

MarsCon
2022
The Future
Ain't What it
Used to Be

March 11-13

A fan-run
fantasy/science-
fiction convention
for all ages

Held every March in
the Twin Cities area

Hilton Minneapolis/St Paul
Airport/Mall of America
3800 American Blvd. E.
Bloomington, MN 55425

Welcome to
the return
of in-person
conventions!

News from MarsCon

At MarsCon you'll find panel discussions, parties, guest of honor presentations, music of many kinds, our art show, film/anime room, science room, dealers room, charity auction, and masquerade. Our comedy music track is virtually a con in itself, and attracts a nationwide audience

We are hard at work planning for MarsCon 2022. Check out the updated pages here as we fill in new information for you

If you missed any of MarsCon 2021's virtual events, most can be found on [YouTube](#)

We will continue with online planning meetings (ConCom meetings) until it is safe to gather in person. We fully expect that to happen before MarsCon 2022, and we fully expect a safe return to in-person conventions by then. Hint: getting yourself and your loved ones vaccinated will help!



Quests of Honor & Notable Presenters

Artist Guest of Honor
Jon Sloan is the creator of Sa-Bom Jim and The Do-jahng webcomics, who also does other cartoons/comics as well as other freelance illustration in the Twin Cities area. He's a member of The International Cartoonist Conspiracy, and has appeared at many conventions and shows in the Minneapolis area.
Facebook & Twitter: @JonDSloan
Instagram: @SabomJon
PLUS! See the MarsCon 2021 T-shirt art and the Emojis of DOOM on our Discord.

Comedy Music Guest of Honor
KnuckleHeadz
"So many father/ son rap groups, but yo, we number one!"

More
Guests
to be
announced
soon!

Gaming

Dust off your cards and dice. In person gaming is back! Interested in running a game at MarsCon? Please contact us so we can add your event to the schedule. More to be announced soon!

Call for Volunteers!

By the way
We Have
Cookies!!!

A personal note from our volunteer head Gizmo:

Hey Guys, since we are a volunteer run con we could really use your help!! If you can and will help out contact your Friendly Local Volunteer Department

All the committee members volunteer their time to make MarsCon run. That's where you come in. Please help make MarsCon more fun for everyone - yes, even for yourself - by pitching in where, when, and how you can

Thank You!

Volunteers are particularly needed in the following areas:

Badgers for the programming rooms and our Dealers' Room
Runners and clean up help in the Consuite
Rovers are needed to support the Bridge - we also need people trained to staff the Bridge
Art Show setup & teardown

Before MarsCon: Please write to volunteer22a@marscon.org for more information or to sign up and/or

During MarsCon: Stop by the Bridge - on the hotel first floor near the grand staircase - and let us know you are available

MarsCon hosts the world's longest running fandom convention comedy music concert series, featuring funny, talented musical artists from all over!

Much more about our Comedy Music Track can be found here

[MarsconComedy facebook](#)
[Twitter](#)

Comedy Music

Stay tuned as new and returning acts are announced here.

Check out the MarsCon Masquerade Ball "Sampler Platter"
[Concert video](#)

Full footage from the 2021 Virtual Comedy Music Track can be found on MarsCon's [Mainstage YouTube channel](#)

Dealer's Room

Ballrooms I & II (second floor). is where MarsCon members may browse and buy from a wide selection of fanish merch from our wonderful dealers, some returning favorites and some newly added for MarsCon 2022. If you are interested in applying to be a dealer, please contact us via email so we may add you to the list. We will also need a description of your wares, contact info, and a link to your web site if available. Applications are generally distributed to interested dealers in early November. A list of Dealers will be added to the web page as they are confirmed.

[Dealers Room Page](#)

Mainstage

Mainstage is the place for big events such as Opening/Closing Ceremonies, Masquerade Cosplay, Charity Auction, media guest talks, concerts, stage performances and musical jams!

Prop-A-Torium #15

The Prop-A-Torium is back! We will have an extraordinary feature display of some of the most unusual and cool hand made and collected props. From popular movies, television shows, and other media events over the past 60 years! Not only that, the room is staffed by the people who made and collected them! It's great to see the impressive skill and care that went into some of these magnificent pieces. Then be able to ply the folks who made them with Jedi mind tricks to get the secrets of their construction!

Photos will be allowed in the Prop-A-Torium, please ask us if you can touch or take videos of the props you see in the Prop-A-Torium.

Enjoy props related to Indiana Jones, Wizarding World, Star Trek, Star Wars, Stargate, Middle Earth Saga, James Bond, Marvel Cinematic Universe, and so much more from movies and television shows. We have Fan-Made Props, "Officially Licensed" Props. A few actual Screen-Used Props, even those high-end collectibles we all covet from Sideshow, Master Replicas, Warner Brothers, and more. If you like swords or lightsabers, bullwhips, or blasters, come by the Prop-A-Torium!

