

# MARSCON 2022

Sneak peek  
of the Con  
T-Shirt!

By Artist  
Goli  
Jon Sloan

## The Future Ain't What It Used to Be!

March 11-13

A fan-run  
fantasy/science-f  
iction convention  
for all ages

Welcome to  
the return  
of in-person  
conventions!

Lots of  
MarsCon  
Progress!

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

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

Held every March in  
the Twin Cities area

The MarsCon 2022 COVID Policy! Hint: getting yourself and your loved ones vaccinated and boosted will help!

New information about the Art Show!  
Updates on Guests of Honor, Comedy Music, Dealer's Room, USS Nokomis Blood Drive

Meeting Schedule Changes and Updates—everyone is invited!

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

## MarsCon 2022 Covid-19 Policy

Our Covid-19 policy is subject to change as the situation continues to evolve

MarsCon members must be fully vaccinated or provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours prior to the start of the convention. (Proof of vaccination may include your physical card, photo of your completed vaccination card, or digital proof. Proof of a negative test may be a printed or digital test result.) Pursuant to CDC guidelines, if you recovered from COVID-19 within 90 days prior to the start of the convention, and are no longer contagious or symptomatic, you must provide documentation of recovery from a licensed healthcare provider or a public health official.

Please wear a face covering and make sure that it covers your nose AND mouth while attending MarsCon 2022, regardless of vaccination status. (Wearing N-95 or

KN-95 grade masks is encouraged). Vented masks and neck gaiters are not acceptable. Face coverings may be removed when eating or drinking in designated spaces or by panelists and presenters while socially distanced on stage or at head tables.

Complimentary hand sanitizer and face masks will be available at the con.

Donations of cash and supplies to cover these costs, gladly accepted.

Additionally, please be aware of and respect the personal boundaries of your fellow attendees.

If you are not feeling well or are experiencing symptoms, please respect the safety of others and stay home and take care of yourself. Be prepared for a temperature check at the door. If you stay home due to illness, you can request that your pre-paid registration roll over to 2023.

## Call for Volunteers!

### 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

### 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 [volunteer22b@marscon.org](mailto:volunteer22b@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

Thank You!

By the way  
We Have  
Cookies!!!

## Guests of Honor & Notable Presenters

### Media Guest of Honor

**Michael Moore** has worked in the film and entertainment industry for over 35 years, specializing in prop fabrication and Product development prototyping.

He has worked on multiple blockbusters including the Star Trek Franchise, and The Hobbit Trilogy, and cult classics such as Beetlejuice, Gremlins 2, and Re-Animator. Michael has worked with many amazing people throughout the years, from artists to producers. Star Trek continues to be a big part of his life, whether it be working on the current incarnation of the show or working with a licensee on new "Star Trek" product. Michael now runs his own Prop Shop HMS Creative Productions inc. with his wife and a group of extremely talented artists.

### Author Guest of Honor

**Catherine Lundoff** is a Minneapolis-based award-winning writer, editor and publisher. Her recent stories and articles are available at the LMHPodcast, Fireside Magazine, American

Monsters Part 2, Queer Voices, Haunting Shadows: A Wraith V20 Anthology, World of Darkness: Ghost Hunters and Dream Foundry. Her recent titles include the Wolves of Wolf's Point series Silver Moon and Blood Moon, Out of This World: Queer Speculative Fiction Stories, Unfinished Business: Tales of the Dark Fantastic and as editor, Scourge of the Seas of Time (and Space). She is the publisher at Queen of Swords Press, a small press specializing in award-winning fiction from out of this world, and teaches writing and publishing classes at the Rambo Academy and Springboard for the Arts.

### Comedy Music Guest of Honor KnuckleHeadz

are a Father/Son Comedy Rap Group from Roanoke, VA consisting of Grandmaster Jax (now 9-years-old) and his father Stevie D aka Ol' Dirty Dada (from Illbotz, lotta years old.) They recorded their first song "Na-Na-Na-Na-Boo-Boo" when Jax was 3 years old and soon after released their first album "No Sleep Til Bedtime." Their 2nd album "Mo Money, Mo Legos" was released at the end of 2020 and was produced by Stones Throw Artist Stimulator Jones. It includes such non-radio-smash singles as "Peed In My Pants," "Ice Cream Girl," "If You Believe In Playing Chess," and "Lost In The Woods." Their music is available on all streaming platforms.

