

Friday Events

<p>Pool Opens</p>	<p>10:00 AM Female Assassins in Film and Fiction <i>Ballroom 6</i> Rick Moore</p>
<p>Operations Opens <i>Upper Atrium</i></p>	<p>2:00 PM The role of female assassin skyrocketed to popularity with the movie "Kill Bill." Strong and mysterious, adding female assassins to your work can dramatically increase the story's sales potential. Join us for a tour de force of these femmes fatales.</p>
<p>Registration Opens <i>Upper Atrium</i></p> <p>Art Show Opens for Artist Check-In (Ends at 5 PM) <i>Ballroom 1</i></p>	<p>3:00 PM Drawing Demonstration <i>Salon 3</i> Diana Harlan Stein, DI Diana shows the audience how she draws starting with layouts and working towards the finished product.</p>
<p>Art Show Opens to the Public <i>Ballroom 1</i></p> <p>Dealers' Room Opens <i>Ballrooms 2-4</i></p>	<p>4:00 PM From Scraps to Suits I (Children's Programming) <i>Salon 2</i> Hey kids, come on down to make your costume for the Children's Dance on Saturday evening. We will have plenty of supplies, fabric and more!</p>
<p>ConSuite Opens <i>Room 724</i></p>	<p>7:00 PM</p>
<p>Peter Alway Concert <i>Salon 1</i></p> <p>One of our perennial favorites. Come hear Peter perform some of his favorite songs.</p>	<p>8:00 PM</p>
<p>Garbage! (Children's Programming) <i>Salon 2</i></p> <p>In this game there's a garbage pile and it doesn't stink! A guaranteed good time for all ages 3-100. Sorry, Mr. Spock.</p>	<p>5:00 PM Dealers' Room Closes <i>Ballrooms 2-4</i></p> <p>Self-Promotion and Networking <i>Ballroom 5</i> Bryan Thomas Schmidt, Jim C. Hines, Gary W. Olsen It's not just about the promoting writing, it's about promoting yourself, whether it's in search of a new job, or keeping the one you have. What is your digital footprint? How can you clean it up? How can you get people to "like" you online? What are some do's and don'ts for Twitter and Facebook? How can you build a circle of professional and personal contacts?</p>
<p>The Death of the American Author <i>Ballroom 5</i> Bryan Thomas Schmidt, Jim C. Hines, Doug Lugthart, Gary W. Olsen E-books. Anyone with a computer can format a novel and sell it on Amazon for download. What does this mean for the future of books, for the future of publishing? Why should it matter? Do we need to redefine what constitutes of literature? And will the democratizing of publishing redefine what is what it means to be a writer and a reader?</p>	<p>6:00 PM Opening Ceremonies <i>Ballroom 7</i> Seanan McGuire, Ray and Barb VanTilburg, Wild Mercy, and our merry ConCom Come hear announcements, fun stuff, and meet our GOHs and our dedicated ConCom.</p> <p>Musical Chairs (Children's Programming) <i>Salon 2</i> The classic party game with a Sci-Fi twist!</p>

9:00 PM**Seanan McGuire Concert****Ballrooms 7-8**

And you thought her *writing* was good! Come and hear a treat! With a very special backup band — Wild Mercy!

Children's Programming Closes**Salon 2****9:30 PM****Writing Erotica Made Easy—M/M, F/M, F/F****Ballroom 5***Helen Pattskyn*

What separates erotica from pornography? What are the current trends in the field? How do we critique erotica, and what separates the good from the bad? What separates erotica from the mainstream, and what sort of crossovers can we expect. A discussion for vanilla and non-vanilla alike.

11:00 PM**Registration & Operations Close****Upper Atrium****Chocolate Ritual****Ballroom 6***Lady Sarah*

Once again, the incomparable Lady Sarah leads true believers in the Chocolate Ritual. Come and worship the Chocolate.

Howard Scrimgeour Concert**Salon 1**

Come listen to one of our most faithful attendees, who has an interesting way with a lyric and plays a hot bodhrán! Howard's concert will lead right into **Open Filk**.

