



# WORDS OF HONOR

... Official Newsletter of BayCon 2014 ...

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## Honorable Quotes

“Nothing is less important than which fork you use. Etiquette is the science of living. It embraces everything. It is ethics. It is honor.”

— Emily Post

“A hundred years cannot repair a moment’s loss of honor.”

— Proverb

“Ceremonies are important. But our gratitude has to be more than visits to the troops, and once-a-year Memorial Day ceremonies. We honor the dead best by treating the living well.”

— Jennifer M. Granholm

“You have to defend your honor. And your family.”

— Suzanne Vega

## Programming Changes

- ▶ The 3:30 PM DIY “Geeky Beadwork” has been canceled.
- ▶ BoF: Godzilla location was incorrectly printed and will take place on the Pool Deck (3:30 PM)

## BayCon Variety Show



The BayCon 2014 Variety Show kicked off to a packed house, expertly engineered by Sprout (see bio on page 3) with Fanzine Hugo winner Chris Garcia getting things started on MC duties.

First up was the cosplayers, showing off some very impressive costumes that obviously took hard work and not a small amount of love to put together. Shael Hawman began with “A Long Time Ago in A Yarn Store Far, Far

Away...”, showing off her knit Twi’lek Jedi Costume. She was followed by Julie Barman’s “Droid of Honor” Dot Matrix costume, complete with Virgin Alarm (it’s programmed to go off before you do!). Elanor Finster was next—the “Mother of Dragons” accompanied by one of her babies, who thankfully did not bathe the crowd in flames.

Next up, Chris Garcia invited Ric Bretschneider, Steve Mix, Sarah Bruce and Shinade Toolis on-stage for an impromptu Game Show. Four contestants vied to answer questions on topics as varied as books, Douglas Berry’s Penguin Mathematics, movies About Jedi, and WorldCons. Players were each armed with a book that they could throw at the host to challenge another player to have to answer their question for them. It was 30 minutes of strange fun, and even some ESP involved as one question was actually correctly answered by Sarah Bruce before it was even asked!

Following the Game Show, Lynn Gold stepped up to the stage to deliver her spoken word performance about a recurring “SFWA Dream” that featured some similarly named science fiction authors and the trouble of introducing them all to one another without tying her tongue in knots.

Wanda Kurtcu was up next with “If You’re Happy...”, pepping up the crowd with a lip-sync of the meme-worthy song “Happy” that had everyone clapping and stamping their feet.

The final stage act of the evening featured flashing lightsabers, epic music, and judicious use of the Force as SaberCombat.com’s David “Novastar Carauddo and Gary Ripper reenacted the famous duel between Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader from The Empire Strikes Back (set designer “Mark Mensch”).

Finally, Chris Garcia showed a sneak peek of one of the short films premiering at The Silicon Valley Science Fiction Shorts Film Festival entitled “The 1-Up Game.”

Following the performances, all participants were called back to the stage for another round of applause and were awarded ribbons for their efforts. SaberCombat.com was awarded “Best in Show.”



### Costume Repair

Had a little too much fun on the party floor last night? Caught a snag on something in the hallway? Come to DIY in Winchester any time for costume repair assistance. We have sewing machines, hot glue guns, needle and thread and helpful staff on hand.

### DIY Master Crafter: the Sequel

The first Master Crafter Competition was such a success that we'd love to do it again! If we can get at least six teams (comprised of one to five people) to get on board, a second Master Crafter competition will be scheduled for 3:30 PM today. Come by Winchester and sign up to secure your spot!

### Who Would Win Winner

Adrian Tymes' game-winning argument came down to a question of "Who would win at golf? Donald Trump or Frankenstein's Monster?" Donald Trump emerged the victor, as he often does. But the ultimate winner, it seems, was Adrian.



## DIY Saturday

The DIY room was packed on Saturday, as BayCon members got their craft on in a variety of ways.

### Arduino Theremin



The Arduino lab was busy using Arduino boards to construct electronic theremin. Two different types allowed users to control the volume and tone of sound played from an attached speaker with their hands. One type used sound, specifically ultrasonic ping sensors that detect the proximity of a user's hands, while the other uses infrared emitters to reflect infrared light for the same purpose.

