

Norwescon 35 - Friday

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| Kid Costume Shortcuts | 9 am | Cascade 7 |
| How to make costumes for the fannish child, with or without a sewing machine, or spending a lot of money. | | |
| Writing Groups: Good Idea or Waste of Time? | 9 am | Cascade 8 |
| There's more than one type of writing group and more than one type of writer. Come find out how writing groups might or might not be exactly what you need. | | |
| Scheduled Gaming | 9 am | Cascade 9&10 |
| You're at the Con, waiting for things to rev up, but we're already off and running in the Scheduled Gaming rooms! Come and see what we're playing and sign up for a game or two! We have card games, role-playing games, miniatures and more all lined up for YOU! Get in early! Bring in your game and schedule a spot to make new gaming friends! You could qualify for a prize! | | |
| How to Sell Yourself | 9 am | Cascade 11 |
| An artist needs more than talent to be successful. One must learn how to create a polished and professional image as well. You may have intelligence and creativity; but that isn't enough! Learn how to not only create a portfolio, but how to put your own personal best foot forward when presenting yourself and your work to shops, galleries, and publishers. | | |
| How Cloudy is the Future of Computing? | 9 am | Evergreen 1&2 |
| What is cloud computing, and how will it affect computing, business, and technology? More importantly, how will it affect me? | | |
| Open Gaming | 9 am - 6 am | Rotunda 1&2 |
| Got an hour before your next session? Stop by Open Gaming and play for a while. We have plenty of tables for fans to sit down with old friends (or new) and play...no sign-up sheet required. The Rotunda is available for open gaming all weekend on a first-come first-serve basis. | | |
| Adventure Stories | 10 am | Cascade 2 |
| Swashbucklers, pirates, oh my? What makes an adventure story different from other science fiction and fantasy stories? And, do most adventure stories get the action right? | | |
| Ask the Developers: Board games and Card Games | 10 am | Cascade 3&4 |
| Join our esteemed panel of board and card game developers for a discussion of exactly what they do, the hard and easy parts of game development, and your questions. | | |
| Hook 'Em When They're Young | 10 am | Cascade 5 |
| Fandom shaped many of our lives from an early age; and popular fiction has helped to grow a whole new generation of fans. Come and discuss the best books and media of past and present to get kids interested in science fiction and fantasy... without freaking their parents. | | |
| It Was the Best of Spacecraft, It Was the Worst of Spacecraft | 10 am | Cascade 6 |
| The shuttle is headed for museums, never again to see the black sky of space. Was it worth the cost, in blood and treasure? | | |

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| Biomimicry | 10 am | Cascade 7 |
| Engineers and scientists are beginning to look to nature for inspiration. For example, water-proof adhesives have been developed modelled on how mussels attach to rocks and other surfaces. How can the natural world inspire new technologies? | | |
| Carnivale and Mardi Gras Inspired Costumes | 10 am | Cascade 8 |
| Carnivale and Mardi Gras are great inspirations for stunning costumes of exquisite beauty, outlandish size, and incredible humor. Come discuss these costume types and share suggestions on how to make them, wear them, and pull off the dazzling masks and accessories that go along with the ensemble. | | |
| Let's Make a Movie: Plan It! | 10 am - Noon | Cascade 11 |
| You were there for Part Zero, right? Quick! Time travel! In Part One, we go over the plan, figure out the gear, work up a story, write the script, plan the shoot, and pretty much anything else we can think of. That's right, from soup to nuts, we're going to make an entire movie here at Norwescon. This is your chance to be a part of the annual fun and learn how to make a movie on a budget so tiny calling it shoestring would be an insult to shoestrings. The key to making a movie, of course, is good planning! | | |
| The Business of Art | 10 am | Cascade 12 |
| There's more than just talent to making a living as an artist. Health insurance, taxes, marketing, organization, selling yourself, portfolios – where do you find the time to do all that and still make art? | | |
| Future Forensics | 10 am | Evergreen 1&2 |
| If you don't have fingerprints or DNA, can you identify perps by their body odor? By the bacterial communities on their hands? Can you catch a liar with a brain scan? Can you detect a psychopath with an fMRI? Can you detect a terrorist's evil intent in an airport concourse without any contact whatsoever? The answer to all of these may very soon be - yes! | | |
| Norse Sword, Shield, & Spear Tactical Combat | 10 am | Evergreen 3&4 |
| A hands-on demo. Participants, equipped with wooden swords, spears, and shields will learn and practice basic Norse weapon combat skills in a safe, non-contact environment. What is it like standing in the shield wall? Instructors will provide required equipment, to be shared by participants. | | |
| Junkyard Spacecraft Workshop Pt. 1 | 10-11:30 am | Olympic 1 |
| Always dreamed of designing and building exotic spaceships and out-of-this-world space stations? Come on by and show us what you've got! Cobble together your own unique spacecraft from our vast array of found materials and recyclables. | | |
| Guest of Honor Autograph Session | 10 am | Grand 2 |
| Meet the writers of all those fabulous SF/F books, share stories, and have them autograph their novels (especially the ones purchased in Norwescon's wonderful Dealers Room). All of our distinguished Guests of Honor will be present. PLEASE: so that as many fans as possible can participate, we will be enforcing a limit of three books to autograph at a time! | | |

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Norwescon Dance Academy **10-11:30 am** **Maxi's Ballroom**

Welcome to the Norwescon Dance Academy! Learn the steps to the favorite songs of fandom: The Time Warp, Rasputin, Thriller, The Macarena, The Hustle, The Cupid Shuffle, The Electric Slide, Y.M.C.A. and whatever else we can think of. Then at the Dance, show off those new moves. Let's get ready to Rumba!!!

How to Give an Effective Reading **10 am** **Salon**

The workshop is specifically designed for authors who need to do readings at conventions, book-signings or other events. Just because you can write brilliantly does not necessarily mean you can read aloud brilliantly. Learn how to use voice acting techniques for greater impact in readings.