Uncle Richard's Cheezy Red Planet**Spectacular****Salon 3***Richard Tucholka, DI*

Uncle Richard again hosts Lost and Found film features. This year's theme will be schlock movies about MARS.

1:00 AM**Pool Closes****2:00 AM****ConSuite Closes****Room 724****Saturday Events****8:00 AM****ConSuite Opens****Room 724****9:00 AM****Operations Opens****Upper Atrium****10:00 AM****Pool Opens****Registration Opens****Upper Atrium****Art Show Opens****Ballroom 1****Dealers' Room Opens****Ballrooms 2-4****The Return of Fan Fiction****Ballroom 5***Seanan McGuire, Helen Pattskyn*

Fan fiction is for many the first effort at writing and being published. What is the current state of fan fiction? What's hot in fan fiction, and what's not, and is there a way for the owners of certain properties to benefit from the production of fan writing? And thanks to the democratization of publishing through e-books, are we seeing a greater production of fan fiction than ever?

Yoga with Dr. Mary Crowell**Ballroom 6**

Come stretch and work out with this yoga class.

Belly Dance 101**Ballroom 8***Shetan Noir*

Here is your chance to learn belly dance moves, including the stomach roll broken down in easy to learn steps.

WMKR Why That's My Kid Radio**(Children's Programming)****Salon 2 (Until 12 PM)**

Do you ever find yourself driving down the road, listening to music and then you realize, "That's my kid singing through my speakers!" Well you can and it's as easy as sending them to Children's Programming so that they can record and then take home their very own CD! Our thanks to Gerald Gentry for making this program possible.

10:00 AM (cont.)**The Game—Further Adventures of the Spaceship Warden****Boardroom (10 AM–11 AM)***Lee Carroll*

This is a catch up session and a way to introduce new players to The Game. Come start with us, or just catch up with old friends and see where you were last on the ship and what is happening.

Coffee Klatch with Barb & Ray VanTilburg ConSuite (Room 724)

Please sign up at Ops; limited space available.

11:30 AM**Keeping in Character****Ballroom 5**

Seanan McGuire, Doug Lugthart, Bryan Thomas Schmidt, Emmy Jackson, Charles P. Zaglanis, Christian Klaver, Joe Ponepinto

All good stories center around character. If this is a truism of writing, then why is it so many authors seem to struggle with building believable characters and having them do believable things? What are some short-cuts for character building, and what are some of the absolute must-haves? What elevates a character from a stereotype to a memorable literary figure? How do you develop internal and external conflict? What about Point of View?

Avoid Identity Theft: Deter, Detect, & Defend**Ballroom 6***George Andaluz*

Identity Theft is America's fastest growing crime. Learn how you can:

- Deter identity thieves by safeguarding your information.
- Detect suspicious activity by routinely monitoring your financial accounts and billing statements.
- Defend against ID theft as soon as you suspect it.

Raffle and Prizes. Must be present to win.

A Look at Science Fiction Games on Facebook**Ballroom 7***Richard Tucholka, DI*

Rich Tucholka and Friends in a lively chat on who's who and what the hell are they playing.

How to Make Steampunk/Tribal Belly Dance Hair Accessories**Ballroom 8***Shetan Noir*

Watch Shetan Noir make easy beautiful hair accessories. This lovely hair decoration will feature silk flower blossoms, feathers, fabric, gems and a hair clip.

Camp Luminous**Salon 3***Camron Rogers, David Kennedy, Mason Hunt*

The inspiration of George Lucas has captured the imaginations of generations, the most recent being our kids and grandkids. The brilliant spiritual allegory of The Star Wars Universe is perfect for our aim; thus, our brand new four-day kids' camp, Camp Luminous! Camp Luminous is completely unique, it is a rustic camp with outdoor kitchen and shower. Camping is in tents. Our counselors will be bunking near tents housing younglings and padawans. Our children are the future. What better way to help guide them toward a personal code of honor and self-empowerment than through the greatest adventure of their summer! Jedi Masters Camron Rogers, David Kennedy, and Mason Hunt will be sharing stories and discussing next year's camp, as well as answering questions about the camp.

