storytelling form, and play some songs from their repertoire.

## GEEKY PAINTING CLASS – DROP IN

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-5:50 PM, Wind Star B*

Geeky themes for your painting pleasure!

Exploding TARDIS, Starry Night, and more. Come by for more information.

## GENDER REPRESENTATION IN FANDOM

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Wind Star A*

Gail Henry, Trai Cartwright, Vennessa Robertson

People of all genders enjoy fandoms, but books, movies, and video games are generally not representative. What have we learned and what can we improve on?

## GENTLE SUGGESTION: A

### THOUGHTFUL ART CRITIQUE

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Wind River A*

Lannie Pihajlic

Come in for a rare opportunity to have your work critiqued in a safe and encouraging environment. No charge, but space is limited. Afterward artists are encouraged to attend the art show and shmooze!

# Sessions & Panels

## GET UP OFF THAT FLOOR

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Thunderpass*

Lara Beckwith

Tired of cutting on the floor? We'll show you clever ways to improve your costuming set up. Bring your questions and space challenges.

## GRIMM AFTER DARK

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Main Events*

Nissa LaFete, Tomas O'Dreams

Meet the darker side of fairytales. The early works of the Brothers Grimm often illustrate the harshness of life and how not all the endings are happy. PG-13 Parental Guidance Suggested.

## HALL AND STAGE COSTUMING

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Wind River B*

Amy Griswold, HopeFully Cosplay, KatOfDiamonds

Star of the Stage or Fabulous in the Hallways, each type of costuming has unique challenges and areas where they shine. Come learn more about how to look fabulous in your chosen venue.

## HATS TO SPATS

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Wind River B*

Melanie Unruh, Victoria Regina

Dress accessories make the Genteel Steampunk. Ideas and resources for adding an air of authenticity to your Neo-Victorian attire.

## HEROES AND MONSTERS:

### WHAT SEPARATES THE TWO?

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Mario Acevedo, Andrew Hallam, J.L. Forrest, Melissa Koons, Susan Clare Adams

In modern and ancient times, there are figures who straddle the lines, being both monstrous and heroic. Is monstrousness something characters are born to or do they have a choice; and are heroes those who are born to it or do they transcend their own monstrousness to become great.

## HISTORY OF TAROT

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Wind Star A*

Andarta, Vivian Caethe

Tarot started as a card game and transformed into an occult tool during the Victorian era. Join us as we journey through the history of Tarot and its impact on the Victorian era and beyond.

## HOW MUCH IS THAT DRAGON IN THE WINDOW

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Wind River A*

Melanie Unruh, Peri Charlifu

How do you come up with a price for your work? Pricing strategies, marketing tools and tricks, as well as secrets from artists you love.

## HOW NOT TO GET PUBLISHED

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Ashley M Vasquez, J.L. Forrest, Kimberly Keane, Veronica R. Calisto

What are some of the pitfalls involved in the pursuit of a writing career; what are some of the gotchas and consequences? Authors talk about their experiences and, in some cases, how they've gotten in their own way.

## HOW TO MAIL ART TO CONVENTIONS

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Wind River A*

Mike Kloepfer, Peri Charlifu

Ever wonder how to send work to conventions? Is it worth doing? Can you make money at it? How to ship art to cons, including what cons to try, how to do the paperwork, organizing, and planning.

## HOW TO SUPPORT SMALL ARTISTS

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Mesa Verde C*

Kevin Frost, Losing Lara, Stace Johnson

When it comes to the many types of creative work, there are millions of small artists out there who need your help! We will discuss the easy (even free) ways you can help the artist in your life!

## INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-5:50 PM, Mesa Verde C*

Kathleen Sloan, Lynn Gold, Robin Baylor

Touch and play a variety of instruments including percussion, multiple types of guitars, harp, theremin, flute, zither hurdy-gurdy, electronic saxophone and more. Come and make some music with us. Children under 10 elcome with an adult.

## INTRO TO FILK

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Mesa Verde C*

Kathleen Sloan, Robin Baylor

What is filk music? If you've never heard of the music of science fiction and fantasy fandom, and want to learn about it, this is the panel for you.

# Sessions & Panels

## INTRODUCTION TO HAT MAKING

*Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Thunderpass*

Victoria Regina

Have you always been interested in how hats are really made but don't know where to start? Learn traditional and nontraditional tools and techniques of the craft.

## INVENT IMAGINARY RELIGIONS FOR AN IMAGINARY WORLD

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Roberto Calas, Stant Litore

On your imaginary world, what do people worship and why, and how does this drive your characters and your story? Come invent some religions!

## IRON COSTUMER

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-3:50 PM, Main Events*

Erin Card, KatOfDiamonds, Scott Crosson

It's Iron Chef, costume-style! Contestants will have 40 minutes to create something exciting for the judges. What will be the secret ingredient? Hajime!

## IS DIGITAL ART CHEATING?

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Wind River A*

Chaz Kemp, Lannie Pihajlic

The trend in art seems to be moving to the digital medium. Is push-button art cheating, or is there more to it? Can a monkey do digital art, or does it still take skill, knowledge, and creativity?

## THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Olivia Wylie

Scandal is growing in your own back garden. An exploration of the books of Flower Language printed 1850-1889, their writers, their origins and their popularity in different parts of the world. Learn the history of the code daring Victorian ladies and gents used to pass messages in posies and bouquets.

