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Arisia Masquerade Notes

The Arisia Masquerade will be at 8pm Sunday in Grand Ballroom AB. Doors open for seating at 7 PM. Currently the masquerade has 42 entries, up from 34 in 2012. The majority registered online in advance.

The move to Sunday night allowed for more rehearsal time (necessary due to the size), provided better use of the ballrooms throughout the weekend, and allowed the tech crew and staff more time to prepare and reduce the stress and overwork.

Nightmare Before Christmas Shadowcast



A Weeping Angel roaming the halls of Arisia

Arisia Website Issues Arise

The Arisia web site has been sporadically slow for about a month. If you have trouble connecting, please be patient and try again. We're aware of the problem and apologize for any inconvenience. We've decided not to work to fix it until after the convention since any attempt to correct the problem might take the web site down completely.

Quick News Hits

Arisia 2014 Memberships Available at the Registration Desk. Discounted rate this weekend only -- \$40 -Guests: Tanya Huff (author), Lubov (artist), James Nicoll (critic)

Reminder: Tea Lounge really is strictly for people ages 13-19. This means you, parents!

Arisia is not running a Lost & Found this year. If you have lost (or found) something, please contact the hotel's Lost & Found on any hotel house phone.

Please submit all feedback on Arisia to: feedback@arisia.org or <http://www.arisia.org/feedback>

Blackjack Results

Thirteen players participated in the Arisia '13 blackjack tournament. They played two rounds of 21 hands.

The winners were:
Ben Silver, 1st Place
Q, 2nd Place
Steve Conner, 3rd Place

We think all the players had fun, as did the dealers, Dale Farmer, Don Eastlake IV, Rick Katze, and Dave Cantor.

Panel Added!

-Even More Doctor Who At 50. 10:00 p.m. tonight in Harbor II

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Panel Location Changes

- Sunday 8:30pm The Bolos are Coming! relocated to Revere
- Sunday 8:30pm Dr Who: The Dissertation of the Daleks relocated to Alcott

Sivir from
'League of
Legends'



Jayne from 'Firefly'
"I'll be in my bunk"



The Fourth Doctor
made an appearance



More Elevator Sex?

Apparently there is a third set of elevators in the hotel that has *both* male and a female voice.

Arisia TV Schedule

Sunday Morning, Channel 85

17:30 Dark Shadows (2012)
An imprisoned vampire, Barnabas Collins, is set free and returns to his ancestral home, where his dysfunctional descendants are in need of his protection.

20:00 Arisia 2013 Masquerade (live)

23:30 replay of the masquerade

Live Art Auctioned

The Roger Dean & Bob Eggleton sketches, created during the Dueling Easels Panel, will be auctioned at 4pm in the Art Show. Proceeds will benefit the SFWA Medical Emergency Fund.



Lisa Ashton makes a point at the Victorian Costume Panel

Arisia's First Video Gaming Room

The Arisia Video Game Room, new to Arisia this year, is in the Carlton Room. It features 16 stations, including a big screen Wii-U with a wide variety of games, some relatively new ones and a bunch of favorites such as Mario, Donkey Kong, and Zelda, which James York, the room manager refers to as a "nostalgic museum." Most of the games are rated T (Teen), although there is one station with M (Mature). The room is open to players of all ages. Young children are allowed to play the T-rated video games, albeit with adult supervision. The new Wii game, Donkey Kong Crash Course, is one of the available games.

The Video Games Room is being run by Gameunderground, a video game store in Framingham, which sets up games for events and runs its own video game convention, GUTS (Gameunderground Tournament Spectacular). Keith, the owner, is very happy to be at this year's convention.

The final challenge competition for Donkey Kong Crash Course takes place Sunday from 2-4pm. The Video Game Room closes Sunday at 5pm.

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