

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Morning Edition

Summerfaire on Barrayar

The Imperial Summerfaire Reception promises to be the social event of the season. There will be music, dancing, and other fun things to see and do.

Mingle with the galactic elite in your best Betan sarong, Komarran trousers, or your own version of interplanetary chic. Don't forget how much Barrayarans appreciate uniforms! Well-behaved off-world mercenary and military members are welcome; please have your legal representative research the laws against dueling. Imp Sec will be watching as there have been rumors of spies.

Summerfaire will feature Imperial Author Lois McMaster Bujold and other guests in CCC Korbel 2BC/3BC right after Opening Ceremonies (approximately 6:15pm). Don't miss it!

The Blue Bear Necessities

Even as you read these words, you are 5,280 feet above mean-sea-level or as we like to say, "a mile closer to the stars."

While this is not high enough to cause altitude sickness in most people, some may experience temporary shortness of breath; if so, just rest for a minute. Dehydration is a more serious problem—experts recommend visitors drink at least two glasses more water (eight total) than they do normally. Beverages with caffeine, sugar, and alcohol do not prevent dehydration and caffeine (and alcohol) will have a stronger effect at this altitude. Avoid salty food too. Symptoms of dehydration include feeling dizzy, faint, or nauseous. Denver tap water is perfectly safe and delicious.

A Convention with Altitude

Visitors also may want to take it easy for their first day, not push themselves physically and moderate their alcohol and caffeine intake until their body adjusts.

Being a mile closer to the stars includes our sun, so wear sunscreen with a sun protective factor (SPF) of at least 15, good quality sunglasses, and a hat. Use a lip balm.

Those who are not in good cardiovascular health, older Americans, or experiencing other health problems including diabetes, may experience altitude sickness including persistent headache, flu-like symptoms, nausea, loss of appetite, lightheadedness and occasional disorientation, insomnia, and shortness of breath. This may require oxygen therapy. Your hotel should have people on staff who know what to do or who to contact.

PROGRAM CHANGES!

We're sure this will be a surprise, but changes were made to the program after the pocket program went to print. A detailed change sheet is available at Registration and at all newsletter sites. Additional changes will be printed in future editions of *Necessity*.

Submit to Necessity

Denvention 3's daily newsletter, *Necessity*, will be published twice per day (except Sunday, which will only have one edition) with issues arriving at 9am and 5pm (or as close to that as we can get!). Issues can be found in the CCC by registration and outside of Hall D, as well as in the Sheraton on the ground floor of the Tower Building and in Consuite.

Submission boxes can be found at the same locations.

Submissions are welcome! If you would like to email a submission, please do so—our email is newsletter@denvention.org and we will check it regularly. You can also visit us in the Silver Room on the mezzanine level of the Sheraton and drop something off in person.

First Time at a Worldcon? Read This!

New in town? Can't tell your filk from your film? No clue if you support FIAWOL or FIJAGH? Help is at hand.

At 11:30am in CC room 502, Gay Haldeman and Rusty Hevelin will give advice on "How to Enjoy Your First Convention." This is the ideal first stop that can help make

the entire rest of the week more understandable.

(And for those of you who can't make the panel — Filk is science fiction folk music. FIAWOL means Fandom is a Way of Life and FIJAGH means Fandom is Just a Goddamned Hobby.

Asimov's/Analog Signings

Writers from *Asimov's* and *Analog* magazines will be conducting their own signings at the *Asimov's/Analog* booth in the Exhibits area in Hall D.

Today: Noon-1pm Stephen Baxter
1-2 pm Connie Willis
Sheila Williams

WSFS Business

The deadline for submitting new business to this year's WSFS Business Meeting is 7pm today. If you have not made prior arrangements with the Secretary of the Business Meeting, to submit new business bring 200 copies including and original signed by at least two members of Denvention 3 to the WSFS Mark Protection Committee meeting (7pm today, Sheraton Aspen), deliver them personally to the WSFS Secretary (Pat McMurray) or Chairman (Donald Eastlake III), or drop them at the Convention Office and tell them to put them in the Business Meeting's mailbox.