12:00 PM**Monster Making****(Children's Programming)****Salon 2**

Yes folks it's back! Bill Wardrop shows us how to make monsters, both ghoulish and whimsical. Come join us as we transform blocks of clay into creatures of all sorts.

1:00 PM**Children's Programming Closed for Lunch****Salon 2 (Re-opens at 2 PM)****The Game—Further Adventures of the Spaceship Warden****Boardroom (1 PM–6 PM)***Lee Carroll*

Continue the adventures of the Spaceship Warden.

2:00 PM**Time Travel Device****Ballroom 5***Michael Gardiner, Daniel J McEachren*

Come and Discuss the Best Time Travel Device for you.

Medical Potpourri**Ballroom 6***Dr. Bob Passovoy, DI*

What's wrong with all my medications and why do all the lawyers want me to send them money to sue somebody? We'll cover what's really happening with drugs like Actos and simvastatin, and then branch out into general Q&A.

DIY Crafters Secret Meeting: Crafting Supplies**Ballroom 7***Shetan Noir*

Shhhhhhhhh! It's a secret! Looking for new places to seek out crafting and costuming needs? Come learn about my favorite craft supply stores.

2:00 PM (cont.)**Learn To Play The Dulcimer****Ballroom 8**

Learn how to play the dulcimer with Peter Alway.

Erica Neely Concert**Salon 1**

An accomplished filker and a ConClave favorite.

**Postmodern Tech For Today's Kids
(Children's Programming)****Salon 2**

Do you like Angry Birds? Do you want to learn more about what you can do on new cell phones etc? Come discuss with us as we look at mobile technology and how to use it safely and responsibly! There will be open demos and you may even get to play with some of the toys.

Art Show Walk Through**Outside Ballroom 1 to start***Diana Stein, DI, David Stein, DI*

David and Diana will take the audience on a tour of the art show.

Arkham Horror, the Board Game**Meeting Planner Room***Robert Roach*

An introduction for those who do not know the game and a challenge for those who do know. Great fun for up to 8 players. Best for those above 13 years old. 1 to 2 hours.

2:30 PM**Flower Pens****(Children's Programming)****Salon 2**

Spruce up your desk at school with a cool new flower that's also a pen. It decorates, it notates, it does it all!

3:00 PM**How to Make Stuff with Colored Duct
Tape****(Children's Programming)****Salon 2**

Cool arm band, pretty hair bow, is that a new wallet? What are they all made of? Duct Tape. Come and join us as we transform some pretty ordinary duct tape into some extraordinary art.

3:30 PM**Writing Groups****Ballroom 5***Bryan Thomas Schmidt, Emmy Jackson, Jim C. Hines,
Joe Ponepinto*

The good, the bad, the unattractive. First there is a discussion on the group process as it applies to critiquing; panelists will discuss some of the basics, and then role-model the critique process by critiquing LIVE the work of someone present. Be ready for much crying and whining.

Bill and "Barry" Show**Ballroom 6***Bill Higgins, David Stein, DI*

Come join Bill Higgins and our guest Barry, AKA David Stein, as they discuss subjects in the world of science.

**IOS and Android and Touch Screens,
Oh MY!****Ballroom 7***Jason Spitzer*

What is my kid doing on the iPhone? How do I type the "at" symbol on this Android keyboard? If you have ever asked yourself these questions or if you just want to learn more on the most modern mobile technologies, come discuss with us as we look at the interfaces of modern "smart" devices and other new technologies. All questions will be welcome!

Mary Crowell Concert**Salon 1**

Mary Crowell is a skilled jazz pianist, a clever song-writer, and a vivacious performer. She hasn't often been heard in Michigan, so come and enjoy this rare opportunity.

From Scraps to Suits II**(Children's Programming)****Salon 2**

We'll have time for you to finish your costumes for the Children's Dance, and even add some duct tape accents or accessories if you want.

Coffee Klatch with Seanan McGuire**ConSuite (Room 724)**

Please sign up at Ops; limited space available.