Charity Auction

So, how can I help out with Charity Auction and other charitable events at MarsCon?

We're glad you asked. Here are a few ways to help:

Donate stuff!

The Charity Auction is held on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. on the Main Stage. Auction organizers will accept silent bids prior to the Auction if you can't be in the room during the Auction. Open viewing starts at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, and some items will be on display in various function rooms throughout the convention

It's not too late. We accept donations at planning meetings and all the way until the convention and even during the convention. If you have something cool that somebody would bid on, you can drop it off in the Bridge when you arrive at MarsCon. The Bridge is located on first floor, across from the hotel's front desk. We are able to take donations up until an hour before the auction

Volunteer!

Proceeds from the MarsCon 2022 Charity Auction will be split between two locally-based charities

Cookie Cart

Cookie Cart provides teens 15 to 18 years old with lasting and meaningful work, life and leadership skills through experience and training in urban nonprofit bakeries

We always need help setting up the auction donations for display prior to the auction, holding up items for better viewing during the auction, keeping track of bids and tabulating, etc...

Let Us Know!

[Click Here for more](#)

If you or your group are planning another charitable activity at MarsCon, please let us know ahead of time so we can help you promote your event as well.

Bid on stuff!

Gordy Dickson Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Gordy Dickson Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2002 for three purposes

To honor Gordy Dickson, local fan and science fiction and fantasy pro writer who died in 2001

To collect money to send potential new writers to the Clarion Workshop for SF and fantasy writers or some other workshop. Gordy always encouraged new writers

To promote accord in Twin Cities fandom by having a project that various fan clubs and individual fans can work on together

There is usually at least one treasure that you will really want—maybe an autographed picture of one of the Guests of Honor, a toy, some tickets to a movie, a poster, some books—so show up, bid, and remember that what you spend is going to support two worthwhile causes

[Click here for more!](#)

WHAT: A LIVE Charity Auction
WHEN: Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 10:00 am CDT - remember: Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday!!
WHERE: Main Stage (Ballroom III/IV)
HOW: Bring your badge, and raise a hand or give a shout to bid. Silent bidding is also available during open viewing starting at 9:30 am on Sunday
WHY: To lend your support to worthwhile causes and contribute to the community

Thank you for your generosity!

Hotel

The Hilton is mostly accessible by mass transit... it's about 4/10ths of a mile from the American Blvd LRT stop. There are also shuttles to the LRT stop, the airport, and the Mall of America. If you have trouble walking (perhaps due to luggage or snow) the best transit option is probably bus or train to MoA, then take the hotel shuttle

Parking

Parking continues to be spotty at best. We will work with the hotel to line up additional space, but we strongly suggest ridesharing/cab/Uber/Lyft/LRT. Hint: if you book a sleeping room you only have to park your chariot once

Hey You, Get A Room!

Having your own room gives you site to store your stuff, a place to park your paraphernalia, a closet to contain your costumes, and somewhere to sleep. Sleeping sometime over the weekend is a good idea, and less travel time over the weekend gives you more time to be at the con

Room Rates

The Hilton booking page for MarsCon 2022 sleeping rooms is now available here. Room rates are \$99.00 + tax per night (run of the house). The cutoff date for this rate is Thursday, February 17, 2022

Travel Tips

At the risk of repeating ourselves, we recommend carpooling or mass transit to reach MarsCon. But if you do drive and find the Hilton parking lot is full, there will be overflow parking (somewhere)

Party Anyone?

If you are planning to host a safe, in-person party, please fill out the Party Request Form on the website

Rates for party rooms are the same as regular sleeping rooms

[Parties at MarsCon - Click Here!](#)

A/V Room

Have a/n Indie film/s that you would like to screen at Marscon 2022? Submissions are now open until February 1, 2022

All entries must meet Marscon Rules for consideration, so be sure to check out the MarsCon website for all the rules

Email us to find out how to submit your film

av22a@marscon.org

[Click here for more!](#)

Geek Partnership Society

The A/V room is happy to partner with GPS once again to bring you some great films throughout MarsCon. See Geeky classic films. The A/V room is always looking for Volunteers / Minions if you want to help out. By helping out and covering a movie for us, you get a cool "Film Crew" Ribbon

Returning to Marscon in 2022, the Minnesota film-making team of DISTANT CALLING PICTURES is joining us for a 2-hour screening and Q & A on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Distant Calling Pictures

Program Ideas

[Click here for more!](#)

MarsCon programming is driven by our attendees. Please share in the fun by posting your ideas for programming here—talks you'd like to hear or give, presenters/performers you would recommend, subjects or activities of interest to you and other fans

This plan has served us well for a few years now, so READ THE IDEAS LIST... if you see a program event you want to help with drop us an email. If you have an idea for an event that isn't yet listed, fill in the the form and tell us about it

We are taking suggestions for both virtual and in-person events. Please submit your ideas.

