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# **ANNUAL THEME: WONDER WOMEN!**

We are **strong**, we are **invincible**, we are **Women!**

This year's convention theme is Wonder Women, a four-day celebration of the female creators and characters of science fiction and fantasy. We're paying homage to the sassiest, smartest, sexiest heroines, villainesses, and creators without a Y-chromosome. These Wonder Women are kicking butt and taking names, in numbers too big to ignore!

Where would Harry Potter be without **Hermione Granger**, Han and Luke without **Leia Organa**, the Doctor without his many, vivacious companions? Can you imagine the "X-men" without **Rogue, Phoenix, Storm, and Kitty Pryde**? Who would want to?

Additionally there are the women who stand on their own two feet. Think of the butt kicking **Ripley** of Aliens, **Katniss Everdeen** of "The Hunger Games", **Honor Harrington, Captain Kathryn Janeway** and even young ladies like **Lyra Silvertongue** of the "His Dark Materials" series.

And who can forget the female influence behind the characters, behind the scenes, and behind the pen? Guests of Honor **Tamora Pierce** and **Lyda Morehouse** penned tales of courageous, independent girls like "Alanna the Lioness" and "Anastasija Parker, Vampire Princess". **Bonnie Burton** is a writer for LucasFilm at Lucas Online. Bonnie creates professionally for the "Star Wars" franchise - something most nerds can only dream about. **Sophie Aldred's** job was to pretend she was traveling through time and space fighting aliens. Awesomely talented women (making your day job look exceedingly lame) they're using their talents to help share sci-fi/fantasy goodness with the world.

We look forward to celebrating all the women in our lives who have inspired us at CONvergence 2012.



# Guests of Honor

Every year we are fortunate enough to have amazingly talented and fun people join us as Guests of Honor. The coming year looks to be no exception. The following individuals are scheduled to join us as Guests of Honor at CONvergence 2012. Watch our website for the latest additions and updates.

## SOPHIE ALDRED



Best known for her portrayal of the 7th Doctor's companion, Ace, **Sophie Aldred** is an English actress, singer, and television & radio presenter with a love of performing for children. After her 1987-1989 run on **Doctor Who**, Sophie hosted the long-running BBC series **Words and Pictures**, and Melvin and Maureen's **Music-a-Grams**. She has been a voice actress in Big Finish Production's **Doctor Who** audio plays, as well as animated series such as **Dennis & Gnasher**. A fan of "Doctor Who" as well as a performer, she co-wrote **Ace, The Inside Story of the End of An Era** with **Mike Tucker** in 1996.

## BONNIE BURTON

Founder of one of the first women's pop culture websites, Grrl.com and contributor to sites such as Starwars.com, Boing Boing, AOL, Huffington Post, CNN, and Teenwire.com. Her books include **The Star Wars Craft Book**, **Draw Star Wars: The Clone Wars**, and **You Can Draw: Star Wars**. Early readers can enjoy her DK Reader chapter book **Star Wars: The Clone Wars: Planets in Peril**. She also writes a monthly column for **SFX Magazine**, has written essays for the comic book anthology **Womanthology** and the "field guide," **The Girls' Guide to Guys' Stuff**, and articles for **Wired**, **Bust**, **Craft**, **Star Wars Insider** and more. She has a vlog, "**Ask Bonnie**", which can be found on YouTube.



## JENNIFER CLARKE WILKES

**Jennifer Clarke Wilkes** has been a gamer since she stumbled upon the Carleton University Strategy Club. Originally from Canada, she spent 10 years honing her technical writing and editing for the Canadian government before she decided to try her hand at game editing. As a freelancer she edited White Wolf's "**Vampire: the Masquerade**" and her project "**The Last Supper**" won an Origins Award. Hired by Wizards of the Coast in 1995, she worked on "**Ars Magica**," "**Magic: The Gathering**" as well as the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th editions of "Dungeons & Dragons."



Additionally, she works for e-publisher ElectricStory.com.

