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CAPRICON 34

4th the DIMENSION

February 6-9, 2014

Pre-registration: \$50
Through Dec 31, 2013

Rates increase to \$55
on January 1, 2014
Available through Jan 22, 2014

\$70 for full weekend at the door.

Online Registration is
available!

Visit us today at
www.capricon.org

**Capricon 34
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)**

Capricon 34: The 4th Dimension

Capricon 34: *The 4th Dimension* is coming. Or perhaps it's already happened. It's all very timey-wimey.

Join us February 6-9, 2014, at the Westin North Shore with all your friends and our fantastic Guests of Honor! We welcome Author GoH **S.M. Stirling**, Special Guest **Jan Stirling**, Artist GoH **Tom Peters**, Fan GoH **Tadao Tomomatsu**, Special Musical Guest **Silent Nightmare**, and Special Guest **Sherrilyn Kenyon** — and of course, we welcome all of you back to Chicago and Capricon 34!

Oh, the plans we are hatching! Want to be part of the fun?

- The Art Show is delighted to bring you the **Emerging Artists Program**—art students who work in the SF / F and speculative fiction genres. For more information, check the Art Show section of the website.
- Capricon 34 is hosting a Pre-Qualifier for the **Catan World Championships 2014**, see the website for details.
- Return of **Karaoke!** Return of the **Euchre Tournaments!** Return of the **Dance!** Or perhaps this is the first time for each - it all depends on which timeline you're following!
- Lose track of time completely at the **parties!** Best in the Midwest!
- 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
- We're planning so much **programming**, you'll need a DeLorean to attend it all! (Just make sure you don't bump into yourself by going to the same panel twice!) In fact, we promise that we'll cram more than four days worth of programming into the four days of Capricon—come prepared and let's do the time warp again!
- **Current pre-registration is only \$50!** Register online right now! Stop reading! Go! Go now! Then come back...
- The Hotel room block closes on January 16, 2014. It's still only \$105 / night for a marvelously comfy room at the Westin. Reserve your room online today!
- Information on exhibiting in our **Art Show** is up on the website, or email artshow@capricon.org
- Want a table in our **Dealers Room?** Please email dealers@capricon.org
- Our Exhibits area continues to grow! If you have anything to loan us that you feel represents Capricon's history, please email exhibits@capricon.org.
- Fan tables for your group are still available. Email us at 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 and let them know.
- Consider **registering as a program participant**. We'll be sending out the initial program questionnaire in the second half of October. If you want to make sure you receive it, please email programming@capricon.org with your name, contact information, and a short biography.
- 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 to reserve your party space now!

Are you going to any SF / Fantasy / Anime / Comic conventions before February? If so, please help us spread the word about Capricon 34! All you need to do is take flyers with you and place them on the freebies table at that convention.

Also, if you're planning on going to Windycon, consider donating an hour or two of your time to help at our fan table. No experience is necessary, and all volunteers will be entered into a raffle to win hardcover copies of our Author GoH's books. We also welcome anyone wishing to help at our party on Friday night.

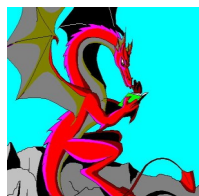
To get flyers or sign up as a volunteer Capricon Ambassador, please email marketing@capricon.org

Phandemonium Events

Phandemonium, the parent corporation of Capricon, has lots of other fannish events throughout the year! Please join us. Full details can always be found on our blog <http://capricon.org/blog/> or on our Facebook page (Capricious G Oat).

Euchre Club - Meets bi-monthly on a Sunday evening

Next meeting: October 13, 6pm
The Grafton, 4530 N Lincoln, Chicago
Shuffle up and deal!



Book Club - Meets bi-monthly on a Sunday evening at 7pm

(with two special meet ups at Windycon and Capricon as well)
Cosi, 1740 Sherman Avenue, Evanston

Windycon - *Redshirts* by John Scalzi (likely on Saturday - still TBD)
Sunday, January 12 - *Cugel the Clever* by Jack Vance
Capricon - *Dies the Fire* by Author GoH S.M. Stirling

Capricon Annual Book Drive

The Science Fiction Outreach Project

Many fans have often contemplated a trimming of their book collections. Don't just recycle your books — donate them to the Science Fiction Outreach Project so they can be the lure for new fans! **Books can be dropped off at the Capricon 34 Info Desk.** We need **SF / Fantasy / Horror only** please. Children's books and YA books are very welcome.

A team of science fiction fans is planning to go to Motor City Comic Con, May, 2014, and give away six thousand **FREE BOOKS!** The Science Fiction Outreach Project has done this at WonderCon in 2011, C2E2 in 2012, and Dallas Comic Con in 2013. This team of fans, affiliated with the Worldcon (Loncon 3, 2014) and the North American Science Fiction Convention (Detcon1, 2014), is heading to Detroit to reach out to the science fiction and fantasy readers at MCCC who pass through the exhibit hall. Along with a free book, these readers will be given information about the amazing things going on in the fannish community, including Worldcons, NASFiC, and regional conventions.

For more information on the Science Fiction Outreach Project, visit them on Facebook (Science Fiction Outreach Project—USA) or at their website <http://science-fiction-outreach.org>

Out of CON-text

"When I think of dead fans, I think of you." - Dave McCarty to Steven Silver

A: "I'm licking."

B: "I'm sucking."

A: "Sooner or later we're going to have to bite." - Anonymous exchange

"Next year's Hugo needs a vibrating base." - Anonymous

"He's starting to penetrate the outside world." - Jerry Gilio

"I like to use people in ways they don't expect." - Steven Silver

"I believe they go out and kill poodles each morning." - Helen Montgomery

"The proper technique is clenched." - Sandra Schneiderman

"You are not barf level cute." - Leane Verhulst

"Warm bodies count children, even though they give off less heat." - Jesi

Feeling "Board"?

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 35: 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 35** in 2015. Please contact boardpresident@phandemonium.org for more information. We would like proposals by November 1, so we can review them at Windycon.

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 Conchair, 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. Please email boardpresident@phandemonium.org for more information.

For full details on any of these leadership positions, please visit the Phandemonium Information section of our blog at <http://capricon.org/blog/phandemonium/>

Looking forward to seeing you all at Capricon in February!

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