4:00 PM**Balloons Galore****(Children's Programming)****Salon 2**

A returning favorite, who doesn't love to play with balloons? We will also have a new balloon game to play with them.

4:30 PM**Ga Ga Ga****(Children's Programming)****Salon 2**

A safe but active ball game made up by kids, for kids! Wanna learn how to play? Come and join us.

5:00 PM**Children's Programming Closes for Dinner****Salon 2 (Re-opens at 7 PM)**

6:00 PM

Registration Closes*Upper Atrium***Art Show Closes***Ballroom 1***Dealers' Room Closes***Ballrooms 2-4***Last Man Standing***Ballroom 5**Stewart Sternberg*

The Fourth Annual Competition pits fan against fan, geek against geek. It's a brutal no-holds barred battle to the end.

Bryan Thomas Schmidt Reading*Ballroom 6*

Bryan Thomas Schmidt is the author of the space opera novel *The Worker Prince*, launching at ConClave, the collection *The North Star Serial*, and has several short stories forthcoming in anthologies and magazines. He will be reading from *The Worker Prince*.

Tom Smith Concert*Salon 1*

There's only one Tom Smith. He can entertain and touch your emotions like few others. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll have a good time. Be there.

How To Draw Dragons*Salon 3*

Diana Harlan Stein, DI, Bill Wardrop, Barb VanTilburg, Ray VanTilburg

Always a big hit with the kids ... even the adult ones.

Enter the Worthy*Boardroom**Robert "Trav" Poloskey*

Come explore Gwadhrya's Triangle, those who are deemed worthy by the Order of Gwadhrya! Explore what wonder lie within this mysterious expanse!! Adventure and mystery await the worthy and brave! Up to 8 3rd level pre-gen characters will be provided for this D&D 3.5/ Fringeworthy d20 game.

Sweet D&D : Revenge of the Cupcake!!*Meeting Planner Room**Robert Roach*

Dungeons and Dragons (4th edition) with a candy twist. As defenders of the Carrot Cake Kingdom you are sent on a dangerous mission in order to prevent war. Cup Cake is amassing an army of sweets. To stop him the party must act like candy eating ninjas and bite the heads off the gummy bear commanders. Up to 6 players, ages 10 and up. Free leftover candy. 2 to 3 hours.

7:00 PM

Children's Dance**(Children's Programming)***Salon 2 (runs until 9 PM)*

Now that we've all gotten a good meal, let's dance the night away. Wear your beautiful new costume and it'll be a dance you won't soon forget!

7:30 PM

Why Steampunk?*Ballroom 5**Stewart Sternberg, Christine Purcell, Christian Claver*

A discussion of not only the genre, but a nodding of the head and a narrowing of the eyes as we discuss what cultural, economic, and political realities of today may have sparked this niche of science-fiction and fantasy. And, is there a future for this genre or are we witnessing its peak? Or is it already past its prime?

Saladin Ahmed Reading*Ballroom 6*

Saladin Ahmed has been a finalist for the Nebula and Campbell Awards. His short fiction has earned praise from Publisher's Weekly and Locus Magazine, has appeared in numerous magazines and podcasts, and has been translated into several foreign languages. He will be reading from his novel *Throne of the Crescent Moon* that is forthcoming from DAW.

Space Time Theater*Ballroom 7 & 8*

Bill Roper, DI, Gretchen Roper, DI, Bonnie Jones, DI, Sam Paris, DI, Jerry Corrigan, Steve Salaba, Erica Neely, Steve Shortino

Join us in welcoming back the one, the only Space Time Theater. Truly one of the funniest shows in fandom!

Ray and Barb's T-shirt Magic!*Salon 3*

Ray and Barb VanTilburg show us how they make those cool T-shirt designs.

8:00 PM

Children's Dance**(Children's Programming)***Salon 2 (runs until 9 PM)*

The dancing fun will continue until the last person drops, or 9 PM, whichever comes first.