## LEARN TO LOVE YOUR WRITING

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Mesa Verde C*

Lee Francis 4, Eneas Brodski, Paul Lell,

Trai Cartwright, Travis Heermann

Everyone is their own worst critic. Stop worrying and love your writing: a motivational panel. How to stop hesitating because you feel your work isn't "good enough" and put words on the paper.

## LIFE DRAWING – MODEL DRAWING

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Wind River A*

Mike Kloepper, Mistress Mab

Live model drawing doesn't have to be boring! Come hone your skills in a session of timed poses with music and costuming. Drop ins welcome!

## THE LIVES AND TIMES OF VICTORIAN OCCULTISTS

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Vivian Caethe

The Victorian era was a time of great cultural transformation that changed how Westerners viewed the world and the afterlife. Ghosts became less frightening and secret societies proliferated. Learn how the Victorian era influenced our views of the supernatural and how we view the spiritual.

## MAKE A FAIRY GARDEN

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-12:50 PM, Bristlecone*

Mel Plett, Michelle Reeves

The fairies need your help spreading more plants around our neighborhoods. Come and create your own Fairy Garden you can take home.

## MAKING HEROINES EVEN BETTER

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Wind Star B*

Ashley M Vasquez, Betsy Dornbusch,

Vennessa Robertson

Steampunk allows us to play in a fictional world where we can leave real-world issues at the door. In what ways does this help us create better heroines?

## MARKETING 101: FOR ARTISTS AT CONVENTIONS

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Wind River A*

Peri Charlifu

This is a basic level marketing class geared toward beginning and intermediate artists wishing to break into the convention art market.

## MARKETING FOR WRITERS

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Mesa Verde C*

Brett J Baker

Don't publishers handle all that marketing mumbo jumbo? In this booming era of indie authors, hybrids, and small presses, what does it take to get your name out there? How does a writer market him or herself?



# Sessions & Panels

## MOMENTS ONLY AN ARTIST CAN RELATE TO

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Wind River A*

Chaz Kemp, Jan Scott-Frazier, Lannie Pihajlic, Mike Kloepfer

We have all had moments that only an artist can really relate to, let's air some dirty laundry for an audience and talk about the worst, the best and the weirdest things that have happened to us.

## MORNING MEDITATION

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Main Events*

Cori, Karina Scott

Enjoy some time to quiet the thoughts from the night before and enjoy some gentle meditation, contemplation, and reflection. Clear those mental cogs and gear up for a great day!

## THE MUSE AND THE DEVIL

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Wind River A*

Mike Kloepfer, Blair Bartlett, Peri Charlifu, Rubiee Tallyn Hayes

Where do artists get their inspiration and ideas, why does it seem that some of our best ideas don't sell? How does inspiration hit and how do you ignite that spark?

## MUSTACHE AND BEARD COMPETITION

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, 12th Floor Airship*

Julie Nakao, Scott Crosson

Bring on your best beard and mustache style (or simulation if you don't want to compete with your current facial hair). Open to all genders and growing abilities! Winners awarded in Best Grown and Best Created categories!

## NEO-VICTORIAN ETYMOLOGY

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Olivia Wylie

An examination of how word meanings and colloquialisms developed in the Victorian era and how they have evolved through social use.

## NEW AUTHORS ANONYMOUS

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Ashley M Vasquez, Jessica Lauren Gabarron, Karina Scott, Kimberly Keane

Talk about what it's like as a newbie in this crazy publishing world.

[www.SHINYGARDEN.ORG](http://www.SHINYGARDEN.ORG)

## NON-TRADITIONAL MATERIALS FOR CREATING ART

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Wind River A*

Chaz Kemp, Mistress Mab

Using PVC to make a dragon? Harvesting grape leaves to work as an armature for a sculpture? Using soot from the BBQ to make ink? Many of us use non-traditional materials to make art, come and share the secrets with us all!

## NUTCRACKER & VICTORIAN DANCE

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Main Events*

Take a Victorian/Edwardian romp through dance mixers & round dances. The adventure will begin with a dance demonstration of the Nutcracker & the four Victorian Dances. Then kick it into high gear with a Grand March followed by a Waltz! Hold onto your knickers as fun "called" dances are interspersed between Waltzes, Polkas and Tangos.

## OHMING: BREATHING EXERCISES

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Atrium*

Cori

Ohms: Meditation for more than just electricians. 10 minute breathing techniques for relaxation and costume competition prep.

## OPEN COSTUME CHAT

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-12:50 PM, Thunderpass*

Hannah Bartley, KatOfDiamonds

Spend some time in our "costume shop", chatting about your projects, making progress, and sharing knowledge.

## OPEN COSTUME REPAIR

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-2:50 PM, Thunderpass*

Lara Beckwith, Hannah Bartley, KatOfDiamonds

Need to make some repairs? Come by during this open time to use the sewing machines and get advice from our sitting experts.

## OPEN DROP-IN TIME

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Thunderpass*

Hannah Bartley, Lara Beckwith

The shop is open! Sewing machines, fabric, and advice are all available. Drop in for repairs, chat, or general "stitch and bitch".