Flashback Arcade **10 am** **7110**

Join us for a blast from the past as members of the Seattle Area Metro

Collectors (SMAC) present a full-fledged video game arcade here at Norwescon. Enjoy classic favorites and some great newer games, all set to free play, so no quarters required! Stop by for a trip down memory lane and test your skills against your friends, family and other Con members, or just take in the sights and sounds that pervaded the lives of almost everyone who grew up in the 70s and 80s.

Cat Rambo reads So Glad We Had This Time Together **11 am** **Cascade 1**

Horror Story Rated PG

From Synopsis to Novel **11 am** **Cascade 2**

A novel synopsis isn't just a marketing tool. Find out how to use a synopsis to develop your story before you start writing.

Best and Worst of Genre Film 2011 **11 am** **Cascade 3&4**

Weigh in on what worked and what didn't in 2011.

Fantasy, Science Fiction, and Speculative Fiction in Comics **11 am** **Cascade 5**

Comics as a format has great potential for fantasy and science fiction. Here's a look at some of the great work of the past and what's being published currently, from recurring comics to graphic novels, and how the format affects the stories being told.

Rejectomancy **11 am** **Cascade 6**

Our panelists will help you divine the meaning of different rejection letters and ways to deal with rejection.

Fukushima - One Year Later **11 am** **Cascade 7**

The effects of the earthquake, tsunami, and reactor plant disaster will last much longer and be felt much further than the events that triggered them. Join our panelists in discussing what happened, what people think happened, and what is likely to happen.

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The Prime Directive: Altruism or Survival Strategy? **11 am** **Cascade 8**

Giving the Kzin a star drive seems like a really bad idea, so could there be rules out there? Would voluntary enforcement be enough if coupled with a few horror stories? How would rules be established and communicated?

Family Games ages 6-12 **11 am - 1 pm** **Cascade 9&10**

Drop in and play a selection of board and card games that are actually fun for the whole family! Games scale for ages 6-12. Try games including Cambria, Fluxx, Set, Hecho, and Poo: The Card Game. Look for tables 11 & 15.

Costumeblock: I'm Stuck. What Do I Do Next? **11 am** **Cascade 12**

I have this great costume (idea, in process, needs finish details), and I'm not sure what to do next. Come talk to others who have dealt with this issue and hear what they do to beat the dreaded affliction Costumeblock.

The Influence of Tabletop Games on Video Games **11 am** **Evergreen 1&2**

Massively multiplayer online role-playing games revolutionized computer gaming, becoming the dominant mode for computer role-playing games. But certainly they learned a thing or two from tabletop gaming. Yet today, many tabletop games are borrowing concepts from video games. Join our panel in a discussion of the increasingly blurry lines of game development.

Survey of Weapons of the Middle Ages **11 am** **Evergreen 3&4**

See and feel how hand weapons changed and developed from late Roman times until the Renaissance. All weapons will be explained, and presented for safe handling by the participants. This experience will be like a museum where you can touch the artifacts. Handouts will be available.

Cassini at Saturn **11am** **Grand 3**

Science Guest of Honor Bridget Landry presents her work on the Cassini Project.

Norwescon Stealth and Tracking Game **11am** **Salon**

Assassinate your fellow con goers! Sign up to receive your secret assignment and then track your target. Remove their numbered tag and you've effectively killed them. Return to HQ for your next assignment until you are the last one standing.

Art Show Tour with Jeliza Patterson **11 am** **Art Show**

Jeliza Patterson talks in depth about her work in the show and shares her thoughts about selected other works as well! Come enjoy an artist's perspective on the Art Show! Limited to 10 people - sign up at the Art Show.

A.M. Dellamonica reads Blue Magic **11:30 am** **Cascade 1**

A reading from the sequel of the Sunburst Award-Winning Indigo Springs Rated PG

Hobbit Country Dancing **11:30 - 1:30** **Grand 2**

Party time in the Shire, with a dance held at the local Grange. Come learn the latest dance of the season and flirt with other Hobbits.

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Anina Bennett and Paul Guinan read Frank Reade: Adventures in the Age of Invention

Noon

Cascade 1

Anina Bennett and Paul Guinan read from their new book, the story of 19th-century dime novel star Frank Reade—the original steampunk hero! Rated PG

What horror books should be made into movies?

Noon

Cascade 2

There are a lot of great horror books – which ones deserve to be brought to the big screen?

Whose Story Is It, Anyway?

Noon

Cascade 3&4

Having trouble with too much villain and not enough hero in your stories? Do you have too much hero, while the villain never comes out of the woodwork? Striking a balance isn't always easy, but sometimes a balanced tale isn't the best thing to write, either. Come discuss with the pros which villain- or hero-heavy stories they thought worked, which ones didn't, which ones were great when well-balanced, and which ones sucked anyway.

Size Acceptance Is For Everybody

Noon

Cascade 5

In one corner is the medical establishment and popular media with their obsession with thinness at any cost. In the other corner is the size-acceptance movement and its grass-roots rebellion against the diet industry. We'll discuss the works of fat-positive authors, the origins of the BMI table, the definition of an epidemic, and why it isn't any more polite to tell a small person to eat a sandwich than it is to tell a large person they'd be so attractive if only they lost a few pounds.

Masquerade Tips and Tricks

Noon

Cascade 6

How to write a presentation, move on stage, pick your music, and generally look like you know what you are doing - even if it's your first time on stage.

Ask the Developers: RPG / PnP

Noon

Cascade 7

Join our esteemed panel of role-playing game developers for a discussion of exactly what they do, the hard and easy parts of development for RPGs, and your questions.

What the Frak is "Filk?"

Noon

Cascade 8

The oldest form of geekmusic at SF conventions is a branch-off from folk called "filk." It has an intentionally open and deeply participatory culture, and isn't just folk-derived, despite the origins. This panel is your introduction to fandom's oldest tradition of participatory geekmusic. Come on out and play!

The Rest of the World in Space

Noon

Cascade 11

US and European space efforts are well reported. But what about Japan, China and India, what are they doing and where are they going next?

