



IMPORTANT DATES	
ConCoction #5	March 9-11, 2018
4Q Newsletter Articles	due Nov 15th
Staff meeting	November 16, 2017
Holiday Party,	Dec 9th
4Q Board mtg,	Dec 13
Custom ribbon orders	due Jan 15th
Ads/entries for Program	Book due Feb 2nd
1Q Newsletter Articles	due Feb 13
Summer Picnic,	June 23

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We are now just 6 short months away from our 5th annual Cleveland ConCoction convention. It's been a long road since our group's inception in the Fall of 2012 and the first convention in 2014, but our amazing volunteers are once again working hard to bring you an awesome con experience by building on previous successes, incorporating your feedback, and stirring in some new ideas as well!

One of the constant concerns we've heard from you over the past several years has been the lack of easy parking at our original site hotel, the Airport Sheraton. Reasons for the parking chaos were varied, but included airport construction, airport site fees, holiday travel chaos, and at least one Presidential visit. We don't have control over these situations, but we did the best we could to find solutions. We are incredibly grateful to the Airport Sheraton staff for taking care of our Attendees and our Community these past several years and are grateful for the time we've worked together to make the Airport Sheraton into a small temporary geek oasis. But the time has come for a major change, and in this case that means moving onward our new event site: The Bertram Inn & Conference Center in Aurora. Although shifting sites will be a challenge, The Bertram offers us several advantages, not the least of which is plenty of free parking (at last!) We know this is a huge change, and more details will be coming soon concerning the move, so all we ask is that you bear with us as we adapt to the new location.

Cleveland ConCoction has always been a volunteer organization, from the Board of Directors out to the person working the information booth. Each year there are changes in leadership and the makeup of the teams that bring their own unique skills, backgrounds and interests to share with all of us, as well as those Volunteers who may work with them. If you find yourself at one of our events, be it a game day, a convention, a social outing, or otherwise and you're having a good time, please take a moment to thank our volunteers. Many of them use personal days from work or family vacation time to share the love of ConCoction and Cleveland Fandom with all of Us, and they deserve a high-five for doing the work that makes every event a success.

We now look forward to all of the fun, excitement, and adventure in store for 2018 as we celebrate Heroes vs Schoolhouse!!

Hotel

Hello ConCoctioneers. This is Eric Hogg, your Hotel Liaison for all things ConCoction.

In the five and a half months since the last convention we have been working hard on several things. One of those things has been the location of Cleveland ConCoction. We've done several polls, both in person and online, and by far the most commented on thing was the parking at the Cleveland Airport Sheraton. Or more specifically, the lack of parking.

So we decided that if at all possible, it was time to say goodbye to that location. One of the prevailing issues with moving ConCoction has always been the amount of event space we need. There are, quite simply, no other locations in Cuyahoga County, without going downtown, that have the amount of space we need to throw the event you have come to expect. (A quick aside on the downtown thing. There ARE, in fact, several facilities in downtown Cleveland that could potentially meet our needs. But they are all REALLY expensive. We would have to increase prices and parking rates to even consider a move like that.) So we went looking elsewhere.

What we found is an awesome little hotel/conference center in Aurora called The Bertram. The Bertram actually has a bit more

function space than the Sheraton.

So that is where we are having Cleveland ConCoction 2018.

The two biggest factors in this decision have been the amount of space available, and the number of parking spots. As I said above, the Bertram has a bit more space, that is more versatile than the Sheraton. The Bertram also has nearly 1000 dedicated parking spaces, and they are absolutely free to use.

