



BUBONICON 52: TAKE TWO

AUGUST 20-21, 2021

A GAME OF CARDS (PLAYING WITH A FULL DECK)

GUEST OF HONOR: Keith R.A. DeCandido

TOASTMASTER: A. Lee Martinez • ARTIST GUEST: Chaz Kemp

SCIENCE SPEAKERS: Benjamin Radford & Cordelia Willis

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Friday, August 20, 2021

Time	Programming Item & Participants	Description
6:00 PM	<i>OPENING / INTRO</i> Craig C, Jessica C, Mandy S.	PRE-RECORDED Welcoming viewers to the 2021 Virtual Bubonicon 52: Take Two
6:15 PM	<i>SLIDE SHOW</i> <i>A BUBONICON ART RETROSPECTIVE</i>	PRE-RECORDED Sit back and enjoy some Bubonicon-connected artwork – Perry & Terri Rodent and even more
6:30 PM	<i>PANEL DISCUSSION:</i> <i>DRAW A CARD: PUMP UP YOUR PLOT WITH TAROT</i> Carolyn Kay, Jane Lindskold, Rhonda Parrish, Catherynne M. Valente MOD: Chaz Kemp	LIVE When and how to use tarot cards to divine a plot for your story and enrich your character and story world. Best practices, success stories, and other tips for generating plot ideas. (Could be playing cards, too.) Because tarot is based on archetypes, characters and their development, and the hero/ine cycle also can be tied in. Similar things can be done with playing card suits and royalty, and the stories that revolve around such.
7:30 PM	<i>AUTHOR READING</i> Keith R.A. DeCandido	PRE-RECORDED 2021 Guest of Honor Keith R.A. DeCandido of New York reads and answers questions
8:00 PM	<i>PANEL DISCUSSION:</i> <i>MASH-UPS: THE HOW & WHY OF GENRE BLENDING</i> Reese Hogan, Marguerite D.A. Reed, Melinda M. Snodgrass, Carrie Vaughn MOD: Lauren C. Tefteau	LIVE Readers, authors and curators sometimes struggle to classify a work. Is it fantasy? Science fiction? Paranormal? Maybe all of the above? Panelists discuss the benefits and tricks of genre blending.
9:00 PM	<i>PANEL DISCUSSION:</i> <i>YAY! I'M IMMORTAL... NOW WHAT?</i> Lou Berger, Emily Mah, Susan R. Matthews, Courtney Willis MOD: Ian Tregillis	PRE-RECORDED Becoming immortal is the dream of many people but let's explore the practical side of this wondrous gift. How do you acquire wealth? Do you have to spend your life moving from town to town pretending to be a high school student? Do you bother making friends knowing that you'll outlive them? The panel will discuss what they'd do if immortality comes knocking on their doors.
10:00 PM	<i>GOOD NIGHT, EVERYONE...</i>	<i>Day one has ended...</i>

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10:00 AM	<i>AUTHOR READING</i> Jane Lindskold	PRE-RECORDED Bubonicon 30 co-Guest of Honor Jane Lindskold of Albuquerque reads and answers questions
10:30 AM	<i>ART DEMONSTRATION</i> Jon Sanchez	PRE-RECORDED ABQ artist Jon Sanchez draws, inks and prints a poster for 1986's <i>ALIENS</i> (from a Guild Cinema screening)
11:00 AM	<i>PANEL DISCUSSION:</i> <i>STATE OF THE ART: ARTIST CHAT</i> Jeff Benham, Reese Hogan, Elizabeth Leggett, Jon Sanchez, Jeanne Stein MOD: Chaz Kemp	PRE-RECORDED Ever wonder about your favorite artist? Want to know more about their process? Are you just nosy and want to learn some juicy tidbits? Then watch the Artists Chat, and see what you can learn. If nothing else, they discuss the COVID pandemic and creativity. This relaxed chat is designed to make artists more accessible and to have a little fun at the same time.
12:00 PM	<i>PANEL DISCUSSION:</i> <i>THE BEST SUPPORTING CHARACTER AWARD GOES TO...</i> John Barnes, Betsy James, Suzanne Palmer, Walter Jon Williams MOD: Connie Willis	LIVE When does your hero need some serious support help or comic relief? How do you know when to add a supporting character to the story or delete them entirely to improve the narrative? Could Sherlock Holmes have gotten along without Doctor Watson? Where would Frodo be without Sam? Would Batman have been better without Robin?
1:00 PM	<i>SCIENCE TALK:</i> <i>GENETIC GENEALOGY: A NEW WAY TO SOLVE CRIMES</i> Cordelia Willis	PRE-RECORDED Criminalist Cordelia Willis talks about the newest way crimes are being solved using public DNA databases... and how that may impact people in the future. She works in the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Crime Laboratory, and also is an instructor of Forensic Science at San Jose State University.
1:30 PM	<i>PANEL DISCUSSION:</i> <i>BEAM 'EM UP: SPACE ENGINEERS DISCUSS SPACE MOVIES</i> Dr. Sherrie Holder, Tanya Tavenner, Luke Walker MOD: Mandy P. Self	PRE-RECORDED How accurate are space movies? A panel of engineers and scientists who work in the space industry discuss <i>The Martian</i> , <i>Gravity</i> , <i>Stowaway</i> , <i>Interstellar</i> , <i>Apollo 13</i> , and <i>Hidden Figures</i> .
2:30 PM	<i>AUTHOR READING</i> A. Lee Martinez	PRE-RECORDED 2021 Toastmaster A. Lee Martinez of Texas reads & answers questions
3:00 PM	<i>PANEL DISCUSSION:</i> <i>BEWITCHED: MAGIC AND METAPHYSICS</i> Chaz Kemp, A. Lee Martinez, Sherwood Smith, S.M. Stirling MOD: Keith R.A. DeCandido	LIVE What makes a magic system believable? Authors and world builders create the rules that govern their magic when the whole point of magic, one would think, is to break the rules. Is it reasonable to try to constrain magic by the laws of nature? Bonewitz proposed a whole set of rules based on principles such as similarity and contagion. Is a logical and consistent magical system actually magic?

