



# Goat Droppings

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## Capricon 31: Escape!

February 10-13, 2011  
Pre-registration: \$50  
Through December 31, 2010

Online Registration and  
Hotel Booking is available!

Visit us today at  
[www.capricon.org](http://www.capricon.org)

Keep in touch all year long!  
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## Capricon 31: Escape! Progress Report #1

We are super excited about this year's convention! We have some amazing Guests of Honor this year, with Author GoH **John Scalzi**, Artist GoH **John Picacio**, Fan GoHs **Stephen Boucher** and **Janice Gelb**, and Special NASA Guest **Bryan Palaszewski**.

What should you know right now? So glad you asked.

- **Online registration is up and running, as is online hotel booking.** Remember: Pre-registration goes up on December 31—sign up now! The Hotel room block closes Tuesday, **January 18**. Rooms are \$103 / night.
- Want to throw a **party**? Fantastic, because we want you to throw one! It's great when a plan comes together, isn't it? Suites are \$149 / night. Email [parties@capricon.org](mailto:parties@capricon.org) to reserve your party space now!
- Information on becoming a **Dealer** or exhibiting in our **Art Show** is up on the website! For more information email [dealers@capricon.org](mailto:dealers@capricon.org) or [artshow@capricon.org](mailto:artshow@capricon.org)
- Our Exhibits area has been growing each year! If you have anything to loan us that you feel represents Capricon's history, please email [exhibits@capricon.org](mailto:exhibits@capricon.org).
- Fan tables are available. Email us at [fantables@capricon.org](mailto:fantables@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](mailto:volunteers@capricon.org) and let them know.
- Our main programming is coming along! There is currently a page on the website where you can email ideas and / or volunteer to be on programming. <http://www.capricon.org/capricon31/Programming.php> You can also email us directly at [programming@capricon.org](mailto:programming@capricon.org). Watch for our programming survey this October.
- We are working on having a full track of young adult programming this year. Please feel free to submit ideas or volunteer to be on these programming items as detailed above.
- The **Midwinter Faire** returns on Thursday evening for games, crafts, and general carousing, plus pizza! Interested in helping out? Email us at [faire@capricon.org](mailto:faire@capricon.org)

Questions? Comments? Want to just say hello? Want to pre-reg before the rates go up? Come stop by and see us at our table and party at Windycon this year (November 12-14, 2010, Lombard, IL; [www.windycon.org](http://www.windycon.org)). Or just email us at [info@capricon.org](mailto:info@capricon.org) if you can't come visit in person!



Members of Phandemonium,

We want YOU! Yes, YOU! Wonder why? It's simple. Every one of you makes Capricon the convention that it is. Now, we are looking for members interested in making Capricon the convention that YOU want it to be. The Board of Phandemonium is currently seeking candidates for the following positions:

1. Conchair for Capricon 32: 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 32** in 2012. Submission deadline: 10/18/2010.
2. Two **Phandemonium Board Member** Positions: Every year the membership of Phandemonium elects two new people to serve a three year term on the Board of Directors. The six elected board members, 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. Submission deadline: 1/15/2011.

For full details on any of these leadership positions, please visit the Phandemonium Information section of our forums at [www.capricon.org/forums](http://www.capricon.org/forums). Looking forward to seeing you all at Capricon in February!

*Sondra*

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

### Capricon 31 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 18, 2011**

## FEAST / Theater Outing



Phandemonium's Dining Club is 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. We also periodically combine food with theater or other special events. If you would like to be added

to the FEAST Outings email list, sign up by emailing us at [dining-list-join@phandemonium.org](mailto:dining-list-join@phandemonium.org).

Our next FEAST outing is still TBD, but will likely be in early November.

For more information, email [dining@phandemonium.org](mailto:dining@phandemonium.org)

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 name and acronym FEAST.*

Psst...use the super sekret Goat Dropping coupon code and get \$5 off your Capricon pre-registration! Enter "PIUAGH" at checkout. Only for readers of Goat Droppings! Good until November 15, 2010.  
[www.capricon.org](http://www.capricon.org)

## 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](http://www.capricon.org/forums)

This year we've also added a blog where we'll post items of interest about Capricon, Phandemonium, or Science-Fiction in general. You can find the blog at [www.capricon.org/blog](http://www.capricon.org/blog)

On Facebook and Twitter we are 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>

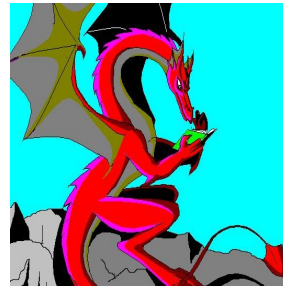
Follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/CapriciousGoat>

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.

Questions? Email [capricious@capricon.org](mailto:capricious@capricon.org) for the answers!

## Phandemonium Book Club



Welcome to the Phandemonium Book Club! We've been having a great time for over 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.)

We will be holding our November meetup at Windycon (November 12-14; [www.windycon.org](http://www.windycon.org)). As usual, we will be reading the winner of this year's Hugo Award for Best Novel. In a very unusual turn of events, there was a tie, so there will actually be two meetups at Windycon. This year we will be reading:

*The Wind-Up Girl* by Paolo Bacigalupi  
*The City and the City* by China Mieville

For exact times, please check the Windycon website.

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

## 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](http://www.capricon.org/forums)) for details.



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

Our next meet up will be on **Sunday, October 24**, at 6pm (note later start time) at **The Grafton**, 4530 N. Lincoln, Chicago. Shuffle up and deal!

## Out of CON-text

"You'll be divoted, not flat." - Bernadette Burke

"So this is the tent where you hide your goodies." - Marnie Gucciard

"If you can't believe in license plates, what can you believe in?"  
Marah Searle-Kovacevic

"Snark is all we've got." - Cary Williams

"Don't talk about the communication plan!" - Erik V. Olson

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