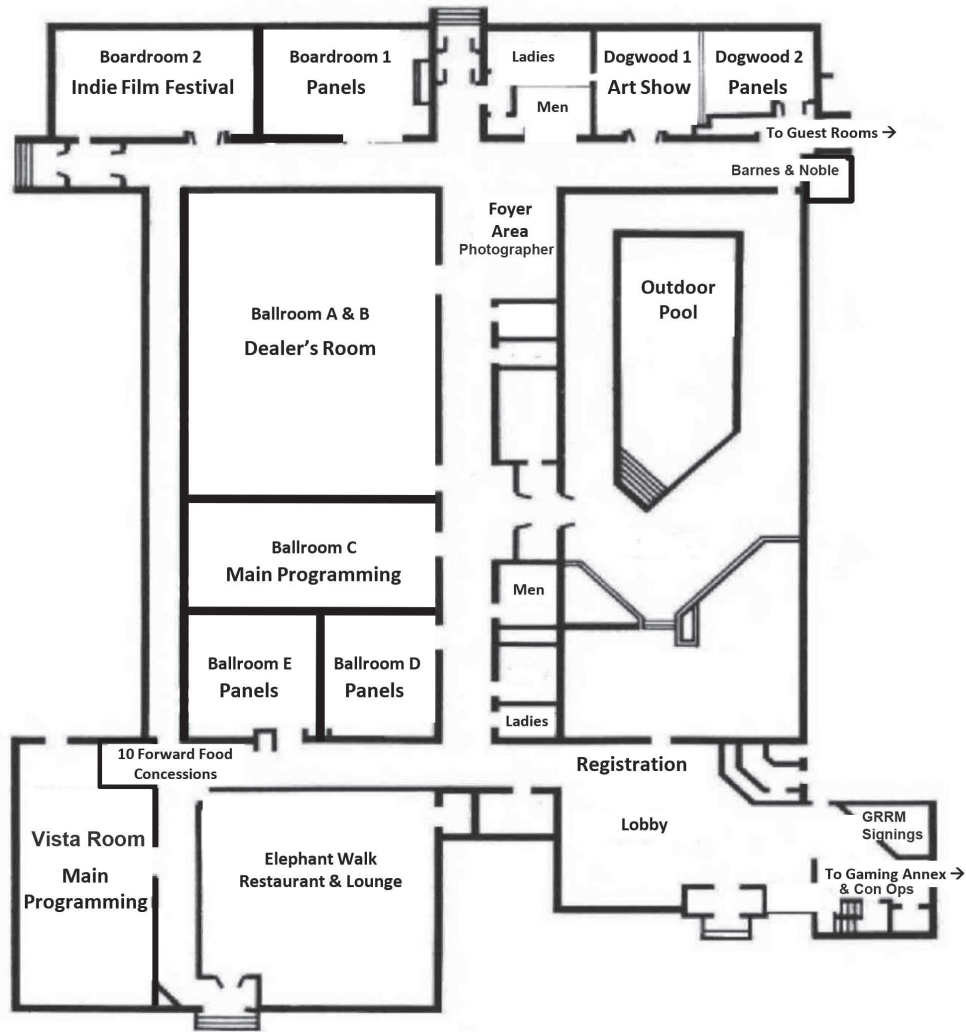




2016 Artist Guest of Honor - J. P. Targete

Hotel Map and Room Locations



Lobby – Registration

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Ballroom A & B – Dealer’s Room

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Glass Window Office – GRRM Signings

1st Floor Hallway Office - Con Ops

Gaming Annex – Gaming

3rd Floor

Elevator Area – Gaming Annex: 3rd Floor

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4th Floor

Rm 438 – Gaming Parlor 4

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Concierge Suite – Video Gaming