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4:00 PM	AUTHOR READING: Catherynne M. Valente	PRE-RECORDED Bubonicon 47 co-Guest of Honor Catherynne M. Valente of Maine reads and answers questions
4:30 PM	SCIENCE TALK: <i>MAGIC CARDS: DIVINATION AND DECEPTION FROM ILLUSIONS TO TAROT TO ZENER</i> Benjamin Radford	PRE-RECORDED A survey of the ways in which decks of cards have been used to deceive and divine, including magic tricks (a staple of close-up magic) to foretelling the future (using both ordinary playing cards and Tarot decks) to Zener cards (popularized in the 1970s to test psychic powers). Come learn some of the folklore behind why card decks are so mysterious and evocative.
5:00 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION: <i>WRITING SHORT SF/F & HORROR: THE CRAFT</i> Suzanne Palmer, Marguerite D.A. Reed, Robert E. Vardeman, Connie Willis MOD: Carrie Vaughn	LIVE A SF, Fantasy or Horror short story can be a sparkling jewel, making a long-lasting impact on the reader. The story may be serious or comic, a pleasure to read or a tale that won't let you stop reading until it is done with you. How does the writer craft effective short fiction? What techniques help the writer achieve success? Panelists go beyond the "good idea" and discuss the craft of writing.
6:00 PM	AUTHOR READING: S.M. Stirling	PRE-RECORDED Bubonicon 33 Toastmaster S.M. Stirling of Santa Fe reads and answers questions
6:30 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION: <i>WRITING BADASS WOMEN: THE CHALLENGE</i> Kathy Kitts, A. Lee Martinez, Jeanne Stein, David Lee Summers MOD: Walter Jon Williams	LIVE Complex female characters are thankfully becoming a staple in fantasy and science fiction. However, it can be a challenge to not succumb to well-worn tropes and societal norms when creating them. Panelists share their firsthand experiences of creating badass women.
7:30 PM	DRAMATIC READING: <i>FROOMB!</i> Robert E. Vardeman, Carrie Vaughn, Gordon Garb, Heather Hay, Jessica Coyle, Kevin Sonney, Lauren C. Tefteau, Lee Moyer, Walter Jon Williams, and Craig Chrissinger	PRE-RECORDED Several volunteers read from <i>FROOMB!</i> by John Lymington, a Bubonicon auction tradition. An old <i>Kirkus</i> review says that the unusual title is "an all-purpose word meaning atomic doom." The reviewer wasn't a big fan of the novel, describing it as "plastic" and "an utter fizzle." Apparently, the dialogue is even worse; the reviewer states that it "could use some pills.... cyanide pills."
8:10 PM	AWARDS CEREMONY: <i>THE 2021 GREEN SLIME AWARDS</i> Slime Mistress Jessica Coyle and the Slime Time Puppet Players	PRE-RECORDED Each year since 1976, the Green Slime Awards have recognized wretchedness in films, TV shows, books, art, toys, science & more during the last 12 months...
8:35 PM	CLOSING WORDS & THOUGHTS with your 2021 co-managers Craig Chrissinger, Jessica Coyle, Mandy Self	LIVE We wrap up the two-day convention, thank those who assisted in this 2021 virtual venture and our viewers, remind folks of t-shirt sales and the online auction, and encourage everyone to be safe & well until August 2022.
8:50-ish	BUBONICON 52: TAKE TWO IS DONE	Thank You For Joining Us! Stay safe, be well.

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BUBONICON 53 will take place August 26-28, 2022, at the Albuquerque Marriott Uptown Hotel with Special Guests Keith R.A. DeCandido and Chaz Kemp. Second co-GoH and Toastmaster to be confirmed.

PASSES for the 2022 weekend will go on sale in early December 2021. www.bubonicon.com.

2021 T-SHIRTS are on sale now on the Registration Page of Bubonicon's website until 5:00 pm Tues, August 24. Gildan Men's sizes, Carolina Blue shirt with Black ink, Chaz Kemp artwork (shown here). Small to X-Large \$21.00, 2X-Large & 3X-Large \$25.00. Shirts will be shipped ASAP after they are printed.

BUBONICON 2021 VIRTUAL AUCTION runs on Facebook 6:00 pm Friday, August 20 – 3:00 pm Sunday, August 21. All bids – made in comments – are considered to be valid and made in good faith. Payments will be collected via PayPal before any items are released.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT your local small businesses, restaurants, writers, artists and food banks during this continuing Coronavirus pandemic time.

AND REMEMBER TO wash your hands, don't touch your face, practice social distancing, and wear a mask when around strangers – and get vaccinated. Two years now, and we still are all in this together. Stay strong, be well, and keep safe! There is a light at the end of the tunnel.

This virtual convention dedicated to the memories of Wanda June Alexander, Ben Bova, Rachel Caine, Quillon Corbie Dayton, Vincent Lundgren, Roslee Orndorff, and Jan Stirling.

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