



We are happy to announce MarsCon charity auction proceeds for 2013 will be split between two GREAT organizations!!

\Charity/ News!

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The Gordy Dickson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This 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 West 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.

another drum roll

Como Friends. This nonprofit organization is dedicated to supporting, preserving and enhancing Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

Since forming in 1999, Como Friends has reinvested more than \$30 million in programs and projects at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory that have helped to make this free-admission treasure Minnesota's most visited cultural destination. Como Park Zoo and Conservatory holds a special place in the hearts of Minnesota SF/F fans. Many of our talented costumers and club members participate in ZooBoo at Como Zoo each year, including our dearly departed Con Chair Jodi Klug. We hope to honor her memory by raising funds for a charity which she supported for much of her life.

So, how can MarsCon attendees help out with Charity Auction and other charitable events at MarsCon? Hey! We're glad you asked. Here are a few ways to help:

Donate stuff! If you have something that another attendee would bid on, bring it to a meeting or just drop it off in Ops when you arrive at the convention. Ops will be located in the Waldorf room this year, near Gaming and the second floor entrance from the parking ramp. Ops will also be accepting Food Drive donations which will go directly to **Twin Cities' Second Harvest Heartland** after the convention.

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.

Volunteer! 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... It's a great way to help out.

As always, thank you for your generosity and support!

Even More

Como Friends:

www.comozooconservatory.org

Gordy Dickson Memorial Scholarship Fund:

sffan.org/gdmf

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Long Version:

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Claudia Christian

Multi-talented Claudia Christian is an actor, a singer, a musician, a writer and a director. She has appeared in more than 50 films and hundreds of TV series including The Hidden, The Chase, Clean

and Sober, Hexed, Highlander and NYPD Blue. Claudia is perhaps best known and loved by science fiction

claudiachristian.net

fans for her role as Commander Susan Ivanova in the Hugo awardwinning television series Babylon 5. Her musical talents are showcased on five albums. Her amazing voice has been featured in Disney's feature film Atlantis as well as in awardwinning audio books, Jaguar commercials,

video games and cartoons.



Sarah Clemens

graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a degree in fine arts and art history, and the conviction that she would always be an artist in one capacity or another. She has freelanced in logo design and book cover illustration and photography, worked as the curator of exhibits at a science museum and for the last fifteen years been a medical



by Sarah Clemens

illustrator. But the need for self-expression is most important, and she began creating her own challenges, in the form of large oil paintings of friends and family members. Her realistic approach was second nature, after so many years of meticulous detailing in medical illustration. She has shown her work at galleries in Palm Beach, Florida and Boca Raton, Florida, Scottsdale Arizona and Beverly Hills, as well as exhibiting at the Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach and the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach and the Mesa Art Center in Mesa, Arizona. A recent move to the Southwest has been inspiring, and trips to the Grand Canyon for intensive photographic shoots are sure to show up in her paintings.

The Thrift Brothers

Damon and Yancey Thrift have lately been stunning costume aficionados with the Steampunk TARDIS and Steampunk Dalek costumes they created which come complete with blinking hats and LED-enhanced sonic ray-guns. These brothers from Minnesota have created some of the greatest Con Costumes the state has ever seen, and we are so fortunate they will be sharing their costume knowledge and techniques with us at MarsCon this year.

> You can see some of the other costumes by visiting www.flickr.com/photos/11030197@N06/

Harry Norman Turtledove

A man of many pseydonyms, in 1979, Turtledove published 🗟 his first two novels, Wereblood and Werenight, under "Eric G. Iverson." Turtledove later explained that his editor at Belmont Tower did not think people would



real name was "Turtledove"

believe the author's

and came up with something more Nordic. He continued to use the "Iverson" name until 1985, when Herbig-Haro and And So to Bed were published under his own name. He published three books under "Dan Chernenko" (the Scepter of Mercy series), and has also published under "Mark Gordian." Turtledove has recently begun publishing historical novels under "H.N. Turteltaub", Turteltaube meaning "turtle dove" in German.