## LYDA MOREHOUSE

**Lyda Morehouse** wears a couple of different hats professionally. Under her own name, she's an award-winning science fiction author of the **LINK Angel** series, a unique blend of cyberpunk and religion the last book of which won the Philip K. Dick Special Citation Award for Excellence. As **Tate Hallaway**, she writes urban fantasy set in the midwest for adults and for teens. When she's



not writing, meeting with her writing group the **Wyrdsmiths**, or spending time with her family, she occasionally teaches writing at the **Loft Literary Center** and cartooning through Eden Prairie Community Education.



## SHARYN NOVEMBER

**Sharyn November** is a fiction editor who works directly with teen readers to find out what they want to see published. Nominated by the World Fantasy Awards in the Best Professional category in 2004 and 2005. She was nominated again in 2007 for Best Anthology for her work in ***Firebirds Rising***. She currently works as Senior Editor for **Viking Children's Books** and as Editorial Director of ***Firebird Books*** - an imprint that focuses on fantasy and science fiction, which she launched in 2002.

## TAMORA PIERCE

Beloved and award-winning young adult author **Tamora Pierce** decided she wanted to be a writer early on - sharing her first novel ***Alanna the Lioness*** to her charges while she worked as a housemother in a group home for teenage girls. The rest of the world got to hear Alanna's story in 1983 when Tamora's first novel, ***Alanna: the First Adventure***, was published in her ***Song of the Lioness*** quartet. She continued to write for the next decade while holding down a number of day jobs until she became a full time author in 1992. Tamora also wrote the ***Circle of Magic*** quartet, the ***Protector of the Small*** quartet, the ***Trickster*** series, and 2011's ***Tortall and Other Lands: a Collection of Tales***, containing Tamora's collected short stories.



## RUTH THOMPSON



**Ruth Thompson** loves art and became a professional artist in 1990, creating fantasy illustrations for collectible card games, magazines, board games, books, role-playing games and prints for companies such as Royal Fireworks Press, Wizards of the Coast (for ***Magic: the Gathering***), ***Dragon Magazine***, ***Palliard Press***, ***Steve Jackson Games***, ***Excalibur Hotel***, ***Hot Topic***, ***The Franklin Mint***, and more. She started her own company, ***Tarnished Images***, in 1991 and started showcasing her work at Renaissance Fairs in 1994. Thanks to the Renaissance Fair circuit, her work can be seen from Arizona to New York, every month of the year, in over 20 states and at 14 different Festivals.

## JUDITH WALCUTT

**Judith Walcutt** writes and produces work for several different mediums, and in 1981 founded a non-profit education corporation called ***Otherworld Media*** to support this work. A specialist in children's media, Judith was part of the production team for two nationally-acclaimed, award-winning children's radio series: "***The Spider's Web***" at WGBH/Boston and "***East of the Sun, West of the Moon***," as well as the Executive Producer of Otherworld's production of "***The War of the Worlds 50th Anniversary Production***," and the Parent's Choice Gold Medal Winner, "***The Centennial Celebration of The Wizard of Oz***". Throughout her career of over thirty years in the arts, Judith has worked to promote literacy, a love of storytelling, and use of the imagination to explore the fantastic.



# ***Firesign Theater*** **AT CONERGENCE**

**David Ossman** and **Philip Proctor**, of the legendary comic foursome **The Firesign Theatre**, (sometimes called the American Monty Python), are attending CONvergence to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the **Mark Time Awards** for science fiction audio. Their prescient comedy album, "I Think We're All Bozos On This Bus" is ensconced in the Mark Time Audio Hall of Fame. Mark Time is just one of the many oddball characters they have created in their more than 45 years together as a cultural landslide of comedy.



Individually they have made their marks as well. **David Ossman**, and his wife, GoH **Judith Walcutt**, were the team behind the 1988 50th Anniversary broadcast of the **War of the Worlds** on Public Radio. And Philip Proctor is one of the busiest voice actors in Hollywood, playing Howard in the **Rugrats**, and appearing in nearly every Disney animated film in the last 20 years.