# Sessions & Panels

## OPEN FILKING

*Saturday, 9:00 PM-10:50 PM, Wind Star B*

Kathleen Sloan, Lynn Gold

Folk music, often with a sci fi or fantasy theme, played casually in a round-robin style. Bring an instrument if you have one, your voice as well, and a good sense of humor doesn't hurt.

## OPENING CEREMONIES

*Friday, 6:30 PM-6:55 PM, Main Events*

Erin Card, Julie Nakao, Roberto Calas

Chair Julie Nakao welcomes everyone and introduces this year's Guests of Honor!

## ORGANIZING THE STUDIO

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Wind River A*

Melanie Unruh

A clean studio is a productive studio. This sounds logical but few artists can keep a clean, organized workspace. Explore some effective, low cost alternatives, how to multi-task your work area and storage options. Get organized and make your work area work for you!

## OVERCOMING CREATIVE FEARS

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Wind River A*

Jan Scott-Frazier, Olivia Wylie,

Rubiee Tallyn Hayes

There is a time when you have to introduce your work to the world; learn to overcome a common, harrowing experience for every creative person.

## THE PARSIMONIOUS STEAMPUNK

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Wind River B*

Hannah Bartley, Lyndsie Clark

Rummaging, thrifting, and modding your way to an authentic Steampunk kit.

## PIE EATING CONTEST

### VICTORIAN STYLE

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, 12th Floor Airship*

Pink Pitcher

A deep discussion of "proper" table manners in the victorian era, followed by the most genteel pie eating contest you've ever seen. Audience participation required.

## PITFALLS OF THE STRONG FEMALE

### CHARACTER

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Gail Henry, Jessica Lauren Gabarron

There is more to feminine strength than the assassin and the Chosen One built to kill all of the vampires. Explore tropes and stereotypes of how strength and women intertwine in our stories.

## PLOTTING VS PANTSING

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Lou J Berger, Connie Willis, Josh Vogt,

Kimberly Keane, Roberto Calas

Do you plot your book's every move or do you flow with the river of words as they come flooding out?

## PROTO-STEAMPUNK LITERATURE

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Aaron Spriggs, Richard Blake

The work of Moorcock, Powers, Jeeter, and Blaylock, and how they formed the genre.

## PURSUING YOUR CREATIVE DREAMS

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Wind River A*

Peri Charlifufu, Brenna, Karina Scott,

Melanie Unruh

How to go for your dreams despite all of the good advice that you'll be given to stop you. Beyond dealing with discouragement, focus on putting your dreams into action and staying happy.

## PUTTING THE PUNK IN STEAMPUNK

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Lyndsie Clark, Scott Crosson

Manifest punk sociology into the material culture, art and artifacts of our countercultural community.

## Q&A WITH ERIN CARD

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Main Events*

Erin Card

Costuming GOH Erin Card talks about her journey and answers questions posed by the audience.

## Q&A WITH ROBERTO CALAS

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Main Events*

Roberto Calas

Author and Artist GOH Roberto Calas talks about being an artist and an author and answers questions posed by the audience.

# Sessions & Panels

## QUICK AND SIMPLE: PROPS & ACCESSORIES

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Wind River B*

Ana MacDonell, Lyndsie Clark, Vonie' Stillson  
No need to spend a lot of time and money to make a prop, gadget, or other accessory for your costume. Let's discuss some fun ideas that have worked for us. Learn from the panelists and bring your successes (and failures) too.

## RAPPING GHOSTS AND SECRET SOCIETIES – OCCULTISM IN THE VICTORIAN ERA

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*  
Andarta

The Victorian era saw a blossoming of occultism even as the Industrial Revolution grew to full steam. A look at the history of many occult practices in the Victorian era and how they influenced modern Pagan beliefs.

## REAP WHAT YOU SEW

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Wind River B*  
Cori, Erin Card

Or Better Cosplay Design through Self-Care. Simple warm-up exercises for the most common costume-construction activities.

## RELIGION IN FICTION OUTSIDE THE WESTERN WORLD

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*  
Josh Vogt, Stant Litore

What if the galaxy was explored by Islamic researchers? What if the next epic fantasy you read is set in Aztec Mexico? Speculative fiction is our chance to explore the cosmos through very different eyes than our own -- and not just extraterrestrial or elven ones!

## RESIN CASTING

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Atrium*

Charles Orndorff, Tauni Orndorff

This discussion and demonstration will show how to use a silicone mold to cast resin and provide techniques for adding color, and decoration to the finished product.

## RPG WORLD-BUILDING

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Brett J Baker, Calvin Studzinski, Josh Vogt

Covering everything from how to craft your own gameworld and where your player characters fit into it, to the dos and don'ts of world-building to common tropes that appear across genres.

## RUINS AND RELICS: THE BONES OF YOUR IMAGINARY WORLD

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Mesa Verde B*

Roberto Calas, Stant Litore

What ruins and relics of the past exist in your fictional world? What do your characters carry with them on their journeys? How does the past invade and shape the present? Come find out!

## THE SCIENCE OF ECTOPLASM

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*  
Andarta

Some Victorian scientists loved the idea of ectoplasm, for it gave a physical manifestation of the realm of spirits. We will discuss the sexual and scientific connotations of ectoplasm.