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Rm 533 – Author Readings

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MYSTICON 2016 PROGRAMMING

Saturday - February 27, 2016

Time	Length (min)	Location	Panel	Description	Moderator /Host	Panelists
9:00 AM	90	Vista Room	Aunt Geek's Road Show	Bring your Geek Schwag to be appraised by people who know the difference between figurines and Dolls.	B & D Comic Shop	Frank's Cool Stuff
9:00 AM	60	Ballroom C	Con Survival 101	Panelists will give tips on everything from preregistering and planning your trip to sorting the laundry when you get home, and everything in between. Useful material for just about anyone, but especially valuable for first-timers and folks who have only attended local events.	James "Butch" Allen	Jerry Conner Shawn Durlington Tera Fulbright
9:00 AM	60	Ballroom E	Hacking the Brain	With growing ability to exchange signals between neurons and circuits, will we be able to reprogram the human mind? How would such a technology be used - or abused?	Tedd Roberts	Jim Beall Tony Daniel John L. French Travis Sivart
9:00 AM	60	Board Room 1	Contemporary Fantasy: Setting the Fantastic in the Everyday World	An inherent advantage of the fantasy genre is that it offers a dazzling diversity of settings. Some fantasy is set in alternate versions of the historical past, in which the magic of folklore is real. Other stories take place in imaginary worlds populated by folkloric characters. Such fantasy settings free the author from the constraints of the "real world." Want your heroes to have to find their way over or through a precipitous mountain range? Draw the Misty Mountains down the middle of your map. Want a dragon to show up, breathing fire and speaking in riddles? Name him Smaug and start writing. So, with such freedom available, why do some authors opt for the constraints of the here and now? What are the advantages--and pitfalls--of writing the fantastic into our own backyards?	Steven S. Long	John G. Hartness Jim Lavene Liz Long Anthony St. Clair Nicole Zoltack
9:00 AM	60	Board Room 2	Fantasy Creatures and Where to Find Them	Where would we be without dragons and dinosaurs? Learn about fantasy creatures in film and discover new ones or revisit your most beloved versions in this presentation.	Bill Mulligan	Gail Martin Christine Parker
9:00 AM	60	Dogwood 2	Face-Painting	Kids! Come get your face painted in preparation for a fun-filled Saturday at MystiCon! Shimmer and Shade Family Cosplay are costuming geeks from Virginia who design, create, perform in & display costuming at sci-fi conventions around the US. They will help you get into your character of the day with style!	Shimmer and Shade	
9:30 AM	120	Ballroom D	Roanoke Robotics Workshop & Demonstration	Welcome to the Roanoke Robotics & Makers Club! We build robots. We make all sorts of things. We hold friendly competitions & workshops. We learn from each other and we have a lot of fun! We meet at the Science Museum of Western Virginia in Roanoke, Virginia, on the first Saturday of every month, at 12:00 noon. The robotics club is for everyone... adults, families, and kids of all ages. For more information about Roanoke Robotics, check out our website: RoanokeRobotics.org	Roanoke Robotics	
10:00 AM	120	Ballroom C	Match Game	An annual MystiCon tradition - relive the glories of classic game shows, now with a Sci-Fi/Fantasy twist. Contestants from our audience will match wits with our guests	Rich Sigfrit	John Watts Nicole Zoltack Tally Johnson Billy Flynn Michael A. Ventrella Ben Mirabelli
10:00 AM	60	Ballroom E	Functional Costuming: Making Your Costume Fit YOU	If you've ever said "I can't do that character because I'm..." then this is the panel for you! Not every Superman is a 32 waist, nor is every Wonder Woman a perfect 36/24/36. Princesses can ride their favorite horses even from their wheelchairs, and accommodations can be made in just about anyway imaginable to ensure that if you can dream a costume, you can wear it.	Angela Pritchett	Anita Allen Sarah Oliver Matthew Penick Shimmer and Shade Sue Ann Ziegler
10:00 AM	120	Board Room 1	The Plot Workshop	You've got great characters and the basic idea for a story, now what about the rest of it? Attendees will learn what elements are necessary for developing a plot, and learn how they all work together to create the skeleton of a story.	Allen Wold	
10:00 AM	60	Board Room 2	Zombie Film Hour (18+)	Never-DEAD (26 min) : An epidemic virus brings the dead back to life in Mexico. Medical staff and scientists in an underground lab in New Mexico seek a cure to the virus, but will it come soon enough?		
10:00 AM	120	Dogwood 2	Youth Programming: Knight Club	Knight Club - Making armor (Dress Up) shields and swords. Designed for youth 8-12 (Under 18 are welcome)	M. Jason Turner Melissa Webster Sophia Webster	
11:00 AM	60	Vista Room	George RR Martin Reading	Join George R.R. Martin while he read to you from a piece of his choice. This program will not be telecast and may not be recorded.	George RR Martin	
11:00 AM	60	Ballroom E	Women in Science & Technology	Enrollment is going up for women in the sciences in college, advertisements are geared towards women, so what is it that causes women to leave the field?	Tiffany Trent	Anita Allen Jim Beall Michael Solonto
11:00 AM	60	Board Room 2	One Hour Screenwriting School	Every film starts with a good screenplay. This workshop will explain the key elements of screenwriting. Come learn when and where to structure your action to get the best possible screenplay for your film!	Shawn Walton	Jaysen Buterin Charles Cline Tony Daniel Bill Mulligan
12:00 PM	60	Vista Room	The Fantastic Fantasy Worlds of JP Targete	Discussion with this year's Artist GOH: JP Targete	Mark Davis	JP Targete
12:00 PM	60	Ballroom C	PODCAST: Gallifrey Pirate Radio	Do you love Dr. Who? If so, you won't want to miss a taping of the Doctor Who podcast.	Davey Beauchamp	Drew Meyer

