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## Norwescon 35 Progress Report

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## PROGRAMMING REPORT

Norwescon 35 Programming – Exciting new content, and some old favorites.

We're just wrapping up the scheduling frenzy in Programming. Our goal, as always: to educate, entertain, and inspire our membership!

If you want more from your convention than to just sit there and be entertained (although, there's nothing wrong with that!), there are a bunch of fun workshops, game shows, hands-on demos, and activities to try out. New this year, we've got a 3-hour block on Friday morning with a bunch of historical weapons and armor experts. They'll show you all kinds of cool ways to cause mayhem, and let you look with your hands, not just your eyes. Also a fun item this year – a hands-on demonstration of hovering aircraft.

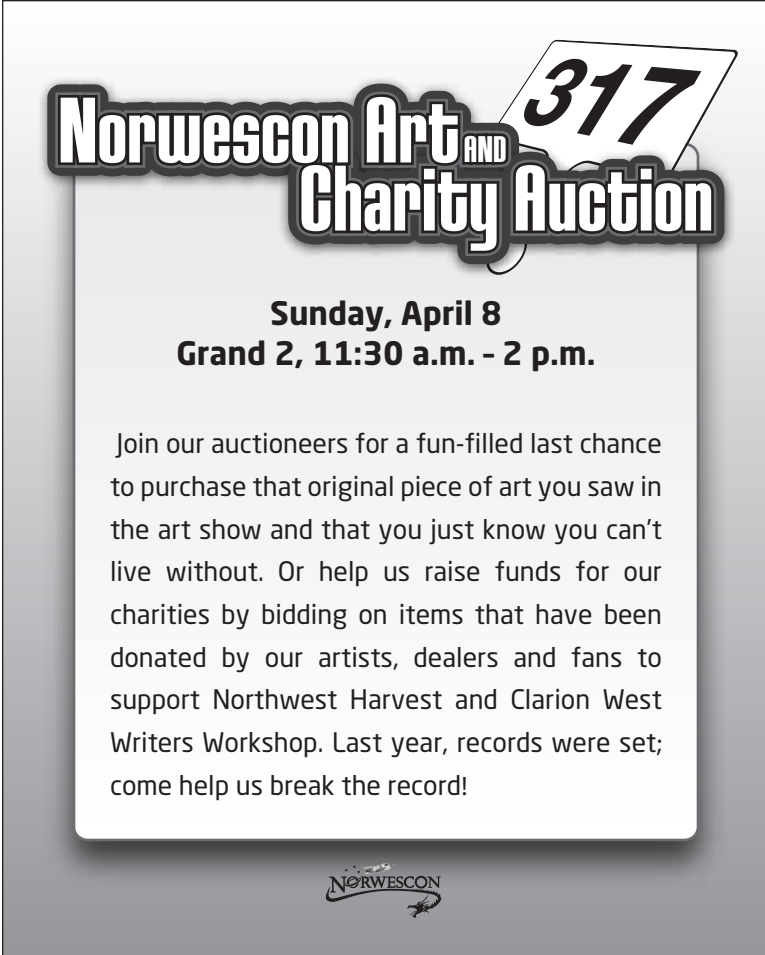
Our perennial Friday Night Stitch & Bitch session will include a fabric swap this year – bring that fabric that you're not sure you'll ever use, and take home something that inspires you. For the writers, we have two open writing workshops this year: First Pages, in which participants submit the first 250 words of their story or novel ahead of time, and our pro writers give pointers; and the fanfiction "Write a Crossover Fic in 90 Minutes" workshop. If you like to draw, don't forget to bring your sketchbook: once again, we'll have an hour long demo, followed by two hours of life drawing, with models in costume to inspire you.

Feeling a little stressed out? The Monster Mash is back – you can dismember cute, cuddly stuffed animals, and re-assemble them into nightmares and horrors. Or play a round of "Who Would Win?" with our Gaming pros. Geek, Geek – Don't Tell Me! also returns, to test your knowledge of Science Fiction and Fantasy. Norwescon's amazing "Let's Make a Movie" workshop is back, too – bringing film mayhem to the Pacific Northwest for the 13th year.