## SCULPTING DEMO – PERI CHARLIFU

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Wind River A*  
Peri Charlifu

Watch as artist Peri Charlifu demonstrates his sculpting techniques.

## SELF/INDIE PUBLISHING (PRINT AND EBOOK)

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Highlands*

Richard E. Friesen, Carol Van Natta, Jessica Lauren Gabarron, Owen Wears, Thomas A Fowler

So many options! How do authors self publish and/or work with independent presses? How to make it happen, in physical form and electronically.

## SERGER 101

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Thunderpass*

Dame Ursula Whiffenpott, Lara Beckwith

Some love them, some hate them, but serger machines are a unique breed. Come learn the basics of how to use and where they excel.

# Sessions & Panels

## SEX AND VIOLENCE IN YA LIT

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Lou J Berger, Colleen Oakes, Dylan Edwards  
With books/movies like Hunger Games, Divergent and Twilight, what is too much for sex and violence in books that are supposed to be for young adults. How much if any was too much for Harry Potter, LoTR, and The Hobbit?

## SEXY IN SCIENCE FICTION

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Mesa Verde A*

Ian Brazee-Cannon, Kimberly Keane, Trai Cartwright

Love and sex are essential elements in any story. How these scenes in popular Science Fiction & Fantasy can help you create more robust stories with fully fleshed-out characters.

## SHINY GARDEN AND SG EVENTS

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Highlands*

Janet Rose, Julie Nakao, Sandra Wheeler

Come find out more about Shiny Garden and their events, including WhimsyCon (steampunk and costuming), HexaCon (tabletop gaming), and the Myths and Legends Convention.

## SILICONE MOLDING

*Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Atrium*

Charles Orndorff, Tauni Orndorff

This discussion and demonstration will address a one part easy silicone mold. Providing tips and techniques for making successful mold.

## SKY PIRATES AND THEIR BRETHERN

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Jodi M Franklin, Lyndsie Clark, Prof. Artimus G Smithmage

The romance of rogues and free spirits in the Steampunk genre.

## SLIDE RULES AND SEWING

### MACHINES

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, 12th Floor Airship*

Courtney Willis

Tools from the past serve as inspiration for the steampunk genre. Come get some hands-on time with these wonderful items from the 1800's.

## SO CHARMING, NOT CREEPY

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Mesa Verde A*

Connie Willis, Josh Vogt, Melissa Koons, Thomas A Fowler

Make your convention experience better by learning how to approach people without being a creep. A discussion on etiquette, consent, common sense and enjoying fandom with respect. Share examples of good and bad interactions.

## SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND STEAMPUNK

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Mike Cervantes, Scott Crosson, Storm, Thea Hutcheson

How the community incorporates themes of equality, social responsibility, and inclusion.

## SPLENDID TEAPOT RACING

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, 12th Floor Airship*

Amy Griswold

Create your radio-controlled teapot to race against the clock through the obstacle course! Find the official rules at: [http://www.whimsycon.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/2018\\_Splendid\\_Teapot\\_Racing\\_v2.1.pdf](http://www.whimsycon.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/2018_Splendid_Teapot_Racing_v2.1.pdf)

## STEAM FEUD

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Highlands*

Ana MacDonell

A Steampunk twist on the old Family Feud game. Gather your Steam crew, and get your brain in gear, because the game is afoot.

## STEAM FICTION VS STEAM FACT

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Aaron Spriggs, Brian Ziman

Discussion of how sci-fi influences real world tech, how real world tech is incorporated into fiction, and how to keep your science and tech plausible, or at least believable.

## STEAM KIDS EXPERIMENTS

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Bristlecone*

Mel Plett, Michelle Reeves

Children of all ages are welcome to come see and make experiments that involve the STEAM principles - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.



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Michelle Reeves

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## STEAMPUNK 101

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Mesa Verde B*

Aaron Spriggs, Bryan Oliver,

Prof. Artimus G Smithmage, Richard Blake

Steampunk crosses the worlds of literature, costuming, crafting, movies, and more. But what is Steampunk? A look at the history of the genre and the rising popularity over the past decade.

## STEAMPUNK AND HISTORICAL

### WARFARE I: LAND

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Calvin Studzinski

Steampunk is rooted in historical reality. From the muzzle-loading musket to the automatic rifle, learn about the evolution of tactics and technology in land warfare from 1800 through 1918.

## STEAMPUNK AND HISTORICAL

### WARFARE II: SEA

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Calvin Studzinski

Steampunk is rooted in historical reality. From the sailing ship of the line to the mighty dreadnought, learn about the evolution of tactics and technology in naval warfare from 1800 through 1918.

## STEAMPUNK AND HISTORICAL

### WARFARE III: AIR

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Mesa Verde A*

Calvin Studzinski

Steampunk is rooted in historical reality. From artillery spotting balloons to anti-submarine zeppelins, learn about the evolution of tactics and technology in Aerial warfare, 1794 through 1963.

## STEAMPUNK AND POST

### APOCALYPSE

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Mesa Verde A*

Aaron Spriggs

Steampunk is a versatile topic that some writers place in a post-apocalypse scenario. How are steampunk and post-apocalypse genres similar and how are they different?

## STEAMPUNK DANCE: WHAT IS IT?

### WHAT SHOULD IT BE?

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, 12th Floor Airship*

Sheila McClune

Steampunk balls are springing up everywhere, but what constitutes steampunk dancing? Should it be limited to historical forms, or is there room to invent new dances?

