

Art

Animation Nation Address

Herbie, John Nunnemacher, Michel Gagné

Saturday 11am–12noon, Gettysburg 3&4

Herbie and John Nunnemacher return to us, along with Guest of Honor Michel Gagné, to discuss the current state of the animation industry. Are things bleak? Or can we expect a return to a Golden Age? Bring your questions!

The Book Biz

Michel Gagné

Sunday 2–3:30pm, Constitution A

Michel Gagné will speak about self-publishing and the publishing business in general; a great panel to attend for those aspiring book and comic book writer and illustrators!

Dynamic Figure Drawing

The Gneech

Friday 3–4pm, Wayne Suite (23rd Floor)

It's The Gneech, in *action!* Well, the figures are... and the artist for the comic strip *Suburban Jungle* will help you bring them out in your work! This panel has been carefully placed away from noise and traffic to assist in concentration for better learning. Enjoy!

Exercises In Creativity

Chris Goodwin

Sunday 11am–12noon, Wayne Suite (23rd Floor)

This year, Chris Goodwin offers up a panel on general creativity process in art. Included will be some exercises for developing it as a skill through group involvement.

Fur Textures In Photoshop

FireStormSix

Saturday 11am–12noon, Constitution A

Learn the basics of rendering fur and hair texture to art with Adobe Photoshop using a basic and simple technique. Discussion and demonstrations will include optimizing your computer for the texture process, settings for Photoshop 6 and 7, tools used for texture rendering, fur styles, shadows, and highlighting the texture using the Dodge and Burn tools, a step-by-step demonstration of adding fur to a single layer colored character, and a demonstration of the technique with both a two-button mouse and a graphics pen tablet.

Making a Monster! (Macro)

Kagemushi, Bennie, SusanDeer, Ken Sample, Gideon

Sunday 10:30–11:30am, Constitution A

This panel, led by Kagemushi and joined by Bennie, SusanDeer, Ken Sample, and Gideon, is all about how to create the

illusion of size in art and prose. There are many ways to portray a creature of excessive size, but not that many ways to do it well! Our panel of well-known artists and writers will give pointers for creating macro-scale beasts so realistic they will jump right off the page.

Mini and Model Painting

iCheetah

Saturday 2–3pm, Gettysburg 2

This class will cover preparing, priming and painting of resin and metal miniatures, with attention paid to techniques for customizing figures, and various painting techniques including washes and drybrushing. Anthropomorphic models and minis will of course be featured. Suggested materials are: any miniature or model you'd like to get started on; brush-on primer; acrylic paints; water-based colored inks; brushes for basecoats, details and drybrushing; emery board, nailfiles or jewellers files; X-acto knife, or small scissors. Some materials will be made available for walk-ins.

Mixed Media

Fennec, Auradeva

Sunday 10:30am–12noon, Gettysburg 3&4

What started out as a watercolor demo has become a mixed media event! Fennec and Auradeva will show you how to craft fine works of art without limiting yourself to a single type of materials!

Rendering Weaponry

White_Were

Saturday 4:30–5:30pm, Constitution A

White_Were presents various weapons for you to learn to draw through observation (that means no, you are not to touch them.)

Spotlight on Usagi Yojimbo!

Stan Sakai

Sunday 12noon–1:30pm, Constitution A

Join Stan Sakai for an exploration into the background of Usagi and how a story is created from idea to final art. You'll see scenes from Usagi in animation from the simple sixteen-bit computer game of fifteen years ago to his appearance on the first Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles show, to a Space Usagi demo, Usagi in CGI, his guest-starring in the new TMNT cartoon, and a preview of a TMNT Playstation game with UY. Don't miss it!

Web Comics Today

Bill Holbrook, The Gneech, and Kevin Pease

Saturday 1–2pm, Delaware 1–4

What's happening in the world of web comics these days? Who are the hot shots? What are the trends? What's it take to do one? Join the likes of Bill Holbrook of *Kevin and Kell*, The Gneech of *Suburban Jungle*, and Kevin Pease of *Absurd Nations* for the answers to these questions and any others you might have!