G. David Nordley

G. David Nordley was born and raised in Minneapolis and Golden Valley, Minnesota. His main interest as a writer is the future of human exploration and settlement of space, and his stories typically focus on the dramatic aspects of individual lives within the broad sweep of a plausible human future. His novella "Kremer's Limit," written with C. Sanford Lowe, appeared in the July/



August 2006 issue of Analog. A collection of linked Mars-related stories was published as an electronic book by Scorpius Digitalin September 2001, with a print version appearing in 2003 (sold out). His novel To Climb a Flat Mountain (first appearing as a serial in Analog) was published (ebook and print-on-demand) by Variations on a Theme Publishing. He is a four-

time winner of the AnLab, the Analog reader's award for best story or article of the year, and has also been a Hugo and Nebula award nominee.



The MarsCon Dementia Track is excited to announce that the 2013 Music Guests Of Honor will be British comedu music trio FLAT 29!

Dan, Charlie, and Rich formed the band in 2004 while they were attending a poncy performing arts school, all living together in 'flat 29'. After their 2nd album, they started a fortnightly podcast called "Flat 29's Big Book Of Everything", in which each episode tackled a specific topic and featured a new comedy song on that topic.

In late 2010, they recorded a 30 minute musical about Sherlock Holmes and his time traveling adventures with his robot sidekick Professor Winston, and joined the ranks of 'the FuMP dot com'.

In early 2012, FLAT 29 released an album of soupedup versions of their most popular songs from their podcast, titled "Secret Handshake", which Luke Ski

In our effort to promote genres that we love and fandom, we are starting two electronic writing contests; One open to High School Students and the other open to Undergraduates.

The Rules:

- 1. You are limited to 1000 words (about 4 pages).
- 2. You have one cover page to list your contact information.
- 3. Your entry should be focused on Science Fiction or Fantasy.
- 4. Submissions are due by the end of MarsCon; Midnight, March 3
- 5. Send your five-page submission to: info@marscon.org

We retain the right to post your submission from entry date to 90 days after the convention.

calls the best comedy music album of the year.

Thanks to a very generous donation

from 'Dementia Radio dot org', Flat 29 is coming to America for the first time to perform for us at MarsCon 2013. So get psyched, yankees! (flat29.com)

Also performing at MarsCon for the first time is up and coming nerdy comedy rockstar Mikey Mason! His song "She Don't Like Firefly" went viral, and his forthcoming album "Barbarian Jet Pack" is sure to be epic! (mikevmason.com)

Don't forget we will also be hosting the 3rd annual Logan Awards, and will have a bunch of performances by returning regular favorites all weekend long. So come join us as we celebrate the 10th YEAR of the MarsCon Dementia Track!



First Place is \$75.00 Second Place is \$25.00.

Each winner will receive a quest membership to MarsCon 2014.



The copyright remains the property of the writer. We need time for our readers to review your submission and vote on the ones that they like best.



Why, yes, the MarsCon year begins and ends in March. Doesn't yours?

MarsCon planning meetings, a.k.a. ConCom meetings, take place through the

year. You needn't be a member of the committee to attend; we welcome visitors, representatives of other groups, and the mildly curious. We promise to not press-gang you... unless you express an interest in volunteering. In that case you are so ours.

All ConCom meetings start at 1:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites.

Check the events monitors once you arrive at the hotel to see which room we're in on that date. Here are just a few dates of note:

2013

January 20: MarsCon Planning Meeting January 21: Program Book Deadline February 10: MarsCon Planning Meeting February 24: MarsCon Planning Meeting (the "What did we forget?" meeting)

March 1-3: MarsCon happens!



There is still room for you to host a party on 13th floor!

How do you sign up? Good question! Here's the steps:

Fill out a party room request online at marscon. org/2013/party.php

Book a regular sleeping room through the hotel.

Give us your confirmation number so we can make sure your room gets placed with all the parties.

Room assignment is first come, first served.

Take a look at the list of some of the parties currently in the planning stages for MarsCon 2013

Honor Harrington Fan Club Partu Hosted by The Royal Manticoran Navy: 2nd Fleet

The Arkham Asylum and R1Yeh Refuge:



A Cthulhu Crusade for the Love of Lovecraft Hosted by CON-DROIDS

The Big Lebowski (The dude abides) Hosted by The Dude's Abode

Reboot Hill (Friday: A Fist Full of Quatloos/ Saturday: For a Few Quatloos More) Hosted by IKV RakeHell

Klinzaa Lounge 3.0

Captain Kirk's House of Ill-Repute! Hosted by ValleyCon

Babylon 5

World Defense Force

Space Odditu Music Club & **Brew Pub**

Karaoke and Desserts!

