

Monthly
Transmission

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October 2013

BayCon 2014

May 23-26, 2014

Hyatt Regency,
Santa Clara

Come Meet Us

Haven't purchased your membership yet? Feeling nostalgic about Triskaidekaphobia and want to reminisce? Catch our fan table crew at upcoming conventions:

- Conjecture (San Diego)
10/18 - 10/20
- Convolution (Burlingame)
11/01 - 11/03
- Loscon (Los Angeles)
11/29 - 12/01

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DIY Returns!

It's bigger! It's craftier!
It's back! What will you
make this year?

Stay tuned....

Station of Honor

Greetings and welcome to BayCon 2014! This year it will be held aboard the Space Station Dr. Dame Honor Fell. Rumors are afloat! She is in an orbit synchronous with the Eye of Jupiter, a mere 99,419 miles from the gas giant, deep within its magnetosphere; where interesting things seem to be occurring. There are stories of the appearance of non-terrestrial ships with hammerheads on both bow and stern, crafted in the shape of great spheres, and many others—not to mention some rumors involving the first starship built by Terrans. Stranger still, people and other beings are seemingly appearing on the station out of nowhere.

Our programming in 2014 will look to continue the DIY, concepts of honor and culture between friends and enemies alike. Our Writer Guest of Honor is David Weber, Creator of the Honorverse, who will be bringing rumors of new books involving Alicia DeVries, Dahak, and more. And dare I say it—perhaps updated rumors about a movie. Our Artist Guest of Honor is Ursula Vernon who has brought us *Digger*, *Dragonbreath*, and *Nurk: The Strange, Surprising Adventures of a (Somewhat) Brave Shrew*. Our Fan Guest of Honor is Sally Woehrle who, along with Bobbie DuFault, submitted the winning bid for WorldCon 2015, to be held in Spokane, Washington. And I am so looking forward to see how Tom Merritt masterfully pulls this all together as our Toastmaster!

So make sure to get your hotel reservations in early, to catch what sleep you can without having to drive to a bed away from the con!

—Tom Saidak

Chairman, BayCon 2014

Charity: Revisited

Triskaidekaphobicon collected \$5,200 for the California Autism Foundation and \$3,200 for author Jay Lake, who is fighting inoperable colon cancer.

As part of the Jay Lake auction, Fan GoH John O'Halloran said if the room collected at least \$300 dollars, he'd shave his beard off. For \$500, he'd do it in public. The results can be seen here:



BEFORE



AFTER

You can also view the de-bearding in its entirety here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbGlvqcxVM>

Blood Drive

Stanford Blood Center visited BayCon 2013. Here are the stats:

- 28 pints of from 28 donors
- Four more were deferred
- 4 of 28 donated for the first time.

Thanks again to all who donated!

Guest Spotlight of the Month: Candy Lowe

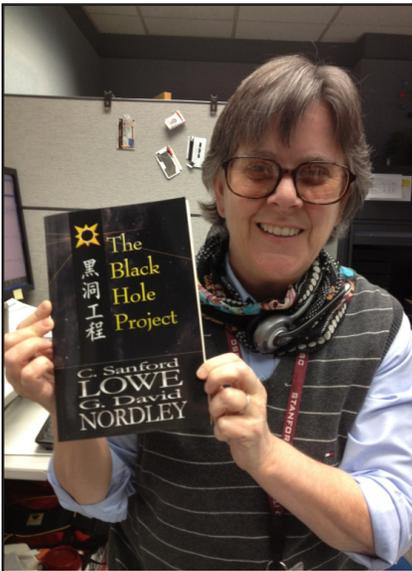


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“Want to see a black hole up close & personal? Come read our book!”

Candy Lowe
BayCon member

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Remembering Bobbie



It is with immense sadness that we announce that BayCon 2011 Fan Guest of Honor, Barbara “Bobbie” DuFault died unexpectedly on September 14, 2013. Bobbie was a fixture of Pacific Northwest and international fandom; most recently she had been announced as the co-chair of Sasquan, the 2015 Worldcon, to be held in Spokane WA. She was also a good friend, and we miss her.

Bobbie became active in fandom in 1981, first as a con attendee, then as a volunteer doing live video for Seattle-area conventions. Eventually Bobbie chaired both Rustycon and C-Cubed, the Pacific Northwest conrunning convention, multiple times. She chaired the 2005 NASFiC, CascadiaCon, and the 2012 Westercon in Seattle. She also ran the Program Division for Chicon 7, the 2012 Worldcon. By her estimate, she worked on more than 150 conventions.

Her organizational memberships included Oregon Science Fiction Conventions Inc., the Seattle Westercon Organizing Committee, the Northwest Science Fiction Society, NW Club League (co-chair 1995-1998), and the NW Con League. She was also involved with the Reading for the Future program, which promotes the use of SF/fantasy in classrooms. She served on its board of trustees and maintained its Web site, www.readingforfuture.com.

When not running doing all this, Bobbie worked as a writer, editor, and content manager for Microsoft. Our condolences go out to her husband, fellow convention organizer Jerry Gieseke, their children, their grandson, and to Sasquan Chair Sally Woerhle.

The Station Needs Volunteers!

We’re looking for new staff, especially in the following areas:

- Information Technology — We need someone familiar with LAMP to administer our databases.
- Publicity (Formerly Flyers & Marketing) — We’re looking for a graphic artist who knows layout.
- Registration — Anyone willing to help with registration during the convention.
- Social Media — We need someone who can regularly update our Twitter, Facebook, and other online sites with pertinent and interesting information.
- Web site — We need someone who can do Web page design and who is familiar with Wordpress.
- If any of these positions sound like you, please contact us at volunteers14@baycon.org.

Secure your Berth

BayCon is returning to the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, located at 5101 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, California, 95054. The room rate is \$103 a night for either a single king or a double double room plus applicable state and local taxes.

To make your reservation online, go to the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency web site, <http://santaclara.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>. If you prefer to make your reservation over the phone, you can call the Hyatt Regency toll free at 1-888-421-1442. Be sure to mention BayCon 2014 to get your discount rate.