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2/21: Vid show submission deadline

2/24: Mail-in art & orphan sales deadline

2/25 & 2/26: Tech training, see details and links below

PREPARE FOR REGISTRATION

Watch your email for your "badge confirmation" email. That is the badge you'll be wearing unless you have corrections to send us! On-site registration is in the con suite, which is not on the ground floor. If you aren't residing at the hotel, ask the front desk for an elevator key.

If you plan to drink convention-sponsored alcohol, **please have ID ready at registration**. We. Card. Everyone. (You're young at heart; prove with I.D. that your body is over 21.)

Bring your CoVid vaccination record with you to registration if you haven't submitted it already.

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY

It's a Vampire's ball! Bring your masks and your Mardi Gras beads, your flashiest clothes or costumes, and a desire to revel.

PANEL SCHEDULE

The panel schedule is posted here for your review and planning.

ART SHOW: DONATIONS AND RESALES

Donating art to charity is simple. We need: donor's name. Period. If you know the art title, artist, and medium, that's great. If not, we'll help. You can donate to the convention fund or the charity (ACLU this year), or divide it between the two.

The art show also is happy to show (and sell) older fanart. If you have art from a fandom you're no longer excited about, bring it to the art show. We'll help you de-clutter AND create room for the new artwork you may buy.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our code of conduct is premised on this: don't be mean. For more detail, click here.

ONLINE TECH TRAINING

Join an online con test-drive on Zoom on Saturday 2/25 (<u>lpm Pacific</u>) or Sunday 2/26 (<u>9am Pacific</u>; <u>lpm Pacific</u>; <u>7pm Pacific</u>). Meeting ID: 812 4349 2869 password: slash. Make sure your tech and skills are ready for the party. We'll cover both Zoom and Discord, with a brief side trip to Vimeo for the streaming vid show.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

You still have time to <u>invite friends</u> to attend Escapade online or in person (including one-day memberships). Share the <u>web site</u> with them!

TRAVFI INFO

Travel information 2023—useful links.

<u>LAX shuttle to Embassy Suites LAX NORTH</u> 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, approximately every 30-45 minutes. For those not flying in, negotiated overnight parking rate at the hotel is \$19+tax/day. <u>Latest on mask requirements/recommendations by L.A. County</u>

Escapade's CoVid policies

<u>Weather</u>: Long range weather forecast predicts temps in the 60s, some sunshine and possible chance of rain. Pack accordingly.

Food: the hotel serves a complimentary cook-to-order breakfast. You can eat in the atrium, or take food back to your rooms if you like.

The hotel Food Hall and room-service delivery are open from 2 PM - 10 PM, though the hotel plans to extend these hours before we arrive.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We have 10 scholarship recipients: Casey Coffee, dancinbutterfly, Grace M, Kandy Fong, Kanon, Kiyaar, Mona Jones, RC, wynne, Yvonne Gonzales (oldmythos). Welcome one and all. And...

SCHOLARSHIP STILL OPEN!

We have 5 discounted registrations remaining for FIRST-time attendees, special emphasis on under 25, and BIPOC. We're putting our money where our mouths are to expand our commitment to diversity and a multi-generational fan community.

CONSUITE UPDATE

The con suite will have grab-and-go snacks, and a designated room for eating. Windows will be open throughout for ventilation; bring a coat or sweater if the weather seems chilly. Con suite hours:

- Thursday 7-8:30 PM (registration only)
- Friday 9-noon (reg only), noon-7 PM pen
- Saturday 9-11 AM (reg only), 11 AM 6 PM open
- Sunday 11-AM 4 PM, then the Dead Dog Party

The vidshow annex (aka the lout room) and after-party will be held in the con suite Saturday evening.

DIY PANELS AND MEETUPS

Starting in 2023, the names for last-minute additions to programming have changed: Online, in Discord, they're DIY Panels. In person, at the hotel, they're Meetups. If you'd like to create something in either space, follow the steps you'll find at http://www.escapadecon.net/diy-panels-and-meetups/ YOU, not the con staff, can schedule these slots for yourself and your friends. If you run into technical difficulties, ask Help Desk for online assistance or the consuite staff for in-person assistance.

REMINDERS

Past progress reports are still available on the website: PR1 and PR2, as well as various news posts.