

Cleveland ConCoction

WHAT WE ARE NOT

IMPORTANT DATES

ConCoction 2016
March 11-13, 2016

Masquerade
October 9, 2015

Winter Game Day &
Chili Cook-Off
January 30, 2016

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Art Show	2
Authors	2
Pre-Reg Winners	2
Trivia & Gaming	3
Hotel Info	4
Outreach events	4-5
Guest of Honor	5
Masquerade ad	6
2016 Con ad	7

People often ask us "What kind of convention is ConCoction?" We are not a large, commercial, for-profit convention - These cons are run by large companies, travel the country, and come to our area once or twice a year (if you include Columbus). I feel they're like the circus.. they'll come to town and give you a big show, with lots of guests and vendors, some cosplay, gaming and panels, but ultimately they pack up and leave town. Admission prices are similar to ours to start, but the add-ons for the "total experience" can get to be quite pricy. Cleveland isn't a community for them, it's a marketplace. A week after their event, they won't be drinking at the nerdy bar, going to the midnight movie opening, or hitting a local comic shop on Wednesday. I respect the effort, but that's not what ConCoction wants to be.

We are not a comic-con - We totally enjoy and support these

small to mid-size local cons that are very focused on the comic fandom, but we aren't one of them. The smaller versions tend to be one-day only, very cheap compared to us, and have a great selection of vendors and artist tables. There may or may not be a cosplay contest and some panels. They're totally focused on their community, and we support them for it. But ConCoction is designed to be more across-the-board, and appeal to all kinds of fandom, no matter the media involved.

So we're not the Big Guys, and we're not a one-day Con. What are we? We're the in-between ground. We're a small, local, not-for-profit, volunteer-run fandom convention. We're half-gaming, half-everything else. We're the everything con, and we're proud of that fact. Our goal is to be part of the local geeky/nerdy community all year long, and we support all

the local geeky events we can. We will throw you a weekend full of fun, but we don't pack up and leave town. We support our local charities, local vendors, local artists, local authors, and all the attendees who make ConCoction such a wonderful mashup of the weird and wonderful. We intentionally refuse to specialize into any one fandom. Each year, we will mix it up, mash it up, and celebrate what comes out of it. We're a ConCoction, and we're proud of it. We hope to see you at ConCoction 2016, and at all the other geeky events before and after!

~Stan

ART SHOW

Hello from the Art Show!

Whether you were an attending artist or a convention member checking out all the awesome art we had on display this year, I hope you had a great time at the con!

We are already gearing up to make sure 2016 is even better. I will be emailing our 2015 artists starting 7/1/15, and will begin accepting contracts from returning artists as of 8/15/15.

Any artists new to our show will be accepted as of 10/15/15. If you are an artist, or know of one that you think would be a fabulous fit for our

con, please feel free to contact me directly.

As always, you can contact me at artshow@clevelandconcoction.org with any questions, comments, or suggestions to make the Art Hall a better experience for everyone! We can't do it without you!

Vanessa Hall

2016 Pre-Reg Drawing Winners

March	Kasey Aitken
April	Theresa Thompson
May	Ken Cockrell
June	Geoff Miller
July	Jeff Thompson
August	Latha Srinivasan
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	

AUTHORS @ CONCOCTION

Cleveland ConCoction 2015 came to an end like the slamming of a book. It was action packed throughout the weekend until Author Alley's doors finally closed. With 15 authors in attendance, panels were well attended and convention goers found a multitude of books by great authors, some new and others who have been writing for years. While few writers had manuscripts on hand to pitch, many convention goers gained one-on-one advice for future pitch sessions from James O. Barnes of Loconeal Publishing. It was great having so many wonderful authors in attendance, like Sandra Gurvis, Marcus V. Calvert,

Mary Turzillo, Geoffrey Landis, Brian Hagan, and our esteemed Guest of Honor, S. Andrew Swann. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of the panelists, volunteers, and convention attendees who made this possible. We look forward to next year, Cleveland ConCoction 2016. Plans are already underway for more exciting surprises

Weston Kincade
Editor & Author

www.wakeediting.com
www.kincadefiction.blogspot.com



FIND US!

2015-2016 Conventions:

February 12-15 [CapriCon 35](#)
 April 24-26 [PenguinCon](#)
 May 8-10 [MarCon](#)
 May 15-17 [Ice & Fire Con](#)
 July 3-5 [InCONjunction](#)
 TBA [NyanCon](#)
 October 15-18 [Con on the Cob](#)
 October 24 [NE Geek Expo](#)
 November 27-29 [Starbase Indy](#)
 January 15-17 [DeCONpression](#)
 January 15-17 [ConFusion](#)

Trivia Nights!

If you're on Facebook, you should consider joining us for our monthly trivia contests, held right on each event's FB page.

Have an idea for a trivia topic?
 Let us know!

Winners:

September: Vanessa Hall
 October:
 November:
 December:
 January:
 February:
 March:



G A M I N G

Hi this is Dan, your friendly neighborhood gaming co-coordinator. Gaming at ConCoction 2015 was off the hook. Our gaming hall was packed full of happy gamers most of the time. People took full advantage of our Play to Win program. We ended up giving away 28 games to the drawing winners. Our new Name the Games Contest was very popular, too. Stephanie Moore won herself a free weekend membership for ConCoction 2016.