Norwescon's Music program is also expanding. If you like music, and you're a geek, you won't want to miss the evening concert series. Also, up in the Salon on Saturday, we'll be holding an Irish Session (don't know what that is? Come on up to find out!), and a variety of musicians will be bringing instruments for you to try out. Find your muse, and perhaps give a short performance at "Cascadia's Got Talent," Norwescon's own

talent/variety/gong show. Last year, winners were treated to exciting and unusual prizes.


Of course, there are tons of panels, presentations, and slide shows to attend, and more is being added every day. With over 300 hours of panels, there's sure to be something for everyone.



**Norwescon Art AND Charity Auction** 317

**Sunday, April 8**  
**Grand 2, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Join our auctioneers for a fun-filled last chance to purchase that original piece of art you saw in the art show and that you just know you can't live without. Or help us raise funds for our charities by bidding on items that have been donated by our artists, dealers and fans to support Northwest Harvest and Clarion West Writers Workshop. Last year, records were set; come help us break the record!



## NEW HOTEL RESERVATION POLICY

A change is coming in the way we reserve rooms for Norwescon. It is a significant change for our members but we believe it will help us make more convention rooms available for our members at the cheaper convention rate.

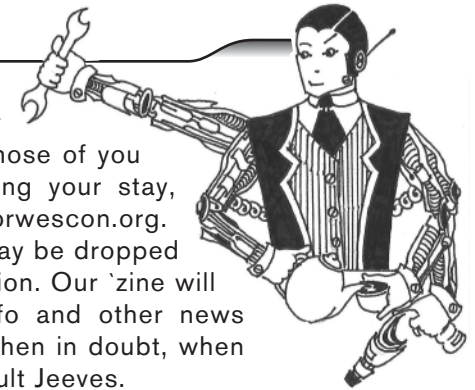
(Hotel Cont.)

Starting with Norwescon 36, we have asked the DoubleTree to collect a one-night room deposit when the room is first reserved. This deposit will remain fully refundable until 90 days before the convention, which for next year would be Friday, December 28, 2012. By agreement with the hotel, all rooms cancelled by this date will be returned to the room block and made available for reservation by other Norwescon members.

Complete information about this change is available on our December 11, 2011, blog post located at [tinyurl.com/NWC36-Reservations](http://tinyurl.com/NWC36-Reservations).

## ZINE

Good evening, Jeeves here. Please allow me to welcome you to Norwescon. For those of you planning soirees or other activities during your stay, party notices can be emailed to [zine@norwescon.org](mailto:zine@norwescon.org). At the convention, content for the `zine may be dropped off at Info Table, the Office and Registration. Our `zine will contain programming changes, party info and other news relevant for our readers. So remember, when in doubt, when in need, when the apocalypse hits... consult Jeeves.




# LAZER TAG

The only place in the convention you are allowed to draw your lazer weapons. We have equipment for use; it is compatible with the Tiger Lazer Tag system, not the Team Ops system. Wizard tag will be available for those who wish to hone their skills before the battle this summer. For those players who are under 18, you must have a parent or guardian present at the arena. Lazer Tag is a live action, NON-CONTACT sport.


**Thursday, April 5**  
**Grand 2, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.**

**Friday, April 6**  
**Grand 2, 3-5 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 7**  
**Evergreen 3 & 4, 9 p.m. - Midnight**



# EASTER EGG HUNTS AND CARNIVAL



 **Sunday, April 8**  
**Olympic 1**

**Ages 4 and under 10-10:30 a.m.**


**Ages 5-8 10:30-11 a.m.**

**Ages 9-12 11-11:30 a.m.**

**Carnival 1-3 p.m.**

All egg hunts begin at the listed time and latecomers may miss out.



## P. K. DICK AWARD

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Norwescon has had the honor of hosting the Philip K. Dick Awards since 1984. The Philip K. Dick Award and Special Citation is presented annually for distinguished science fiction books published for the first time in the United States as a paperback original. The award is sponsored by the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, and the ceremony is sponsored by the Northwest Science Fiction Society and held annually at Norwescon.