The world lost Firesign Theatre member **Peter Bergman** on March 8, 2012 to leukemia. Best known as the man who invented the term "Love In" and former host of **Radio Free Oz**, he made people laugh and think for over 40 years. He planned to attend the convention this year, and we wish to honor him and his contributions to the world of fandom.

## **MARK TIME AWARDS AND RADIO SHOW**

Be sure to turn out for the **Mark Time Radio Show**, on Mainstage at 6pm (right before Opening Ceremonies). The show, "**Waiting for the Download**,"

will feature Guests of Honor and two members of the renowned Firesign Theatre. We don't want to give away too much, but expect it to be full of geeky humor and science fiction references.



# ***Hotel Update***

## **RESERVATIONS**

The CONvergence room blocks at **The Doubletree by Hilton** and the **Sofitel** are FULL, and we are referring all new requests for rooms to the overflow hotels, located across Highway 100 from the convention hotel. Other hotels in the area prepared to host our attendees are:

### **The Crowne Plaza**

*5401 Green Valley Drive, Bloomington, MN (952.831.8000)*

### **The Staybridge Suites**

*5150 American Blvd W., Bloom., MN (952.831.7900)*

This hotel includes free hot breakfast and free shuttle to the convention.

**Be sure to request the CONvergence rate.**

The convention dates for 2012 are Thursday July 5, Friday July 6, Saturday July 7, and Sunday July 8.

## **CONFIRMATIONS**

The CONvergence Hotel Team has been working hard to process all of the requests received for hotel rooms and the hotels are getting out the confirmations.

If you have not received a reservation confirmation from the DoubleTree or Sofitel hotels, think you should have gotten one, and have made sure no confirmations are lurking in your spam or junk folders, please contact us at **hotel@convergence-con.org** and we will look into it for you.

## **GUARANTEE YOUR RESERVATION**

If you have received a confirmation, please be sure to contact the hotel with appropriate methods of guaranteeing your room. For the DoubleTree by Hilton, please call (952) 835-7800. For the Sofitel, please call (952) 835-1900. Please be sure to ask for the IN-HOUSE Group Reservations Coordinator when you call as the national 800 numbers may not be able to help you.

**To guarantee your room**, you may use a **credit card** or **debit card**. If you use a debit card, please be advised that when you check in, the hotel will pre-authorize your room stay, and those funds will not be available to you. Credit card guarantees are not pre-authorized.

**Why is it important to guarantee your room?** The DoubleTree by Hilton and Sofitel, in accordance with standard hotel practice and CONvergence, reserve the right to cancel non-guaranteed reservations. Often, when a reservation has not been guaranteed, the guest does not arrive to take possession of the room. Guaranteeing your reservation helps protect it beyond what CONvergence usually does to keep cancellations from happening and helps keep the room available to you in the event of a late arrival.

**Please note** that if you guarantee the room via credit or debit card and abandon your reservation without calling to cancel, the hotel will charge the first night's stay. To cancel your reservation, or make other changes, please contact the CONvergence Hotel Team.

# Registration:

## Your first stop at the convention

CONvergence Registration is your portal to the convention; it's your first stop at the con where you pick up your badge and Programming Guide, and it's the one place every member of the convention passes through.

**PRE-Convention Pickup** on **Sunday July 1st** at our Mission Control space in the **Waterbury Building** (1121 Jackson St. NE, Minneapolis). Hours will be **2:00 PM - 8:00 PM**. Members who are registered and have a Valid ID, their postcard or a valid email confirmation may pick up their badge and publications before arriving at the convention.

**Pre-registered volunteers** can pick up their badges on-site during the Early Bird Volunteer Badge Pick Up. If you are a qualified volunteer, department heads will give you a voucher so you can pick up your badge from Registration on **Wednesday, July 4th, from 3-6pm**.

**2013 Pre-Registrations** will go on sale Saturday of the con at noon.

### On Site Pick-Up

When you arrive at the DoubleTree, you'll find Registration located at the **9 Mile Grill**, just to the left of the hotel's front desk.

