

CONduit 2011 Schedule

Friday, May 27, 2011

Noon:

- Ninja Myths and Legends ?

CAN Ninjas walk through walls, defy gravity and meld with shadows? Are they assassins, elite warriors or soldiers with great press? The myths and legends of the secret and deadly ninjas explored.

(Benjamin Wilcher)

- Where are the new monsters? We have Hellboy and a few others ,bu more and more, writers are going back to the old standbys. Where are the "new" monsters today?

(Amber Argyle, Roger White (M), Larry Correia, Dan Wells, Paul Genesse)

- Con Etiquette

So, you're new around here? We have the scoop on what to expect at a convention, how to plan your own experience and how to approach artists and authors in ways that will leave a positive impression.

(Pam Oberg (M), Erin Ruston, John Saffell)

- Writer's Workshop

Robert J Defendi and Dan Willis

Come and bring 5 pages or less. They say that you learn more from critiquing others than being critiqued yourself. Well, we'll learn critiquing skills at the your fellow attendee's expense. No really, we'll try to be nice. Dan very rarely bites.

- Drawing fabric. How to draw clothing, capes, drapes and other fabric so it drapes and flows. In other words, how to draw fabric so that ti doesn't look like it's made of wood.

(Brian Hailes (M), Zachary Hill, A. J. Bell)

- Reading 12:00 – 12:25: Janus Daniels

- Reading 12:25- 12:50: Jason Anderson

1:00 PM

Ninja Myths and Legends, cont.

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- Romance vs. Sex: how hot is too hot?

They tell us to SHOW, don't tell. But when does a scene meant to show the depths of the relationship between characters slip from loving expressions to unabashed porn? Does an honest, adult experience add or subtract to the story line?

(Michaelbrent Collings, Jaleta Clegg (M), Dene Low, Ann Chamberlin)

- What Do You Mean, My Character's in debtor's prison? Why earning money and financial planning is crucial for story development. What is the economy like? How does your characater earn a living? Why should you care?

(L. E. Modesitt (M), Jr., Paul Genesse, Ann Sharp, Dave Wolverton, Elisabeth Waters)

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- Heather on Leather Pouches

One of our favorite costumers presents a workshop on making pouches.

(Heather Monson)

- Geek Magaine

There's a new magazing coming to town and it's just for us geeks! Come learn more!

(Dennis Lundstrom)

- Reading 1:00 – 1:25: Karen Webb

- Reading 1:25 – 1:50: Karen Hoover

2:00 PM

- Brainstorming with your Subconscious, using fortune-telling cards

Sometimes the ideas are there but it's difficult to grab hold of them. The ancient art of Tarot can help guide an author to deeper understanding of characters and their interactions, as well as brainstorm plot twists and turns.

(Kathleen Dalton-Woodbury)

- Adding Flavor To Your Vanilla Character

Recipe for a protagonist: Add good qualities. Recipe for a villain: Add bad qualities. Hmm, the mix seems...bland. How can an author spice up the characters without ruining the overall 'dish'?

(Carole Nelson Douglas, Daniel Coleman, Angie Lofthouse, Dene Low (M), Michael Young)

- Balloons, dirigibles and other forms of air travel

Man has been wishing for flight since the dawn of time. But planes and rockets aren't the only way to fly. Even with modern rocketry, our fascination with balloons and other forms of "air" travel is boundless. Come learn more about mans'fascination with this form of travel.

(Kevin Evans)

- Horror: A Constant State of Fear: Why horror is so popular among contemporary readers, and how it differs from traditional forms. What makes us want to be scared? Our panelists will discuss Poe, Lovecraft, King and other notable horror writers.

(Michael R. Collings, J. Scott savage, Nathan Shumate, Dan Wells, Paul F. Anderson (M), Eric Swedin)

- Reading 2:00 – 2:25: Stephen Gashler

- Reading 2:25 – 2:50: Anna del C Dye

3:00 PM

- Screenwriting 101

Writing a script is a different form of story-telling using dialogue, scenes, pacing and actor reactions. Here is the basics of putting together a screenplay.

(Blake Casselman, Michaelbrent Collings)

- To Cliché Or Not To Cliché: When it is it okay to use cliché and trope and when should you avoid it like, well, the plague?