The 2011 Philip K. Dick Award nominees, as announced on January 10th, are:

- **A Soldier's Duty** by Jean Johnson (Ace Books)
- **After The Apocalypse** by Maureen F. McHugh (Small Beer Press)
- **Deadline** by Mira Grant (Orbit)
- **The Company Man** by Robert Jackson Bennett (Orbit)
- **The Other** by Matthew Hughes (Underland Press)
- **The Postmortal** by Drew Magary (Penguin Books)
- **The Samuil Petrovich Trilogy** by Simon Morden (Orbit)

First prize and any special citations will be announced at the award ceremony on Friday, April 6, 2012 at Norwescon 35. Special guests attending the ceremony often include the nominated authors and publishers, as well as an administrator of the award. There is no charge to Norwescon members to attend the ceremony. We hope to see you there!

## VOLUNTEERS

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Do you know how to make the most out of your time at Norwescon?

Volunteer and help make it happen?

Find us down the Olympic hall and enter the Faerie Land of Oz! Join the Wizard's (Brian Pickett) exclusive group of Tin

Men and combine your talents with the hard-working folk who make the convention the best experience for the residents and visitors of the Emerald City. Even if its just for an hour or two, you will find yourself highly appreciated and eligible for lots of fun gifts and prizes!

Glinda, the Good Witch (Kathi Pickett) has waved her magic wand and wonderful, collectable buttons have appeared for you to earn. Volunteers enjoy other convention perks such as priority seating at the masquerade, special opportunities to meet the guests of honor and much, much more! In addition, all volunteers are treated to a great picnic, hosted by the convention Executive Committee, in the summer as our further thanks!

We are also still looking for people who can put in pre- and post-convention time, and can help with important tasks during the convention, working very close with the convention committee staff. Our Volunteer department itself is looking for help manning the desk, Programming would like more help in the green room where the pros who run the panels hang out, as well as more stage management staff, and there's always so much more!

Contact us at [volunteers@norwescon.org](mailto:volunteers@norwescon.org) and we'll match your skills and interests with the departments needing help! Remember, the convention is only as good as the people who help behind the scenes!



## MUSIC SESSIONS

### BRING A FIDDLE OR SOMETHIN'!

Introduction to the Irish Session – Saturday, Noon

Come learn about and participate in a traditional Irish Session, the foundation of fandom's oldest form of geekmusic! For centuries, this cooperative, everyone-plays gathering of players in public houses and inns was the primary means of keeping traditional Irish music alive - a practice that continues to this day.

Sounds like something from D&D, or other fantasy game? It is – this is where they got it!

We'll have a couple of local Session regulars helping lead, and local Session artist Matt Haverly has kindly put together a PDF of popular traditional tunes to work from, which you can download here:

[http://www.norwescon.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/NWC35\\_Irish\\_Session\\_Music.pdf](http://www.norwescon.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/NWC35_Irish_Session_Music.pdf)

ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME! Come, bring an instrument, play if you like – or just listen, as a punter. That's okay too!

(Norwescon and nwcMUSIC thank Matt Haverly/Sultan Irish Music for compilation of and permission to use this tune collection.)

### SHOW US WHAT YOU GOT!

Cascadia's Got Talent – Saturday, 3pm

Welcome to the second annual Cascadia's Got Talent! competition event, otherwise known as Cascadia's Got a Gong Show, the most fun you'll have making a fool of yourself while still sober at Norwescon!

Do you have what it takes to gain the appreciation of our audience and panel of fan and celebrity d/r/u/n/k/s/ judges? FIND OUT! Bring your song, your work-in-progress, your shtick, your standup act, your freak show, your whatever – bring your talent (alleged) to this, our free-form talent show! You have eight

minutes, two songs, or until the gong gongs, whichever is shortest. Show us what you got!

If you're still confused on the concept: it's like performing on the Muppet Show, only Statler and Waldorf are judging you. Oh wait, no, it's exactly like the Muppet Show, only with prizes (alleged).

Did we mention prizes? Such terrible, terrible prizes. Last year we gave away an all-expenses-paid bus tour of beautiful downtown Kent and its historic commercial warehouse district. Gods only know what we'll find this year, as people vie for the coveted Science Olympics Trophy for Entertainment! COME FIND OUT!



**Music**  
**PROGRAMMING**  
AND  
*Concerts*

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**Thursday**

- MC Firedrill*, Evergreen 3&4, 8 p.m.
- Rai Kamishiro*, Evergreen 3&4, 9 p.m.
- Kraken-Rohl*, Evergreen 3&4, 10 p.m.