Demo: Drawing the Human Head

Noon

Cascade 12

Heather Hudson demonstrates how to draw the human head. Bring your sketch book and follow along, if you like.

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MMORPG 101

Noon

Evergreen 1&2

Interested in diving into the world of massively multiplayer online gaming but don't know where to start? Panel discussion of free-to-play vs. subscription, PvP, PvE, settings, community, ease of entry, etc. NOT just a place to brag about your level 85 T14 raid geared Tauren Shaman.

Survey of Medieval Armour

Noon

Evergreen 3&4

See and feel how body armour evolved and developed from late Roman times until the Renaissance. Various types of armour will be displayed and described. Participants will be able to freely handle real pieces of armour and modern replicas. This experience will be like a museum where you can try on the artifacts. Handouts will be available.

Thumbprint Picassos

Noon

Olympic 1

Create finger paint masterpieces using only your thumbprints to provide the basis for your characters. That way your whole hand doesn't get slimy!

The Art of John Picacio

Noon

Grand 3

Norwescon 35's Artist Guest of Honor John Picacio presents a slideshow and Q&A featuring his recent artworks (sf/f book covers and more!) and the creative processes, decisions, and inspirations that made them.

Scavenger Hunt

Noon

Salon

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have intercepted a communications beam from Deep Space. Apparently at NWC 35, someone is to be murdered. My detective agency has not been able to determine the intended victim as yet, nor how they are to be murdered, nor where in the convention space. Come and be one of my detectives and play the Clue game at Norwescon.

Brian David Johnson reads Brain Machines

12:30 pm

Cascade 1

Do humans really have free will? Could the answer to this question actually drive people insane? Rated PG

Elton Elliott reads The Rip War

1 pm

Cascade 1

Present Day Extra Galactic Adventure Rated PG

First Pages

1 pm

Cascade 2

First pages are important! In this workshop, participants submitted the first 250 words of their book online, before the convention. The leaders will read each piece aloud in turn and discuss what does and doesn't work as well as what expectations it sets up for the overall book. Authors remain anonymous, although they are welcome to ask questions afterwards.

Biological Inspirations for SF

1 pm

Cascade 3&4

What new discoveries are fodder for science fiction? What is recommended reading for keeping up with this exciting and evolving scientific discipline?

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Invisible Disabilities

1 pm

Cascade 5

Not every disability is apparent at a glance; nor is anyone's personal health anyone else's business. From mental illness and chronic disease to a variety of syndromes and impairments, we'll discuss the difficulties of living with these conditions, the stigmas associated with them, what progress has (or hasn't) been made in reforming public perception, and strategies on getting other people to mind their own blasted business.

Science in Popular Media

1 pm

Cascade 6

Mythbusters, CSI: Whatever, etc. Who gets it right, who gets it wrong, who is helping to raise awareness of what actual science is and can do and who is just giving people false expectations?

Writing as a Business or an Art

1 pm

Cascade 7

Why do you write, and what do you want to get from a career in writing? If you had to choose, would you rather win a Hugo or write a bestseller? Let's talk about our writing goals and how your goals may affect what you write and how you market.

Staffs, Maces, Scepters, Wands and More....

1 pm

Cascade 8

These essential accessories make your costume complete. Come discuss a variety of techniques to craft unique hand props that will add magic and interest to your whole ensemble.

Conversations About the Future: The Tomorrow Project

1 pm

Cascade 11

If you are the kind of person who comes to Science Fiction Conventions, the future speaks to you. The Tomorrow Project is Intel's way of exploring the human, cultural and ethical Implications of technology through ongoing discussions with science fiction authors, scientists, engineers, entertainers, legends and luminaries - via conversations about the future and the world they would like to build. Come join our panelists and Brian David Johnson, Intel's Futurist, in a conversation about the conversation, and find out what some of the authors of the book have to say about the stories, some of which started at Norwescon 34. Copies of the new "Tomorrow Project Anthology" book will be provided to all attendees.

Figure Drawing Demo

1 pm

Cascade 12

Come watch, learn, and discuss how our professional artists draw the human figure.

Preserving our Geek Heritage

1 pm

Evergreen 1&2

Join the EMP Museum staff for an informative look at how they preserve the artifacts in their collection. Their methods and procedures could help preserve your important collectables, too.

Interstellar Fiction without FTL

1 pm

Evergreen 3&4

How does one construct an interstellar civilization when a single voyage takes years or decades and more energy than the entire planet uses today? Is FTL really needed for plots? How effectively would immortal star travelers view planetary civilizations?

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Exploring The Sparklies for Pre-Schoolers

1 pm

Olympic 1

This is a free-form hour for our preschool-aged members to come in and experiment with different art supplies such as crayons, finger paints, colored pencils, glitter paints, etc. Remember, all you 3 and 4 year-olds must be accompanied by a grown-up!

Attack of the Movie Previews!

1-3 pm

Grand 3

Our biggest screen! Our best sound! Our largest space! We're supersized! Join us for the latest previews, news and rumors – the hot topics and the latest trends – out of Hollywood.

How Big a Fish Do You Need To Be?

1 pm

Salon

You're an independent writer. You're an independent musician. You're an independent artist. You don't have to deal with the gatekeepers between you and an audience anymore. How big do you need to be to make a sustainable living? The traditional track to success has involved the large imprints and labels, but that's not working so well anymore, particularly not for musicians. Come listen to our pros talk about alternative ways of building your own career niche as an independent creator.

Art Show Tour with Aimee Stewart

1 pm

Art Show

Aimee Stewart talks in depth about her work in the show and shares her thoughts about selected other works as well! Come enjoy an artist's perspective on the Art Show! Limited to 10 people - sign up at the Art Show.

Babel

1-3 pm

Presidential Suite

If you have an interest in joining a science fiction or fantasy club, are thinking of putting one together, or just want to share the one you are already a part of, then we invite you to join us for Babel! Come learn about some of the local clubs, or tell others about your group at this fun social event, hosted by The Seattle Browncoats and Aurora Club Charities. Light refreshments will be available to all attendees.