### Master Crafter Competition

Creative teams gathered in Winchester for Saturday's Master Crafter Competition. The theme? Aliens crash land and are coming to make first contact. Participants were tasked with building a device that would handle matters diplomatically without any unnecessary distintegration via ray gun or particle beam.

First place went to Sarah Bruce, Mary and Kate Boyle, Cassandra Deviny (and Wiggles the dog as mascot).



## Movies in the Dark

It's May and that pesky sun sure takes its time setting. The Program Book states the start time for Wall-E will be at 8:00 PM but outdoor movies are best viewed in the dark.

Our Dive-in Movie on the Pool Deck is now scheduled for setup at 8:30 and starts when things get sufficiently dark enough for your viewing pleasure.

## Charity Auction

Come to the Charity Auction in Ballroom E-F today at 2:00 PM to bid on geeky goods and donate to BayCon 2014's charity, the United Services Organization (USO). Come a little earlier if you'd like to view the items up for bid before the auction begins.

## Gaming Today

Looking for games? Join us in Magnolia.

- Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator - 10:00 AM to 2:00 AM
- Fluxx Tournament - 2:00 PM
- Iron Game Design Competition (submissions due) 3:30 PM
- Shadow Hunters - 3:30 PM
- Ticket to Ride - 3:30 PM

## Words of Honor Station Personnel

<b>Station Quartermaster</b>	Chris Castro
<b>Mission Specialist</b>	Lynn Gold
<b>Command Pilot</b>	Diana Koivunen
<b>Space Ranger</b>	Craig Glassner

## Saturday Night Party Reviews

Once again, our intrepid Party Maven trolled the party floor and came up with this report.

The Con Suite, while technically not a "party," was in full swing, dishing out custom sodas and fun munchies.

Those delightful Klingons (did I just say that?) were at it again with their Black Hole party. This time they had pizza in addition to Revenge being "served cold."

The Loscon Peanut Butter Party had more types of peanut butter than the night before. In addition to cashew butter, almond butter, and Nutella, they had marshmallow creme (Fluffernutters, anyone?) and fixings for cinnamon toast. The posters on the wall represented their writer, artist, and fan GoHs.

Sir Lance's Annual Bash had an even cooler light show and louder music. Sir Lance had one lamp set up with a color-changing bulb called a "party bulb." (I want one!)

Bricks by the Bay was at it again. This time they had on display some of the cooler things folks had built with the Lego pieces on the bed.

Speaking of creating, the folks in the Arduino Labs room were exhibiting some of the cool things you can do with Arduino software, a few LEDs, and a "breadboard" or two. If you go to the DIY room today at 11:30am, they'll be teaching another class.

The Fanzine Lounge had good conversation, music, a few munchies, a manual typewriter, paper, and of course, fanzines. Fanzine Hugo Winner Chris Garcia and I got to introduce Randy Smith to paper ("Randy, meet paper; paper, meet Randy.").

For chilling out, there was the Oasis party. I found myself in the middle of a few good conversations there.

The DC17 Worldcon bid's dessert party featured brownies, cookies, pie, tarts, and strawberries. The folks there were also able to talk up the DC in 17 bid.

The SMOdessey folks had an adult-themed party featuring soft drinks, munchies (including fresh raspberries — yum!), balloon creatures, and conversation in one room and massages and other more "adult" themed physical activities in the other room.

I'll have more parties to report on tonight. Stay tuned to find out where they are!

Our Variety Show Head, Sprout, is also a panelist here at BayCon! We present to you her bio:

Sprout has been an active member of MANY fandoms over the years. Primarily running with the general geek crowds and furry, she loves public speaking and helped Further Confusion with running one of their largest events for 5 years as well as emceeing to a crowd of at least 1000! She loves anything Disney, tattoos, cats, and fancies herself a pinup kitten. You can usually find her with large feather hair pieces, big, 50's style dresses and cat eye sunglasses. She usually hosts several panels within the conventions she attends and loves helping others overcome their fears of social interaction, battles with self confidence and wants to remind everyone always that they truly are awesome! Never be afraid to say hi and remember: Never take Sprout seriously, that's her job.

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## Saturday Night Memories



The Klingon Slave auction raised \$1020 for charity!



Julie Barman as "Dot Matrix"



Shael Hawman as a knit Jedi



Alexander Megas as "The Mad Hatter"

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