



Goat Droppings

The Official E-Newsletter of Phandemonium / Capricon

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Capricon 30 Progress Report

We're making great plans for our 30th Anniversary / Birthday Celebration!

- **Online registration is up and running, as is online hotel booking.**
- Check the website later this month for detailed information on submitting to our Art Show, including the Artist's Challenge.
- We are also putting together our list of programming ideas. If you have suggestions for programming items, or want to volunteer to be on programming (remember—3 panels earns your registration back!) please email programming@capricon.org. There will also be an online submission form for program participants coming in early October.
- Our Exhibits area was a big hit last year, and will be growing this year! If you have anything to loan us that you feel represents Capricon's history, please email exhibits@capricon.org.
- Volunteers are always needed to help out at the convention! If you are interested in volunteering and earning your registration fee back, email volunteers@capricon.org and let them know.



Stop by and visit our fan tables at ConClave in Michigan in October, and WindyCon and Midwest Furfest in Chicago in November!

Got a question about Capricon 30? Email us at info@capricon.org

Capricon 30: Celebration!

February 11-14, 2010

Preregistration: \$45

Through December 31, 2009

Online Registration and
Hotel Booking is available!

Visit us today at
www.capricon.org

Keep in touch all year long!
See Page 3 to find out how!

The 5th Annual Independent Film Festival

CALL FOR ENTRIES:

SUBMIT YOUR FILM OR VIDEO FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL CAPRICON SHORT FILM FEST!

Every year, the Short Film Fest films get better. . .
Every year, the Short Film Fest audience gets bigger. . .
Every year, the Short Film Fest is hosted by a different genre-film icon. . .
THIS year -- it's time to screen YOUR work!

On Sat., Feb. 13, "Classic Trek"- era "Mr. Spock"* will host the festivities, introducing and screening short-form genre works by. . .well, by YOU, and people just LIKE you! (Also screening: a few hilarious "professional" shorts, including - just to embarrass our host - the Spock/Space-Hippies jam session from the atrocious Classic Trek episode "The Way To Eden.")

Several shorts screened in years past have gone on to win national international awards at subsequent fests!

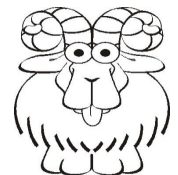
Include a self-addressed, stamped mailer (if you'd like your work returned), and snail-mail *your* short-form SF, fantasy, horror, or mystery film/s - each one up to 20 min. in length - on DVD format to:

Mark Mallchok
Brella Productions
1601 Simpson St.
Evanston, IL 60201

SUBMISSION DEADLINE (postmarked): Dec. 15, 2009

Capricious says: Failing to submit your work would be highly illogical.

* No, Leonard Nimoy will not be appearing.



Capricon 30 will be held at:

**Westin Chicago
North Shore
601 N Milwaukee
Ave, Wheeling, IL
60090
847-777-6570**

**[www.westin.com/
Chicagonorthshore](http://www.westin.com/Chicagonorthshore)**

**Room Block closes
January 21, 2010**

You Can Chair Capricon 31!

Members of Phandemonium,

Have you ever said, "If I ran this convention...?" or "You know what I think?"

Well, then you might consider running a Capricon! The Board of Phandemonium is currently seeking qualified candidates to apply to be the Chairperson of Capricon 31 in 2011. If you are interested, the process involved of bidding for Chair of Capricon is as follows:

1) Prepare a written report letting us know why you want to chair Capricon 31. Let us know who you are and what convention leadership experience you have. We are interested in hearing how you will make Capricon 31 a unique experience for the attendees, how might your theme/focus/concept be carried out in various departments, such as programming, special events, gaming, films, etc., and who might be your possible Guests of Honor. Then, email your proposal to boardpresident@phandemonium.org by **November 1, 2009**.

2) Meet with the Phandemonium Board of Directors to present your proposal and address any questions the Board might have.

3) Shortly after the presentations, the Phandemonium Board will meet to review and vote on all the submitted proposals and notify you of our decision. If you are chosen as the Chair, you will be given further instructions at that time.