(Suzanne Vincent (M), Peter Orullian, Berin Stephens, Michael R. Collings, Tracy Hickman)

- What the filk –

Description: Filk 101. What is filk? What's all the singing about? Who is doing it? Where can

I get some! – A discussion about the basic notes and measures of the filk musical genre.
(Joey Shoji, Danica West (M), Kathy Mar)

- Magnetic Torsion Fields and Faster than Light Communications

What on earth (or off it) is a Magnetic Torsion Field? And what does it have to do with communications and space flight? Interested? Come listen to what our expert has to say!
(David Yurth)

- KidCON: Secret Codes

Learn how to build and use a simple code wheel. Specifically for children 8 – 12, but everyone's invited!

(James Clegg (M), Josh Peltier, Robert J Defendi, Ann Sharp)

- Reading 3:00 – 3:25: Roger White

- Reading 3:25 – 3:50: Dene Low

4:00 PM

- Mapmaking for Writers

Ever get lost in your own world? Do your readers get lost too? Drawing a map of your setting can be just the thing to layout your story and add a lot towards making your world feel real.

Our presenter shows how easy it can be to make your world look fabulous.

(Isaac Stewart)

- Streamlining Your Fiction: How to know what stays and what goes to make your story as good as it can get?

(Jessica Day George (M), Suzanne Vincent, Howard Tayler, Bryce Moore, Dave Wolverton)

- Japanese culture in anime and manga. To truly understand the nuances of anime and manga, you need a basic understanding of Japanese culture. Come find out what you've been missing in your anime and manga.

(Jessica Harmon, Charlotte Randle (M), John Saffell, Emily Sorensen, Goku Zagreus, Joe Monson)

- Why to join a fan club. You start your new job. What happens when your co-workers find out that you are a Lt. Commander on the USS Tsunami or that you are an Honorable Lady in the SCA? What you could say could frighten them off or introduce them as possible new members to your organization.

(Laura Lind, Erin Ruston (M), Martin Calderwood)

- Cape making: You, too, can make a great-looking cloak! It's not as hard as it appears – if you know the tricks.

(Ruth Roper (M), Keri Doering, Linda Lyon, Heather Monson assistant)

- KidCON: Clue game

Find the clues outside 10 rooms to solve the mystery and find out who did it, in what room and with what weapon.

(James Clegg)

- Reading 4:00- 4:25: Amber Argyle

- Reading: 4:25 – 4:50: Michael Young

5:00 PM

- How Not To Talk Down To Your Audience. How do you find the right balance between talking over your reader's head and treating them like a child? Especially when they ARE children?

(Jessica Day George, Dan Willis (M), Bryce Moore, Julie Wright, Kathleen Dalton-Woodbury)

- Main Address: Brian Hailes

CONduit proudly presents Brian Hailes, our artist guest of honor. He is a past winner of the Illustrators of the Future and Winner of the USPS National Stamp Design contest. He has written and illustrated several books and a newly published graphic novel.

- Women in Fantasy

Women have come a long way in our society, which is reflected in our fiction. But how do you create a female character that fits in her setting and your story without resorting to past stereotypes?

(L. E. Modesitt, Jr., Amber Argyle, Dene Low (M), Elisabeth Waters, Carole Nelson Douglas)

- Archaeology in SF media

Just so we're clear, The opening scene in the first Indiana Jones film is NOT a good role-model for the care and recovery of ancient artifacts. Is there any good archaeology done in the movies? How about Timeline? The Stargate series? Are there any movies that get it right? And, just because it's so much fun, we'll talk about a the really BAD examples, too.

(Eric Swedin (M), Charlotte Randle, Jessica Harmon, Erin Ruston)

- KidCON readin 5:00 – 5:25: Eric James Stone

- KidCON reading 5:25 – 5:50: Steve Harmon

- Reading 5:00 – 5:25: Michaelbrent Collings

- Reading 5:25 – 5:50: Jaleta Clegg

6:00 PM

- Ghosts of Utah presented by the Crew of Residual Hauntings and WPI

Have you ever had the feeling someone is watching you? Well, maybe it's not just your imagination. Many places in Utah are haunted. Join our local ghost hunters to hear about their experiences with the spooky side of Utah.

(Tom Carr, Wasatch Paranormal Society members)

- Hickman on Writing

Tracy Hickman offers his insights and answers questions regarding writing and publishing science fiction and fantasy in the Age of New Media for fun and profit. Examples will be given from the Hickman's new Scribe's Forge Online Writing seminars. Come and learn new ways of getting your stories read!

- The Doctor Debates

What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Eccleston, Tennant and Smith Doctor's? A Geek fest for Doctor Who fans!

