



MarsCon 2014
Time is the Key!

Guests of Honor
Media
JG HERTZLER
Music
HENRY PHILLIPS

Costuming
Rae Lundquist
Author
Esther Friesner

Fan Group
IKV RakeHell
Artist
Mickie Erickson

Prop Masters
**Dave Duca &
Michael Glielmi**

Science
Bridget Landry

March 7-9, 2014

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Bloomington-Minneapolis South
7800 Normandale Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55439**

PROGRESS REPORT 2

MarsCon CHARITY

A live vote was held at our October planning meeting, and the results are in!

Time To Support an OUTSTANDING CHARITY!

The Gordon Dickson Memorial Scholarship Fund

MarsCon 2014 charity auction proceeds will go to the Gordy Dickson Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Fund was established in 2002 for three purposes: **1** To honor Gordy Dickson, local fan and science fiction and fantasy pro writer who died in 2001. **2** 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. **3** To promote accord in Twin Cities fandom by having a project that various fan clubs and individual fans can work on together. For further news and information about the fund, see sffan.org/gdmf.

We are also hosting a food drive for Twin Cities' Second Harvest Heartland! Bring a canned food

item—and if you donate in the name of your favorite party room, that party will receive recognition at Closing Ceremonies!



Advertise with

ADVERTISE

MarsCon, and your ad will reach an audience of SF/Fantasy fans, gamers, readers, collectors, and other like-minded beings. We are also interested in

swapping ad space with other conventions. The MarsCon Program Book is printed in black & white. All ads should be line art or grayscale, and a resolution of 300 DPI is strongly recommended.

Ads may be submitted in JPEG, TIFF or PDF file format. If you need to submit your ad in a different format (via snailmail), please let us know as early as possible to allow time for any special arrangements needed to accommodate you.

Due Date: February 7, 2014

We reserve the right to refuse any ad

Rates

Full Page

7" x 8.5"

Fan Group - \$60
Pro - \$85

Half Page

7" x 4.25"

Fan Group - \$30
Pro - \$50

Quarter Page

4.25" x 3.5"

Fan Group - \$20
Pro - \$30

Business Card

3" x 2"

Fan Group - \$15
Pro - \$25

Make a donation Surely you have a book, toy, service or other treasure that another fan would appreciate. Drop it off at a planning meeting or at the convention prior to the charity auction.

Volunteer You can help with setting up the charity auction. We will need runners and tabulators during the auction. Volunteers may also be needed to keep track of party nominations and update a giving chart. After the convention, we may also need drivers to transport food/clothing drive donations.

Show up and bid We have auctioned off some pretty fantastic things in past years, including autographed pictures and programs, hand-crafted jewelry and even Dr. Demento's top hat. There are always books, comics, t-shirts and other collectibles from which to choose.

Those who participate in the auction get some incredible deals, and it's all for a great cause.

HOTEL

Old spaces are new again as we move back to our hotel of origin for 2014—the freshly re-named DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington-Minneapolis South, located at 7800 Normandale Boulevard, Bloomington, Minnesota. As always, we invite and encourage you to enjoy the convention all weekend long by getting a room!

The room rates are \$95 plus tax for a regular room and \$125 plus tax for poolside cabanas. Hotel charges an extra \$10 for triple occupancy or an extra \$20 for quadruple occupancy, so keep this in mind when making your reservations.

The easiest way to book your room is the DoubleTree MarsCon 2014 room reservation page (linked on our web site), or you can call 1-952-835-7800.

Taking a room at the hotel is a wonderful way to enhance your convention experience. It gives you a home base, a place to park the wonderful merchandise you've just purchased in the Dealers' Room, a place to entertain friends, to store your musical instruments or gorgeous artwork from the Art Show, and to crash whenever you finish with partying throughout the convention weekend... not to mention it makes the host hotel very happy with MarsCon.

If Time Travel is possible, where are the tourists from the future?
Stephen Hawking

Time does not pass, it continues
Marty Rubin

GUESTS OF HONOR

DR. DEMENTO



JG Hertzler

Actor, voice-over actor, theater director and a Klingon chancellor! None other than General Martok himself, **JG Hertzler** will be joining us—K'Plah!



Henry Phillips

Comedian and musician, **Henry Phillips** has been performing his brilliant satirical songs at comedy clubs all across the nation as well as on syndicated radio and Television since the late 90's.



Esther Friesner

Esther Friesner will host a reading, and join in some fantastic discussions on SF/Fantasy literature as well as the art of combat shopping, and celebrating MarsCon's "Sweet Sixteen" with chocolate of course.

Mickie Erickson will share pointers on the art of turning pens and embellishing them with a Steampunk twist.