Descriptions of each idea are available on the Ideas page

The Do-Jahng:
Just What Is This
Comic About, Anyway?
With Jon Sloan, 2022
Artist Guest of Honor

By getting beginning programming suggestions online fairly early we're hoping to stir your creative juices and generate even more great programming suggestions

Promote Your Work!
What are the wackiest ways
people promote their books?
Or comics? Or art?

Sharknado!
Fabulously
Awful!!!

Hexbug BattleBots
Tournament

MarsCon Planning Meeting Schedule

All dates are (mostly) second Sundays 1-4pm. Virtual meetings for the time being. Check back for updates.

ConCom Meeting Schedule 2021-2022

[Click here for more!](#)

Sunday, October 17, 2021
Sunday, November 14, 2021
Sunday, December 12, 2021
Sunday, January 9, 2022
Sunday, February 13, 2022
Sunday, February 27, 2022

All interested fans are welcome to attend virtual meetings.

Email info22a@marscon.org for a Zoom invitation.

Let's Dish on Cons! What are the silliest, craziest, best memories from hanging with your friends at a con?

Video Gaming Evolution

Plagues & Pandemics in Fiction

Casting/ Re-casting the Classics

Women in Filmmaking

COSTplay - Cosplay is for everybody and every BODY, and also, for every budget!

Love the story, hate the author

Building a Better Martian

Power for the Lunar Shadow

Fandom Fashions Panel

and more

Artistic Inspiration Pandemic Edition

Writing Craft: World Building Hard vs Soft

How to start a Podcast

Dark Interstellar Habitats

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Register today!

What can I do?

panel discussions, parties,
guest of honor presentations,
crafts, art show, film/
anime room, science room,
charity auction, gaming,
prop-a-torium, dealers room,
masquerade, and **so much more!**

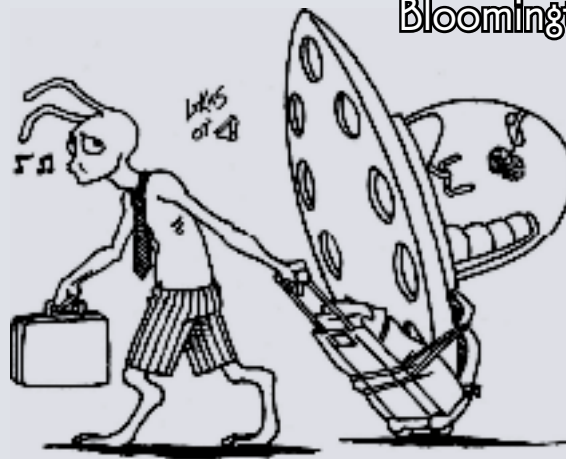
If you already purchased a 2021 membership...

Your registration will automatically roll over to MarsCon 2022—in person. Pick up your badge(s) at Registration. Thank you for supporting MarsCon.

No registration charge for children under six.

Badges happily provided for this age group upon request—however, they don't need to wear badges.

Full Weekend Membership	Through 10/31/21	Through 1/31/22	At The Door
Teen/Adult	\$45	\$55	\$70
Child (6-12)	\$25	\$30	\$35
Supporting †	\$30	\$35	†
Sponsor ‡	\$80	\$80	\$80
PartyHost Discount	\$35	\$45	\$70



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† **Supporting** members pay a reduced rate through 1/31/2022 to hold memberships and then complete the purchase by paying an additional \$25.00 at any time up to and including at the door.

‡ **Sponsors** get the satisfaction that comes with knowing that some extra yummy snack in the Consuite or perhaps another mic for Mainstage or an extra Guest was made possible by their contribution. A donation to MarsCon Makes the Con Better!

Party Host Discount—For 2022 we offer a discount for the first two party hosts per party. Party hosts must include at the same time a Party Request form along with two registrations. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** The Party Host discount offer is valid until 1/31/2022 - after that At The Door rates apply.

Registration Information Please Print

Name: _____

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

Address(2): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I want information about

Dealer's Room Art Show Gaming Room

Masquerade Party Room

VOLUNTEERING

Badge Type:

Teen/Adult \$ _____

Child (6-12) \$ _____

Supporting \$ _____

Sponsor **\$80**

Party Host \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please e-mail me:

Mars Today Updates

Progress Reports as PDFs

Mail this form to:

MarsCon

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Eagan, MN 55121

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convention name