(Karen Webb (M), Karen Hoover, Karina Fabian, Ami Chopine)

- A day in the life of a slave

What would it be like to be a slave in ancient Rome or Scandinavia? The Antebellum South? The planet Tatooine? Are there different forms and degrees of slavery? Do slaves have ANY rights?

(Ann Chamberlin (M), Ann Sharp, Anne Wingate)

- Wire-wrapping demonstration

Presentation on how to wrap a pendant. (If you wish to wrap your own, please let Michael

know. Kits can be available for \$40.00.)

(Michael R. Collings)

- Dungeoncrawlers Podcast (6-9 PM)

Gaming, interviews, geekdom and more are covered in this weekly podcast and radio show.

You are invited to sit in on a live taping! Dungeon Crawler is also available on UtahFM, Monday nights, 6-9 pm.

7:00 PM

- Suspense: Building to a Satisfactory Conclusion

Step by step, inch by inch the author has drawn the reader to a growing sense of impending action. Now what? Does the buildup match the payoff? Did the writer over-promise and under-deliver? What's the effect of doing the reverse? How can a writer use suspense to keep the reader on the edge of his or her seat and then let them go with a contented sigh?

(Clint Johnson, Michaelbrent Collings, Berin Stephens, Dave Wolverton (M), Carole Nelson Douglas, Michael R. Collings)

- Macinima Demonstration

Computer graphics have come a long way since the first Tron movie.

Fans can even use rendering technology to make their own movies or mash together clips using their favorite properties.

- Tri-Destiny Concert

Tri-Destiny is a local singing/songwriting trio that returns at last to CONduit. Enjoy their concert with LIVE accompaniment!

- KidCON: Wonderwand Demonstration

Levitate small foil shapes with "magic" electric wands! (electrostatic repulsion).

(Charles Galway, Laura Lind)

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- Ice Cream Social and Jesters Royale Improve Troupe

Our annual Ice Cream Social is still just 50 cents a scoop! Grab a bowl and choose your flavors. While you enjoy your treat, The Jester Royale Improv Troupe returns to delight with their geek-flavored improvisations.

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- Mascot Contest

- The Mascot costume contest participants will be asking for your votes for the best representation of our theme.

- Zombie Outbreak! Zombies everywhere NOW WHAT! a panel on what to do once the zombie outbreak happens. What do you need in your survival kit? And what about those

twinkies... ?

(Tom Carr, Aleta Clegg, Nathan Shumate (M), Zachary Hill, Larry Correia, Michael Kupari)
- Tall Tales Night at CONduit

Come share your favorite "tall tale." It can be one you made up, or one you "borrowed" from somewhere else. Candy bars for the best tall tale in each category. Come participate of just listen in.

Hosted by Steve Harmon

- Filk Showcase

A concert-style showcase of filk music. Come enjoy the Music with short performances by (Kathy Mar, UFO Chorus)

10:00 PM

- Late Night Filking/Hymnal Filk

Never been to a Filksing? Come try it out! We'll be here late! (2:00am) We will start the evening off with a sing along and then move to a pokerchip-bardic circle. Hymnals included! (Dawnya Thill, Kathy Mar, Erin Ruston)

- Star Party (Laura Lind)

Come look through telescopes at the stars! (Weather permitting.)

Saturday, 28 May 2011

Any time Saturday: One on One Poetry Workshop.

Bring one of your poems and talk with Dr. Collings in the Dealers' Room. Dr. Collings is a poet and a poet tactician. He will help you see not only how to fix the poem but why you need to make a change.

8:30 AM

Tai Chi with Janus Daniels

Want to limber up for a day of costuming, panels and fun? Join Janus as he leads you through a simple tai-chi workout.

10:00 AM

- *The New Face Of Self-Promotion. It used to be the publisher did most of the book promoting. Now, it's up to the author. What should you do to sell your own book? How can you attract readers?

(Michaelbrent Collings (M), Jaleta Clegg, Jess Smart smiley, Tristi Pinkston, Larry Correia, Steve Diamond, Kevin Wasden)

- Killer Breakfast with Tracy Hickman)

An interactive roleplaying event. Spend a few minutes playing a pre-generated character, watch the fun and sing along with this interactive introduction to roleplaying. It's a must-see event!

Audience participation encouraged! (First of 2 hours)

- When Plants Go Bad!

Think foliage can't hurt you? Plants engage in chemical warfare, practice deadly deception and even 'hunt' for meat. Find out the interesting and creative ways (insert reverb) When Plants Go Bad.

(Dan Lind, Ami Chopine)

- Wig styling and care

Come for 1 of 2 panels on wearing, styling and caring for exactly the right wig to set off your costume.