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12:00 PM	60	Ballroom D	Venus: A Prime Candidate for Colonization - Really!	Although shockingly counterintuitive at first blush (given the crushing atmospheric pressures and searing temperatures at the surface), Venus may well prove to be the most viable planet for human colonization. This panel will address why the atmosphere of Venus provides a relatively hospitable environment for human habitation. From a human physiology perspective, it offers protections and benefits that Mars simply cannot provide. The technical feasibility is also there, provided one surrenders the notion that one must inhabit the surface. The panel will also address the practical issues of garnering the public support needed to make such a daring venture a reality. Writers and movie makers are vital in shaping public opinion to support such an investment. The private sector will also play an essential role in partnership with the public sector to make this happen. The panel will also welcome questions from the audience for a Q&A session.	Michael Solonto	Jim Beall Charles Dischinger Tedd Roberts Dr. Daniel F. Wallace Abigail E. Wallace
12:00 PM	60	Ballroom E	Beginning Roleplaying	This panel is to give interested parties or parents an idea of what is involved in roleplaying games.	Travis Sivart	R.S. Belcher Michael A. Ventrella Richard C. White
12:00 PM	60	Board Room 1	My DVR Cried, "Uncle!!"	Genre television is experiencing a creative renaissance via network, streaming and pay television. Panelists discuss the success of new tv shows and how they choose what to watch.	Michael D. Pederson	James "Butch" Allen Ashley Chappell Steven Hancock
12:00 PM	60	Board Room 2	Monsters In Autumn (PG)	(28 minutes) Dracula, Frankenstein's Monster, and The Wolfman reminisce about their lives and their relationships with one another. (A must see "mockumentary"!)	Charles Cline	
12:00 PM	120	Dogwood 2	Youth Programming: Knight Club	Knight Club: Quest Begins! – Finding the Dragon Eggs (Scavenger Hunt)	M. Jason Turner Melissa Webster Sophia Webster	
1:00 PM	60	Vista Room	Admiral on the Bridge	MystiCon 2016's Fan Guest of Honor, Linda Shuping-Smith, is a Starfleet Admiral, poet, TV talk show hostess, and breast cancer survivor. Linda has a long history of lengthy service and valuable contributions to local fandom. Join Linda as she talks about her life experiences and what it has been like to participate in the Starfleet fan organization and overcome obstacles to be the Admiral On The Bridge!	Jerry Conner	Linda Shuping-Smith
1:00 PM	60	Ballroom C	PODCAST: Geek Radio Daily	Whether you're already a loyal follower of GRD or new to the podcast, you won't want to miss this entertaining performance. Join "The Wonderful Billy Flynn," "The Flynnstress" and "Saucy" as they discuss a plethora of geeky topics.	Billy Flynn	Flynnstress Drew Meyer Saucy
1:00 PM	60	Ballroom D	Four Elephants and a Giant Turtle: The Life and Work of Terry Pratchett	Join our panelists in celebrating the life, love, laughter, and literature of beloved "Discworld" author Terry Pratchett.	Michael D. Pederson	Ashley Chappell Anthony St. Clair