Doctor Who. hosted by TARDIS Tea Society

Dementia Radio

It's 1985, hosted by Tommy

NoBrand Con

Anime Lounge, hosted bu Anime Twin Cities

Narnia, hosted by Brit Con

Tales of the Unanticipated

Bandana Square Cons

Partu for Readers and Viewers. hosted by Second Foundation

More added just about EVERY DAY!!



Tricky to find—like any self-respecting rave—and well worth the effort. Get ready for Live DJs spinning hip hopping, dubstepping, jive talking, psychedelic, laser-lit musicbroom into the wee hours. Music Man Mark will honor requests as best he can especially if it means putting your techno playlist through his subwoofer!

Enjoy MarsCon all weekend long by getting a room!

MarsCon will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites (formerly Holiday Inn Select).

Room Rates:

\$95 plus tax for a regular room and \$115 plus tax for suites on any floor, including the party floor (13th).

Room Reservations

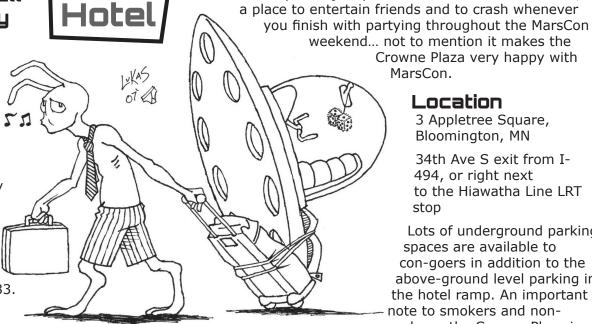
Call the hotel directly: 952-854-9000

Toll-Tree: 1-800-227-6983.

Make sure to mention MarsCon Sci-Fi/Fantasu Convention.

Tip: Try calling the 952 number first during regular business hours, and please let us know if you have any trouble getting the MarsCon rate so we can help.

Taking a room at the hotel is the best way to enhance your MarsCon experience. You have a home base, a place to park the wonderful



Location

treasures you've just purchased in the Dealers' Room,

3 Appletree Square, Bloomington, MN

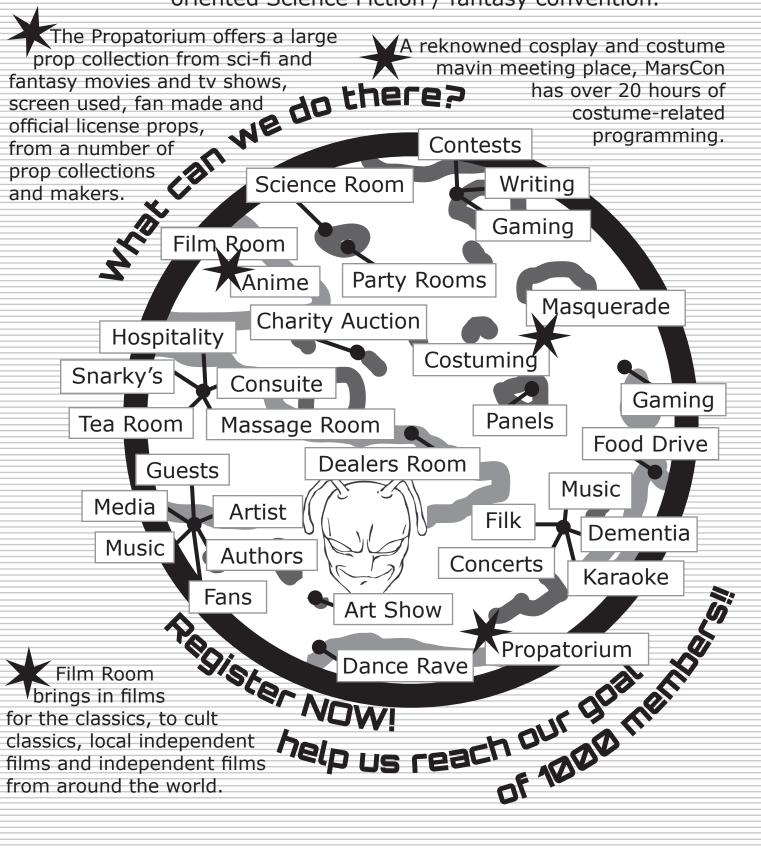
34th Ave S exit from I-494, or right next to the Hiawatha Line LRT stop

Lots of underground parking spaces are available to con-goers in addition to the above-ground level parking in the hotel ramp. An important note to smokers and nonsmokers: the Crowne Plaza is now a 100% non-smoking hotel.

