

## Friday Programming at a Glance

### 8 pm Welcome to Westercon 60 (Synergy 1)

We know that Westercon 60 officially starts tomorrow, but we would like to share some highlights and some hidden gems that we think make this Westercon unique.

### 8 pm I Need this NOW (Synergy 5 )

Whether it is an iPhone, a new laptop, or a Sonic Screwdriver; we all have gadgets that we need RIGHT NOW. Some of these might not even be invented yet. This is what we need.

### 8 pm Game Time! (Convene Ballroom )

#### Open Gaming Collaborate 3 (third floor near Guest Rooms)

Starts 3 pm Friday

#### Anime Programming Connect 5

8 pm to 4 am

#### Con Hospitality Suite Room 3063

Opens 6 pm Friday

#### Open Filk Synergy 4

7:30 Friday till whenever

#### Evening Parties on the Third Floor

(See Schedule p 2)

## And for Our Next Act – Saturday Special Events

### 11 am Opening ceremonies for Westercon 60 (Convene)

### 11:30 am Q & A with Lois McMaster Bujold (Convene)

Lois McMaster Bujold talks about her life as a writer and takes questions from members.

### 12:30 pm Autographing: Lois McMaster Bujold (Convene)

Lois will autograph. Please limit yourself to three items and return to the back of the line if you have more.

### 1 pm Modern Fantasy (Convene)

If we throw away the swords, the young princesses, and ancient artifacts, can we still have fantasy?

Lois McMaster Bujold, Tad Williams (M), Diana L. Paxson, Teresa Edgerton

*(Lois McMaster Bujold is only at the convention until 3 pm Saturday)*

### 8 pm Meet the Guests of Westercon 60 (Convene)

Our Toastmaster, Jay Lake, introduces the Guests of Honor of Westercon 60; Tad Williams, Theresa Mather, and Christian McGuire, with Chairman Michael Siladi

### 9:30 pm Alexander James Adams Concert (Convene)

Unleashed from the land of Fae comes the heir to Heather Alexander's music and magic

*And lots, lots more – this is just to whet your whistles!*

The Westercon 60

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### Optional Ballgame Outing, Updated:

As of June 22, there are still tickets available for the game (SF Giants vs. Arizona Diamondbacks), and there may still be tickets available on the day. If anyone wants to join the group that is going and take a shot at buying a ticket at the gate, they are welcome to meet up in the lobby at 5 pm, when we will start walking toward

the Hayward Park CalTrain station. Look for that tall baseball lover, Kevin Standlee, who warns, "I will make no promises that anyone will be able to get a ticket at the gate, and there's no guarantee that if they can, they'll be in the same area as the advance purchase group."

The group will be catching the 5:45 train from Hayward Park station. Round Trip train tickets are \$8. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$70 and are \$26 in the upper reserved seats where the advance group will be sitting.

The return train after the game leaves approximately 25 minutes after the last pitch.

Westercon 60 has  
555 Members

### Important information about the Masquerade

The Westercon 60 masquerade will take place at 8:00 PM Sunday night (*not* Saturday!) in the Convene ballroom. If you wish to enter the masquerade, visit the Masquerade desk between noon and 6:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM and 12:45 on Sunday. We'll give you the forms and answer any questions you may have while filling them out. Entry forms must be turned in by 12:45 on Sunday afternoon. There is a MANDATORY contestants meeting at 1:00PM on Sunday. At least one representative from each entry needs to attend the meeting so we can explain the way the show will run, and you can ask any more questions you may have.

The complete masquerade rules and information can be found in your program book. Our rules are based on the International Costumers Guild fairness guidelines. If you don't plan on entering, but you'd like to volunteer to help with the masquerade, please come see us at the desk and we'll sign you up!

*Kevin Roche and Andy Trembley,  
Masquerade Directors*

## Join the \$2 Bill Conspiracy

While here at Westercon, there will be numerous times when you need to tip someone, such as your housekeeper or restaurant server. \$2 bills make a good, distinctive way of leaving tips that the staff will remember and appreciate. But where to get them? Kevin Standlee has purchased a couple of bundles of \$2 bills and (while supplies last) will change them to people who promise to use them and not hoard them. See Kevin at the Montreal in 2009 Worldcon Bid table to join the effort to show the locals how much our money is worth.

*Kevin Standlee*

## Anime Schedule

### Friday Night

08:00pm Figure 17 (ep 1-3)  
10:30pm Genshiken (ep 1-4)  
12:15am Nurse Witch Komugi (all 6 ep)  
02:45am Excel Saga (ep 1-3)  
04:00am (end)

### Saturday (more in Saturday newsletter)

10:00am Strawberry  
Marshmallow (ep 1-4)  
11:45am Fruits Basket (ep 1-4)  
01:30pm Haré+Guu (ep 1-7)

## Parties As We Know Them

Please check door signs on the "Party Floor" (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) rooms as not all rooms have parties every night. Parties start around 9pm, and last till the door to that party is closed.

Room 3001 - Phoenix in 2009 (Possibly only Sat - Mon)  
Room 3002 - Australia in 2010 (Sat only)  
Room 3007 - Montreal in 2009  
(Sun and Mon only)  
Room 3008 - Westercon 61/Las Vegas\*  
Room 3095 - Eric in the Elevator\*  
Room 3099 - Vintacon (changes nightly)  
Room 3100 - Sihnon Companion House  
*Serenity/Browncoats themes (Friday-Sunday)*  
*\*means check door for nights the party is open*

## Worthy of Note

### Room 3093 Fanzine Lounge

Opens Saturday. Will be open day and evenings during the convention, though Chris will close down to go to parties himself

### Room 3006 Newsletter Room

Friday – Tuesday Drop your copy (party notice, meetup, in the envelope on our door or at Info Desk or Con Ops or email { [HYPERLINK "mailto:newsletter@westercon60.org" }](mailto:newsletter@westercon60.org) } (It's important to include the "60" in "westercon60", please)  
Not an open room.

## One Day Memberships are Available!!

You say that your mom can only come by for the day? Worry not, she will still be joining you for that concert. One day memberships are available to all at Registration for the mere pittance of:

Saturday \$40

Sunday \$40

Monday \$35

Tuesday \$30

Youth Memberships \$30 for run of con  
Kid in Tow badges \$5

Bart the Gnome sez, "Such a deal!"

## Can You Get There From Here?

The San Mateo Marriott has a lot of character. And like a lot of characters, it takes some getting to know. In the course of renovations, a situation has been created that gives us two, not one but two (2) second floors.

If you are going to the second floor FUNCTION ROOMS, start from the round bench in the lobby, proceed directly away from the front door, and take the first elevator you come to (it will be on your right) up to the second floor.

If, however, you want to go to the Second floor GUEST ROOMS, then you must ignore, pass by, and eschew that elevator and proceed to the next bank of elevators that will be on your left. These will take you where you want to go. This second bank of elevators will take you to the second floor guest rooms

The same elevator bank on the third floor will yield you the Party Floor. The Con Hospitality Suite (Room 3063) and the Open Gaming Room (Collaborate 3) are on the same floor.

The graduate degree in finding your way around the San Mateo Marriott is reserved for those who ascend to Floor Three by means of the Second Elevator Bank, pass by Collaborate 3, take the next right turn and wind down the ramp to find themselves decanted back into the second floor function rooms. The first 10 parties of exploration to successfully accomplish this feat and to turn in their names to The Daily Gnomicle will have their names and times published! We promise! We may even ask for your autographs.

### The Westercon 60 Daily Gnomicle

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