### 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.

## Art Show

Whether your interest is in selling or shopping, there is information on the Art Show page for you. If you have any questions, please let us know at [art22b@marscon.org](mailto:art22b@marscon.org).

### Some Important Dates:

Friday, March 4 11:59 pm—Deadline for Online Submissions—Reserve your space!

Thursday, March 10, 6:00 pm  
11:00 pm—Room Setup

### Art Show Volunteers!

if you would like to volunteer for the Art Show please contact us at [art22b@marscon.org](mailto:art22b@marscon.org)

**Full Schedule on the  
[Art Show Web Page](#)**

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

## Comedy Music

Much more about our Comedy Music Track can be found here

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

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](#)

**For a MarsCon comedy music sample**

### **The Current Schedule Tentatively Includes:**

Power Salad, Insane Ian, Devo Spice, TV's Kyle & Lindzilla, Il Neige, MeowMeme, Versatile Fluff, The Great Luke Ski, The FuMP Jukebox, and Comedy Music Smackdown

### **12th Annual Logan Awards**

The Logan Awards - named in honor of sorely-missed comedy musician Logan Whitehurst - return to MarsCon. Special thanks to The Funny Music Project (a.k.a. The FuMp) for once again inviting us to host the

## 17th Annual MarsCon Blood Drive!

This year is the 17th American Red Cross blood drive at MarsCon. The USS Nokomis is inviting everyone to come save up to three lives with one donation on Saturday the 12th between 10am and 4pm. MarsCon donors have touched over 1,200 lives with their donations over the last 16 years, and this year we'll touch even more! The Red Cross has taken every precaution to make donation safe during the pandemic, so please help out during this unprecedented blood shortage.

Present to donate to get most coveted, hardest to get, absolute coolest ribbon at Con! Three ways to sign up: Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) using sponsor code MarsCon or click our link directly to this drive, **email [Firstofficer@ussnokomis.org](mailto:Firstofficer@ussnokomis.org)**, or come to the table near the east parking lot door (near the rest rooms) on Saturday to sign up with USS Nokomis crew members.

We are constrained again this year to a lower number of appointment slots due to COVID-19, so grab your time early!

## 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!

## 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!**

## Party Anyone?

Rates for party rooms are the same as regular sleeping rooms

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

**Parties at MarsCon**  
**Click Here!**

## 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!

## Dealer's Room

Emerald's Emporium  
Funk 'n Fantasy  
Cloudy Sky Comics  
Rokaturas LLC  
Redbird Embroidery Etc.  
Victoria and The Artist LLC  
Art by Tyler Prawl  
Infinite Diversity  
ANRIAS, Games  
Wayne and Sons  
Dan Voltz Art  
Brazen Device

**Confirmed dealers**

S.R.S. Mythic Designs  
Skullcrusher Studio  
Wild Riders Leather & Wood  
Illusion Makeup Studio

The Dealers' Room will be in Ballrooms I & II (second floor) as well as in the hallway by the Ballrooms. Here 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.

[Dealers Room Page](#)

Lady Dragon's Treasures  
Dragons Den  
Scoundrelle's Keep  
Spirit Haven (Ambience Massage)

# Charity Auction

The Charity Auction is held Sunday morning at 10:00 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

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!**

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!**

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.

[Click Here for more](#)

**Gordy Dickson Memorial Scholarship**

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

[Click here for more!](#)

**Bid on stuff!**

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

**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)

## A/V Room

Have a/n Indie film/s that you would like to screen at Marscon 2022? Submissions are 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

[av22b@marscon.org](mailto:av22b@marscon.org)

## 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 what to help out. By helping out and covering a movie for us, you get a cool "Film Crew" Ribbon

[Click here for more!](#)

## Distant Calling Pictures

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