Some general qualifications are listed below which we view as guidelines to gauge qualification:

* Potential Chairs should have a minimum of 5 years of convention attending experience, preferably at multiple conventions in different cities.

* Chairs should have served on at least three concons as a department head, and have run at least two different departments.

* One requirement per Phandemonium Bylaws is that a Capricon Chair may not concurrently hold a position equivalent to Chair or Board Member of a similar science fiction corporation or convention.

Running a convention is lots of fun, a great way to make your mark on Capricon and an opportunity to work with some amazing people. It's a challenge and not for everyone, but if you've ever said "If I were running this convention," well... here's your chance to become part of Capricon's leadership and make the convention the four-day, fun-filled experience that is Capricon! We look forward to hearing from you. If you are a new member and want to learn more about what you can do to get more involved in making Capricon happen, feel free to contact me. See you in February!

Sondra

Sondra de Jong
President of the Board, Phandemonium, Inc.

Capricon 30 Wants YOU!

Want some practice on a concom before volunteering to be the chair? Capricon 30 is looking for apprentice concom members to mentor this year! If you are interested, please email us at

info@capricon.org

We're Even Greener This Year!

Last year, we introduced our Greening initiatives and were thrilled with the response we got. This year will be even better! Below are just some of the ways we will continue to work on making Capricon a lean, green, sci-fi machine!

Our new hotel already has some green aspects in place, and in 2010, the entire Westin brand will be implementing a company-wide green initiative. We will keep you posted as the initiatives are rolled out.

We will once again have water dispensers available throughout the function space instead of individual plastic water bottles, and we encourage you to bring and refill your own water bottle.

We will once again have compostable bowls, plates, flatware, and cups in the consuite and green room.

We will be recycling aluminum cans in the consuite and green room.

We will be reducing our print run of paper copies of the souvenir book, and using a green printer where possible for all printing jobs.

We will once again be purchasing carbon offsets for the categories of emissions where we are directly generating that portion of our carbon footprint and encouraging members to purchase offsets for their personal travel and hotel usage.

We are interested in your ideas on how we can continue to improve. There are many ideas to explore, and you can get involved by e-mailing greening@capricon.org

Call for Candidates

Members of Phandemonium,

We want YOU! Yes, YOU! Wonder why? It's simple.

Every year the membership of Phandemonium elects two new people to serve a three year term on the Board of Directors. These six people, along with an appointed Secretary, Treasurer, and SMOF (Supreme Minister of Fun) are tasked with keeping the corporation running and enabling the convention and other outside activities to take place. This is where YOU (yes, you!) come in... It's tough to have an election without candidates. If you're interested in helping run Phandemonium and serving on our Board of Directors I would suggest visiting www.capricon.org/forums under Phandemonium Information and reviewing our Corporate Bylaws and Policy & Procedure documents. These documents explain the eligibility requirements as well as the process to be included on the ballot. If you're interested in serving on the board please let us know no later than Feb 1st, 2010 by emailing us at board@phandemonium.org. If you have any questions regarding Phandemonium and/or the process you can also email me directly at boardpresident@phandemonium.org.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Capricon in February.

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Phandemonium Book Club



Welcome to the Phandemonium Book Club! We've been having a great time for almost five years, and hope you'll join us!

We meet bimonthly at Borders Books & Music, 1700 Maple Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 (Phone: 847-733-8852). We meet upstairs in the café. Look for the Capricon

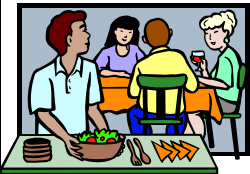
t-shirts! (If we aren't there, look across the street in The Rhythm Room.)

Our next meet-up will be at **Windycon** this November (likely Saturday afternoon, exact time TBA), and will read The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman, which won the 2009 Hugo Award for Best Novel.

On January 10, 2010, we will meet at Borders at 6:30pm to discuss Stardance by Spider and Jeanne Robinson.