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**Friday**

- Alexander James Adams*, Grand 3, 4-6 p.m.
- Creede Lambard*, Evergreen 1&2, 7 p.m.
- Kirby Krackle*, Evergreen 1&2, 8 p.m.
- A Little Knight Music*, Evergreen 1&2, 9 p.m.

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**Saturday**

- Electric Children*, Evergreen 1&2, 7 p.m.
- Ultraklystron*, Evergreen 1&2, 8 p.m.
- Vixy & Tony*, Evergreen 1&2, 9 p.m.
- The Doubleclicks*, Evergreen 1&2, 10 p.m.

See the program listings or  
<http://www.norwescon.org/things-to-do/program/concerts/>  
for more information.

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## SUNDAY SPECIAL EVENT: MUGGLE QUIDDITCH

Come join us for Muggle Quidditch! Since most of us are not wizards, we'll be forced to play on the ground, but that won't stop us from catching the Snitch and having a great time! Rules will be adapted for indoor play from the International Quidditch Association's rulebook. We will have sign-ups in advance, so feel free to contact [SpecialEvents@norwescon.org](mailto:SpecialEvents@norwescon.org) if you want to captain a team or have questions.



## COME JOIN THE MASQUERADE

The Norwescon 35 masquerade is open to all convention members of all costuming skill levels and is held on Saturday night of the convention. Please familiarize yourself with the International Costumer's Guild guidelines for rules and skill levels. We also have a Children's Masquerade that takes place immediately before the convention masquerade and is a great opportunity for children too young to compete as Rising Stars (self made costumes by children 13 years and under) to show off their costumes. In order to enter the masquerade, all participants must attend a pre-masquerade panel. This panel is offered twice during the convention, once Friday night and once Saturday morning. The children's pre-masquerade panel is immediately before their masquerade appearance. There is also a mandatory Saturday afternoon masquerade rehearsal for competitors.

Complete information is available on our website at [www.norwescon.org/things-to-do/special-events/masquerade/](http://www.norwescon.org/things-to-do/special-events/masquerade/)

## GUEST OF HONOR AND AWARDS BANQUET

Start off your Norwescon with our Guest of Honor and awards banquet. It will take place on Thursday, April 5 from 5 - 7 p.m. The event is open to all Norwescon members.

We have several awards to present, and you will get to hear first hand from our honored guests and learn something about many of the exciting events that will take place over the weekend. Come and learn about the scholarships Norwescon is donating, and perhaps you will even win a door prize! This year we have a delicious Italian Buffet that you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and are going fast. You may purchase tickets through PayPal or by mail. Registration forms can be downloaded from the website. Tickets are limited; the price at con will also be \$40.00, but there may not be any tickets left when you get there. Hurry and reserve your place now!

Will you join us in Grand Ballroom 2 for a delicious dinner where you get to wine and dine with the Guests of Honor? What a great way to start off your Norwescon weekend!

## MAXI'S LOUNGE RESERVED FOR NORWESCON MEMBERS

Norwescon 35, in conjunction with the DoubleTree by Hilton Seattle Airport, is pleased to announce that Maxi's Lounge will be open Friday and Saturday nights for the exclusive use of Norwescon 35 attendees. Maxi's will provide a new and exciting space for all attendees 21+ (with ID and NWC badge) to drink, eat, dance, and hang out. It will be open both Friday and Saturday night starting at 9:00 p.m. As with any bar, you must be recognizable as the person on your ID - no masks or feature-obscuring makeup. We have two nights of exciting activities and entertainment lined up for you; so take the first elevator you can, all the way to the top, and join us at Maxi's Lounge

for an evening you will never forget!

If you want to do more than just come to Maxi's Lounge and have fun, we have openings for assistant coordinators to help set up and run the fun events being held in Maxi's Lounge. If you are interested in these positions or you just have some great ideas, please contact us at [vicechair@norwescon.org](mailto:vicechair@norwescon.org).

## Who is DJ TOX2MUCH?



**Mastermix Café: The Re-Animation**

# MAXI'S Lounge

**Friday, April 6**

Maxi's opens at 9 - get there early for the best seats near the beats.

21+ WITH ID



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