(Red)

- Belly Dancing 101

Did you ever want to belly dance? Now's your chance! Come learn some basic belly dancing moves!

(Lori Bowers)

- Reading 10:00 – 10:50: Dave Wolverton

11:00 AM

- Podcasts: who, what, and when. Why we podcast?

There are a lot of podcasts originating from Utah. Come listen to a few of our local podcasters (Tom Carr, Dan Wells, J. Scott Savage, Robert J Defendi (M), Alice Beesly, Lillian J. Banks. Revan and Malak)

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- Poetry: when every word counts, how do you make it work?

(Michael R. Collings, Charlene Harmon (M), Karen Evans, Michael Young, Karen Hoover)

- Writing/illustrating Graphic Novels

Graphic novels use both art and words to tell their stories. In a well-designed piece, the elements work together, seamlessly passing the story between the visuals, descriptions and dialogue. But learning to balance, reinforce and illustrate the plot can be a juggling act. Come listen to our experienced panelists share their knowledge.

(Brian Hailes, Blake Casselman, Andrew Adams, A. J. Bell, Jess Smart Smiley, Kevin Wasden (M))

- KidCON: Making Capes from pillowcases and towels

Because every kid needs a cape!

(Heather Monson, Linda Lyon)

- Reading 11:00 – 11:25: Karina Fabian

- Reading 11:25 – 11: 50: Daniel Coleman

- SIGNINGS (11 AM – noon): Carole Nelson Douglas, Howard Tayler, Karina Fabian, Jessica Day George, Dene Low, Roger White

Noon:

- Masquerade Meeting

Mandatory registration for anyone wishing to participate in the CONduit masquerade. Rules for the event will be explained and questions answered.

- Plotting a Novel in an Hour

Robert J Defendi

In this fast-paced brain-storming session, we'll outline a novel in an hour. Discovery writers beware. Not for the faint of heart.

(Robert J Defendi)

- Comic Art

What are the techniques for drawing comics? How does comic art differ from other types of art? Find out here what skills are needed to make great comics.

(Brian Hailes, Jess Smart Smiley (M), Emily Sorensen, Kevin Wasden, Rebecca Jensen, Travis Walton, A. J. Bell)

- Humorous Horror: You could die laughing

Dean Koontz did it. Buffy did it. The Little Shop of Horrors did it. They managed to combine the tension of danger while tickling your funny bone. There are a lot of current writers doing it, too. You'll laugh 'till you.. you know.

(Jaleta Clegg, Eric James Stone (M), Carole Nelson Douglas, Karina Fabian, Michael R. Collings, Paul F. Anderson)

- The History of Chocolate

Ah, chocolate. From Aztec beginnings and Victorian chocolate houses to our modern decadent variety, chocolate holds a unique place in our imagination and palates.

(Karen Evans)

- Reading 12:00 – 12:25: Peter Orullan

- Reading 12:25 – 12:50: Jessica Day George

1:00 PM

- Masquerade walk-through

Need to get a feel for the stage? Figure out how to block your masquerade skit? Now is your chance.

- How to Write Great Villains

We've all read stories that feature well-developed heroes but the villain is as dimensional as a flattened Popsicle stick. What do you need to make your villains become as complex as their evil schemes?

(Clint Johnson (M), Amber Argyle, Roger White, Howard Tayler, Dan Wells)

- First aid in the middle ages. What do authors need to know about willow bark, leaches, herbs and other medaeval medicine to write better stories?

(Dene Low, Ann Chamberlin, Ann Sharp (M), Daniel Coleman, Dave Wolverton)

- The Big Bang Panel (Bazinga!)

Are you a fan of "The Big Bang Theory?" If not, you should be! Come learn why.

(Eric Swedin (M), Elyse Moulding, Andrew Adams, Jessica Harmon, Jacob Harmon, Blake Casselman)

- Knitting Chainmail with Ami Chopine

You can knit chainmail and viking/dwarf helmets (with beards).

Bring 2 large knitting needles (US size 13 or 15)

Preferably these will be 24 inch circular needles, but you can use straight ones too, it will take extra sewing later. I can teach you to knit on any size needle. Bring your own yarn. Patterns will be available.

- KidCON: Treasure Hunt

Get your Treasure Hunt card, go to the various designated locations and get your card stamped and turn it in to be eligible to win a prize.