Mickie Erickson

Rae Lundquist, The DreamStitcher herself, plans to wow us with some of her costuming greats and tips of the trade.



Rae Lundquist

IKV RakeHell members will celebrate their 20th anniversary in Klingon style by dominating MarsCon with costumes, chaos and a party you've only ever dreamed about.



IKV RakeHell

Dave Duca and Michael Glielmi will share their amazing Daleks with the MarsCon crowd, so this is your chance for some quality one-on-one time with a Dalek.



Dave Duca & Michael Glielmi

Bridget Landry will regale us with her ever-popular multimedia JPL/NASA shows on the further adventures of our robot explorers in the outer edges of our solar system, as well as bedazzling us with her many costumes.



Bridget Landry

When Dr. Demento recently appeared on the Sound 100.3 FM Los Angeles to do a live 2-hour episode of *The Dr. Demento Show* (which was also broadcast over the internet to over 30,000 listeners), he played the *The Dr. Demento Show* ID we recorded live at MarsCon 2010 with the whole main stage crowd cheering and chanting his theme song, 'Pico & Sepulveda'. Immediately after playing that ID, Dr. Demento said, "Yeah, that was a crowd at a science-fiction fan convention in Minneapolis called MarsCon. I will be at that convention next Spring in March..." Well, the original plan was for that to be a surprise, but the good Doctor let the cat out of the vacuum cleaner bag! So, since it's no longer a secret...

DR. DEMENTO will be attending MARSCON 2014!

Meep Morp Studios, the crew currently in production of the forthcoming documentary feature film, *Under The Smogberry Trees: The True Story Of Dr. Demento And Mr. Hansen* is bringing the good Doctor back to his home town of St. Paul to film him where he grew up. So when Meep Morp Studios does their MarsCon 2014 main stage Q&A about their upcoming film, Dr. Demento will be joining them on stage for your fan questions! He will also have a scheduled autograph session, so bring your LPs, CDs, and other mad music memorabilia. Yes, 10 Years after he was our Guest Of Honor, Dr. Demento is returning for a visit and to join in the fun of the MarsCon Dementia Track!

And don't forget our MarsCon 2014 Music Guest Of Honor is comedy music legend HENRY PHILLIPS!

Plus! Possible Oscar, Power Salad, TV's yle, Insane Ian, Worm Quartet, Carrie Dahlby, Devo Spice, The Grate Luke Ski, DJ Particle, Beth Kinderman and the Player Characters. The Demential Smackdown concert will have songs performed by DERWOOD BOWEN, KARL BROWN, DAVE STAGNER of the Feng Shui Ninjas, Kevin Eldridge of Sponge Awareness Foundation and more to be announced!

Dementia Track website:
<http://marscondementia.com>

Special thanks once again to Wayne "WildCard" Garmil of DementiaRadio.org for sponsoring the attendance of Dr. Demento, Meep Morp Studios, and Henry Phillips at MarsCon 2014!

Programming

will have some new, exciting space in which to play for 2014. Please share in the fun by posting your ideas for programming on the Programming Ideas Page on the MarsCon website—talks you'd like to hear or give, presenters/performers you would recommend, subjects or activities of interest to you and other fans...



If you've submitted ideas in years past you already know the plan: read the ideas list... if you see a program event you want to help with drop us an email at info14@marscon.org.

If you have an idea for an event that isn't yet listed, tell us about it.

As always, MarsCon depends on our attendees for much of our programming. We are immensely grateful for the incredible programming we receive each year from artists, authors, guests, musicians, singers, actors, fan groups, clubs and individuals. Thanks in advance for all of your wonderful suggestions.

Let's do the Time Warp AGAIN!!!!

Room Parties

Now is your chance to travel back in time thirteen years to 2001, the last time MarsCon held room parties in poolside cabanas. We are eager to hear from everyone who has hosted a room party at MarsCon in the past, and we are hoping to add many new parties to fill up the available space.

As an new incentive this year, party hosts are eligible for a \$5.00 per membership discount when registering together in groups of five or more. This discount may only be applied to full weekend memberships and is subject to verification by the host hotel.

The room rates are \$125, plus tax for poolside cabanas. Hotel charges an extra \$10 for triple occupancy or an extra \$20 for quadruple occupancy, so keep this in mind when making your reservations.

The DoubleTree has a MarsCon Room Reservation page—linked on the web site—where you can book your party room. Or you may call 1-952-835-7800 and book your room by phone.

Then submit the Party Room Request form on the MarsCon web site (or contact us) so we can add your party to the list. We'll then work with the hotel to assign the proper party room to the proper group.