## STEAMPUNK POETRY SLAM

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Stace Johnson, Vonie' Stillson aka Lady Vo

Create poetry on demand to prompts given by the moderators and audience.

## STICKING THE LANDING: HOW TO END YOUR

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Travis Heermann, A.M. Burns, Connie Willis,

Venessa Robertson, Veronica R. Calisto

Why do some endings leave a lasting impact and others just fizzle?

## STOP WAITING FOR THE MUSE

*Saturday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Thea Hutcheson, Colleen Oakes, Dana Bell,

Mario Acevedo, Trai Cartwright

You don't need inspiration to start writing. Invite the muse, don't wait for them to magically appear. How to get words on the page and love them.

## STORYTELLING: TOMAS O'DREAMS

*Friday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Wind Star B*

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Main Events*

Nissa LaFete, Tomas O'Dreams

Tomas O'Dreams and Nissa Of LaFete and their faerie friends brought stories from near and far to the Faerie Court. Now let them treat you! Be sure to catch this leprechaun and his faerie companions for myths, magic, and merriment for all ages!

# Sessions & Panels

## STRETCHES FOR “GEARHEADS”

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Atrium*

Cori

Enhancing your Mechanics through Biomechanics. Stretches for medium and heavy costumes.

## STUFFED ANIMAL CREATION

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Thunderpass*

Brenna

Come decorate, stuff and finish fun stuffed animals. You take your new friend with you! If you can tie a knot, you can make an animal! \$15 materials fee per person or special WhimsyCon rate of 2 participants for \$25 (pay together).

## SUBJECT MATTER; DOES IT MATTER?

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Wind River A*

Lannie Pihajlic

Can you be a great artist without using a definitive subject matter? Is the subject matter the driving force behind art, or is it just one of the many elements that make a great piece?

## TEA DUELING

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, 12th Floor Airship*

Melanie Unruh, Dame Ursula Whiffenpott, Mermaid Ara, Sheila McClune

Hoist your biscuits and prepare to duel in the spirited Sudden Death Tea Dueling Tournament. Hosted by the Denver Victorian and Steampunk Society (DVSS).

## TEA TASTING

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, 12th Floor Airship*

Sheila McClune

Come learn the difference between oolong, green, orange pekoe, and Lapsang Souchong, as well as the difference between teas and herbal tisanes.

## TEA TIME OF THE SOUL

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Wind Star B*

Cori

Start your day off with some gentle relaxation and a meditative atmosphere.

## THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE –

### TRAIN BUILDING

*Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Bristlecone*

*Saturday, 11:00 AM-12:50 PM, Bristlecone*

*Sunday, 9:00 AM-9:50 AM, Bristlecone*

Michelle Reeves

Thomas is in need of your help to build new tracks around Sodor. Children of all ages are welcome to come and play with Thomas and his friends.

## TO SELF PUB OR NOT:

### IS IT REALLY EASY?

*Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Karina Scott, Owen Wears

What does it take to transform your beloved manuscript into print and eBooks formats and get it out there for purchase?

## TOLKIEN'S INFLUENCE ON ART AND IMAGINATION

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Andrew Hallam, Connie Willis

A discussion of Tolkien's far-reaching influence on the fantasy genre, from the classic role-playing classes to iconic costumes found at almost any convention.

## TOO MANY GEARS AND GOGGLES!

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Ana MacDonell, Jodi M Franklin, Kevin Frost, Prof. Artimus G Smithmage

Let's expand the Steampunk trope beyond Neo-Victorian fantasy.

## TOP HAT AND BOWLER MAKING

### WORKSHOP

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Bristlecone*

Michelle Reeves

Don't have your own hat? Come and make your own Steampunk top hat or bowler.

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# Sessions & Panels

## TRIVIA FOR GEEKS!

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-1:50 PM, Highlands*

Peri Charlifu

Join Peri Charlifu and Lee Moody as they put you through the ringer, testing your knowledge of various fandoms in all its various forms. Compete with other self-proclaimed fans for prizes and the chance to show them who the real fan is! As seen at MileHiCon and COSine!

## TWITCH? WHAT IS IT AND WHY

### IT'S IMPORTANT

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Mesa Verde C*

Rubiee Tallyn Hayes

What is twitch.tv? Learn about the awesome live streaming platform. What is it, and how it can help creatives and content creators. This is a panel for artists, writers, gamers and more!

## UNDER WHERE? UNDER THERE!

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Wind River B*

HopeFully Cosplay

That's right, UNDERWEAR!! Let's talk about different undergarments and how they can enhance (or UNDERmine) your cosplay!

## VAC-U-FORMING (THERMAL FORMING)

*Sunday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Atrium*

Charles Orndorff, Tauni Orndorff

This will be a demonstration and discussion on vac-u-forming and how you might be able to do this in your own home.

## VICTORIAN TEXTILES

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Wind River B*

Pink Pitcher

Looking at the ways that production technologies influenced fashion, and fashion drove inventors to produce new technologies, in the early modern period. Looking at a time line of industrial advancements in cloth and notion production.