Costuming

Fursuit Games

MaggieKitten

Sunday 1:30–3pm, Delaware 1–4

MaggieKitten has whipped up some fun competitions for our costumed buddies! Go for the gold!

Fursuit Maintenance

Brokken

Saturday 4–5pm, Delaware 1&2

Brokken and friends will show you how to keep your costumes fresh and clean! A clean fursuiter is a happy fursuiter (as will be those riding in the elevators with him or her!)

Fursuits for Beginners

BigBadWolf

Saturday 2:30–3:30pm, Delaware 1&2

Fursuit Making 101! An intro for fursuiters, Topics will include various styles of mask making, basic bodysuit making and performing tips, led by BigBadWolf.

Hoofers!

Dest, Cordite

Friday 9–10:30pm, Delaware 1–4

The panel will be jointly conducted by “Dest” and Cordite, and will address costuming concerns for hooved characters. Last year they examined hoof construction, this time around they would like to focus on heads and masks. From design considerations to construction, mechanics, and material choice, they’ll cover a variety of topics relating to head construction as peculiar to “hoofers,” but useful to all.

Make-up and Prosthetics

Raven FX

Sunday 3–4pm, Gettysburg 3&4

The folks of Raven FX are here to share their tips, tricks, and techniques for the making of prosthetics for your costume!

Make-up and Prosthetics

SuperJay

Friday 3:30–4:30pm, Delaware 1–4

SuperJay also has some tips, tricks, and techniques he’d like to share. Whereas Raven FX leans towards realism, SuperJay’s characters are delightfully cute!

Fursuit Parade of Nations!

Sunday 12noon

Queue up in the Grand Ballroom at 11:45am!

Using Your Powers for Good!

Herbie, KuddlePup, TBA

Saturday 2:30–3:30pm, Delaware 3&4

Herbie, KuddlePup, and some of their other buddies do some really wonderful and thoughtful things for Give Kids the World. In this hour, they’ll tell you how you can use your talents to bring a smile to people who could really use one.

Writing

Furwords

Andrew Sihler

Saturday 2:30–3:30pm, Gettysburg 3&4

Back by popular demand, Andrew Sihler returns to lead a discussion of the histories of names for animals; wolf, lynx, and so on, as well as dragon, centaur, “mephit”, and even animal and anthropomorphic.

How to Critique Literature

Phil Geusz

Saturday 4–5pm, Gettysburg 3&4

What makes good writing good? And, to the contrary, bad? And how do you tell the author in such a way as to not only convey your opinions clearly, and also offer constructive criticism? Phil Geusz will go over these very important points and others in this panel.

Iron Author I

Kristy Tracer, Phil Geusz

Friday 2–3pm, Constitution A

This game is an exercise in baaaad writing! So bad, it’s brilliant... we hope! You know *The Eye of Argon*, right? Well, you’re going to write something like *that!* And then, at Part II of the event, be judged on it. Oof! Challenge! At the first portion of the event, you will be given the parameters for your writing and, if need be, a little bit of reading from E of A will go on in order to familiarize participants with the level of hilarious suck to which they must stoop.

Iron Author II: Revenge of the Cliché!

Kristy Tracer, Phil Geusz

Sunday 3–5pm, Wayne Suite (23rd Floor)

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Writing, Drawing, and Animating For Kids Of All Ages

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Writers' Workshop with Teri Holbrook

Saturday 11am–2pm, Wayne Suite (23rd Floor)

Edgar-nominated mystery author and writing teacher Teri Holbrook will be available for personal writing evaluations at this year's Anthrocon. Pre-registration for this workshop is required!

Gaming

Tabletop

FurryCon: The Game!

Brian Miller (SylverFox)

Saturday 3:30–5:30pm, Gettysburg 1

Brian Miller (SylverFox) has come up with a new card game about... going to cons? Based (loosely) on Another Card Game. You, as one of the base groups, need to ally or kick out a certain percentage of other groups people to win. I hear the Programming Director card is worth beaucoup points!