(James Clegg)

- Reading 1:00 – 1:25: Jess Smart Smiley

- Reading 1:25 – 1:50: Bryce Moore

- SIGNINGS (1 – 2 PM): Tracy Hickman, Michael Young, Peter Orullian, Jaleta Clegg, Kevin Wasden, Julie Wright

2:00 PM

- *Military on Military SF/F

How does SF/F get the military right and how do they get it wrong? How do we use present and past war college lessons to write realistic future battles?

(Steve Harmon (M), Roger White, Zachary Hill, Kevin Evans, Lee Modesitt Jr., Michael Kupari, Col. Rob Fabian)

- The Mike Show

Reminiscent of older talk shows, Mike Oberg "interviews" several of our guests and local pros.

(Mike Oberg, Carole Nelson Douglas, Brian Hailes, Peter Orullian, Anna del C Dye, Tristi Pinkston)

- What A Kid Wants In A Story

Some adults have a tendency to talk down to kids. Some writers do it, too. Or they don't know what a kid looks for in a book. Our panel "gets it." Come hear more about this growing genre.

(J. Scott Savage (M), Dene Low, LuAnn Staheli, Bryce Moore, Julie Wright, Jessica Day George)

- Tracy Hickman Reading

- Filk Oldies but Goldies

We'll be singing the filks of years and artists past. Join us for the well-loved memories and melodies from filk prior to the 80s!

(Joey Shoji, Julia West (M), Kathy Mar)

- KidCON: Make your own CYO Adventure comic out of a single piece of paper. (Psst! It's not just for kids!)

(Jess Smart Smiley)

- Reading 2:00 – 2:50: Tracy Hickman

2:30 PM?Chocoholics Contest in the Consuite

3:00 PM

- The Two Faces of the Samurai

Samurai were proud warriors and peacemakers. Bushido is also said to be the basis of the Jedi Knights. Come learn more!?(Dr. Al Carlisle, Steve Harmon)

- X-treme Dungeon Mastery

What is the epic new gaming system by Tracy Hickman and Howard Tayler that brings the focus back to STORY and FUN? Come hear all about it from the creators! (Then buy it in the Dealers' Room!)

(Tracy Hickman, Howard Tayler)

- SF&F Mystery: combining genres

A vampire detective with a robot sidekick or a ghost solving her own murder. A growing trend in speculative fiction that's breaking all the rules!

(Carole Nelson Douglas, Michaelbrent Collings, Dan Wells (M), Anne Wingate, Karina Fabian, Michael R. Collings)

- Superhero Movies

Superhero movies seem to either do very well or trip on their capes. What makes one soar and the other flop? What are your favorites?

(Blake Casselman)

- KidCON: Drawing Superheroes

Come join our Artist Guest of Honor and learn how to draw a superhero@

(Brian Hailes)

- Reading 3:00 – 3:25: Andrew Adams

- Reading 3:25 – 3:50: Ann Chamberlin

- SIGNINGS (3 – 4 PM): Dave Wolverton, Paul Genesse, Ann Chamberlin, Jason Anderson, Karen Hoover, Nathan Shumate,

3:30 PM

- Eric James Stone Book Sneak Preview and Nebula Award Celebration! (3:30 – 4:30 in the Consuite)

4:00 PM

- Joey Shoji Filk Concert

Pegasus-award-winning singer/songwriter Joey Shoji shares his talent with Caped CONduit in this concert of science fiction and fantasy-themed songs

- Monster in an Hour

Come enjoy our yearly contest waged between several artists drawing from audience suggestions

Cooks have "Iron Chef" with a secret ingredient that they have to incorporate into their instant creations. Selected CONduit artists have "Monster in a Hour" where they take their audience-selected challenges and create a masterpiece. Their pieces will be sold in the art auction on Sunday to benefit our charity.

(Mike Oberg, Brian Hailes, Kevin Wasden, Sarah B. Seiter)

- How to give good critiques and receive critiques well

Giving and taking criticism is almost an art form itself. Learning to separate the elements of a story to see its weaknesses and strengths is as difficult as learning to separate oneself enough to receive the critiquers gift.

(Tristi Pinkston, LuAnn Staheli, Kathleen Dalton-Woodbury (M), Lesli Muir Lytle, Angie Lofthouse, Steve Diamond)

Writing Music for your Books

(Michael Young, Berin Stephens, Stephen Gashler, Peter Orullian)

- Making and publishing an ebook or audiobook

Carolyn Nicita Presentation

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- Main Address: Carole Nelson Douglas

Brave New Word: Reading, Writing and Publishing 'Rithmetic.

The ex-newspaper reporter and multigenre author of sixty novels examines

becoming and being a writer, making a living, and the current post-Gutenberg moment. Audience Q&A.