G.Robin Smith reads Angels on Vacation

1:30 pm

Cascade 1

A Steam-World Politician volunteers at a soup-kitchen and gets an unexpected education in what's worthy. Rated G

Jak Koke reads from his forthcoming novel Blood Sisters

2 pm

Cascade 1

As a woman, Kinaret shouldn't be able to do magic. But she can, and when she saves her friend using power from her own blood, she is discovered and taken to the King. Find out what happens next. Rated PG

Character Redux

2 pm

Cascade 2

How to take another author's character and make it your own.

Getting Your Game Made

2 pm

Cascade 3&4

So, you have a great board game idea. You may even have a prototype, and have been playtesting it with friends. Or maybe you haven't. Come listen to people in the industry talk about how to design your own board game (so that it can actually be made), and what you need to do to get your board game published.

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Poly Parenting **2 pm** **Cascade 5**

And you thought blending households and finances was complicated... What happens when children come into the mix? How do you cope with three (or more) parenting styles under one roof? How do you explain things at school? Can you legally protect your rights as a non-biological parent? And what happens if the ex uses your relationship as grounds in a custody battle? Our panel of polyamorous parents and legal professionals may be able to point you in the right direction.

Gender Roles Redefined by Sci Fi and Fantasy **2 pm** **Cascade 6**

Genre literature freed up women long before the ERA. How has sci-fi and fantasy literature redefined gender roles, both for men and women? And why does Joss Whedon have such a love for teenage girls who kick ass?

Minorities in comics **2 pm** **Cascade 7**

How do American comics differ from manga or European comics? When will there be less sexism in mainstream comics? Are token minorities better than none at all? What strengths and weaknesses are there in this medium for representing a unique look at these issues?

Fab Looks for Fluffy Girls **2 pm** **Cascade 8**

How to costume your inner diva while making the most out of your ample curves.

Is Paul Allen the Next Howard Hughes? **2 pm** **Cascade 11**

Is Paul Allen's company, STRATOLAUNCH the cover for a military or intelligence program? Or is it a purely civilian program? And is it really all that useful for space launches?

Figure Drawing Workshop – Models in Costume **2-4 pm** **Cascade 12**

Models in costume will do a variety of short and medium length poses (3 to 10 minutes). Everyone is welcome to come and sketch or paint. Please bring your own drawing and painting supplies. An excellent follow-up panel to the Figure Drawing Workshop.

Change of Seeds – Genetic Modification **2 pm** **Evergreen 1&2**

After millennia of old-fashioned selective breeding, we have entered the age of intelligent design with new genetic engineering tools. But how intelligent? Will it be cheap food, medicine, and materials, or Frankenfood and glow-in-the-dark canary-carrot crossbreeds?

Stephen Baxter Q&A **2 pm** **Evergreen 3&4**

Interview and Q&A with Guest of Honor Stephen Baxter

Bongo for Board Games! **2 pm** **Olympic 1**

Let's get together and play some old-fashioned board games. We'll try to have something appropriate for all age groups but feel free to bring along one of your own favorites to share.

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Participatory Geekmusic Workshop **2-4 pm** **Salon**

The oldest form of geekmusic at SF conventions is a branch-off from folk called "filk." It has an intentionally open and deeply participatory culture, and ALL forms of geekmusic are welcome! This two-hour workshop sets up a moderated circle to give everyone not only an introduction to filk circle etiquette, but also a turn at playing or singing should they so desire! Bring your instruments, your voice, or just your curiosity and watch what happens!

Janine Young reads Salt of the Earth **2:30 pm** **Cascade 1**

A modern teen must learn how to deal with faeries, demons and her own strange new magic. Rated G

Judith Herman reads The Corporate Spirit **3 pm** **Cascade 1**

A ghost in the machine story. Different? Come see Rated G

Want to be an Online Movie Reviewer? **3 pm** **Cascade 2**

What should you know to make a qualified review? With a lean towards horror and genre films, of course.

Breaking In **3 pm** **Cascade 3&4**

Author, agent, and editor talk about how to get that first novel sold.

Transphobia: A Panel for Allies of Transgender Folk **3 pm** **Cascade 5**

An entry-level discussion on some of the facets of transgender identities. We'll discuss terminology, pronoun usage, whether there's a difference between sex and gender, and when it's best to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt. Suggested pre-panel Googling: Not Your Mother's Trans 101, Gender Binary, Silencing Tactics

3D - Yes or No? **3 pm** **Cascade 6**

Movie companies and TV manufacturers are heavily invested in 3D. Is it still just a gimmick or are we witnessing the next "silent to talkies" or "black and white to color" transformation?

Neuroscience and Neuroplasticity **3 pm** **Cascade 7**

White matter, neurons, neurotransmitters -- we know the components, but what do we really know about the brain and intelligence? What does brain imaging tell us about how it all works? How does the brain keep changing, even into later adulthood, and what does it mean for us?

Ghost, Ghoul, or Grandpa? **3 pm** **Cascade 8**

How will future society handle people who live on as cybernetic personalities? Will turning one off be murder if it can't be rebooted? What about their property? What's the time frame for having to deal with these problems?

Family Games ages 2-8 **3 - 5 pm** **Cascade 9&10**

Drop in and learn to play a selection of short board, card, and activity games for toddlers to beginning readers (games scale for ages 2-8). Choices include games from HABA's "Very First Games" series, Jax Ltd., Giant Tree House and Looney Labs. Look for tables 11 & 15.

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Escaping the Little White Room

3 pm

Cascade 11

If you can see it, smell it, taste it, touch it, or hear it -- then say so in the story! Learn how to write with your senses engaged to make your prose pop -- and how to avoid making too much of a good thing.

What's New from DAW

3 pm

Evergreen 1&2

Spotlight Publisher DAW gives us a tour of the great new titles hitting shelves soon.

Threads Of Time – Historical Costume Re-Creation

3 pm

Evergreen 3&4

Costuming tips from some of our most experienced re-creationists. From research to execution to finishing techniques and accessorizing! Also discussed will be comparisons of modern sewing techniques vs. period techniques, and modern patterns vs. period patterns.