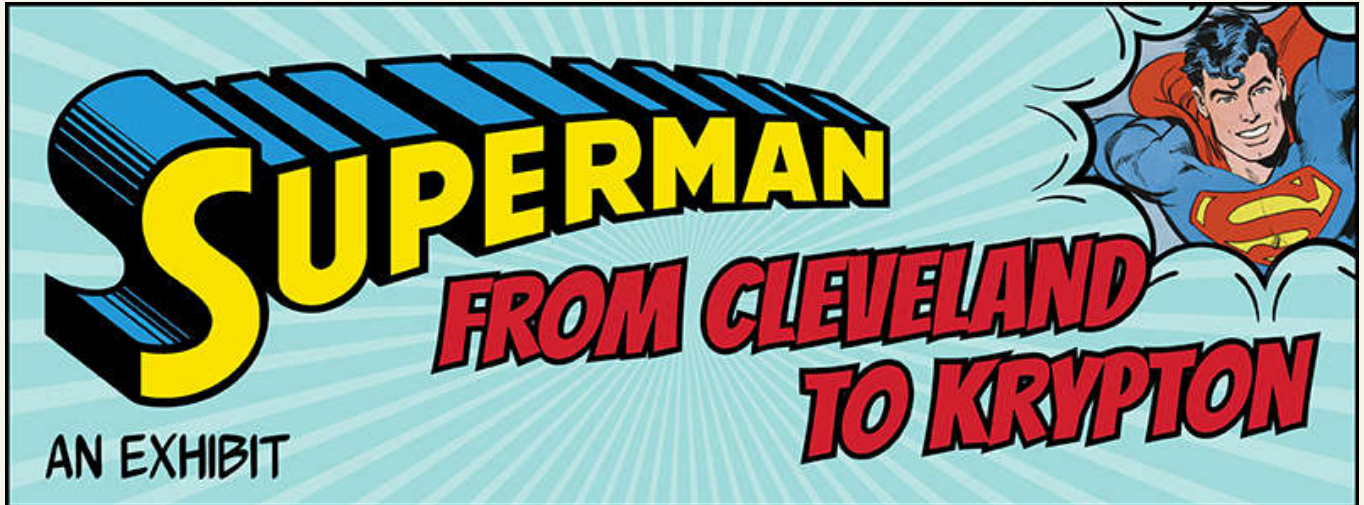
There will be a flood of info coming your way over the next few weeks. But let me address one thing immediately...while the Bertram is not directly accessible from the RTA, they have agreed to run a shuttle to the RTA bus stop in Solon, so our friends and attendees who use public transportation will NOT be left out.

Reservation info will go out shortly.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me at hotelliaison@clevelandconcoction.org.

Thanks for your support and understanding.

Eric Hogg
Hotel Liaison, Cleveland ConCoction



Now through December 31, 2017, Cleveland Public Library's newest exhibit celebrates Cleveland's own Superman.

Three floors of exhibits in the Main Library will feature memorabilia, art and artifacts from the Mike Curtis Collection of Superman Memorabilia and other prominent collectors.

Announcements

Confirmed for 2018!

Media - Sean Owen Roberts

Artist - Tony Isabella

Cosplay - Knightmage

Cosplay - Morgan Paige

Cosplay - Blitzkrieg

Fan Guest - Stitches

Cleveland Public Library
325 Superior Ave
Cleveland OH 44114

Open Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm

Departments

Registration: Registration@clevelandconcoction.org

Exhibit Hall: Exhibits@clevelandconcoction.org

Artshow: Artshow@clevelandconcoction.org

Games Master: Gaming@clevelandconcoction.org

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Programming: Programming@clevelandconcoction.org

Authors Alley: Authors@clevelandconcoction.org

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Feedback: Feedback@clevelandconcoction.org

Art Show

Hello from the Art Show!

Whether you were an attending artist or a convention member checking out all the amazing art we had in the room this year, I hope you had a fantastic experience!

We're already starting work to make 2018's convention even better. I will be emailing our 2017 artists starting 8/25/16, and will begin accepting contracts from returning artists as of 9/15/17. I will be soliciting and accepting contracts from new artists as of 10/15/17. 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, Art Show Director



Custom ribbons can be
ordered from
November 1st through
January 15th.

Check the Registration site for
more details.

Authors

Authors Alley has started contacting guest authors for the upcoming Cleveland ConCoction 2018 convention, which will be March 9-11. So far we have over a dozen guest authors who plan to be part of Authors Alley and our panels during the week-end. Joining us so far are: JW Troemner, Olivia Berrier, Daniel A. Willis, Barbara Doran, J. Thorn, Addie J. King, Lucy A. Snyder, Sara Dobie Bauer, Linda Robertson, Marcus V. Calvert, Marie Vibbert, J.L. Gribble, Michael Timmins, Brent D. Seth, Cindy Matthews, Adrian Matthews, and Weston Kincade. Shortly, we will be updating our website and other social media to share our author's biographies and descriptions of some of their publications they will be offering at the convention.

We would also like to hear about potential panel ideas for the next convention. Did you have some favorite panels you would like to see again? Do you have new ones you would like to suggest?

We should be getting our upcoming Author Guest of Honor finalized soon.

Please feel free to send us your ideas or feedback, and we are looking forward to another outstanding convention in 2018!

A calendar of deadlines,
events, and more conventions
can be found at:

clevelandconcoction.org

Gaming

Hello! This is your friendly neighborhood Gaming Coordinator! (Lead?) (Head?) (Warlord?)