### Registration Hours

**Pre-Convention Pickup** (NO Money Taken)

(At the Waterbury Building)

Saturday July 1..... 2:00pm-8:00pm

**At-Con Registration/Badge Pick-up**

Thursday July 5 ..... Noon-11:00pm

Friday July 6..... 9:00am-8:00pm

Saturday July 7..... 9:00am-8:00pm

Sunday July 8..... Noon until one half-hour  
after Closing Ceremonies

### Membership Transfer Policy

Members may transfer a membership that they have purchased to either another CONvergence attendee or to a new member on-line until **June 15** for **free**. The current process is to send an email to

**registration@convergence-con.org** with the following information:

1. Owner's name and address
2. The name, age, and address of the new owner
3. Badge Name for the new owner

Transfer of Membership requests will not be accepted by email after June 15. After June 15th all transfer of memberships will only be accepted at the convention

Transfer of Memberships that occur **at con** will require:

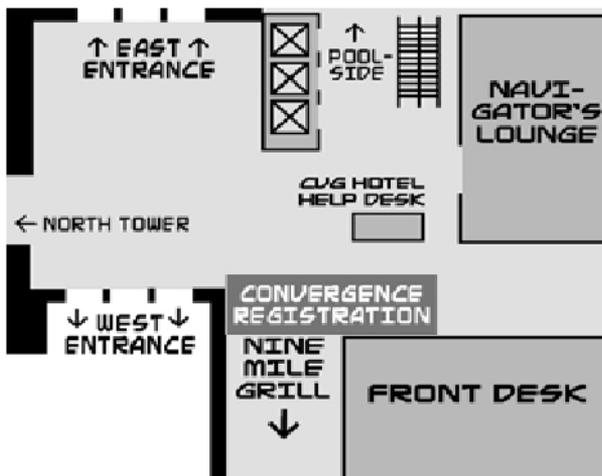
1. Transfer of Membership Form – completed and legible
2. Owner's signature on the Transfer of Membership form or a printed email with the owner's email address showing and indicating approval of the transfer.
3. New Owner's contact information
4. A \$20 fee.

## LOST BADGE POLICY

In an effort to provide the best service to our membership, panelists, entertainers, volunteers and others, CONvergence would like to reiterate its policy on lost badges.

Members who have lost their badge need to first go to **Operations (aka "The Bridge")** to see if their badge has been turned in, then go to the registration department, complete an At-the-Door form and pay **\$50** for a new badge to be created. To avoid delays, please be sure to fill out the form carefully and completely.

Lost badges will not be re-issued after the Registration department has closed for the evening.



## *Important Things to Remember:*

- **Checks will not be accepted for registration on-site.** Credit Cards and Cash will still be accepted. Checks will be accepted for registrations mailed before May 15th
- **Volunteer and pick up your badge up early!** Volunteers can pick up their badges Wednesday July 4th. Contact the Volunteer Department and they will help you get your badge and connect you with departments who need your help.
- If you have not received a reservation confirmation from the DoubleTree or Sofitel hotels, think you should have gotten one, and have made sure no confirmations are lurking in your spam or junk folders, please contact us at **hotel@convergence-con.org** and we will look into it for you.
- **Guarantee your hotel reservations:** To make sure you definitely have a hotel room and it will not be cancelled, see hotel information on page 4

# News for 2012!

## CVG-TV

CVG-TV will be posting **new content** on our **YouTube** channel this spring, including **PSAs** and **video clips** that will be broadcast during this year's CONvergence at the Doubletree Hotel. You'll see videos for party rooms, bands from Harmonic Convergence, live events from CONvergence 2012 and other great stuff. We'll also post **exclusive clips** from past convention footage and **Guests of Honor interviews** - especially tributes to the late **L.A. Banks** and **Dwayne McDuffie**. Our content will also soon be available on Vimeo. Stay tuned to CVG-TV all year round!