IronClaw / JadeClaw

Kris

Friday 8:30pm–12am, Gettysburg 2

Saturday 10pm–12am, Gettysburg 1

Rage

RainyDay Paperback Exchange

Friday 3:30–5pm, Gettysburg 1 (demo)

Friday 8:30pm–12am, Gettysburg 1 (long play)

Saturday, 11am–3pm, Gettysburg 1 (tournament)

World Tree

Bard Bloom

Saturday 3:30–7pm, Gettysburg 2

Sunday 11am–2pm, Gettysburg 2

Video Gaming

Dance Dance Revolution Tournament

Josh Strom

Saturday 10pm–1am, Jefferson

Everyone knows *Dance Dance Revolution*; it's the rhythm game you play with your feet. Watch the competitors show you their

moves, or better yet, if you have the skill and the passion, sign up right outside Jefferson and become part of the fun.

Super Smash Bros. Melee Tournament

Jessie Tracer

Saturday 1:30pm–4:30pm, Jefferson

Mayhem! Pairs of frenzied fighters match wits in a team tournament that won't soon be forgotten, a surreal competition between classic videogame characters that's too crazy to miss out on. Last year's tourney was a hit; this year's promises to be epic! Sign up with a partner outside the videogame room to join in, but be quick, there are only sixteen slots open. Or, simply drop by and watch the melee!

Playtime

The Eye of Argon

Kristy Tracer

Friday 8:30pm–?, Gettysburg 3&4

Kristy hosts the marathon reading of probably one of the worst works of literature even. In fact, it's so badly clichéd, it's hilarious. Read until you laugh, then pass it to the next person to continue!

Fursuit Games

Please see listing in "Costuming" for de-tails. Ha ha.

Iron Author

Please see listing in "Writing" for details.

Revenge of the Mad Libs!

Brian Miller

Saturday 11am–12noon, Gettysburg 2

Brian Miller is back! Aaahhh! And so are the Mad Libs! Aaaaahhhh!

Panels

Furries in Games: The State of the Art

Jessie Tracer, Josh Strom, "Duncan"

Sunday 1pm–2pm, Jefferson

Sonic the Hedgehog. Ratchet and Clank. Spyro. Vexx, Blinx, Felicia, Pikachu, Ecco... Just a few anthropomorphic characters across two and a half decades of video gaming history. How have they changed, and where are we headed next as an undeniable part of gaming? This titanic tryptich of industry insiders leads an open discussion on just that.

Getting Into the Industry

Jessie Tracer, Josh Strom, "Duncan"

Saturday 11am–12noon, Jefferson

Have you got a great idea for a videogame with critters in it? Are you an artist looking to lend your talents to the field? Are you a play-tester, musician, game reviewer, or anything else game-related looking to get a start? Three panelists from three different corners of the industry discuss the way it really works, and how you can get into it.

Performance

Funday Pawpet Show

Friday 3–5pm, Grand Ballroom

Join Mutt and his pals for two hours of games, songs, and yucky things to put in your mouth!

Improv!

Charles DeLeRoy, Kig

Thursday 8–10pm, Delaware 1&2 (Charles DeLeRoy)

Sunday 1–2:30pm, Delaware 1&2 (Kig)

Two, count em' *two* Improv events! Join in and ham it up!

Masquerade

Saturday 7–8:30pm, Grand Ballroom

A showcase of fursuiters and their many performance talents!

Music Round Table: Jam and Stuff

Chris Goodwin

Sunday 1–3pm, Wayne Suite (23rd Floor)

Chris Goodwin will lead a discussion about music and musical techniques in general. Then, you're invited to have five minutes of fame to play something live or on CD to then receive critique from fellow participants! And lastly, it's a good time to schmooze with fellow musicians! Cool.

Pawpet Free-For-All

Recherei

Thursday 9–10pm, Delaware 3&4

Friday 9–11pm, Constitution A

Bring your puppets cause Recherei has brought his stage again! All are welcome to join in!

