

Clear Ether

The newsletter of the 2002 Arisia science fiction convention
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Registration Numbers

As of 11:00 pm Friday, 1866 people are registered for the convention.

Film Schedule Change

Today's 3 pm showing of *Being John Malkovich* will be changed to *Repo Man*.

Overheard

"What fun is a solution if it means you can't blame Skip any more?"

Sci-Fi Channel number 18

If the anime and video theatre selections broadcast on the Arisia TV channels aren't enough for you, check out the Sci-Fi channel, number 18 on your dial.

Junkyard Wars

Junkyard wars is a live-action contest, with teams competing to build a machine to perform a task – out of junk! We supply the junk. You supply your brain, your innate cunning, and whatever tools you happen to have at hand (we'll supply some tooling just in case). When we reveal the secret task, your team gets 90 minutes to build their machine; teams then compete head-to-head for prize ribbons.

Teams form and sign up – Saturday 12:30 pm onward in the Terrace Room. Building starts at 1 pm ++.

Get Your Swords Straight

The sword demo today at 10:00 am is for longsword, not two-handed sword and rapier.

Where Is Everything?

Everywhere!

Terrace Room is in the basement.

Spoken Word 1 is in room 564, on the 5th floor.

Spoken Word 2 is in room 565, on the 5th floor.

Children's Programming is in room 570, on ... you guessed it, the 5th floor.

Programming Changes

All Tremont program items are now in Cabot.

Program Updates

Cancel: Historical dance workshop (10:00 am Sat.)

Reschedule to Readercon: Serotonin and Her Friends (3:00 Sat.)

Add: Lynn Cullan storytelling, (3:00 Sat. in Spoken Word 1)

Relocate: Poetry Open Mike (3:00-5:00 Sat.) to Whittier (from Spoken Word 2)

Add: Supporting an RPG Community (3:00 Sat. in Winthrop) (not Whittier as previously published). How do you keep an RPG alive? If it's no longer in print where do you go? Peter Maranci & Friends

Add: LesBiGay Fandom: Diversity in the Genre, Past Present & Future. (4:00 Sat. in Gloucester). The Gaylaxians began right here in Boston and has gone on to plan 11 Gaylaxicons. Come & Meet other gay & gay friendly fen & learn more about our very own niche. Lars Colson (Boston Gaylaxians); Karl Cipra, Nan Freedman, Kay (Gaylactic Network).

Cancel: Fuzzy Heroes (4:00 Sat.)

Add: How to Flirt (5:00 Sat. in Constitution). They're not aliens, they're just other people. Making first contact and – aiming for romance? What works, what doesn't, and what do you do afterwards? Sonia Lyriss

Participant Updates

Roxanne Reddington-Wilde, Eric Van and Terry McGarry will not be at Arisia this year.

However, Evan Jamison, Theodore Black, Angela Kessler, Warren Lappine, James MacDonald, Delia Sherman and Ellen Kushner *will* be here. Watch this space to find out where.