1:00 PM	60	Ballroom E	Kid-Safe Zombie Makeup	Learn about basic zombie makeup that is kid-safe, inexpensive and easy to apply and remove. A can't miss for any parent that wants to save money on Halloween costumes forever!	Angela Pritchett	Anita Allen Bill Mulligan
1:00 PM	60	Board Room 1	Beta Readers and their Author	Authors and their Beta Readers talk about the relationship between them. How do you find them? What Guidelines do you set? How do you work together?	Tera Fulbright	Rob Balder R.S. Belcher Bob Flack James Fulbright
1:00 PM	60	Board Room 2	One Hour Film School	What are the ins and outs of independent filmmaking? What are the absolute NEED to knows? This presentation will give you the basics of filmmaking in one hour!	Christine Parker	Jaysen Buterin Charles Cline
2:00 PM	60	Glass Office	Autograph Signing		George RR Martin	
2:00 PM	60	Vista Room	The Flabbergast Magic Show	Flabbergast, the time-traveling wizard, returns to MystiCon with his puppet pals and puzzling presentations of prestidigitation to amaze and amuse children and adults alike. Prepare to be Flabbergasted!	Mark MacDicken	
2:00 PM	60	Ballroom C	PODCAST: Mr. Adventure (Rich Sigfrit)	Amazing Pulp Adventures, starring Mr. Adventure! A campy, comedy/drama reminiscent of early superhero comic books, performed in the style of 1940s radio plays.	Rich Sigfrit	Drew Meyer
2:00 PM	60	Ballroom D	Invasion of the (very) Small Squares by PixelWho	What's up with the popularity of colored squares these days? The history, background, and modern look at 8-bit/pixel retro art style and how PixelWho fits in it all.	Ly Cao	Nathan Skreslet
2:00 PM	60	Ballroom E	Genre Blending: SciFi, Fantasy and More	Mixing science fiction and fantasy with other genres like mystery and westerns can give you a genre cocktail that is great...or very, very bad. Some authors have been hugely successful, while others have crashed and burned. Our experts tell you how to get it just right.	Chris Kennedy	Alexandra Christian Jim Lavene Liz Long Steven S. Long Gail Martin Nicole Zoltack
2:00 PM	60	Board Room 1	The Science & Psychology of Andy Weir's "The Martian"	A lone astronaut is stranded on Mars. How does he survive the harsh Martian climate? How does he maintain his sanity? Our panelists dig into the nuts and bolts of Andy Weir's excellent science-and-survival tale "The Martian."	Gray Rinehart	Anita Allen Jim Beall Tedd Roberts Daniel Wallace
2:00 PM	60	Board Room 2	G and PG Film Hour	Second Chance to watch our G and PG Films! The Ugly Bowl (10 Min) A homemade bowl, too ugly to be useful but too well-intentioned to throw away, goes on a quest for a more fulfilling existence. (Suitable for all ages) Gotham Kitty (15 min) On every full moon, a part human catwoman from outer space is spotted in Tanzania and other parts of East Africa. (Some possibly frightening images for younger kids. PG suggested)	Charles Cline	
2:00 PM	120	Dogwood 2	Writing Workshop Part I		Alan Wold	Mike Allen R.S. Belcher
3:00 PM	90	Vista Room	The Baen Traveling Road Show & Podcast	It's a combo slide show/podcast where Baen will showcase upcoming titles and book covers. Come to learn about Baen's newest releases and possibly win a free book.	Tony Daniel	Gray Rinehart