Website: www.cpmsairport.com

MarsCon FAQ\ What is it?

MarsCon is a fun, volunteer run, Family oriented Science Fiction / fantasy convention.





The Dealers Room will be in the same location as in previous years. We will have some previous

Masquerade

Dealers, and some new, with the usual "great variety of merchandise"! So start saving your \$\$\$ for that great one of a kind purchase... or that "JUST HAVE TO HAVE!!!"

Sales

For MarsCon's 15th year, we offer an Anniversary Special Patch at our merchandise table. A must have for every fan!

Artists Alley

New this year is an Artists Alley. A place fans can visit with the artist, discuss the artist's creations, and make a purchase (or two, or three) Some artists from the previous Dealers Room will relocate to this area! This will be a great opportunity to spend time with your favorite artist(s).



Here we are again, to remind you of all the fantastic costume related programming, panels, workshops, and hands on craft sessions that the MarsCon Masquerade Lounge offers! For kids as well as adults!

How about that 'Hobbit' movie?

We've got 2 panels for that: 'Creating the.....Hobbit' (a combined wig, makeup, costume demo) that will show you how to transform into a character right

out of the Shire (sorry, we can't do anything about your height). Or 'Costumes from Middle Earth'—a discussion about what went into creating the wonderful clothing from 'The Lord of the Rings' and 'The Hobbit'.

We even hope to have sessions on leather working, and cool looking 'armor' (a la Wonderflex).



Futuristic, edgy Sci-Fi costuming more your style? Then make sure to attend the sessions on EL wire and LED and the recent technologies that are becoming the next big thing in cosplay.

We don't forget Anime and Video Gaming Characters. We're currently rounding up those who

have really created something stunning, for a 'How did you DO that?' show and tell session, where we beat the secrets... er, persuade them to tell us how they managed to create such incredible costumes. This is where we kidnap the Costume GOHs, Yancy and Damon Thrift and force them to divulge their costuming secrets!

Word to the Wise

Don't be alarmed if you're suddenly pounced upon in the public areas. It's just the (very secret) Hall Costume Award judges bestowing an award on your fabulous outfit!

All of this wonderful programming can't take place without MINIONS! WE NEED MINIONS, also known as volunteers.

From those who help getting people registered for the Masquerade, assisting contestants during the contest (as 'den mommies and daddies'), to setting up panels and demos - we can can't do it by our 'onesies'. We need help (no, not THAT kind of help - but you do have to be a little crazy to work here - much more fun that way!)

Remember: If you want to see a particular costume related panel—you need to tell us, AND, better yet, volunteer to head the panel, or do the demo!

Looking forward to seeing you all at MarsCon 2013



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Program Book	Group	Pro
Full Page (7" x 8.5")	\$60	\$85
Half Page (7" x 4.25")	\$30	\$50
Business Card	\$15	\$25

We're back for year 7. Come see what new props we have, and the return of our favorite props. From Indiana Jones, Harry Potter, Star Trek, Star Wars, Stargate, Lord of the Rings, and so much

op-A-Torium: more from movies and TV 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!

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.

Hello once again from MarsCon Gaming! Last year was awesome, and we've already got a lot in store for the coming year as well.

Gaming will once again run as late as people want it to. If you missed any of the events, many are returning for MarsCon 2013, plus some new ones that are sure to please!

Game requests are always welcome at **games13@marscon**. org or follow the link on the web site. Space for scheduled events is limited. People can sign up for any block of time to host whatever games they want, no matter how ridiculous. Any open space remaining will allow Open Gaming. The casual format of open gaming has worked well for us in the past, so we're sticking with it. Thanks for the continued support.

We've brought back the Reaper Miniatures Paint and Take this year after the huge success of last year. We're also planning on several Magic events, including the free tournament!

Something new, we're running a gaming event for the younger generation; Dungeons & Dragons for kids. Bring your kids down for a light-hearted version of the classic role playing game.

So keep checking the website for updates as the convention approaches. Now, get your pencils, dice, cards or board games ready! 2013 is going to be another awesome year in the Gaming Room!

