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The Daily Dragon

In Memoriam: Eugie Foster

Eugie Foster, award-winning author of science fiction and fantasy and director/editor of the *Daily Dragon*, died on September 27, 2014, following a battle with lymphoma. She was 42 years old.

Eugie had more than 100 stories published in her lifetime, many of them nominated for or winning awards and other recognition. Her novelette "Sinner, Baker, Fabulist, Priest; Red Mask, Black Mask, Gentle-

man, Beast" won the 2009 Nebula Award and was nominated for a Hugo Award. Her final published story, "When it Ends, He Catches Her," was released the day before she died and was nominated for a Nebula.

Eugie is survived by her hus-



band, Matthew, director of the Dragon Con Independent Film Festival, other family members, and many colleagues and friends. The Dragon Con 2015 charity, the Lymphoma Research Foundation—Georgia Market, was selected in part in Eugie's memory.

A celebration of Eugie's life will be held Sun 7:00PM, Fairlie (Hy).

For more about Eugie, visit the Daily Dragon website.

Nichelle Nichols: Back and Better Than Ever

 by Shae Connor

Science fiction icon and proponent of space exploration **Nichelle Nichols** returns to Dragon Con in 2015 and will serve as Grand Marshal of the parade. She was gracious enough to answer a few questions for the *Daily Dragon* in advance of her visit to Atlanta.

Daily Dragon (DD): What is it about Dragon Con that brings you back?

Nichelle Nichols (NN): Always my fans. They love me and I love them.



DD: Your most well-known scene from *Star Trek* was the kiss between Uhura and Kirk in the episode "Plato's Stepchildren." What were some of your other favorite onscreen moments for Uhura?

NN: The kiss was certainly one of the most memorable, without question. But anytime I

got to leave the bridge and go to the planet, that was always the most fun.

DD: What do you have coming up next?

NN: I am executive producing and acting in a project I love. *Noah's Room* deals with racism, redemption, equality, forgiveness, and most of all, love. Due to recent events, it is vital that I get this made.

Read the complete interview on the Daily Dragon website.

Large Ballroom and Line Formation Policies

The large ballroom and line formation policies in the Pocket Program were truncated. This truncation made it appear to conflict with the new policies. For clarification, the entire policy should have read:

Ballrooms will be cleared between each panel. As we have limited space, please listen to our volunteers and hotel staff when forming lines. "There can be only one" (line)—do not start your own line for any event or form multiple lines for the same event. The line for the NEXT panel can start form-

ing only after the line for the CURRENT panel is inside and seated. EXCEPTION: if it is the first panel of the day or in the unlikely event that this ballroom does not have a current panel you may start lining up one hour prior to the start of the NEXT panel. Please be considerate of those needing special assistance and allow them access to the areas set aside for them. Do not sit in seats or areas marked for their use. NOTE: running, flying, or teleporting to your seat will not be tolerated.

Book Launch: *Legends of the Dragon*

Gilded Dragonfly Books launches *Legends of the Dragon*, an anthology set at Dragon Con. Meet the authors and join the celebration. Thu 7PM, Embassy D-F (Hyatt).



The Aether Lounge

Need a place to rest your top hat before Dragon Con begins? Then join the crew of the Alternate History Track for this annual meet-and-greet with regulars and newbies alike. Enjoy favorite bands Good Co., Crystal Bright and the Silver Hands, and Frenchy and the Punk. Featuring DJ Doctor Q. Thu 8:30PM, Concourse (Hyatt).

Venture Bros. Cards Against Humanity Game

Come kick off the con at our annual Venture Bros.-themed Cards Against Humanity meet-up. Get exclusive Venture swag! Win prizes! Eat our delicious free snacks! Hosted by the People's Republic of Venture fan table. Thu 9PM, Galleria (Hilton).



Bunny Hutch Party and Costume Contest

Unleash your inner playboy/girl in this geek-meets-chic kickoff party. Come dressed as your version of bunny or Hef. Be creative and mash it up with your fav fandom or crossplay for a night. Enter the

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contest to win amazing prizes, or just enjoy the company! Thu 10PM, A601-A602 (Marriott).