I'm **Tony**, I've taken over for Dan so he can check into the rumors that there is an alleged convention happening during our gaming weekend. All joking aside, Dan did an amazing job with the Gaming Department and I'm stepping into some mighty big shoes and reaching for a bar that has been set pretty high. For those of you who don't already know, my seconds are Stephanie Moore (days) and Roger Taylor (nights). If you have any questions, comments, concerns, ideas, or especially if you would like to help out in the Gaming Department, please contact me at gaming@clevelandconcoction.org as we still need volunteers.

News... News... We recently had our Summer Game Day which (although I don't have hard numbers), I'm going to call a success. Next up is our Winter Game Day which will be in January. We hope to showcase a bunch of new games in the Con Library which has been refreshed and revamped for a broader range of appeal and accessibility. If you know of a hall for rent with a seating capacity for 100-150 that won't break the bank, please e-mail me with their contact information and we'll certainly consider them. Keep watching this space for more developments on Winter Game Day!

In other news, now that we know where Concoction 2018 will be held, I'll be opening up the Game Master sign-ups soon. Remember that hosting 8 hours of games at Concoction will get you a refund on your Con Badge down to the staff rate. We are looking forward to lots of roleplaying opportunities including Pathfinder,

5th Edition D&D, and Starfinder. Not a fan of RPGs, but still want a discounted badge? Sign up to host your favorite board games! Sign up for 8 1-hour slots, 4 2-hour slots, 2 4-hour slots, or any combination. We will also be continuing the tradition of **GAMING AFTER DARK**. If you have a game suitable for a more mature audience, we welcome you to sign up and host your game between the hours of 10pm and 6am Friday and/or Saturday night. Last year's Tales from the Floating Vagabond: After Dark was a hit!

Other than that, Gaming is hard at work hammering out the details on a few new (and old) events that we'd like to keep under our hat for now. Keep watching for more news as it becomes available.

Meet us at the movies!

Join your ConCoction friends for a fun night of film and tasty treats as we sponsor a movie with the Student Film Society at Case (CWRU).

In the fall, we sponsored Guardians of the Galaxy v2. We'd love so sponsor another film in the spring, so stay tuned.



Hours

Registration:

Friday, 10am - 10pm

Saturday, 9am-10pm

Sunday, 9am-3pm

Gaming:

Friday 10am, no hosted gaming until noon

Open 24 hours until 3pm Sunday

ConSuite:

Friday, 2pm - 2am

Saturday, 9am - 2am

Sunday, 9am - 1-3pm

ConSuite Open/Close may vary based on volunteers available and attendee use.

Sunday break down begins 1pm, all close by 3pm.

Artshow/Authors Alley:

Friday, 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sunday, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Exhibit Hall:

Friday, 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Fan Table Signups Open!

Is your fan group, organization or convention wanting to attend and promote at ConCoction 2018? Group registration rates still available.

To reserve your table or obtain additional details, email publicity@clevelandconcoction.org

Volunteers

We would like to thank all of you who gave their time and effort this year to make Cleveland Concoction and Summer Game Day such a wonderful events. I hope that you all will sign up again for the next convention year.

In the meantime we have one game day left before the Con. We hope you will come out to enjoy yourselves and give to the Cleveland food bank. We will need volunteers to help and I hope you will consider giving a few hours.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Please contact me at volunteers@clevelandconcoction.org with any of your questions or visit our website at clevelandconcoction.org/volunteers to fill out the sign up form. -**Crystal McGregor**





December 9th, 2017
11:00 am—9:00 pm

Cleveland ConCoction
Holiday Party
 at
North Chagrin Reservation,
Intergrove Lodge

A potluck party for our staff and volunteers. Family, friends, and significant others are welcome. Potluck dish sign up is on our Slack page under 2017_holiday_party or email volunteers@clevelandconcoction.org with what you will be bringing.

North Chagrin Reservation is located on Buttermilk Falls Parkway, between Strawberry Lane and Sunset Lane in Willoughby Hills.



March 9th - 11th, 2018
Bertram Inn & Conference Center
 600 N Aurora Road
 Aurora Ohio, 44202

Visit our website for registration and hotel information.

Adult Weekend Membership Rates:

April 1 - July 31, 2017 \$35
 Aug 1 - Nov 30, 2017 \$40
 Dec 1, 2017 - Feb 23 2018 \$45
At the door \$50

* Day rates only available at the event

Kids 8-12
 Until Feb 23, 2018 \$15
At the door \$25

Kids 7 and under are FREE (Kid In Tow) and must have an accompanying adult badge of equal stay.

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