## PROGRAMMING

Programming for the convention is nearly complete and filled with some fantastic panels and events. We are excited to feature an abundance of local pros and former Guests of Honor on this year's schedule of events. In addition to the return of some longtime favorites like "**Iron Artist**", convention members can look forward to a **live cricket demonstration** (yes, the sport), events galore revolving around our convention theme, and a selection of programming chock-full of panels from the incredible people at **Skepchick** and **FreethoughtBlogs!**

Scheduled panels are already online and we are updating information daily. We will email out the list of your scheduled panels by April 1st, we apologize if you really wanted to sit a panel but didn't get the chance. For any questions about programming, email [\*\*programming@convergence-con.org\*\*](mailto:programming@convergence-con.org)

## ART SHOW

Show your art alongside other artists from around the world! Convention members can bid on your art, and if enough bids are gathered, it will go up for auction at Saturday night's Voice Auction. We still have plenty of room for your art. Submit your work to the show!

Registration forms and guidelines available at [\*\*www.convergence-con.org\*\*](http://www.convergence-con.org)

## ARTIST'S ALLEY

Artists Alley is for artists to sell their original graphic art either already printed or created during the convention. This year, Artists Alley is debuting "**Personal Services**" such as henna tattoos, face painting, costume repair, and hair braiding. If you're wondering how your art/artistic services might fit in or have questions about participating, email us at [\*\*artistsalley@convergence-con.org\*\*](mailto:artistsalley@convergence-con.org)

We are located in CONvergence Central on the 2nd floor outside of the Dealers Room and will be open Thursday through Sunday. **Thursday**, hours are **2-6 PM**. **Friday**, **Saturday**, and **Sunday 10 AM to 6 PM**.

## MASQUERADE REGISTRATION

We are looking forward to showcasing all of your hard work and imagination in the 2012 Masquerade. **Please register early!** Sign-up at Con has increased in volume as attendance has increased, so please try to be the first in line on Thursday night, or at the latest Friday morning. Normally we fill up by the middle of the day on Friday. Like last year, you *will not be able to register for Masquerade without providing mp3*

files of your music and your completed paperwork. If you are not using any music, this will not apply to you.

**WE WILL NO LONGER BE CONVERTING CDS TO MP3S AT CON.** Please prepare 2 copies of your music for your entry in mp3 format, preferably on a jump drive (which will be returned to you IF your name is on it). File format needs to be labeled with the REAL name of entrant, or the name of your group leader.

For more info contact us at [masquerade@convergence-con.org](mailto:masquerade@convergence-con.org)

## MAINSTAGE

We're delighted to announce the confirmation of several awesome Featured Performers who will be joining us:

**Marian Call** delivers whimsical Alaskan folk funk for the Coffee Counter-Culture. Call's sound is soulful, honest, humorous, and clever, loved by all types — computer geeks, church ladies, teenage groupies, and NPR listeners. She has toured all 50 United States and most of Canada. In October 2011, Call released her much-anticipated fan-funded double album **Something Fierce**. Find more information at <http://mariancall.com>.



Comedienne **Jackie Kashian** will be joining us for several events including a performance on Mainstage and a LIVE podcast of **The Dork Forest**. She will also be a special guest judge for Performance in the Masquerade. Jackie has been a national touring comic for over 15 years. She has her own half hour special on **Comedy Central**, was a semi-finalist on **Last Comic Standing** and has been on **This American Life** with **Ira Glass**.

Jackie's latest CD, "It is Never Going to Be Bread" was one of the top ten comedy albums on Amazon in 2010. She has a weekly podcast where she interviews people about their obsessions. Check out her website [www.jackiekashian.com](http://www.jackiekashian.com)

**Joseph Scrimshaw** is again sharing his comic genius and will be doing a LIVE audience recording of his newest album offering. Please support Joseph at [www.josephscrimshaw.com](http://www.josephscrimshaw.com)

**Live Action Set**, who amazed us all pre- Closing Ceremonies with their Lord Of The Rings trilogy in 10 minutes, is returning with another engaging nugget leading into Closing Ceremonies. **DO NOT MISS IT!** Follow their work at [www.liveactionset.org](http://www.liveactionset.org)

