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Worldcon Disambiguation Communicator

Wednesday Dec 15 PM

The

Program Changes

Wed 4:00 PM: "Not Just D&D: Great Tabletop RPGs," Older - Vivian Abraham dropped off.

Wed 5:30 PM: "Reading - Keith DeCandido," Capitol - Changed to David McRingo.

Wed 5:30 PM: "Science Fiction for Museum Futures," Diplomat Ballroom - Change of Panel Description

Wed 5:30 PM: "Undead Shows: TV and Movies That Won't Die," Kress Virtual - Lisa Wood dropped off.

Wed 7:00 PM: "Breaking a Story, Hollywood-Style," Older (virtual) - Reuben Barron dropped off. Mike Underwood added.

Wed 7:00 PM: "Sip with the Stars," Hotel Lobby - John Wisewell dropped off.

Wed 8:30 PM: "How Magazines are Changing," Congressional On-Site Viewing (virtual) - Jed Hartman added.

Streamable Programming

Virtual Only: Kress Room, Older Room, Harris Room, and Thomas Room.

In-person and virtual. Regency Ballroom, Palladian Ballroom, Blue Ballroom, Empire Ballroom, Diplomat Ballroom, and Congressional A/B (Simulcast)

Access Online Program

Log in at discon3.org to access the full schedule! The online program allows you to mark your favorite events and stay informed on last minute changes.

Party!

TANSTAAFL Party 8 pm Wednesday 12/15/2021 OMNI Suite 552. Theme will be 1890's bar with Olde Timey bar food. Contact Lance Oszko on Facebook on the BSFS page.

What's Dis?

For many years (1950-1997) the D.C. area convention was Disclave, run by the Washington Science Fiction Association (before it was replaced by Capclave in 2001). WSFA had another convention, Datclave, held only when there was a fifth Friday in February (1980 & 2008 so far). Dis 'n Dat is named in honor of both conventions.

Masks - Not Just For the Masquerade

Everyone must wear a face mask when in public areas of the convention, except when actually eating and drinking in designated areas. You must wear the mask so it covers both your mouth and nose. Please remember that repeated mask violations may lead to your being asked to leave the convention space. People in costumes still must ensure their nose and mouth are covered.

News Needed

Newsletter seeks news. Did you hear something interesting? Have a review of a restaurant or party? Let DisCon III know. Email your news to newsletter@discon3.org. We are also looking for people to help edit the newsletter.

Also, please share information about the con to your social media. Please use the hashtag #DisConIII when sending posts or photos to social media.

Help Out DisCon III: Volunteer

Volunteers are needed throughout the convention. Even if you have just a few hours to spare, helping out is a great way to see another side of the convention and make friends. If you work 12 hours, you get a free T-shirt. The Volunteer Desk is located in the Executive Room, opposite the DisCon III Registration Desk.

Green Rover, Green Rover

Rovers are here to provide assistance to members and staff who may be experiencing difficulties. They will be wearing Green Vests to make them easier to spot. Rovers may also be contacted via the Ops Desk at 202-794-4725 by phone or text. Listeners who are available for Code of Conduct issues may be contacted via phone or text at 202-770-8283.

KaffeeKlatsches Explained

What is a 'kaffeeklatsch'? The term is con jargon for informal small-group discussion with an individual author/artist/editor etc. at a table. DisCon III has both virtual and in-person kaffeeklatsches. Virtual kaffeeklatsch signups are open through the website through SignupGenius—check the kaffeeklatsch item for the signup link. You may need to click the direct-link icon (just below the star that allows you to Favorite a session) to open the session description as a new window to get the link. On-site kaffeeklatsch signups will be run through the convention Info Desk in the hotel lobby. No coffee is provided.

Rooms to Eat In

The Ambassador Room is available from noon to 4:00 pm for eating on Wednesday and 7:00 am to 4:00pm after that. There is limited eating in the Exhibit Hall only for people staffing tables there. You may also eat outside the building or in your room if you are staying in the hotel.

Rule of 5-2-1-Infinite

Please follow the Rule of 5-2-1. This means at least 5 hours of sleep, 2 real meals, and 1 shower per day. And, due to Covid, an infinite number of hand-washing. While this is an informal rule, DisCon III hopes everyone will take care of themselves.

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Locations of Interest

Accessibility DeskMain Lobby
 Art Show Hampton Ballroom (E)
 Ceremonies.....Regency Ballroom
 (Lower Level 1B)
 ConSuite.....Suite 840
 Eating Space (Daytime only)
 Ambassador Ballroom (Lower Level
 1B)
 Exhibit Hall & Dealers Room...Exhibit
 Hall (Lower Level 1B)
 Gaming..... Blue Room Prefunction
 Info Desk.....Main Lobby
 Listener Desk.....East Registration (E)
 Ops Desk..... Senate Room (W)
 Quiet Space...Governor’s Boardroom (E)
 Registration Desk (Badges)...West
 Registration (W)
 Volunteer Desk ...Executive Room (W)
 WSFS Business Meetings...Palladian
 Ballroom

WSFS Business Meeting

The rules of the World Science Fiction Society, including the Hugo Awards and Site Selection, are managed by the WSFS Business Meeting. Every attending member of DisCon III may attend the meetings, debate proposals, make motions, and vote on proposals. Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:30 AM and on Sunday (if required) from 10 AM in the Palladian Ballroom.