Lazer Tag

3 pm

Grand 2

The only place in the convention you are allowed to draw your lazer weapons. We have equipment for use; it is compatible with the Tiger Lazer Tag system, not the Team Ops system. Wizard tag will be available for those who wish to hone their skills before the battle this summer. For those players who are under 18, you must have a parent or guardian present at the arena. Lazer Tag is a live action, NON-CONTACT sport.

Art Show Tour with John Picacio

3 pm

Art Show

John Picacio talks in depth about his work in the show and shares his thoughts about selected other works as well! Come enjoy an artist's perspective on the Art Show! Limited to 10 people - sign up in the Art Show

Kurt Cagle reads For Eleise

3:30 pm

Cascade 1

A book of the neo-Victorian Age, Airship pirates, genetic manipulation, information theory, magic and magick, fairies and witches and werewolves, the breakup of North America, and the best goggles to wear with one's evening wear. I've read from this last year, and expect to be done with it in and in production by the next Norwescon. Rated PG

Cool Summer Movie Stuff! Family Movie Previews

3:30-4:30 pm

Olympic 1

Family Movie Previews! Come see what cool (and family friendly) stuff is coming to the movies this summer.

Lizzy Shannon reads Time Travel in Northern Ireland

4 pm

Cascade 1

What would you do if you woke up 20 years in the past? Rated G

Goth on a Budget

4 pm

Cascade 2

It's not just corsets, hair dye, and Nice Boots (tm), but also finding a style that's truly your own. How not to break the bank to look great; and why gothic style is about much, much more than just black clothes and pale foundation.

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| One-on-One Combat for Writers | 4 pm | Cascade 3&4 |
| Writing a hand weapon combat scene. Two warriors armed with swords face each other. One moves, the other counters. So begins the combat scene, one of the most difficult of writing tasks. Here you can watch two fighters move through the dance of combat, and write as they move. You can direct their moves in real time, while watching from different angles. Then share your description of the action with other participants and the fighters. Bring your camera and notebook! | | |
| Sheepherding 101 | 4 pm | Cascade 5 |
| The history and modern day practice of sheepherding using border collies | | |
| Alternative Medicine | 4 pm | Cascade 6 |
| What's out there? Herbalism, chiropractors, and homeopathy are some of the current options. Which of these therapies has been proven to work? What's real medicine and what isn't? | | |
| Freelancing 101 | 4 pm | Cascade 7 |
| One of the best, sure-fire ways of writing for the gaming industry is by doing freelance work. Great! But...how does one do that? What are the benefits and drawbacks to freelancing? Our panel of freelancers (and the people who hire them), will share their stories, and give advice on how to be a successful freelancer for the gaming industry. | | |
| Collecting Arcade Games | 4 pm | Cascade 8 |
| Ever had a hankering to relive the thrill of a classic coin-op video or pinball game only to find out that virtually no arcades exist today? Some of these machines have found their way into the hands of hobbyists who work to preserve them despite aging electronics and a dwindling supply of original parts. We'll cover the ins and outs of collecting including costs, maintenance, and repair as well as discuss some of the few places to still play these games in public. Hosted by members of Seattle Metro Arcade Collectors (SMAC) a loose-knit organization that focuses primarily on coin-op video games but branches out to pinball, jukeboxes, and redemption games as well. | | |
| And Then I Was Hooked | 4 pm | Cascade 11 |
| What book/film/TV show planted the hook of spaceflight deep in your soul? Audience participation encouraged!! | | |
| Crossovers: What Will You Make of It? | 4 - 6 pm | Cascade 12 |
| Anakin and Buffy sittin' in a tree...write a crossover fanfic in 90 minutes. | | |
| Return to the Court of Gems – Fashion Show | 4 pm | Evergreen 1&2 |
| If Bling is your thing then come and prepared to be dazzled - the Court of Gems has been summoned again! Representatives will be there, each turned out in a precious stone or gem of their preference. Fantasy or historic, science fiction couture or modern fashion, showcase your favorite gem or precious stone on this runway that is definitely paved in gold! | | |

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The Importance of Abby **4 pm** **Evergreen 3&4**

For too long, popular media has shown too few real women excelling in the sciences. Female scientists are too often either completely absent, or unfortunately laughable - Doctor Christmas Jones? Enter Abby - a forensic scientist who is not afraid to be hip, interesting, attractive, and a brilliant scientist. How do we get more girls interested in hard science, and how do we get popular media to come through with great role models for them?

Alexander James Adams in Concert **4-6 pm** **Grand 3**

Faerie Tale Minstrel performs the music of Heather Alexander adding his own dark un-seelie touch.

Mary Robinette Kowal reads Glamour in Glass **4:30 pm** **Cascade 1**

A historical fantasy set in the days leading up to Waterloo. Rated G

Baby Lounge and Quiet Hour **4:30 pm** **Olympic 1**

This is an unmonitored hour in a quiet corner for those with infants who would like to chat and let their babies stretch and crawl around for a little while. There will be a tote with some baby toys available for your use as well as some pillows.

Randy Henderson reads Family Wizzness **5 pm** **Cascade 1**

WIP Excerpt. It's like Dresden Files meets Arrested Development, with an 80's soundtrack. 80's swag drawing to follow. Rated G

Making your first great horror film. **5 pm** **Cascade 2**

You can do it with a great story and a very basic camera (even with an iPhone).

Worldbuilding 101 **5 pm** **Cascade 3&4**

How can you tell one werewolf universe from all the others? Or one alien planet from the next? We'll talk about world building and how to make the world you're building in YOUR story stand out from the competition.