Something to keep in mind: Gaming is not "con" for child care. We are not baby sitters, we are not here to look after your children and we are not certified to do this.



The A/V room is happy to team up with The Geek Partnership Society.

We will bring you the great cult classics, great geeky films and a few surprises along the way. The A/V needs your help-if you love films, please help out the A/V room by volunteering!

<u>o</u>Thrivino Ethe future 🖯



Come and take time in your busy Con schedule to relax, enjoy and discover the Chocolates that inspire Passions with Simply Cooking's Chocolatier Pat Kandaki.

They will be alive. Come and see some very interesting members of the animal kingdom who may have been the inspiration for Dragons and Monsters of the Jungles.



Here at Marscon Labs we have been researching the difference between volunteers and Minions. Minions have been a recent development in the volunteer program's spectrum. We have been doing genetic

modeling of volunteers for years. As minions first started to appear on our radar we started to do genetic modeling on them as well for a comparison study. We found that minions have more ownership and more pride in what they do.

We have had some trouble with our genetic replicator so please stay away from

the yellow oozing goo of our failed experiments. The best we have been able to do so far is to turn volunteers into minions. We have also been able to turn minions into department heads.

Marscon is looking for volunteers to **become Marscon Minions.** A Marscon Minion gets a Minion T-shirt. Our Minions have their own Minion hangout where they can chill, play, and graze. After 5 minion hours you get one meal in Snarky's Café.

Register now to be a Marscon Minion.

Snarky's is catered food (solid meals) for people who help run our MarsCon convention. ConCom Members, Dealers, People running Room Parties, People running Programming and Volunteers who do at least 5 hours of work at MarsCon or for MarsCon. It is a way to avoid having to run out for food or bring and prepare food in your room.

For the low cost of \$40 until February 25 and \$45 at door (maybe limited options at the door) you can be part of Snarky's for the whole weekend.

We serve breakfast, lunch and supper and are open from just after 7:00 am to 11:30 or so.

We have options for vegetarians, gluten free & also offer food cooked to stay away from

THE best deviled Registration forms are available on the

food allergies.

Guests of Honor have memberships provided as part of their package, but anyone who is assisting them can buy into Snarky's too.

None of the food in Snarky's is paid for out of the MarsCon budget. Ingredients for cooked food is purchased well ahead of time with funds from people buying into Snarky's. The fresh fruit, breads and veggies are purchased the day before MarsCon starts, hence the limitations for at-the-door purchases. The higher price is to encourage buying into Snarky's early. Plus early membership helps defray any food cost increases in the future.

Don't want to or can't afford to buy a weekend membership to Snarky's? Volunteer anyway and after a minimum of 5 hours you can eat one meal in Snarky's.

Full Menus available on request

MarsCon website.

This recipe has been passed down for generations from father to son. I have no sons so I will be passing it on to you.

Key ingredients

1-2 cups of coffee

1 whole egg, shells and all.

Required Ingredient:

A bough of evergreen (cedar is preferred, but pine will work)

8-cup stainless steel coffee pot

Metal spoon to test.

PICE

The full recipe will be in the Program Book along with a multitude of great

eggs EVAR!

convention features!

Doin us and see what all the

fuss is about!

Really Necessary

Open camp fire.

Hm. Well, as you might have guessed, fire regulations at the hotel will not allow us to brew Boundary Water Breakfast Coffee.

Know how to find out if your coffee is strong enough?

> **Hint:** That's what the metal spoon is for.

MarsCon is in its 15th year, so we're getting the word out to as many former Guests of Honor, former ConCom members and former Volunteers as possible to join in the celebration.

Callino All Former Guests of Honor or Featured Guests! Please let us know you're coming so we can make sure we have a badge waiting for you. Let us know if you'd like to do some programming or if you'll be exhibiting in the Art Show. We'd love to see you there!

Invitations have recentlu been sent to authors and other possible programming presenters. If you fall under that category, but didn't get your invitation, please drop us a line. We'd love to have you back again and it may be that our contact method didn't work or needs updating.

If you or anyone you know would like to host a discussion, a work-shop, a dance class, a main stage performance, or other event at MarsCon, we'd love to hear from uou!

Here is a sample of programming topics/events which are very likely to happen this time around:

Ask a Scientist

Broad Universe Rapid Fire Reading

Costuming with the Thrift Brothers

Decorating for Geeks

Exhibit Artists Sarah Clemens

Flat 29, Music GoHs in Concert

Girl Genius: Adventure, Romance, Mad Science!