## VIP SPEED CHATTING

*Friday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Main Events*

Erin Card, Julie Nakao, Nissa LaFete, Roberto Calas, Tomas O'Dreams

A FREE gathering of fans where the VIP and special guests visit YOUR tables just to meet YOU. Meet GUESTS OF HONOR, and many more!

## WALTZING THROUGH TIME

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Main Events*

Learn to dance the most popular dance through time, the Waltz. Learn about the ancient origins of the Waltz in the German Laendler and how it became the box step we know and love in 1834.

## WE SUFFER FOR YOUR ART

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Wind River A*

Blair Bartlett, Carolyn Kay, Knight

This one's for the artists' significant others. Do you suffer for their art, do you run naked in the glory of their art, or do you just shake your head in wonder? Come and talk about the challenges and rewards of being in a relationship with an artist!

## WHAT TO DO WITH THAT FIRST MANUSCRIPT

*Friday, 9:00 PM-9:50 PM, Mesa Verde C*

Ian Thomas Healy, Dana Bell,

Veronica R. Calisto

Once written, what should I do with my book? Where do I start, what decisions need to be made, and what are some common pitfalls to newbies?

## WHICH ONCE WAS AND NEVER SHALL BE

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Calvin Studzinski

The Great War was the seminal tragedy of the 20th Century and the basis of much steampunk tech. It's also one of history's closest-fought wars. Let's explore how it could have gone much differently

## WHIMSYCON BOOK CLUB – FRANKENSTEIN VS DRACULA

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, 12th Floor Airship*

Vivian Caethe

A salon to discuss Mary Shelly's Frankenstein vs. Bram Stoker's Dracula. Read ahead to fully engage in a comparison of these two Victorian classics.

## WHIMSYCON BOOK CLUB – MAINSPRING

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, 12th Floor Airship*

Vivian Caethe

A salon to discuss Jay Lake's Mainspring, a story of a clockwork Earth. Read ahead so you'll know the spoilers.

# Sessions & Panels

## WHIMSYCON BOOK CLUB – PARASOL PROTECTORATE SERIES

*Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, 12th Floor Airship*

Vivian Caethe

A salon to discuss Gail Carriger's steampunk paranormal romance series, full of soul or not... Read ahead as far as you like.

## WHIMSYCON DANCE PARTY

*Saturday, 10:00 PM-11:50 PM, Main Events*

What's your whimsy? Ballroom or Regency, Funky Chicken or goth; come put in your requests and blow off some "steam".

## WHO STOLE THE COOKIES?

*Saturday, 3:00 PM-4:50 PM, Bristlecone*

Michelle Reeves

Put on your thinking caps and come join Sherlock Holmes solve the mystery of who stole the afternoon snacks. Snacks will be available once the culprit is caught.

## WISH YOU WERE THERE:

### WORLDBUILDING

*Sunday, 12:00 PM-12:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Andrew Hallam, Dylan Edwards,  
Owen Wears, Veronica R. Calisto

There are two kinds of worldbuilding: the kind that describes the story's world, and the kind that makes you wish you were there. Authors discuss the difference, and offer tips and techniques to help you bring your own fictional worlds to life.

## WOMEN IN VICTORIAN OCCULT

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Mesa Verde B*

Vivian Caethe

Prior to the Victorian era, men who practiced magic were alchemists, while women who practiced magic were witches. Discover how women's voices shaped the occult movement in the Victorian era and their lasting impact on our understanding today.

## WOMEN WARRIORS

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Thea Hutcheson, J.D. Harrison, Paul Lell,  
Vennessa Robertson

Creating bold fighting women who lead, inspire, and have mastered weapons.

## WONDERLAND UNBIRTHDAY TEA PARTY

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Bristlecone*

Michelle Reeves, Vonie' Stillson

Come join the Wonderland characters for a special tea party. Children of all ages are invited to come.

## WORKING WITH SINTRA

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Atrium*

Charles Orndorff, Tauni Orndorff

This will be a discussion and demonstration on how to use PVC Foam Board (aka sintra) to create costume pieces or armor.

## WRITE CHARACTERS YOUR READERS WON'T FORGET – PART I

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Highlands*

Stant Litore

Unburying your character's history.

## WRITE CHARACTERS YOUR READERS WON'T FORGET – PART II

*Saturday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Highlands*

Stant Litore

Writing unforgettable dialogue.

## WRITE CHARACTERS YOUR READERS WON'T FORGET – PART III

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Highlands*

Stant Litore

The character arc tool.

## WRITING MULTICULTURAL AND CROSSCULTURAL CHARACTERS

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Wind Star A*

J.L. Forrest, A.M. Burns, Mario Acevedo,  
Mike Cervantes

Taking on the ticklish issues of cultural exposure and sharing, and cultural appropriation and exploitation.

## WRITING ANIMALS IN FICTION

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Wind Star B*

Betsy Dornbusch, J.D. Harrison, Paul Lell

How far can a horse really travel? Does a rider really guide a horse with her knees? Do dogs and cats think like us, or do they even like us?

# Sessions & Panels

## WRITING COMBAT IN SCIENCE

### FICTION & FANTASY

*Sunday, 1:00 PM-1:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Richard E. Friesen, Andrew Hallam, Josh Vogt, Melissa Koons

What works (and doesn't) in books and media. A friendly discussion about violence, bloodshed, what makes a fight scene realistic, and examples of combat done right.