Exploring Other Cultures (Without Being A Jerk) **5 pm** **Cascade 5**

There has long been the tendency in art and literature to borrow from other cultures and subcultures, but admiration can rapidly become obsession, othering, and cultural appropriation. Well-publicized RaceFail online discussions, usually centered around an ignorant remark by a well-known personality, are prime examples. We'll discuss privilege and oppression, why "intent isn't magic," more polite methods of asking questions (and who to ask them of), and how to give an honest apology without fanning the flames. Suggested pre-panel Googling: Derailing for Dummies, Racism 101, Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack

Adaptations for TV **5 pm** **Cascade 6**

What has worked and what hasn't? Walking Dead, True Blood, Game of Thrones, Haven, etc. Discuss.

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Activism Through SF/Fantasy Writing and Art

5 pm

Cascade 7

Can art change the world? What statement can you make through science fiction writing and art? Panelists will share success stories and discuss strategies for effective activism through art and writing.

Cultural Costumes

5 pm

Cascade 8

Traditional costumes are a rich part of many cultures. Join us in an exploration of what makes some of our favorite ethnic costumes so distinctive.

DC Comics: The New 52

5 pm

Cascade 11

Matt Youngmark, avid comic critic and creator of the Chooseomatic book series, will give a slide show presentation of all the changes taking place in the world of Batman, Superman, and all the rest.

Space – Humanity’s Best Hope for Long-Term Survival?

5 pm

Evergreen 3&4

People like Stephen Hawking have said that self-sufficient, off-Earth settlements are humanity’s best hope for long-term survival; and of course, such settlements were at the heart of much of the 20th century’s science-fiction. Is it possible that, in this century, the idea could move back to center stage? Is pursuing space just a distraction from the life-and-death priority of cleaning up the mess we have made of Earth? There is no other planet in the solar system that can support life “as is”. Can we create a reasonable habitat within the solar system or find a habitable planet that is not already in use beyond the solar system?

PK Dick Nominee Reading

5:30 pm

Cascade 1

PK Dick Nominee Reading

6 pm

Cascade 1

Masquerade Pre-Meeting

6pm

Cascade 2

To enter the masquerade you MUST attend either this meeting or the 4/7/2012 morning pre-masquerade meeting. You will receive the important information that you need to know to compete. This year, we are asking for everyone's music by the end of this panel even if you can't stay for the panel. If you haven't already gotten your masquerade forms at the information table, you can get them here. Please turn in your completed entry forms by the end of this panel (or you can turn your forms in at the 4/7/2012 morning panel), but the sooner the better. The hard deadline for both is 4/7/2012 morning at 10AM. If you have questions about entering, or aren't quite sure you want to, come to the meeting and all your questions will be answered.

Discover Your Inner Idea Mill

6 pm

Cascade 3&4

Where do great ideas come from and how can you find a few of your own? Writers talk about how to find ideas, how to tell which ones are good, and how to use the ones you have.

Queer Voices in SF/F

6 pm

Cascade 5

Science fiction and fantasy authors often use the fringes of mainstream culture as plot material. How do authors portray gender and sexuality in their works; and how realistic are the works of those who write outside their own identities? Are the tales of early authors who played with gender still relevant? And have these works changed fannish attitudes, and made those in the QUILTBAG community feel welcome?

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Zombies in Folklore, Science, & Popular Culture

6 pm

Cascade 6

If vampires are the aristocrats, are zombies the lower class among the undead? How does the popular brain-eating movie zombie differ from the original Haitian folklore zombie? What other types of zombies are out there? What roles do they fill in a horror story? Can zombies be reconciled with science? Why are they still so popular?

Flirting 101

6 pm

Cascade 7

Whether you're married, available, gay, straight, or queer—or all that and more—this workshop is for you. We'll explore the rules of social engagement between sentient beings and how to break them—the rules, not the sentients. Starting with the terror of “hello” we'll dive into taking risks, making mistakes, and rejection, and how these are the stepping stones to success.

Historical Influences in Science Fiction and Fantasy Costumes

6 pm

Cascade 8

Many costumes in sci-fi and fantasy have incorporated elements from historical sources. Join us and learn to recognize these classic lines and uncover new/old sources for creative costuming.

The SpaceX Revolution

6 pm

Cascade 11

Do they really achieve an order of magnitude reduction in costs? How? Will it be allowed to happen? Does this allow space development to “take off” or is another order of magnitude cost reduction needed?

Autodidacts in the Professional World

6 pm

Cascade 12

Come meet some artists and writers who never went to college (or studied their field when they did go), never took art or writing lessons, who are essentially self-taught - and yet have become successful, professional, working artists. Hear their stories, get ideas, and be inspired by their successes!

Have Licenses Taken Over the Creativity in Gaming?

6 pm

Evergreen 3&4

RPG companies used to spawn settings like Dragonlance and the Forgotten Realms, but now they just license Dresden Files or Marvel. There have been few or original settings since Eberron and Eclipse Phase. What's gone wrong with RPG publishing?

KidsFilk!

6 pm

Olympic 1

Introductory participatory geekmusic - filksinging and more! - for kids and young adults.

Get-A-Life Games

6 pm - Midnight

Rotunda 1

Live-Action Roleplaying - Paranoia: Hello, Citizen. The computer is your friend. Happiness is mandatory. Have a nice day... . A LARP that is a light-hearted, classic, Science Fiction spoof of quick wit and dark comedy produced by Get-A-Life Games.

Roberta Gregory reads Mother Mountain

6:30 pm

Cascade 1

Fantasy novel Rated PG

Jon Rogers reads The Coming of the Saucer Fleet

7 pm

Cascade 1

The real flying saucers behind the phenomena. (Non-Fiction) Rated G

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Victorian Sex

7 pm

Cascade 2

Love the subtle bondage and discipline a corset implies? Does a hint of ankle or a flash of stocking come across as shocking? Want to incorporate the Victorian sensibilities of steampunk into your "bedsport"? Come learn about the not-so-straightlaced Victorians and what was really going on underneath all that clothing. 18+ WITH ID

The Lost World of Clones

7 pm

Cascade 3&4

Scientists are beginning to obtain gene sequences from extinct species like woolly mammoths, even Neanderthals. Soon it may be possible to clone them and bring these extinct species back to life. Should we do it? What impact would it have on modern ecosystems? What animals would you like to see alive and kicking?