Star Wars Aftermath Release Party & Signing

Author Chuck Wendig will be at the Edgewood Barnes & Noble Thursday night signing copies of the first "Road to The Force Awakens" book. Aftermath! SW@DC will be helping coordinate a ride-share to the location—follow on social media to stay up to date. Thu 10PM (off-site).



Check out the Parties/Events page on the Daily Dragon website for more parties and meetups!

Schedule Changes

Hy = Hyatt S = Sheraton
 M = Marriott W = Westin
 Hil = Hilton
 AM2 = AmericasMart Bldg 2

The following previously confirmed presenters will not be able to attend Dragon Con 2015: **Arthur Adams, Rene Auberjonois, Mike Bara, Ashley Field, Jonathan Frakes, Kevin Grazier, Alex Kingston, Paul McGann, Pamela Nance, Aristotle Pramagioulis, Stephen H. Segal, Eliza Taylor, Natasha Wescoat.**

Additions

"Skeptic Makeover, then TAKEOVER"
 The biggest problem in the secular movement is ourselves. Everyone has heard of the gay rights movement. Who has ever heard of the secular movement? But with a makeover, we can take over! Fri 8:30PM, 204-207 (Hil).

John Barrowman will be on "Arrow: Two Sides to Every Coin" Sun 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Cancellations

Mike Bara will not be on "And, That's

the Truth!" Fri 2:30PM, Embassy D-F (Hy); "Real-Life Alien Abduction Exposed" Sat 2:30PM, Augusta (S).

"Dark Mission: The Secret History of NASA" Fri 4PM, A601-A602 (M).

"Inside the Actor's Gaffe with Tony Curran" Fri 5:30PM, Grand Ballroom East (Hil).

"Ancient Aliens and Secret Societies" Sat 5:30PM, Atlanta (S).

"Ancient Aliens—The Extraterrestrial Question" Sun 1PM, Augusta (S).

"A Pilot's Guide to Life-or-Death Critical Thinking" Sun 4PM, 204-207 (Hil).

John Barrowman will not be on "Doctor Who Companions" Sun 7PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Ksenia Solo will not be on "Lost Girl Cast" Mon 1PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

Kinshore Hari will not be on "For Sur-

vival: 4 Years Later" Mon 1PM, Chastain 1-2 (W).

Updates

Star Wars Costume Contest Pre-Judging. Fri 11AM-12:30PM & 2-3:30PM, Sat 12:30-2PM & 3:30-5PM, Sun 4-5PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

"A Skeptic's Guide to Meditation" moved from Fri 8:30PM to Sun 4PM, 204-207 (Hil).

"Doctor Who: The Girl Who Waited" Amy Pond herself, Karen Gillan, is interviewed about her time on the show. Sun 7PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Corrections

Southern Charm. Sun 1PM (not Sat 1PM), LARP Reg, 2nd Floor Lobby (Hil).

See the complete list of schedule changes on the Daily Dragon website, or download the latest information from the Dragon Con mobile app.

Courtesy Buses

Courtesy buses run between the convention sites about every 30-45 minutes. Buses have Dragon Con signs in the window, and all routes have handicap-accessible buses available. Complete schedule online: <http://www.dragon-con.org/?q=node/128>

Dragon Con for Newbies

New to Dragon Con? We've got three ways to get you oriented! The Newbies Walking Tour will show you the best way to get from one con hotel to another and where the food court is. Thu 2:30PM, A601-602 (Marriott). Afterward, hit up the Dragon Con Newbies Q&A,

where several long-time con attendees will share tips and tricks. Thu 5:30PM, A601-602 (Marriott). Finally, if you won't be around Thursday, Dragon Con Newbies—101 offers tips and tricks from long-time con attendees. Fri 10AM, Regency V (Hyatt).