## WRITING FROM LIFE'S LESSONS

*Saturday, 2:00 PM-2:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Ashley M Vasquez, Betsy Dornbusch, Colleen Oakes, Gail Henry, Susan Clare Adams

How have your life experiences impacted your craft?

## WRITING HISTORICALLY –

### VICTORIAN

*Sunday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Mesa Verde B*

Mario Acevedo, Olivia Wylie

We weren't there, but we want to make our readers feel like they are. How do we manage that to accurately and adequately set the stage? Learn how much research is necessary, how much is too much, and where to go to get the best sources.

## WRITING JOBS THAT AREN'T

### WRITING FICTION

*Saturday, 4:00 PM-4:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Sandra Wheeler, Thomas A Fowler

Learn about growing fields of writing outside of writing fiction that will grow your skills as a writer and pay above minimum wage.

## WRITING PAGANS

*Sunday, 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Pink Pitcher, Andarta, Vivian Caethe

The Witch is back in pop culture, but for believers it's more than just an aesthetic! A practicing Modern Pagan will help you to write this marginalized group accurately and with sensitivity.

## WRITING STEAMPUNK

*Friday, 5:00 PM-5:50 PM, Mesa Verde A*

Aaron Spriggs, Carolyn Kay, Lee Francis 4, Lou J Berger

Steampunk doesn't have well defined edges or boundaries. How do you write a Steampunk aka sci-fi, fantasy, punk, futuristic, Victorian story?

## WRITING THE STORY IS THE

### EASIEST PART!

*Saturday, 8:00 PM-8:50 PM, Wind Star A*

Mario Acevedo, Ian Thomas Healy, Lyndsie Clark, Paul Lell

Panelists discuss tales and compare the indie and traditional publishing worlds.

## WRITING THE SUPERNATURAL

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-10:50 AM, Mesa Verde C*

Ian Brazee-Cannon, Dana Bell, Susan Clare Adams, Veronica R. Calisto

How can we make tropes like ghosts, vampires, and werewolves appeal to audiences who have had their fill? What constitutes writing about the supernatural and what can authors do to pep up the characters and brighten up the tropes?

## WRITING WITH FLOURISH

*Sunday, 11:00 AM-11:50 AM, Main Events*

Roberto Calas

Anyone can write a story. It's the writers who tell that story with flourish that will win their readers. How do we avoid flat writing and add flourish and originality to our stories?

## YOUR STEAMPUNK STORY

*Saturday, 7:00 PM-7:50 PM, Mesa Verde C - Maker*

Bryan Oliver, Jodi M Franklin

Create your Steampunk persona from scratch, starting with archetypes that communicate volumes about your character.

## YOUR WRITING SUCKS... BUT IN A GOOD WAY

*Saturday, 6:00 PM-6:50 PM, Mesa Verde B*

Roberto Calas

Honest critiques are hard to find. Have one page of your current work critiqued with brutal honesty. Do you want a true appraisal of where your skills are? Not for the faint of heart.



