



**THE 2020 VIRTUAL EDITION**  
**“BUBONI-VIRTUAL CON 2020”**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020**

Time	Programming Item & Participants	Description
10:00 AM	<b>OPENING / INTRO</b> 2020 Co-Managers Craig C, Jessica C, Mandy S.	<b>PRE-RECORDED</b> Welcoming viewers to our 2020 Virtual Convention Day
10:10 AM	<b>AUTHOR READING</b> <b>Keith R.A. DeCandido</b>	<b>PRE-RECORDED</b> 2020 Co-Guest of Honor Keith R.A. DeCandido of New York reads & answers questions
10:45 AM	<b>ART DEMONSTRATION</b> <b>Peri Charlifu</b>	<b>PRE-RECORDED</b> Bubonicon 41 Artist Guest Peri Charlifu of Colorado demonstrates pottery throwing of a bottle.
11:00 AM	<b>COMICS WORKSHOP</b> “PERRY NEEDS A NEW PAIR OF SHOES” <b>Jeff Benham &amp; 7000 BC</b>	<b>LIVE</b> Why is Perry Rodent so deeply driven to seek his lost shoe? Will the MacGuffin demystify the muddle? Grab your pens and papers and join 7000 BC for a collaborative workshop in which we weave one mighty myth, through the misdirecting media of comics!
12:30 PM	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION:</b> <i>MYTHOLOGY &amp; GODS IN FICTION: WHEN DEITIES MATTER</i> <b>Keith R.A. DeCandido, Reese Hogan, Chaz Kemp, Lauren C. Tefteau.</b> <b>MOD: Rebecca Roanhorse</b>	<b>LIVE</b> Mythology and gods in fiction can lend not only real fabric to fictional worlds, but play a key part in the storyline. Why is the hero doing something so ridiculous? You don't have to draw from established pantheons such as Greek or Norse mythos, but can create your own from the ground up. Panelists share their thoughts and their experiences with mythology & gods in fiction, and in their own works.
1:30 PM	<b>AUTHOR READING</b> <b>Connie Willis</b>	<b>PRE-RECORDED</b> SFWA Grandmaster Connie Willis of Colorado reads & answers questions
2:00 PM	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION:</b> <i>WRITING 101: WHAT TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE YOU START</i> <b>Keith R.A. DeCandido, Susan R. Matthews, Walter Jon Williams, Connie Willis.</b> <b>MOD: Lauren C. Tefteau</b>	<b>PRE-RECORDED</b> Panelists talk about what to think about before you start writing – how to approach coming up with your plot, story, and theme, how to put them together, and – the question most newbies ask – how to create characters.
3:00 PM	<b>AUTHOR READING</b> <b>Becky Chambers</b>	<b>PRE-RECORDED</b> 2020 Co-Guest of Honor Becky Chambers of California reads & answers questions
3:30 PM	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION:</b> <i>A STYLE OF YOUR OWN: DEVELOPING YOUR SIGNATURE ART STYLE</i> <b>Jeff Benham, Betsy James, Elizabeth Leggett, Jon Sanchez.</b> <b>MOD: Chaz Kemp</b>	<b>LIVE</b> What does it mean to have a signature art style? Is it better to be distinctive or to be a chameleon when it comes to genre art, whether it be illustrations, book covers or comics? Panelists give insights into what it truly means to have a style of your own.
4:30 PM	<b>SCIENCE TALK</b> <i>AFRL: TURNING SCIENCE FICTION INTO SCIENCE FACT</i> <b>Rachel Delaney, 2020 Science Guest</b>	<b>PRE-RECORDED</b> Come get an exclusive look inside the Air Force Research Laboratory's Space Vehicles Directorate! We talk to an AFRL engineer about the many satellites AFRL currently has in orbit, as well as an exciting new project that blurs the line between science fiction and science fact.

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5:00 PM	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION:</b>  <i>ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: WILL COMPUTERS TAKE OVER THE WORLD</i>  <b>Cathy S. Plesko, David Lee Summers, Ian Tregillis. MOD: Courtney Willis</b></p>	<p><b>PRE-RECORDED</b>                      How do computers learn? What is the difference between machine learning and Artificial Intelligence? Why do we test computers with board games? Panelists discuss the current state of A.I. and where it is going.</p>
6:00 PM	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION:</b>  <i>CREATING WORLDS: FUN WITH FLORA &amp; FAUNA</i>  <b>Becky Chambers, Jane Lindskold, S.M. Stirling. MOD: Kathy Kitts</b></p>	<p><b>LIVE</b>                      Okay, you've created your alien world. How difficult is it to fill with believable flora and fauna? Is it necessary for most or all of the fauna to be predators? Do all the plants need teeth, poison, or strangling vines? Yes, heroes need problems to overcome, but do we fill our worlds with flora and fauna for the purposes of entertaining the reader or to make everything more believable?</p>
7:00 PM	<p><b>AWARDS CEREMONY:</b>  <i>THE 2020 GREEN SLIME AWARDS</i>  <b>Slime Mistress Jessica Coyle and the Slime Time Puppet Players</b></p>	<p><b>PRE-RECORDED</b>                      Each year since 1976, the Green Slime Awards have recognized wretchedness in films, TV shows, books, art, toys, science &amp; more during the last 12 months...</p>
7:25 PM	<p><b>CLOSING WORDS &amp; THOUGHTS</b>                      with your 2020 co-managers                      Craig Chrissinger, Jessica Coyle, Mandy Self</p>	<p><b>LIVE</b>                      We wrap up the day, thank those who assisted in this 2020 virtual venture, thank our viewers, and encourage everyone to stay safe &amp; well until August 2021.</p>

**BUBONI-VIRTUAL CON 2020 co-managers: Craig W. Chrissinger, Jessica L. Coyle and Mandy P. Self (who also is our brilliant virtual tech wizard)**

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