We have had some changes to the gaming staff. You will notice that I introduced myself as co-coordinator, because Roger Taylor has joined me in running the department. He was one of my seconds this past year, and brings lots of good ideas to the

table. I am also excited to announce Brian Larson will be our new second in the gaming department. I want to take a moment to thank Cass Whittington for her two years of service, first as Gaming Coordinator and then as a department second this past year. We could not have gotten gaming off the ground at ConCoction without Cass.

We are looking into ways to make gaming an even better experience for you, the ConCoction members. If you have any great ideas or are interested in volunteering in the games hall please contact me at gaming@clevelandconcoction.org.

If we can get enough interested volunteers we would love to keep the

gaming hall open from the beginning of the convention to the end.

So until next time be sure to play more games.

24-hour gaming?!

You could make it happen!

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hi Everyone!!!

I would like to start off by extending my thanks to EVERYONE for how Cleveland ConCoction 2015 turned out. The staff at the Sheraton were all quite pleased with our group, for the second year in a row.

Eric Hogg

Room block closes on February 8th, 2016

Room rates for Cleveland ConCoction 2016:

King room: \$85/night + applicable taxes/fees

Queen room: \$92/night + applicable taxes/fees.

Call (216) 267-1500 and tell them "Cleveland ConCoction" sent you to get the convention rate, or - [make your reservation online.](#)

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1507093372&key=218AFC98>

BOARD UPDATE

Let's extend a warm welcome to the two newest ConCoction Board members: Marian (who runs registration) and Dan (who runs the game room).



Saturday, January 30, 2016
11:00 am — 9:00 pm
**WINTER GAME DAY
& CHILI COOKOFF**
**SPONSORED BY THE
CLEVELAND CONCOCTION
CONVENTION**
**West Shore Unitarian
Universalist Church, Baker Hall**
20401 Hilliard Blvd
Rocky River, Ohio 44116



Entrance fee: \$5 and 2 non-perishable food items for the Cleveland Food Bank,
or \$7 without donation



**Greater Cleveland
Food Bank**

refreshment sales, prize drawings

skill games, dice games, strategy games, all sorts of playing around

table top games, board games, kids games, card games

LAKWOOD SUMMER MELTDOWN



GUEST OF HONOR

Wow. I will be plenty busy for the next year. In addition to my regular duties as the Hotel Liaison, I am also taking over our Guest Relations Department for Cleveland ConCoction 2016.

We have already signed our featured musical guest for next year. A Star Trek themed rock band called Five Year Mission. You can check them out at fiveyearmission.net/.

As far as other guests, well, you are just going to have to wait for announcements as they come. As a convention, we don't kiss and tell. We are NOT going to put a list of possible names out there to generate publicity, only to announce in the weeks before the con that they will not be attending. We like contracts, and as soon as we have the contract, we will let you know. I will say that we are having

conversations with multiple media guests, from many different aspects of the geeky spectrum. You won't be disappointed.

Thanks,
Eric Hogg
Guest Relations
Cleveland ConCoction

OCTOBER 9TH 2015

7:00 PM-MIDNIGHT

**DAVE & BUSTER'S, 25735 FIRST ST.
WESTLAKE, OH 44145**

**CLEVELAND
CONCOCTION'S
FALL MASQUERADE**

\$25 entry gives you access to the appetizer bar and unlimited fountain drinks. Mixed drinks and dinners not included. 12 and under are \$12.50.

Prizes will be awarded for best Male & Female Costumes, Teen Boy's & Girl's Costume, and Kid's (12 and under) costume.

Proceeds for advance purchase of a \$10 or \$20 game card go to Cleveland ConCoction. Game cards purchased the day of the event do not benefit the Cleveland ConCoction convention. Purchase cards at www.clevelandconcoction.org





YOUR CONVENTION FOR SCIFI, GAMING, COMICS....AND MORE!

- ⇒ *Dealers Hall*
- ⇒ *Art Show & Artist Alley*
- ⇒ *Hosted & Open Gaming*
- ⇒ *Programming & Panels*
- ⇒ *Editor's Panel*
- ⇒ *Writing Workshops*
- ⇒ *Performances & Music*
- ⇒ *Costuming & Masquerade*
- ⇒ *Cosplay Contests*
- ⇒ *Kids Programming*
- ⇒ *LARPing*
- ⇒ *Con Suite*
- ⇒ *.... and more!*

MARCH 11-13, 2016
AT THE SHERATON
CLEVELAND AIRPORT
HOTEL

www.clevelandconcoction.org
 Follow us on Facebook
 and Twitter @CLE_ConCoction

All Things Space!

Join our fan run convention
 in your space suit, robot
 gear, alien costume, or
 anything else you like. As
 always, we welcome and
 encourage all genres of fun
 and interest!

Commemorate with us the
 anniversary of WorldCon's
 TriCon 1966, held in
 Cleveland. And, join in
 huge celebrations of the
 50th anniversary of the
 Star Trek franchise.

MEDIA GUEST



JOHN MORTON

"DAK RALTER"

STAR WARS: EPISODE V



PERFORMANCE GUEST



FIVE YEAR MISSION



Cleveland ConCoction is Cleveland's not-for-profit, all fan run convention.