# Shiny Garden Events



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*WhimsyCon*



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Steampunk & Costuming

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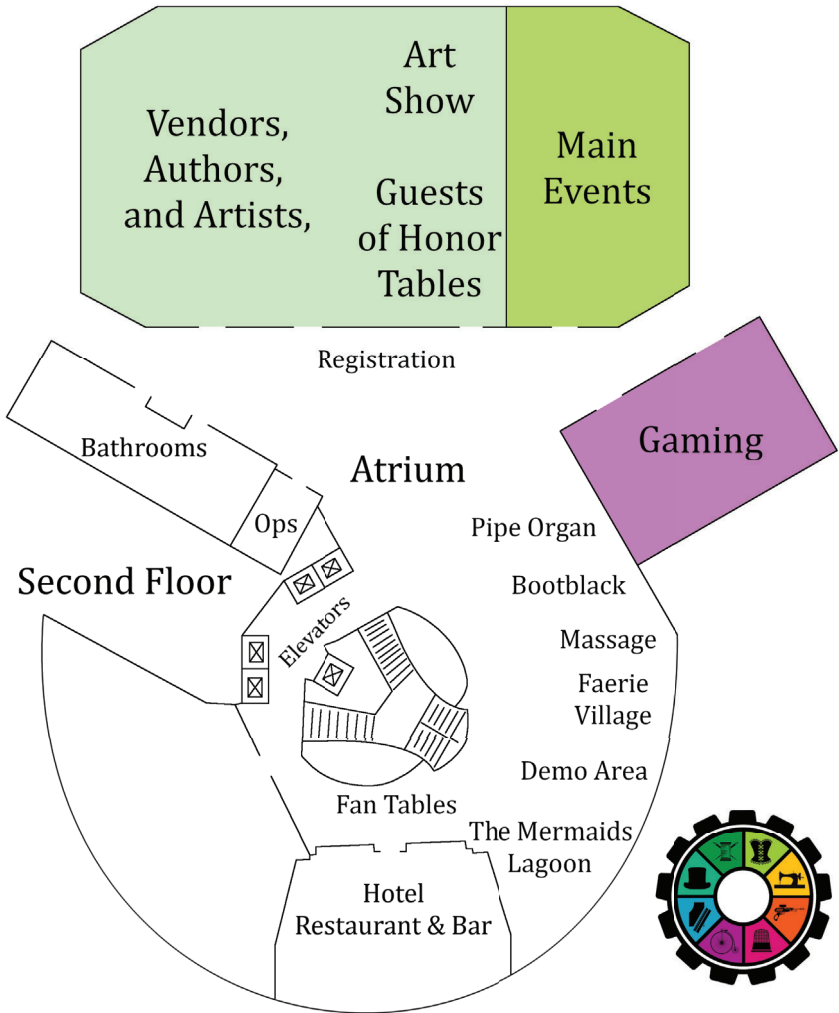
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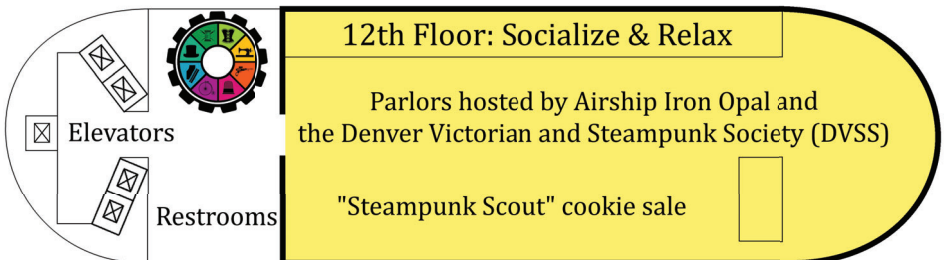
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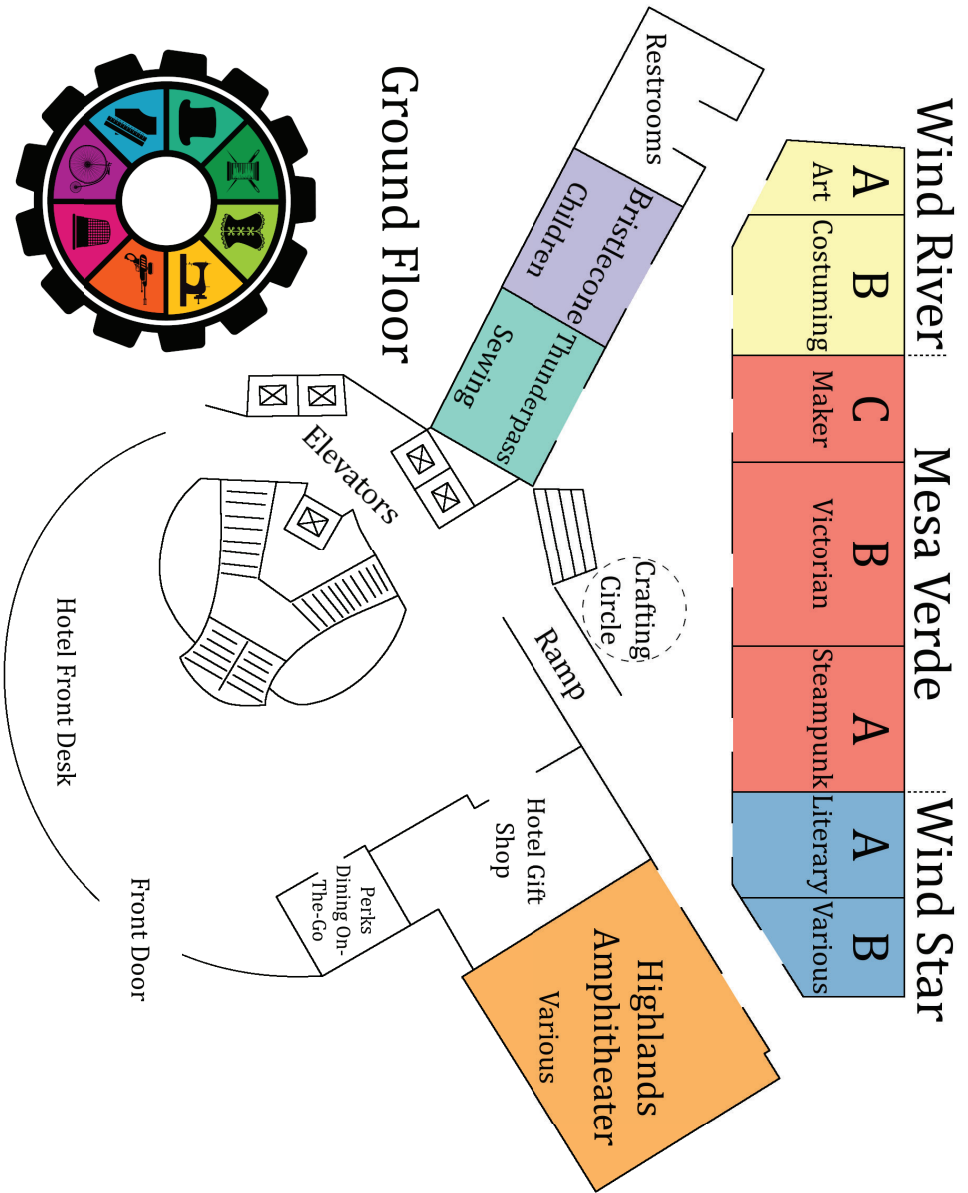
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