



WORDS OF WONDER

The official newsletter of BayCon 2015

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Program Changes

“The Best TV Shows That You’re Not Watching” has changed. It will now be in Lafayette (at 5:30)



The room for the Art Auction has changed. It will now be in Lafayette (at 4pm)

Final Charity Auction Results

Sunday’s Charity Auction took in \$1018 for the *About Face* charity, which means that we’ve raised over an estimated \$2,000 for the weekend.

Thank you everyone for your participation!



Feedback

Given that this year’s BayCon has been compressed into three days, we didn’t schedule a “Hiss and Purr” panel.

Instead, send e-mail to “chair15@baycon.org” with any feedback you’d like to give us regarding BayCon 2015.

Twitter Feed
@BayConNews

Final Census:
1224

And Yet Another Farewell...

Farewell for this year from the other Newsletter Head. We’ve all had fun, at least I did. For me, I finally had a chance for the “InDesign Learning Under Fire” routine.... Don’t ask, but at least we now have two more people trained to use the program.

I want to thank the whole newsletter crew for their perseverance. We did really well under pressure, and we’re working like a well-oiled machine. We all have our strengths and weaknesses, and thanks to Al, who did the original recruiting, we all seem to mesh appropriately. Lynn can perform writing and layout in her sleep and has, Chris is our InDesign Wizard, Al is the great team organizer, and I’m great at the logistics. Of course, it helps that I’ve run an actual newspaper before, and Chris, Lynn and I have written news of some sort for a living. Then we have our Photographer, Craig, and this year we had a couple of awesome gophers: Ashley and Jerico. Thanks for your patience, both of you.

Yes, it’s a Busman’s Holiday for most of the Newsletter team. By the way, Al, find us some more team members that fit... I’d like to see more of the Con.

Enjoy the rest of the Con folks. And, check back on our website, www.baycon.org, for news of next year’s location.

—Diana Koivunen

Women of Wonder

Murasaki Shikibu (c. 973-c. 1025). Also known as “Lady Murasaki,” she wrote what is considered to be the first novel, *The Tale of Genji*. Murasaki Shikibu is a pen name; her real name is unknown, but she may have been Fujiwara Takako, who was mentioned in a 1007 court diary as an imperial lady-in-waiting.

Margaret Cavendish, Duchess of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (1623-1673). Author of the first Science Fiction novel, *The Blazing World*, about a utopian kingdom that is only accessible via the North Pole.

Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-1797). English writer, philosopher, and advocate of women’s rights. Wollstonecraft is best known for *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, in which she argues that women are not naturally inferior to men, but appear to be only because they lack education. Died eleven days after giving birth to “the mother of Frankenstein.”

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley (1797-1851). Born Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin, best known for writing *Frankenstein: or, The Modern Prometheus*. She also edited and promoted the works of her husband, Percy Bysshe Shelley.

Gertrude Barrows Bennett (1883–1948). The first major female writer of fantasy and science fiction in the U.S., published under the pseudonym Francis Stevens. Called “the woman who invented dark fantasy,” her best-known works include *Claimed* and *The Citadel of Fear*. Her writing influenced H. P. Lovecraft.

Thea von Harbou (1888-1954). German screenwriter, novelist, film director, and actress. Best known for the script of the film *Metropolis* and the book on which it was based.

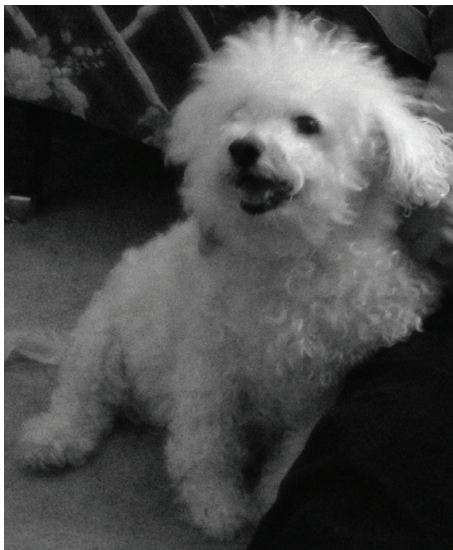
Don't Leave...Stay Late!

Due to today's event at nearby Levi's Stadium, expect traffic to be bad until at least 8 PM. Besides, since there is still programming until at least 10 PM, have fun and enjoy the rest of the Con!

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Dogs Don't Die

In lieu of a standard "Dead Dog" party, any members still at the hotel are welcome to attend the "Post-Con Brunch," Monday at noon in the Magnolia room (where gaming is now).



Newsletter staff Mascot "Lady" (aka "The Lady Of The House")

Fun at BayCon



Fun and Crafting in the DIY Room



Wonder Woman's Invisible Plane — In case you didn't see it.

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