- KidCON: Mad Science: Electromagnetism

Science is awesome! Throw in some Van de Graaf generators and... wow!

(Karen Webb, Laura Lind)

6:00 PM

- Dave Wolverton Presentation: From Idea to Story

Getting from idea to story is not as easy as it seems. But there are tips and tricks that make the journey a lot easier for a writer and a lot more enjoyable for the reader.

- Bad fairy! You're NOT a Vampire!

Recent books and media have warped Vampires into best friends and love interests. In many ways they're more like fairies and fey folk than vampires of nightmares and legend. Our panelists have a few things to say on the matter.

(Dan Lind, Clint Johnson, Jessica Harmon, Erin Ruston (M), Tracy Hickman)

- Filk Contest

Bring your original or parody filk song for a judged concert! Great Fun and Great Prizes including massages by Holland Heart and Hands, and gift certificates to local eateries!

(Judges)

(Joey Shoji, Kathy Mar, Dawnya Thill)

- Drawing Faces

Draw along with artist Rebecca Jensen as she demonstrates how to draw the human face, including classic facial proportions, male and female, different features, and various races.

- Reading 6:00 – 6:25: Chris Weston

- Reading 6:25 – 6:50: Leigh Saunders

7:00 PM

- High Fantasy: it's more than just elves and unicorns

High Fantasy has long been the realm of elves, fairies, trolls and magic. But high fantasy is more than slaying dragons and rescuing princesses!

(Amber Argyle, Anna del C Dye, Ami Chopine, Chris Weston (M), Peter Orullian, Stephen Gashler)

- Swap Meet

Wanna make a deal? Got that great collectable you want to sell? Here's the perfect place!

- Artists on Art

Four of our favorite artists talk about art: creation, marketing, business. You've admired their work, now hear what they have to say on the subject.

(Brian Hailes, Howard Tayler (M), Kevin Wasden, A. J. Bell, Travis Walton)

- Rev Mayhem concert

Come hear a great local band! Rock music fit for a geek!

- Sector Five Broadcast

Sector Five Radio broadcasts from on AM 630 K-talk every Saturdaynight from 7 to 10 PM.

They'll be doing a live broadcast from CONduit.

8:00 PM?Masquerade

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- Legend of the Five Rings Celebrity RPG Game

Come watch some of our "local legends" play a truly epic game.

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- Near Eastern Dancing

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- All Night Filking

HOW FANNISH ARE YOU?!! – Take the all night Filk Challenge! Come embrace your uber-nerd by not only visiting fandom but reveling in it! Come and sing til the sun comes up and then join us for a post sing breakfast in the hotel restaurant when they open at 6:00 am (For those who wish to attend breakfast in the morning the price of the buffet is \$11.00 which includes Tax)

Sunday

10:00 AM

- Ghosts of Utah 2

More about Utah Ghosts and Ghosthunting with Tom Carr and the Wasatch Paranormal Society!

(Tom Carr and members of Residual Hauntings and Wasatch Paranormal)

- What Makes A Successful Writing Group And What To Avoid.

Some writing groups give lots of great praise but no concrete suggestions. Some seem to live for scathing, tear-you-down bromides but again, don't give useful feedback. But others, oh, others manage to point out problems AND strengths in ways that challenge and inspire. How do you find one of that kind?

(Robert J Defendi, Ann Chamberlin, LuAnn Staheli (M), Bryce Moore)

Dave Wolverton, Chris Weston)

- Mystery Men: Superheroes who should never exist.

What are some of the most bizarre superheroes you can think of? Wanna share? Or just come listen to our panelists come up with some heroes we hope never to meet.

(Jaleta Clegg, Steve Harmon)

- Planes, trains and rocket ships

As kids, we played with toy models, as adults we build them, write about them and travel on them (or hope to). In this panel we'll talk about what's so great about modern mass transit.

(Kevin Evans, Karen Evans (M), Richard Luke, Kathryn Luke, Eric James Stone)

- Chainmail Workshop/Demo

Ever wanted to learn to make chain-mail? Our panelists have the links, pliers and patterns to give you a hands-on lesson in making pouches, jerkins and teddy-bear apparel out of metal.

(Mike Oberg (M), Toad Cox, Dan Lind)

11:00 AM

- A day in the life of an ancient Egyptian

Ancient Egypt is more than what you see in "The Ten Commandments." It's more than the pyramids in the Valley of the Kings. Stargate used it as a basis for the Go'auld. Why are we so drawn to one of the oldest civilizations on our planet?