## HARMONIC CONVERGENCE

We will be returning to the Stevie Ray's space this year and are in the final stages of cementing the 2012 line-up for your enjoyment. You can rest assured that we will have all of your favorite activities from past years-- **GeeKaraoke, Tongue in Geek** stand-up comedy (thanks again to Stand Up! Records), plus more comic track and music track panels-- in addition to some nerdtastic new additions. This year we are pleased to introduce the **Harmonic CONvergence Open Mic**, featuring YOU! Bring your slam poetry, your love song, your comedy, your storytelling, YOUR talent and share it with YOUR people.

Any questions, feel free to contact us at [harmonicconvergence@convergence-con.org](mailto:harmonicconvergence@convergence-con.org)



# Geek Partnership Society

**The Geek Partnership Society** is a non-profit organization with a mission of celebrating imagination, inspiring creativity, and building our community, all through service and education. GPS is also Convergence Events other partner in the shared space at the Waterbury Building.

## Upcoming GPS Events

- May 12: **Annual Meeting with elections**  
2:00pm at the Event Horizon (Waterbury Building), Room 135, 1121 Jackson St. NE, Minneapolis
- May 18-20: **Art-A-Whirl**  
Come check out the artists who will be displaying in our space! Event Horizon (Waterbury Building), Room 135, 1121 Jackson St. NE, Minneapolis
- June 2: **Geek Prom**  
It's the Barbarian Bash! Formal fur-wear encouraged, please leave your siege weaponry at home. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help at the event, please contact Lisa Blauersouth at [lisa.blauersouth@geekpartnership.org](mailto:lisa.blauersouth@geekpartnership.org).
- June 9: **GPS PICNIC**  
Join us 2pm - 7pm in Cherokee Park in Saint Paul

## GPS SILENT Auction at CONvergence

**The Silent Auction** is a GPS fundraising event that takes place every year at CONvergence. The purpose is to raise money for the many educational and community activities that GPS is involved in throughout the year.

The Silent Auction will be accepting donations at the remaining CONvergence committee meetings, and we will be making arrangements for donation drop-offs at the GPS offices in Event Horizon, the geek community center.

Please email [silentauction@geekpartnership.org](mailto:silentauction@geekpartnership.org) if you'd like to make a donation, or if you'd like to help out. We will need help organizing and inventorying donations pre-con, and help at the convention as well.

For more info, check out our website at [www.geekpartnership.org](http://www.geekpartnership.org)

## PARTNERS

CONvergence partners with a variety of local groups we think you would enjoy! Check out these local partners!

### Joking Envelope

Comedian **Joseph Scrimshaw** and the good people at **Joking Envelope**, producing comedic live theater, independent film and corporate entertainment since 2009

## FALLOUT SHELTER ARCADE

**Fallout Shelter Arcade** is an independent operator of Virtual World® Tesla II System™ simulator cockpits. Their BattleTech pod game simulators have appeared at CONvergence since 2010. The arcade has 12 battle pods, and is located at 451 NE Taft St, Suite L4, Minneapolis. Hours are Saturday and Sunday, 1-7pm.

## VILLIFICATION TENNIS

What’s funnier than watching other people sling coarse insults at each other? Nothing, except maybe your mom. That’s right, **Vilification Tennis** is not ashamed of “going there”. Learn more about Vilification Tennis at [www.vilificationtennis.com](http://www.vilificationtennis.com) or come and see us perform sometime at the **Bryant Lake Bowl**.

## NORTH STAR ROLLER GIRLS

The **North Star Roller Girls** have already competed in this year’s championship bout, but it’s never too early to get psyched up for next year! Visit [www.northstarrollergirls.com](http://www.northstarrollergirls.com) for bout schedule, info about how to play roller derby, and a gallery of photobooth photos taken at this year’s bouts.