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Simple Rules for Surviving, and Thriving, at Denvention

Going to a sf Worldcon is like being at Las Vegas, a magical world where time seems to have no meaning. Many fans forget some of the basic needs in their quest to have the most fun possible. So here are some simple rules that will improve everyone's time at the convention.

5:2:1. That's a simple rule to follow. At least five hours sleep, two meals (the con suite doesn't count), and one bath/shower per day. If you don't get enough sleep, you may find yourself nodding off at panels (especially embarrassing if you snore). Food is important so you don't go into insulin shock or have your stomach rumblings be louder than the speakers. And you should remember to drink

lots of fluids. The bathing should be self-explanatory, just imagine hundreds of the great unwashed in a small room in the summer heat.

Another good rule to follow is to experiment. Go to a reading or Kaffeeklatsche by a writer you don't know; you might make a new favorite. Spend some time seeing the city; fans do not live by SF alone.

Use the convention to make friends. If you see someone sitting by him/herself strike up a conversation. Instead of going to lunch by yourself ask if anyone else is interested in coming. This applies to rides back to the airport; you can save money by sharing a ride.

Party etiquette is also key. Obvi-

ously don't overflow into the hallways with alcoholic drinks. Don't take more than you can eat (and leave some for others). If a person's eyes are looking around the room in panic, it is time to find a new conversation partner. And please remember, no still means **no** even at a convention.

Also, please remember that the convention is run by volunteers. If there is a problem, instead of complaining, ask how you can help. The old cliché about catching more flies with honey than vinegar certainly applies. Volunteer to help yourself. And tip the maids each day; don't wait until the day you leave.

Catch a Kaffeeklatsche — Visit Your Favorites in a Small Group

A Kaffeeklatsche is a chance to visit some of your favorite program participants in a small group, ideal for getting to know him or her in a whole new way. It is also great for meeting pros who may be new to you now, but who may become favorites once you have had a chance to talk.

Signup sheets for the Kaffeeklatches will be found at the main information desk near main registration in the CCC. Each day's registration will begin at 9am and end at 5pm. Each hour's signup sheet will be removed 30 minutes before that Kaffeeklatsche begins. Remember

each Kaffeeklatsche is limited to eight, so sign up early. If you're more than five minutes late to a Kaffeeklatsche, your seat may be forfeited. If you find that the signup sheet has been removed from the information desk, and you have not signed up for a particular Kaffeeklatsche, you may check at the Kaffeeklatsche room in the CCC, and see if any seats are still available.

Kaffeeklatsches will be held in Korbel 4E in the CCC. They begin at 10am on Thursday. You do not have to drink coffee (or even kaffee) to attend.

Primo Prometheus

Days before the Hugos, there is the Prometheus Best Novel Award given by the Libertarian Futurists Society to provide encouragement to science fiction writers whose books examine the meaning of freedom.

This year's winners are: *The Gladiator* by Harry Turtledove, the fifth novel in his Crosstime Traffic series, set in a world where the Soviet Union won the cold war, and *Ha'Penny* by Jo Walton, the sequel to *Farthing*, set in a world where the Nazis won WWII. Both authors will be present to accept their award. The event is scheduled for Wednesday 2:30pm in Korbel 1D.

I Remember the Home

Members of The People, and Outsiders who fondly remember the stories published in *Pilgrimage*, *The People: No Different Flesh*, and the more recent *Ingathering: The Complete People Stories* by Zenna Henderson will form a Group in CC 503 at 2:30pm to discuss *Timeless Stars*: Zenna Henderson.

PARTIES!

Parties are an essential part of Worldcon. Parties will be on the 22nd floor of the Sheraton and also in the Vail Room of the Sheraton (by Consuite). Please see party flyer boards in Consuite and by Registration in the CCC for detailed party listings.

Party reviews are welcomed by *Necessity!*



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