Residential Writing Workshops: Clarion and More

7 pm

Cascade 5

Learn about the major genre workshops like Clarion, Clarion West, Odyssey, Viable Paradise, and more. Are you ready to attend a residential workshop? What will you learn? Each workshop has advantages and disadvantages, so which workshop will work best for you?

Changing Star Wars

7 pm

Cascade 6

Do creators have the right to change their work after it has been released into the wild? Why is "pulling a Lucas" so upsetting to so many people?

Expanding the Realms of Fantasy

7 pm

Cascade 7

Fantasy literature is not confined to a pseudo medieval world with kings, princesses, elves, and wizards. Find out what other kinds of rich fantasy literature is out there waiting for you to discover.

Mathematics in Popular Culture

7 pm

Cascade 8

Mathematics is one of the unsung heroes of speculative fiction. It allows us to communicate with aliens (Contact), unravel the secrets of the stock market (The Bank, Pi), and even banish our aggravating wives into the fourth dimension ("Solid Geometry")! Join us at this panel to celebrate math's presence—and bemoan its misrepresentations—in science fiction and related genres.

Why Engineers are Better Than Scientists

7 pm

Cascade 11

What, there's still some question? Come help our panelists decide. And if they can't, perhaps they will settle it with a duel, armed with a theory of ballistics and a gun.

So I Have This Piece of Fabric ...

7 pm

Cascade 12

Almost everyone has a "What was I thinking" piece of fabric. Bought or gifted long ago, you have absolutely no idea what to do with it. But, it's so cool, you can't bear to give it up. See our panelists take charge of this dilemma, share their ideas, and inspire you to create your next masterpiece.

Creede Lambard in Concert

7 pm

Evergreen 1&2

Singer, songwriter, banjo player, storyteller, entertainer, just another Perl hacker.

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Embroidery 201

7-9 pm

Olympic 1

This panel was such a blast last year we decided to do it again! This year we'll bring along some other materials to work with such as ribbons and different weight threads. Come hang out with us and do some thread painting (materials provided)!

PK Dick Award Ceremony and Reception

7-8:30 pm

Grand 2

The Philip K. Dick Award is given annually for the best original paperback novel published in the USA. Come join us for a little music, some refreshments, and the 2011 Award presentation with readings from attending nominees.

J.M. Sidorova reads *Watching the Rubber Band*

7:30 pm

Cascade 1

Is our world a rubber band? And if so, who's watching when it stretches? Rated PG

Charles "Zan" Christensen reads *The Plan*

8 pm

Cascade 1

This is a story from "The Lavender Menace" from Lethe Press, a collection of stories about gay super-villains scheduled for release in the spring of 2012. In it, a flirtacious rivalry between a hero and villain (a la Batman and Catwoman) comes to a climactic finish. What kind of plan could a spurned villain concoct to exact revenge? Will the hero survive? Rated PG

Contemporary Asian Fantasy Costumes

8 pm

Cascade 2

Anime, manga and Japanese horror are all the rage and the ripple effect in fannish costuming has reached tsunami proportions! Learn more about how Asian esthetics with a twist are molding and shaping current runway fashion as well as our own vision of fantasy and science fiction costumes.

How To Get Laid At A Con

8 pm

Cascade 3&4

How to hook up and be safe, tips on enhancing your communication skills, safer sex advice, grooming tips, and etiquette recommendations of things to NEVER EVER do or say to keep you from being that creep others avoid. And who knows -- today's hook-up might be tomorrow's happily-ever-after. Funny stories and serious advice. 18+ WITH ID

Deconstructing the Superhero

8 pm

Cascade 5

How has comics' oldest genre matured? No longer mainly read by 12 year-olds, mainstream comics have had to change with their aging fans. And indie comics are being affected by the age old stereotypes they encompass. How do newer comics treat the idea of a superhero? How have superheroes saturated other media? Are they becoming diluted due to overuse?

Privacy in the Age of the Internet

8 pm

Cascade 6

People today, especially young people, live so much of their lives on line. How do you draw lines between your personal and professional life? What constitutes "over-sharing" in this day and age? And when is it appropriate or not appropriate for private businesses, the government, and other citizens to harvest the data that exists out there about you?

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Gamers are Saving the World...

8 pm

Cascade 7

Is gaming becoming a positive force in the world? Dr. Jane McGonigal thinks so, in her book "Reality Is Broken: Why Games Make us Better and How they Can Change the World". How is this so? Recently video-game players solved a molecular puzzle that stumped scientists for years. The Child's Play charity donates toys and games to hospitalized children around the world. Join our panelists in discussing how gaming encourages us to make a difference and make the world a better place.

Medical Ethics in Research

8 pm

Cascade 8

Adequately testing new drugs requires strict standards of research; but there are be tricky ethical questions, including the use of placebos in clinical trials, animal testing, and privacy concerns. Our panelists discuss these issues and answer your questions.

Habitable Planets for Man? Who Needs Em?

8 pm

Cascade 11

Why bother searching for an appropriate planet, or terraforming a marginal one when you can just build a perfectly functional habitat in space?

SF & Fantasy Themes In Metal Music

8 pm

Cascade 12

Do you fondly remember the first time you heard Black Sabbath's "Iron Man" or Blue Oyster Cult's "Godzilla"? Do you love GWAR just because they claim to be from outer space? Have you mocked black metal bands for their misuse of Orcish? If so, join us for a discussion of the use of science fiction and fantasy themes within the metal genre. Whether your interest in metal is recent or long-lived, occasional or die-hard, there's something for every lover of the fantastic and loud!

Kirby Krackle in Concert

8 pm

Evergreen 1&2

"Geek Rock Perfection" - Wired.com

Cymbric Early-Smith reads The Janus Paradox / Twinned Souls Series

8:30 pm

Cascade 1

Paranormal Timetravel Novel: A time-rift in the 21st century must be restored from nearly a thousand years in the past - by two people who no longer know each other... Rated PG

Stan! reads Unusual Suspects

9 pm

Cascade 1

Modern Urban Fantasy/Noir Rated PG

Young & Queer: Beyond The Trevor Project

9 pm

Cascade 2

Some attitudes have changed in the last decade or two; but how is it for those still struggling with their personal and sexual identities? How do we cope with widespread bullying from our peers and elders? What do we say when our personal identities don't fit into one box or another? We encourage young people with questions about their place in society and fandom to come to talk and share strength with each other and with older fen who've been through it themselves.

