

# CLEAR ETHER

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## Use AID to aid those with disabilities

As a disability advocate, the question I am most often asked is, is it okay to offer to help someone with a disability?. The answer is "Yes, but it often depends on how you do the asking."

If you are wondering how to handle a situation, please follow this helpful acronym:

- **Ask** before assuming.

People with disabilities often develop ways of doing things which may look slow or inefficient to others, but which work best for them and, if they do wish for assistance, it may be for only a specific aspect of a task. For instance, when being guided, blind people do not need to be led or supported, but only need to lightly touch a guide's elbow in order to follow that person.

So you might ask a person "Would you like assistance?" and, if they say yes, then ask "What would you like me to do?"

- **Identify** yourself.

As a blind person, I like to have a name to go with the voice, but this also works to identify context, as in "Hi, my name's Kestrell and I'm an Arisia volunteer. Can I help you?"

- **Don't** grab, push, pull, yell, or otherwise invade a person's space.

Aside from issues of respect, many people with disabilities may have mobility or pain issues which are aggravated by having people touching them. Also realize that a person's cane, wheelchair, or other such device functions as an extension of their body and the same "don't touch" rules apply to these devices. Lastly, \*please\* don't feel that you are the exception to the rule that it is rude to pet guide dogs that are in harness and working.

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## Have a seat at the new Quiet Room!

Access Services is providing a new option for folks who may need to take a break and decompress from the noise and the chaos of the convention for a while. Sit and relax a while. If you don't have a hotel room, this can be an option for you to get away from the crowds.

The Quiet Room is in 402, and is available as a respite for those who need some quiet time. If space is an issue, preference will be given to those who have medical need.

The correct hours are Fri 4 – 10, Sat 10-10, Sun 10-10, and Mon 10-3. The hours published in the pocket program are incorrect. No food or conversation, cellphones off, this is not a nap room or crash space. If you would like to volunteer in the Quiet Room, please see Selkie in Access Services.

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## Scholarships run on sweet sale

The James Tiptree, Jr. Bake Sale will begin at 10 AM Saturday morning in the Galleria Foyer. The Bake Sale will last until all the baked goods are gone. The Bake Sale is run by the James Tiptree, Jr. Literary Award Council to raise money for scholarships and grants to writers of woman-centered science fiction and fantasy stories. James Tiptree, Jr., Hugo-award winning writer, was the pen name of Alice Sheldon. Tiptree was a well-known writer before it was revealed that "he" was really Alice Sheldon.

## Quick News Hits

- **Cancelled Games:**
  - Sat 1:30 p.m. Beware The Auditors
  - Sun 3 p.m. Imaginary Friends
- **Grand Ballroom AB 10 p.m.** – The award-winning Post Meridian Radio Players present a live audio theater event: *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, based on the 1954 adaptation for Lux Radio Theater. This production features amazing voice acting and evocative sound effects, performed live on stage and in your mind's eye.
- **Arisia has gone mobile!** Download Guidebook from the Apple App Store or Android Play Store, then install the "Arisia 2013" guidebook. See below for QR code.



- **New Game in the Gaming Room,** Pathfinder, Sunday 2pm, GM Vivian Abraham

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## Editor's Desk

Each new year breathes new life into Arisia. Even though it's my second convention here, I feel like I'm so lucky to be part of such a warm community. So many great causes, great people, and great fandoms. For first time con-goers, enjoy your time here. It's worth every penny for the great experiences and new friends you're about to encounter.-Nacho

# Program Additions

Fri 8:30 PM Costume Makeup Basics: Harbor Ballroom II (1hr 15min)- Makeup is important to achieve an all-around great look in your costume. Learn how makeup in costuming can differ from daily makeup, different techniques for different types of costumes, and when to vary techniques from hall costuming to stage costuming.

Sat 1:00 PM Tales of Wonder and Magic: FastTrack - Hancock - 1 (1hr 15min)- "What happens when fairies grant a young boy his fondest wish? Can a girl outwit a King and solve his riddle? Join professional storyteller Danielle Schulman for these traditional tales and more."

Sat 4:00 PM Tom Fish Memorial: Executive Board Room (1hr 15min) -Arisia was founded by five hardworking fans. One of them, Tom Fish passed away this past year.

Sun 10:00 AM Kamikaze Costuming: Props: Webster (2hr)- Come make your own props to go with your Kamikaze costume. Then, show off your creation in the Masquerade tonight if you want.

Sun 11:30 PM The Eye of Argon: Adams (1hr 15min)- Group reading of the infamous text.

## Arisia Registration:

### More workstations equals shorter waits



No line at Arisia Registration early Friday evening.

This year the Registration department doubled the number of workstations to twelve. As of 6:15pm Friday we had 1692 badges handed out with 2954 total registrations.

## Arisia TV Schedule

-Not printed in pocket program

16:45 Time Bandits (1981)

A young boy accidentally joins a band of dwarves as they jump from time-period to time-period looking for treasure to steal.

18:45 The Adventures of Baron Munchausen

An account of Baron Munchausen's supposed travels and fantastical experiences with his band of misfits (1988)

21:00 Nowhere - part 1 (1996)

21:30 Nowhere - part 2

Neil Gaiman's story of Richard Mayhew, who leads an ordinary life in London when one day a girl named Door falls, injured, across his path...

22:00 Post Meridian Radio Players (live)

23:15 Cat Woman Of The Moon (1953)

Astronauts travel to the moon where they discover it is inhabited by attractive young women in black tights.

## Friday Party List

407	8pm-2am	Tea Party (family friendly)
450	7pm-11pm	Circlet Press Party (18+)
457	9pm-12mid	Boskone 50 Party
458	9pm-1am	KC in 2016 "Great Gatsby Party"
462	7pm-10pm	Dr. Strangelove Party
1007	8pm-12mid (or later)	AnimeCons TV 50th Episode
1207	7pm-11pm	Disco Skanks Party
1407	8pm-12mid	Shamrokon Party
1467	7pm-10pm	Orlando in 2015



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