Honor Harrington and Military Science Fiction

Programming Calling all Former GoH's! ConCom! Volunteers!

It's not too late! The Programming List-of-Ideas is ever growing. Please submit your idea to: marscon.org/2013/program_ideas.php.

In Memoriam: Wake for SF/F Stars

James Bond, 50 & Beyond

Karaoke, Karaoke, Karaoke

Logan Awards for Excellence in Comedy Music

Masguerade Costume Contest

Near Future Sci Fi Based on Science

Oil Dependency & Solar Power Satellites

Prop-A-Torium Displays

Quill's Challenge

Readings by Harry Turtledove

Suburban Survivalist with G David Nordley

The Great Luke Ski! in Concert

Urban Fantasy

Vampires Don't Sparkle

Worm Quartet in Concert

X-Men, Avengers...Comics to the Big Screen

Yesterday & Today: Claudia Christian

Zombie Apocalypse Survival

By Christine LaBountu

George was unflappable, that guy who sat

quietly in meetings with a twinkle in his eye, not letting on about the registration numbers until the moment he gave his report. We would wait for the numbers anxiously, always wondering if we were on target or if we were going to have to double our efforts to promote the convention so we could at least break even. Almost always, the report would be good news. There'd be a nearly audible sigh of relief, and then we'd move on to other reports.

His job was so crucial, so integral to MarsCon's survival these past fifteen years, yet he made it seem effortless. It is hard to imagine anyone else managing Registration so well. George's was a voice of reason when the committee was divided over some issue. He served as advisor to many convention chairs over the

years. He was a rock—a delight to know, work with and hang out with at cons and other fannish events.

> On a personal note, George and I, encouraged by a mutual friend, happened to take our amateur radio license tests on the same day a few years ago and were given call signs only two letters apart. His call sign was KC0WOA. Mine is KC0WOC. I was pleased since mine had "cow" in it front-wise and backwards—a joke going back to the subversive theme for MarsCon 2000—and I was so very glad to announce it to George because, well, I just loved getting that long-suffering look and raised

eyebrow I knew he would deliver upon my announcement. The same look he'd give my sister Nina and me when we'd put cow stickers on the backs of badges. Priceless.

George embraced Amateur Radio (Ham Radio) as a hobby, and I was happy to sit with him on a couple panels to talk about it. Only a Ham can truly appreciate the joy of a newer, bigger antenna. Hey George, get on the radio! We miss you!





Party on our 15th uear!

(or 8.97th in Mars Years)

Guests of Honor to Include

Actor

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Author

Harry Turtledove

Science Author

G David Nordley

Artist

Sarah Clemens

Fan/Costuming

The Thrift Brothers

Music

Flat 29

Registration Rates

Cut off Dates:	2012 Con	10/31/12	01/31/13	At The Door
Teen/Adult	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$65
Child (6-12)	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30
Supporting**	\$20	\$25	\$30	+\$25
Sponsor	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75

\$5 discount at all MarsCon represented events

** Supporting members pay a reduced rate through 1/31/13 to hold tickets, then complete the purchase by paying an additional \$25 anytime up to and including at the door

Crowne Plaza Hotel and Suites

3 Appletree Square Bloomington, MN 55425 952-854-9000

Registration Information Please Print

Badge Name:		
Address:		
Address(2):		
City:	State: Zip:	
Home Phone:		
Work Phone:		
E-mail:		

You can register online with Paypal or mail this form with your payment to the following address (no cash please):

MarsCon P.O. Box 21213 Eagan, MN 55121

E: info13f@marscon.org **W:** marscon.org/2013

Please e-mail me: ☐ Mars Today Updates ☐ Progress Reports as PDFs

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☐ Dealer's Room	☐ Art Show	☐ Gaming Room	Masquerade	Party	roon
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What You'll Find Inside...

Charity News—Hey, We Got TWO!

Guests of Honor Bios and Pictures

Updates on Events, Parties and Programming

Registration—Haven't filled it out? Here's your chance!

Writing Contest Deadline—Changes!

Lizards, Snakes & Centipedes

A lanky green guy with three fingers doing fannish stuff... *ahem*
That's Snarky, our mascot of 15 years.

MarsCon 2013

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