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Writer Beware 9 pm Cascade 3&4

How to tell if you're being scammed or not when trying to get published? Sites such as SFWA's, can help you with determining valid publishers, agents, etc. The idea of this business is money comes to the author, not the other way around. Learn when to RUN, not walk away, when people ask you for money to get you published.

The Taste is the Thing 9 pm Cascade 5

The miracle berry is a botanical oddity from Africa. After you eat it, the berry makes sour foods taste sweet. Come and hear about the miracle berry, how it works, and participate in a tasting - if you dare!

Into the Pits of Despair 9 pm Cascade 6

Without sadness, could you truly understand happiness? Not if you're the protagonist, you can't! Let's talk about how, when, and why it's essential to make your heroes suffer.

Civilian Tech and the Military World 9 pm Cascade 7

Soldiers returning from war have always brought new tools and skills home with them, but in recent years the flow has often been the other way. What are the advantages and risks when the off-the-shelf tech is the best the military can buy?

Stuck On The Surface 9 pm Cascade 8

From stencils to embroidery to flowers and feathers, embellishments add dimension and interest to a costume.

New Media DIY: Video 9 pm Cascade 11

Webseries, video podcasts, etc – what you need, and how to do it

Steampunk Art 9 pm Cascade 12

From gadgets to weapons to jewelry, we've all seen fabulous steampunk paraphernalia. But is steampunk only for costumes and cool devices? No, we say! Come meet artists who create both 2D and 3D pieces to see how they imagine, design, and create these beautiful steampunk works of art!

A Little Knight Music in Concert 9 pm Evergreen 1&2

Norwescon regulars singing songs of mirth, madness, mayhem, and merriment from literature's favorite fantasy realms.

Space Pirates <21 dance 9 pm Evergreen 3&4

4/6/2012 U21 - The Space Pirate's Ball! After a long day of plundering and plasma storms, swashbuckling and super novas, come dock your shuttle at the Norwescon Spaceport to attend the Space Pirate's Ball. DJ Girly Girl will be spinning the hits of today and tomorrow as the captains and damsels boogie the night away. This dance is intended for congoers under the age of 21 but everyone is welcome.

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Fannish Fetish Fashion Show Slick, shiny and satisfying latex outfits cling to lovely figures. Creatures of pure fantasy glide down the catwalk to play on your hidden passions. The dark desires seeded in your mind come to life in an exotic display of fine fetish fashion. Come let your visual lust be sated by some of the top fetish fashion designers in Seattle. 18+ WITH ID	9 pm	Grand 2&3
Stephanie L. Weippert reads June n Peaches urban fantasy Rated PG	9:30 pm	Cascade 1
Stitch and Bitch and Fabric Swap Bring your sewing project . . . and fabric to swap!	9:30 pm	Olympic 1
Spencer Ellsworth reads TBD TBD Rated PG	10 pm	Cascade 1
Friends of Bill W.	10 pm	Cascade 2
Putting the "R" in RPG I: Boundaries First of a three-part panel series discussing how to successfully incorporate the "R-rated" elements of sex and/or violence into your game or campaign. This first panel discusses defining and setting the boundaries of what's OK and what is definitely NOT OK to members of your gaming group when introducing mature topics to the gaming table.	10 pm	Cascade 3&4
Scriptwriting for Beginners Writing for movies, TV, and games requires many of the same skills as writing novels or short stories, but you'll need to know how the details differ to make it as a scriptwriter.	10 pm	Cascade 7
Corsets, Bustiers, and Merrywidows An overview of the evolution of the corset and a discussion of corset/bustier construction techniques, supplies, and pattern resources.	10 pm	Cascade 8
Artist's Jam Hang out with other artists, show your sketchbooks, and work on art together.	10 pm	Cascade 12
Open Mic An open-mic for music (filk, chip, nerdcore, or anything else!) and readings of new work (poetry or prose.) You have two songs or ten minutes, whichever is shorter. Sign up at information! No judges here; everybody c'mon out and see what people have to sing or say.	10 pm	Evergreen 1&2
Erik Scott de Bie reads Shadowbane A vigilante paladin sworn to a dead god must save the woman he loves from a city of thieves and murderers. Rated R	10:30 pm	Cascade 1
Edward Martin III reads Scales Horror Story Rated R	11 pm	Cascade 1

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How the 'Net Changed the Dating Scene

11 pm

Cascade 7

Once upon a time, people from the internet were considered to be on the same level as axe murderers and timeshare telemarketers. But one dating website claims that 1 in 5 new relationships now begins online. Come share your experiences with online dating, and discuss the best, worst, and most annoying relationship sites out there.

Getting Off On It: Your Favourite Piece of Go-To Fic/Art.

11 pm

Cascade 8

Yeah, we're talking about THAT! 18+ WITH ID ONLY

4/6/2012 Night Bardic Filk

11pm-2am

Evergreen 3&4

Bardic Filk. Bring your instrument and come play your geek heart out, taking turns with other musicians in an all-peer environment. New at this? That's fine, everybody starts somewhere. Come start here!

4/6/2012 Night Luau

11pm

Grand 2&3

It's the 4/6/2012 Night Fantasy Luau! Wear your wings, your steampunk, or your wildest fantasy creations while you dance (and get lei'd!). Our awesome music-masters, DJ Request and DJ Rokhan, will spin your favorite tunes until you all turn into pumpkins! (Or until the wee hours - whichever comes first.)

Rocky Horror

Midnight

Evergreen 1&2

The Vicarious Theatre Company returns to give you a night of live action Rocky Horror Picture Show that you will never forget. Seating starts at 12:00pm so don't be late!