2 the Ranting Gryphon with SpazFox

Friday 7–8:30pm, Grand Ballroom (PG-13)

Uncle Kage's Story Hour... and a Half!

Saturday 8:30–10pm, Grand Ballroom

Spirituality

Christian Furs

Kamstone, Kamau

Sunday 11am–12noon, Delaware 1&2

Spirituality Round Table

Lulu White

Friday 9–10:30pm, Wayne Suite (23rd Floor)

Tarot

Charles May

Saturday 2:30–4pm, Wayne Suite (23rd Floor)

Social

Late Nite Movie in the Zoo

Saturday 11pm–1am

Animalympics!

Marsupial Madness

Danruk

Sunday 11am–12noon, Gettysburg 1&2

Like marsupials? Danruk is here to help!

Meet the GoHs

Stan Sakai, Michel Gagné

Friday 1–2pm, Grand Ballroom

Who are the Guests of Honor this year? Stan Sakai and Michel Gagné! Find out a little bit about these two most excellent artists and writers! General Q&A.

Milk & Cookies!

Saturday 10:30–11pm, The Zoo

Unifursal doth rock, yea verily.

Northeast Furs

Saturday 1–2pm, Gettysburg 3&4

Are you from the Northeastern part of the U.S.? Moving there? Miss it? Check us out.

Usagi Yojimbo Dojo

Brian Nutter

Saturday 11am–12noon, Delaware 1–4

Brian Nutter hosts the gathering for the Stan Sakai fan club, UYD for short! Newcomers welcome!

Your First Furry Con

Kagemushi, 2

Friday 2–3pm, Delaware 1–4

Is this your first con? Are you from out of the country? Worried about what to say, how to act, how to handle a sketchbook? Let some of the old folks guide you through your first convention experience, hosted by none other than Kagemushi and 2 Wow, what a way to break in the new folks, eh?

People and Animal Health

Basic Pet Care

Tyler Hutchinson DVM

Saturday 4–5pm, Delaware 3&4

Tyler Hutchinson DVM returns again to talk to us about basic care for our four-legged friends/kids. They need TLC, too!

Health and Fitness

Jason Murdock

Sunday 3:30–4:30pm, Delaware 1–4

Jason Murdock has enjoyed continued success in whipping himself into shape and has once again volunteered to share the details of how he did it with everyone! WhOO!

Summer Games For RL Furry Friends

Tyler Hutchinson DVM

Friday 3–4pm, Delaware 3&4

Tyler Hutchinson DVM has some good advice on how to make sure your pets get proper exercise and care in the summer months, which can be really tough on critters.

Greetings one and all!

Here we are again! Another summer, another Anthrocon! I hope you all have, are having, or have had a good time!

It is, however, with a heavy heart that I write this letter to you. Life has changed rather drastically for me in the last year. The events that have occurred have caused me to take pause and evaluate my position as your Programming Director. It has become clear that certain priorities must override my love of this job.

This was not an easy decision to make. Despite some minor annoyances inherent in the job, I really do enjoy being such a big part of shaping the con. Then there's the satisfaction that comes when someone walks up to me and says, "Good job, Sue!" It puts a real spring in my step. I'm going to miss that. Who wouldn't?

I won't disappear completely from staff. As I've always said, AC is in my backyard. Therefore, I feel a certain responsibility to it. It'll just be more so a background thing that should be less at-con time consuming, so I'll be able to have a dealers' table to do all the sketching that people have been asking me for at AC for the last five cons!

I'd like to thank my staff for being so supportive, especially when life's little troubles cause me to procrastinate even more than I normally would! I'd like to thank my fellow board members, whom I consider all to be good friends. Thank you to all of the Honored Guests and volunteers who have led or been in panels, demos, SIGs, and events over the last five years. You're the true substance of Anthrocon. (Hey, that's another thing . . . I'll have time to lead a panel or two again! Cool!) Finally, thank you to you, the attendees. What good is a plethora of good events if no one goes to them?

See you all around,

Susan "SusanDeer" Rankin

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