9:00 PM

Art Auction
Outside Ballroom 1

Desensitization—Should Anything Be Left To The Imagination? Is Anything Taboo?
Ballroom 5

Emmy Jackson, Doug Lugthart
Blood and guts, sex, etc...society has changed tremendously since Norman Mailer had to use the word "fug" as a substitute for a common expletive. Do we have any taboos left? And what are they? Or are we kidding ourselves? Is it possible that popular culture is ready for a repressive backlash? Also, what about the effect of desensitization on youth, and how will it play out in coming years?

Wild Mercy Concert
Ballroom 7 & 8

One of the finest groups performing "eclectic Celtic" you'll find anywhere! They'll make you laugh, they'll make you cry, they'll rock your soul. Be there!

Children's Programming Closes
Salon 2

Michigan's Most Haunted
Salon 3

Ferrel Rick Moore, Helen Pattszyn
Join writer Helen Pattszyn and ghost hunter Ferrel Rick Moore for a terrifying pre-Halloween look at Michigan's most haunted locations.

Shadow Slasher
Meeting Planner Room
Robert Roach

Shadowrun vs. 80's slasher movies. You finally found the time for a vacation. Go out to that far away, isolated, little place where you can relax. Relax until people start being found dead. There's no police, no cars and no Internet! Try to survive in this cyber punk/slasher flick. Up to 4 players, 2 to 3 hours, rated PG-13.

11:00 PM

Operations Closes
Upper Atrium

Open Filk
Ballroom 8

Uncle Richard's Roundup
Salon 3

Richard Tucholka, DI
There will be a 45 minute quiz on Sci-Fi Films. Twenty Five questions and a Fabulous Prize.

11:45-ish PM

Uncle Richard's Cheezy Red Planet Spectacular
Salon 3

Richard Tucholka, DI
Uncle Richard again hosts Lost and Found film features. This year's theme will be schlock movies about MARS.

1:00 AM

Pool Closes

2:00 AM

ConSuite Closes
Room 724

Sunday Events

8:00 AM

ConSuite Opens
Room 724

10:00 AM

Pool Opens

Operations Opens
Upper Atrium

Art Show Opens for Art Pick-Up and Sunday Sale
Ballroom 1 (Until 12 PM)

When Should a Series End?
Ballroom 5

Seanan McGuire, Charles P. Zaglanis, Emmy Jackson, Jim C. Hines, Gary W. Olsen
With a new novel in the Harry Dresden series, and an ending of the Harry Potter and Twilight series, the question must be asked: is there some point where a writer needs to close the door and move on? Should Laurel K. Hamilton or Charlaine Harris bring their series to a close? Did Stephen King do one Dark Tower too many? Should 007 put away his Walther PPK and take a desk job?

The Five Areas of Identity Theft & Identity Theft Products

Ballroom 6
George Andaluz
Did you know that there are five areas of Identity Theft? Learn what they are and what you can do to protect yourself against it. Find out more information about Identity Theft products, their similarities and differences. Raffle and Prizes. Must be present to win.

10:00 AM (cont.)

Ellen “Blade” McMicking Concert.

Salon 1

A wonderful voice and a nice touch on the lyrics. Come hear another one of our favorite Canadians!

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(Children’s Programming)

Salon 2

Many people know about the card game (Blackjack) 21 but have you ever heard of the game 31? It is fun and there’s no betting but there is lots of strategy. Be holding the right cards, because when you knock, the game is over.

Model Making Demonstration

Salon 3

Bill Wardrop

Bill shows us how he makes cardboard come to life and become trains, planes and automobiles.

Coffee Klatch with Wild Mercy

ConSuite (Room 724)

Please sign up at Ops; limited space available.

11:00 AM

Dealers’ Room Opens

Ballrooms 2–4

Make a Frame

(Children’s Programming)

Salon 2

Do you have some favorite convention memories that you want to show off? Well, here you can make a crafty way to display them.

11:30 AM

Emma Peel Would Be Proud

Ballroom 5

Seanan McGuire, Emmy Jackson, Jim C. Hines

Looking through the genre landscape, whether in literature or in the visual media, one thing is clear; there is an abundance of strong female characters. Are they really a reflection of today’s women, or are they just wistful daydreaming? What do they say about where we are in society, and where we might be going? Or are these strong characters illusory; a temporal aberration before the return of the male protagonists?