(Jessica Harmon (M), Erin Ruston, Ann Sharp)

- Writing a Multi-Book Series. How do you write a second (third, etc.) book in the same world and not lose your audience? How do you keep the story fresh and the characters interesting?

(L. E. Modesitt, Jr., Dan Willis, Larry Correia, Dave Wolverton (M),
, Chris Weston)

- Firefly: Then, Now and Forever

It lasted for one season, spawned a popular movie and continues to live in the hearts of fans everywhere. A discussion on the past and future of this great franchise.

(William Pace, Brian Wiser, Blake Casselman (M), Tom Carr)

- 101 Costuming Ideas in an Hour

Keri Doering shows you how easy it is to come up with effective and creative costuming ideas in very little time.

(Keri Doering)

- Chainmail workshop/demo

Ever wanted to learn to make chain-mail? Our panelists have the links, pliers and patterns to give you a hands-on lesson in making pouches, jerkins and teddy-bear apparel out of metal.

(Mike Oberg (M), Toad Cox, Dan Lind)

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- Using your environment for setting ideas. (Kamas, Kanab, Unitahs, Moab, etc.)

Utah is a state that covers a variety of environments from the high Uintas to formations of Goblin Valley to the desert to the Salt Flats. Settings you can exploit to make your worlds richer and more colorful.

(Eric Swedin, Jaleta Clegg (M), Dan Lind, Karen Hoover)

- Walking the razor's edge between hurting your character for story and hurting your character for sensationalism. Why do you want to put your character through the wringer in the first place?

(L. E. Modesitt, Jr., T. Wingate, Julie Wright (M))

- Anime vs Manga. What are the differences, what are the similarities?

Is Anime just a move from the page to the screen or is there more demanded out of the animations? And what can you do on the printed page that you can't do on the screen? Our intrepid panelists venture into these issues and more.

(Jessica Harmon, John Saffell (M), Joe Monson, Goku Zagreus)

- LARP/SCA costuming

Costuming for LARPing (live action role playing) is not the same as costuming for the stage or for a convention. You need to be able to move in your costume: sit, stand, run and fight.

Your costume needs to be wearable and washable. So, how can you look the part and still be able to do all that's required of a LARPer? Our experienced panelists discuss the ways to make your Live Action Role Playing and historic re-creation garb work with your personas.

(Laura Lind, Heather Monson, Linda Lyon)

- Colored Pencil Coloring Workshop

It's not just for kids. Colored pencils are a medium that have been getting a lot of respect in the art world, as their adherents wield them to great and delicate effect. Come learn how to draw, blend, shade and use colored pencils in your art.

(Sarah B. Seiter)

1:00 PM

- Art Auction

Going, going, Gone! Come to the art auction to defend your final bid or whisk that desired piece away from your fellow bidders.

(Mike Oberg, Joe Monson)

- Building your audience: What can a writer do to gather – and keep – fans. How do you keep your readers coming back book after book and telling their friends to read?

(Dave Wolverton, Steve Diamond (M), Karina Fabian, Carole Nelson Douglas)

- Possibilities of Real Space Travel

Even before Yuri Gagarin made it a reality, man has dreamed of traveling through space. Now, that dream is closer than ever.

(J. David Baxter, Dr. David Yurth, Laura Lind, Robert J Defendi (M), Col. Rob Fabian)

- Em'PHA'sis on the wrong syl'AH'bul

A filk writing workshop on scansion- When to force it and when not to, what rules of English can be broken or mangled to make your song work and how!

(Joey Shoji, Kathy Mar, Dawnya Thill (M))

- Wigs 2: care and maintenance.

It's not enough to have a great-looking wig. If you don't know how to care for it properly, it won't last.

(Red)

- KidCON: Choose your own ending

Get a story starter and go from place to place reading the next part of the story and choose your own ending.

(James Clegg)

2:00 PM

- Art Auction, cont.

Going, going, Gone! Come to the art auction to defend your final bid or whisk that desired piece away from your fellow bidders.

(Mike Oberg, Joe Monson)

- Romancing the Ghost: Paranormal romance

What is the draw of loving the dead and undead? Is it the moral and emotional turmoil that

forbidden love can kindle? The idea that there is someone we can't really fully have? Or is it another manifestation of loving the 'other'?

(Ann Chamberlin, Julie Wright, Ann Sharp, Elisabeth Waters (M))

- Potters of the Caribbean: The year in film

It's the beginning of the summer film series. What films have we liked so far, which ones disappointed and what are we waiting anxiously for?