Confirmed Parties

- Space Oddity Music Club & Brew Pub
- This Is Geek, hosted by CON DROIDS
- U.S.S. Enterprise, hosted by the U.S.S. Nokomis and the World Defense Force
- D-Notice
- Tarzan's Karaoke and Desserts!
- Anime Lounge, hosted by Anime Twin Cities, Inc.
- Trans Galactic Inter-Dimensional Chronically Warped party
- Bilbo Baggins' home—Bag End
- The Prancing Pony, hosted by That One Fantasy
- The Greathall, hosted by Barony of Nordskogen: the Twin Cities branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism
- The Dude's Abode
- Tales from the White Hart (Arthur C. Clarke) British Geek Pub 1950's, hosted by Minnesota Space Frontier Society (MNSFS)
- Anime Fusion
- Royal Manticoran Navy
- Grave Diggers
 - Valleycon
- Cosmic Tulip Lounge
- Minicon 49, hosted by the Minnesota Science Fiction Society (Minn-StF),
- The Shrieking Shack, hosted by Doo & the Nerds,
- The Year That Was
and, of course,
- Still Crazy After All These Years, hosted by IKV RakeHell



Many THANKS
TO EVERYONE
HOSTING PARTIES
at MarsCon!

Douglas Adams
Time is an ILLUSION. LUNCHTIME DOUBLY SO.

Time is more like a big ball of wibbly wobbly... time-y wime-y... stuff.

Dates OF NOTE

Time is the key to a successful MarsCon. Our 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.

ConCom meetings usually start at 1:00 pm.

Please check our web site for meeting locations; the meetings may or may not be at the DoubleTree.

There are many fine cons in Minnesota throughout the year. We encourage you to sample and enjoy... you know where you'll be next March.



2014

February 9: MarsCon Planning Meeting

February 14-16: Con of the North

February 23: *The "What did we forget?" MarsConPlanning meeting*



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 swag. Our Minions have their own Minion hangout where they can chill, play, and graze. And several number hours served brings prizes, fame and fortune... well, not fortune—but we will love you for-EVAH!

ahem Register now to be a Marscon Minion.

Time flames like a paraffin stove and what burns are the minutes / live.
Irving Layton



Did you make an Independent film? and would like to screen it at Marscon 2014? Here is how to do it.



Rules:

- There is no entry fee for any submission.
- All entries must be original works created by the filmmaker.
- Film must be live action or animated.
- Entries submitted must be in one or more of the following genres: Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, Action/Adventure or Supernatural. Comedies set within any of these genres will also be accepted.
- A copy of film on disc, playable DVD (NTSC, Standard Definition, Region 0 or 1). No other formats.
- All Entries must come with a plot synopsis of the film, rating and running time.
- The Filmmaker grants the following non-exclusive, irrevocable licenses to show their film if pick during Marscon.
 - The Film entries also come with limited publishing for promotional purposes of the name of the filmmaker and plot synopsis.
 - Entries submitted are NOT guaranteed to be screened. Screened entries will be chosen at the discretion of the A/V head and co-heads.
- All DVDs submitted will become the property of the A/V room at Marscon and will not be returned.
- Filmmaker will hold harmless the Marscon A/V room, its assigns, partners, subsidiaries and its sponsors and Marscon its assigns, partners, subsidiaries and its sponsors from any liability resulting from any screening of the Entry.

A fun, volunteer run, Family Oriented Science Fiction & Fantasy Convention



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WHAT CAN YOU DO THERE?

- Science Room
- Writing
- Propatorium
- Gaming
- Art Show
- Media
- Consuite
- Music
- Guests of Honor
- ARTIST
- Anime
- Concerts
- Costuming
- Rae Lundquist
- IKV RakeHell
- Snarky's
- Karaoke
- AUTHOR
- Esther Friesner
- Bridget Landry
- Henry Phillips
- Panels
- Dementia
- PROP MASTERS
- Dave Duca & Michael Glielmi
- Filk
- Food Drive
- Masquerade
- Costuming
- Film Room
- Party Rooms
- Massage Room
- Dance Rave
- Volunteering
- Lunar Lounge
- Charity Auction
- Dealers Room

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REGISTER NOW ✨ **and BE SURE TO Reserve Your Room!**

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REGISTRATION Rates

Cut off Dates:	2013 MarsCon	1 Oct 2013	31 Jan 2014	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

** Supporting members pay a reduced rate through 31 Jan 2014 to hold tickets, then complete the purchase by paying an additional \$25 anytime up to and including at the door

\$5 discount at all MarsCon represented events

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Address: _____
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____
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for Science Fiction

Charity News—A chance to do GOOD!

Guests of Honor Bios and Pictures

Updates on Events, Parties
and Programming

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

A alien guy with three fingers
Gettin his Doctor Who AHWN
That's Snarky, our mascot of 16 years.

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