Ozma Plus Fifty: My Week among the Searchers for Extraterrestrial Intelligence

Ballroom 7

Bill Higgins

The modern quest to seek evidence for extraterrestrial civilizations began half a century ago. Bill Higgins recounts his journey to a distant valley filled with radio telescopes, where he met with scientists, writers, and artists in the birthplace of modern SETI.

ConClave Inc Business Meeting

Ballroom 8

Business meeting of Voting Members. Annual election of directors.

Bill Roper Concert

Salon 1

It’s always a pleasure when Bill starts to sing. He has a style that’s all his own. Enjoy!

Decorating Spaces

Salon 3

Bill Wardrop, Diana Harlan Stein, DI, Ray VanTilburg,

Barb VanTilburg

A fun look at how artists deal with the blank spaces in a picture, or that empty space on a coffee mug...

12:00 PM

Artist Check-Out

Ballroom 1 (Until 2 PM)

Chocolate Clay

(Children’s Programming)

Salon 2

Has someone ever told you not to play with your food? Want to teach them a lesson?! Come and enjoy as we play with chocolate and then eat it! Made from a secret recipe, known only in the highest circles of SMOFs.

1:00 PM

Bubbles of Fun

(Children’s Programming)

Salon 2

A returning favorite, we will explore the world of soap and glycerin as we make and play with bubbles.

2:00 PM

Art Show Closes

Ballroom 1

What Makes A Book Unreadable?

Ballroom 5

Charles P. Zaglanis, Emmy Jackson, Gary Olsen

Bad grammar? Bad characters? Bad ideas? Each person has their own ideas as to what constitutes acceptable fiction, but are there some deal-breakers? And do we hold different standards for books based on film or video-games, or other existing franchises? And should we? Should we be more demanding? Or are we programmed to feed at the corporate trough? Is bad literature a statement about our culture? Is it what we deserve?

2:00 PM (cont.)

4:00 PM

Werewolves of Michigan

Ballroom 6

Linda Godfrey, Ferrel Rick Moore
Linda Godfrey, author of *Weird Michigan*, discusses the infamous Dogman of Michigan while ghost hunter Ferrel Rick Moore reveals the mystery of Michigan's horrifying Witchy Wolves.

Bitch Session

Ballroom 7

The Slightly Frazzled ConCom
What we did right, what we did wrong, what you'd like to see done differently next year, what you'd like to see, period!

Seanan McGuire Reading and Signing

Ballroom 8

Listen to Seanan read one of her latest, and grab an autograph while you're there.

Juanita Coulson Concert

Salon 1

Once you've heard her pipes, you'll never forget it! Come enjoy one of the grande dames of Filk.

Children's Programming Closes

Salon 2

3:00 PM

Dealers' Room Closes

Ballrooms 2-4

3:30 PM

What Editors Want

Ballroom 5

Christine Purcell, Charles P. Zaglanis, Tyree Campbell, Christian Klaver, Joe Ponepinto
Editors are the gatekeepers standing between most writers and their dream—professional publication. With hundreds—perhaps thousands—of manuscripts to sift through, their job isn't an easy one. Join our editors as they discuss how they decide who gets a form rejection and who gets a golden ticket

Closing Ceremony

Ballroom 7

Help us tie another year up in a bow. We're so glad you came.

Mark Bernstein Concert

Salon 1

Mark has so many talents; he is one of our areas leading stage actors. He has a strong marvelous singing voice, so treat yourself to a listen.

Ops Closes
Upper Atrium

ConSuite Closes for 2 Hours

ConSuite (Room 724)

Everybody go grab some dinner, and meet us back here at 6 PM!

6:00 PM

Open Filk

Salon 1

Sing us out the door, folks!

Dead Dragon Party!

ConSuite (Room 724)

Dead dog ... ah, dragon begins and goes to 9 PM.



9:00 PM

Good-Bye Until Next Time!!