## MOMENTS SHARED PHOTOGRAPHY

**Moments Shared Photography** provided the photo booth last year, and will be returning again to CONvergence 2012. Look for MSP’s other services on their website, like pin-up portraits and more! <http://momentsshared.com>

# Advertising

Ad Size	Width	Height	Pro Rate	Fan Rate
“Business Card”	3.5”	2”	\$40	\$20
Quarter Page	3.5”	4.75”	\$90	\$45
Half Page	7.5”	4.75”	\$150	\$75
Full Page	7.5”	10”	\$250	\$125
Inside Back Cover first served)	7.5”	10”	\$300	\$300 (first come,
Back Cover first served)	8.5”	11”	\$350	\$350 (first come,

The CONvergence Souvenir Book is printed in black & white, so all ads should be line art or grayscale, and a resolution of 300 DPI is strongly recommended. Ads may be submitted to [publications@convergence-con.org](mailto:publications@convergence-con.org) as a TIFF, high quality JPEG, or PDF file. We prefer to be payment by check or credit card.

# Help Wanted

Our convention is run by volunteers and **we could not do it without you**. There are many ways you can volunteer at the convention, from being an elevator operator to helping in **ConSuite**, from being a **Wandering Host** to **badging**, from staffing the Volunteer Table to working in Connie's Space Lounge - **CONvergence needs you!**

## VOLUNTEERS

This year, we have a bigger and better **Volunteer's Den** and for that reason you will need to **volunteer four hours** to be able to join us in the Den (volunteering one hour still earns you an invitation to the Volunteer Party). With that said, we are looking for extra staff for the Den, especially people who

enjoy giving massages. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer in the Den. [volunteers@convergence-con.org](mailto:volunteers@convergence-con.org).

Our "**Connie Points**" program will continue again this year (volunteer one hour and you get one "Connie Point.") You will be able to "buy" many different items with your points: Badge wallets, 12oz bag of coffee beans, drawstring backpacks and, naturally, your Volunteer t-shirt.

### Volunteers Needed

**Consuite** - Year-round staff & General Volunteers

**Volunteer Den** - Year-round staff

**Volunteers' Table** - Sub-Heads\*

**Video** - Camera operators

**Quantum Sandbox** - Sub-Heads\* & Project leaders

**Smokers' Paradise** - Workers/Volunteers to man the smokers' tent

**Programming** - "Watcher" for Readings in Room# 201

\*Sub-heads manage staff and volunteers and have control over department resources

We would like all volunteers to sign up for Shiftboard at [www.shiftboard.com/ce/](http://www.shiftboard.com/ce/) so we can organize shifts prior to the Con. If you have any questions or would like to

volunteer in any area please contact us at [volunteers@convergence-con.org](mailto:volunteers@convergence-con.org).

## OPERATIONS TRAINING SESSIONS

Have you ever wanted to see what the **Operations Department** does? Or want to try volunteering for the operations department? We would be excited to have you join us! We will be holding information and training sessions for all positions at our May department meeting. We'll also be introducing our new Bridge layout and provide simulated training experiences for our volunteers

The department meetings will be held from **2-5 pm** at the Convergence Office in Minneapolis (in the Waterbury building, see page 2 for address). Dates are: **May 6th** and **June 9th**

Please come join us for one or all of these meetings. Bring as many friends as you want!

If you have any questions feel free to ask. email us at [ops@convergence-con.org](mailto:ops@convergence-con.org)





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**GUESTS OF HONOR**

**Mike Resnick**

Author GOH

**Jane Frank**

Agent GOH

**Rowena Morrill**

Artist GOH

**Peggy Rae Sapienza**

Fan GOH

**Story Musgrave**

Astronaut GOH

**John Scalzi**

Toastmaster

**SPECIAL GUEST:**

**Sy Liebergot**

NASA Flight Controller, Apollo EECOM

**Current Membership Rates**

Attending Membership:	\$ 215	Family Membership:*	\$540
Young Adult (17-21):	\$ 100	Upgrade Supporting to Attending:	\$165
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