The WSFS Constitution, Standing Rules, and Business Passed On from last year are in the Souvenir Book. The full agenda, including proposals for new business this year, is online at <https://discon3.org/whats-on/hugo-awards-wsfs/wsfs-business-meeting/>

Items on this year's agenda include re-ratification of the Best Series Hugo Award and the Lodestar Award for Best YA Book. Items passed on from last year include a change to the deadline by which one must be a member of Worldcon in order to nominate for the Hugo Awards and an attempt to clarify the definition of the Best Fan Artist category.

Winter Events in DC

Wintertime in DC is a special time. Take a break from the convention and participate in some winter fun. The DC Downtown Holiday Market features over 70 exhibitors plus special holiday performances. It is open 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Daily (including Sunday) in downtown Washington, DC (Centered at 8th and F Streets, NW with the main entrance in front of the National Portrait Gallery). Visit

<http://downtownholidaymarket.com/>

Ice skate outdoors at the National Art Museum’s Sculpture Garden Ice Rink. Visit

<http://nga.gov/visit/ice-rink.html>

(Local secret: There is also a less crowded ice skating rink at the end of Wisconsin Ave at Washington Harbour in Georgetown.) See giant Christmas trees at the Ellipse (15th & E Streets), U.S. Capitol (West Lawn), and CityCenter (825 10th Street).

Follow the Code

The Code of Conduct can be found is on the DisCon III website and in the Pocket Programme Guide. The Listener Team desk is at the Omni East Registration Desk. You can make a report by emailing coc@discon3.org or phoning 202-770-8283 (from a non-US phone +1-202-770-8283). You can also ask any member of Staff to contact the Listener Team for you.

When the Party’s Over

Parties will start to wind down at 10:30 PM and end at 2:00 AM. If you are not staying in the hotel, the hotel requires people to be on a party floor by 10:30 PM and not return to the lobby afterwards, or you may not be able to get back up to the party floors.

DC’s Semi-Official Sandwich

If DC had an official sandwich, it would be the half-smoke. It may look like a hot dog, but this half-beef, half pork sausage is bigger and spicier. Get it with chili at the iconic Ben’s Chili Bowl, a 63-year old landmark of African-American history at 1213 U St. N.W. Beef, turkey, and veggie chili dogs are also available. It’s not local to the convention so you’ll need to take a bus or taxi.

Food Recommendations

Eddie’s Café (2600) Connecticut (corner of Calvert St.) 202-667-3939 Hours 11am-11pm.

<https://www.eddiescafedc.com/> This is a standard Americanized Chinese carry-out. It is quick, close to the hotel, and a decent value, especially at lunch. Jennifer P. wrote, “I personally recommend Eddie’s Café for lunch... their lunch specials are above average and the right amount of food.”

If you want the mother of all sandwiches visit **Bub and Pops** in nearby Dupont Circle at 1815 M Street. Call 202-457-1111.

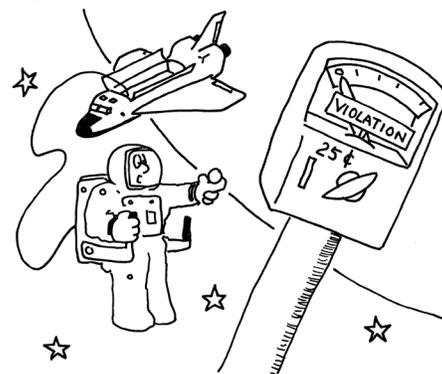
<https://bubandpops.com/> They are open 11-3, Tues-Sat. Bub and Pops specializes in Cheesesteaks and Hoagies. A half (\$10) will fill you up; a whole (\$20) will need you to walk back. The Hebrew Hammer is worth the extra dollar. The restaurant has steps going down.

Gourmand Grill, 2604 Connecticut Ave NW (near the hotel), 202-506-7232. <https://thegourmandgrill.com/>

American food and burgers. Slightly upscale. Cathy G. wrote, “I’ve eaten there twice and been very happy with the food and service both times.” The restaurant has steps going down.

For pizza cravings that cannot wait until the 2022 Worldcon in Chicago, try **Vance Italian Deli** up the road in Cleveland Park (3315 Connecticut Ave) for thin NY style pizza. They have slices available and also subs and sandwiches. 202-363-1999.

<https://www.vaceitaliandeli.com/>



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 PARKING ORBIT AND I AM ABOUT
 TO FEED THE METER!