For up-to-date info, check the Capricon forums (www.capricon.org/forums) There is an email list that you can join as well—just email **bookclub-list-join@phandemonium.org** and you will get email notices about the club. You can also email **bookclub@phandemonium.org**. See you soon!

FEAST / Theater Outing



Phandemonium's Ethnic Dining Club has a new name! We call it FEAST—Fans Eating All Sorts of Things*. It is for fen who would like to meet new people and explore the worlds of good ethnic food. If you would like to be added to the FEAST Outings email list, sign up by emailing

dining-list-join@phandemonium.org.

Our next outing will be a special **Theater / FEAST outing!** On **Saturday, October 17 at 4pm**, we will be going to the Lifeline Theater in Rogers Park to see Treasure Island. After the play, there will be a brief discussion with the director, the playwright who adapted the story for the stage, and hopefully some of the actors as well. We will then be adjourning for FEAST at 7pm at Good To Go Jamaican Jerk & Juice Bar for more island fun!

Lifeline Theater is located at 6912 N. Glenwood. There is free parking and it is steps away from the Morse L-stop on the Red Line. Their website is www.lifelinetheatre.com and tickets for the play are \$25 each. Tickets are first come, first serve and must be prepaid to guarantee your space. Phandemonium members will be collecting payments at the October 6 Chicago-SF meetup, or you can make other arrangements when you RSVP.

Good To Go Jamaican Jerk & Juice Bar is located at 1947 W. Howard street, where street parking is plentiful and the Howard L-stop is steps away. Their website is www.goodtogojamaicanjerk.com if you would like to check out their yummy menu!

To RSVP, visit our forums at <http://www.capricon.org/forums> and look under the Phandemonium information section. You can also email **dining@phandemonium.org** to RSVP.

As always, if you know of any good ethnic restaurants that you think we should try, please post your suggestions on the forums!

*Thanks to Glenn Glazer of California and Dave McCarty of Chicago for the

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Follow Capricon On the Web!

In an effort to stay in touch with our members and to keep you all informed of the latest news and happenings with Capricon and Phandemonium, we have several online options that you can utilize.

For many years, Capricon has had an online bulletin board community—the Forums. Anyone can read the posts without creating a login. Our forums can be found at **www.capricon.org/forums**

For Capricon 30, we've decided to start making use of some online social networking sites as well. This year, Capricon can be found on Facebook, Twitter, and LiveJournal. On Facebook and Twitter we are operating under the name Capricious Goat.

To add us as a friend on Facebook you can use the following address: **<http://www.facebook.com/addfriend.php?id=1437232679>**

To follow us on Twitter use this address: **<http://twitter.com/CapriciousGoat>**

On LiveJournal we have an RSS feed coming from the What's New Section of the Capricon Website. The RSS feed can be found here: **<http://syndicated.livejournal.com/capriconupdate>**

We promise not to abuse the privilege you've given us by letting us reach out to you in new ways. We're also looking at the possibility of using Twitter at the convention to send out programming changes and other important information in as close to real time as is practical.

Questions? Email **capricious@capricon.org** for the answers!

Phandemonium Euchre Club

The Euchre Club is up and running on a bimonthly basis, Sundays at 5pm. We're still seeking a permanent home, so you should check the forums (**www.capricon.org/forums**) for details.



You can also subscribe to our new email list, which will send you reminders & updates about the euchre club. Just send an email to **euchre-list-join@phandemonium.org** and you'll be all set! You can also email **euchre@phandemonium.org** if you have questions.

Our next meet up will be on **Sunday, October 25**, at 5pm at Bad Dog Tavern, 4535 N. Lincoln, Chicago. Shuffle up and deal!

Out of CON-text

"You know, Erik, I need to shorten you." – Liz Gilio

"I ended up with a cow in my pocket." – Sandy Heltzer

"How did you get carrots on your back?" – Gretchen Roper

"We're having trouble with the hotel understanding our vision."
– Tim Dinan

"That should be a requirement, along with the goat."
– Helen Montgomery