Donate to the Charity Auction

The 2015 Dragon Con Charity Auction benefits the Lymphoma Research Foundation—Georgia Market. Dragon Con will match all donations up to \$50,000. In 2014, Dragon Con raised \$115,000 for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Items sold at past auc-

tions have included books, artwork, signed photos, movie props and replicas, costumes, a writing review by an editor, and much more. The Charity Events Booth on the Marquis level of the Marriott will accept donations 10AM-7PM Friday and Saturday.

Night at the Georgia Aquarium

Featuring DJ March J Cubs and our newest premier cosplay competition, "The Legend of the Chösen," this year's Night at the Aquarium, Saturday, 7PM-11PM, promises to be memorable.

The cosplay contest winner will receive a three-night stay in a host hotel, admission to the 2016 Night at the Aquarium, and a spot at the judge's table for the 2016 competition. Second place will receive \$200 and third place \$100 in Dealer Dollars.

Pre-judging begins at 6PM. Contestants should enter the aquarium through the entrance marked Contest Check-In, to the left of the main en-

trance on Baker Street. The top 20 entries will be posted by 7:30PM to participate in "The Chösen," which will begin at 8:30PM.

Regular admission is \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the door (Dragon Con badge not required). The food court will be open until 9PM, cash bars until 10:30PM. VIP admission is \$80.00 and gives access to a private lounge area with scenic intimate views of the animal gallery, an open bar, light bites, and the best mixes under the sea, brought to you by DJ Wondershock.

Shuttle bus service to the Aquarium will be available from the front driveway of the Marriott.

Daily Dragon Tweets

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Just the FAQs

Convention Registration Hours

Preregistration (Capitol Ballroom) and on-site registration (Georgia Hall) are located in the Sheraton.

THU: 10AM-10PM
 FRI: 8AM-10PM
 SAT-SUN: 8AM-9PM
 MON: 8AM-4PM

VIP Badge Pick-up is located in room L507 for Eternals, room L508 for all other VIPs (M).

Vendor Hall, Comic Artist Alley, and Walk of Fame Hours

FRI: 1-7PM
 SAT-SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 10AM-5PM

Art Show Hours

FRI: 1-7PM
 SAT-SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 10AM-3PM

The Dragon Con Store Hours

Marriott Store

FRI-SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 10AM-5PM

Sheraton Store

THU: 8AM-10PM
 FRI: 8AM-5PM
 SAT-SUN: 8AM-4PM

Vendor Hall Store

FRI: 1-7PM
 SAT-SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 10AM-5PM

Blood Drive Hours

Sheraton (Atlanta Ballroom)

THU: 11AM-8PM
 FRI: 10AM-7PM

Hilton (Lower Level)

THU: 11AM-8PM
 FRI-SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 9AM-3PM

Check the Pocket Program, the mobile app, or the Daily Dragon website for more information on hours and locations!



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 Hilton: 3 Sheraton: 72
 Westin: 80

DCTV LAND

(classic DCTV programming)

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The Late Show

Don't miss The Late Show, a daily morning news and update show so early it's late. It airs on DCTV at 9AM every day of the convention! Brought to you by the *Daily Dragon* and DCTV.

Shout-Outs

The Tolkien Track lost two beloved members of its fellowship this year. Jef Murray and Mel Kern, your ships to the Gray Havens took you away too soon. We will miss you this year, and all the years after, but we look forward to seeing you again in the far, green country. Namarie.



My Dragon Con partner for the last 10 years, Rachel Bohan, passed away in March. This year is dedicated to you! —Scott



Briana Lamb, our darling Lady Nerd, we're so happy that you're alive and well, and able to attend Dragon Con this year. Hope you have an amazing time! We love you! —Christina, Jimmy, and the rest of your ginormous fan club



To Elizabeth: We are Groot. Love, Bear



Happy 16th Birthday, Elijah! From your first Dragon Con parade at 6 years old marching with the 501st till now, you have always been my pride and my heart. You can accomplish anything. May the force be with you. Love, Granny Anomar



Check the Shout-Outs page on the Daily Dragon website for more!