(Bryce Moore, Blake Casselman)

- Future Conventions in and around Utah

CONduit and Life, the Universe and Everything, of course. CONclave of Horror? World Horror Con? Westercon? What is in store for Utah in the future and how can YOU influence the coming events?

(Dave Doering, Charlie Harmon (M), David-Glenn Anderson, John Saffell, Tom Carr)

- KidCON: rope making

Come learn how to make your own rope.

(James Clegg, Jessica Harmon)

3:00 PM

- Robert E. Howard: Discussion of the short life and long influence of the energetic pulp writer who created "sword and sorcery" and became one of the most influential people in American fantastic literature.

(Nathan Shumate, Zachary Hill (M), Eric Swedin, Paul F. Anderson)

- Literary Chameleon Q&A: Author answers impertinent questions while morphing from feline PI Midnight Louie to Paranormal Investigator Delilah Street to Sherlock Holmes frenemy Irene Adler.

(Carole Nelson Douglas, Dave Doering)

- Making your own online movie and web series (directing, acting, producing, etc.)

Computers and the internet have put tools in the hands of fans that used to be only available to a select few. Even making your own movies is now possible. But wait! How exactly is that done? Geekatplay Studio will have some DVD freebies of sky set extensions

(Blake Casselman, Janus Daniels (M), Ami Chopine, Vladimir Chopine, Michael Lovins)

- Historic Costuming. Making costumes that look authentic but aren't.

Choosing fabrics that fit the historical period and fit the design of the costume isn't as cut and dried as it may seem. And not all historical outfits allow people to move comfortably or fit a modern frame.

(Laura Lind, Dan Lind, Lori Bowers (M), Linda Lyon, Keri Doering)

- KidCON: Surveillance

Learn how to see around corners, track people and trail a suspect.

(Tom Carr, James Clegg (M), Josh Peltier, Ann Sharp, Robert J Defendi)

4:00 PM

- Swordmastery Demonstration and Presentation

A demonstration of swordsmanship techniques, weapons and how to choreograph a fight for stage and writing.

(Adam Meyers)

- What to do when your magic or technology fails

It happens to the best magician. You study, compile all your components; you charge your

lazars, stockpile your ammo and then... nothing. So, when your best isn't, how can you still save the day? Sometimes the best storeis come when things go horribly wrong.

(Howard Tayler, L. E. Modesitt, Jr. (M), Dave Wolverton, Elisabeth Waters, Peter Orullian)

- Book Reviewing and Having Your Book Reviewed:

Why are book reviews so important? How can you use them to advance your career? How do you write a good review? What do authors expect from reviews?

(Steve Diamond, Larry Correia)

- CONduit Fiction Contest Winners Readings

Winning stories from the 2011 CONduit writing contests will be read.

- Filk in an Hour or Two...

Come help write this year's CONduit Filk song in just an hour!... er.. or Two!

(Steven Fox, Joe Ficklin (M), Joey Shoji)

5:00 PM

- Position and Positioning: Why a poor farmer will never be more than a farmer in the Old World

- In America, we say that any child could grow up to be President. Certainly, even the poorest become the top of their profession. But in many places and past times, that's not possible. What happens to a culture when no one can rise past their station?

(Dan Willis, Jessica Day George, Helge Moulding (M), L. E. Modesitt, Jr.)

- Urban Fantasy

So, you drag yourself home after a long shift and mutter under your breath about the fairy dust sprinkled all over your now floating kitchen table. Your best friend calls to complain about her zombie boyfriend's breath and a ghost laughs in your ear. In it. *Sigh* It's gonna be one of THOSE nights.

(Lesli Muir Lytle, Karen Hoover, Larry Correia (M), Bryce Moore, Carole Nelson Douglas)

- Online Publishing

Printed media is still king, but there's a new kid in town who's got a loud voice. What is th is new "medium" for publishing? What are the strengths nad pitfalls of POD, ebooks, and other electronic media? How can it help you get a goot in the door?

(Kevin Evans, KarenEvans, Carolyn Nicita (M), Nathan Shumate)

- Cheers and Gripes

Want to share your opinion of this year's convention? Now's your chance.

(Mike Oberg)

- Filk in an Hour or Two... (cont.)

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6:00 PM

- Dead Dog Party

- Filking at the dead Dog

Still not done yet? Neither are we! Come sing until the hotel rolls up the convention space carpets! Great music, great company and great fun! There is no better cherry with which to top off your CONduit Sunday!