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This Month in BCSFA

Sunday 21 October @ 7 PM:

BCSFA meeting—at Ray Seredin's, 707 Hamilton Street (recreation room), New Westminster. Call 604-521-0254 for directions. [*November meeting is Sunday 18 November 2012.*]

Friday 26 October:

'BCSFAzine' production (theoretically).

About BCSFA

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Letters of Comment

[*Editor's responses in brackets.*]

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Sunday 14 October 2012

Dear BCSFAns:

Many thanks for issue 472 of *BCSFAzine*, even if the .PDF said issue 471.

[*I double-checked the paper and PDF and couldn't see it, and only realized what you meant when I went to change the file properties for this issue!*]

Hope I'm responding to the right fanzine...if not, let's see if I contradict myself in this letter.

I agree, the *Total Recall* movie was unnecessary, even if it was shot here. Also, a new version of *RoboCop* is being shot here, and it's also totally unnecessary. The usual stuff, replace all the Canada Post mailboxes with USPS boxes, and all the Toronto police cars with Detroit police cars, and suddenly, we're in downtown Detroit, which probably hasn't looked that good in years.

[*Total Recall 2070 and Robocop: The Series were filmed in Toronto too. I don't discount them as unnecessary, because they're continuations to their original films, not retellings of the original story.*]



I must have another look at the Project Gutenberg website, especially if they are now offering collections of clip art. This could be for a new fanzine, who knows? ☺

My LOC...job hunting? I am finally done, because I did find daytime work. I now work for Lombardi Publishing, right on the northern border of Toronto and Woodbridge, a company that produces health and financial newsletters, and I am there as a copy editor.

[*Yay! ☺*]

I am still at *The Globe and Mail* in the evenings, and it's a two-hour commute late in the day between one job and the other, so as you can imagine, weekends are really, really important to me. We did have our second high tea, and it was as much fun as the first.

The Vancouver Hack Space sounds quite interesting...Toronto does have the Site 3 Collaboratory, but it is mostly full of tools, lathes, an operating laser, and lots of space for physical projects, and a party space above. It's a valuable space for hobbyists and those who'd like to be more than a hobbyist, and they have open houses regularly. It could have some computer space, I suppose, but there is the assumption that everyone has the computer and software they need to do the job...not always the case...

That movie *Cloud Atlas* sounds interesting...lots of good actors, and I gather all of them have at least two roles in the movie. But, would I have time to go?

The autumn is here, big projects are coming up, and two big conventions in November...busy times are ahead. Hope this makes the next issue, looking forward to it.

Yours,
Lloyd Penney

Dave Haren
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Friday 19 October 2012

Hi Felicity.

I've been busy doing hospital stuff with a family member who has a very unusual cancer. Inside a lower chamber of heart. Right now it is fingers crossed time.

Project Gutenberg has passed 41000 ebooks recently and some recent offerings have been good early SF with names like Poul Anderson (he lived in my area and was seen now and then doing mundane stuff like buying things at a liquor store), Fletcher Pratt, Starzl, and other leading lights of the era.

Centaurus awaits since they have located an Earthlike planet close to the nearest star like Sol. We need to do a modest proposal to double our real estate. It is in an inconvenient orbit but once we can get there moving it should be quite simple. The whole idea of long range planning is to have long range plans.

I hear the short range planners are going to pipe the tar sands output through your neighborhood since the activists here have been unhappy about running it to Texas.

On a mundane note, the woman in France who lost her job and was presented with an 11.7 quadrillion Euro/Franc? phone bill and was told she could pay it off in increments holds the record for bizarre episodes, topping the balloon jumper.

I'm sending a picture of Jack Sarfatti and his assistants in case you need a Halloween scare. He's a highly credentialed and fairly controversial scientist of note.

The Cline book *It's Down to Earth* from Gutenberg's self publishing seems to be quite interesting from the hard science fictional viewpoint. Someone has recently done a paper on the Alcubierre style warpdrive making it seem more feasible this time around. Means the dreams are still alive.

Pyat of SF fandom fame on YouTube has outed his familial relationships, from what he had shared everybody seems happy and as stable as any other happy member of fandom.



I haven't picked up the liner for my Katzbox folder, so Arnie may have backed off on his plan to get Nalini Hayes to play. That's for those who hang out on Bill Burns' fanzine site as regulars.

Oh and Cory is supposed to be in your town soon, he's been all over recently but is supposed to do something with Gibson in Van.

[True! See "Calendar."]

Warmest regards,
Dave Haren

I hope this little missive makes it in, because I have been even more forgetful than usual and so this LOC is more than a little tardy.

My apologies to the editor for making her remind me so much and for any stress this has caused.

Anyhow, hiya there folks! Glad to be back for another of my award-winning LOCs. (No pressure.) I hope everyone had as fabulous a VCON as I did, minus the sleep issues (nothing quite like trying to adjust to a new sleep aid during a convention!).

Holy crap, David Haren! An interview with Philip K. Dick where he mentions the Elrons? I am *so* there! *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* is one of my top three science fiction novels of all time, along with *Childhood's End* by Arthur C. Clarke and *Dune* by Frank Herbert. Every time I read *DADOES*, I get something new out of it, and I have read it eight times now over the last twenty five years.

I don't think I could handle *Animal Farm* though. I have seen the fully animated version and the live action-ish version and that is quite enough. Too upsetting.

Archive.org is an amazing treasure trove of wonders, isn't it? They even have wax cylinder recordings from the very dawn of recorded sound! Edison himself!

It's a bad idea to be comfortable in interviews, Lloyd Penney? Then I have made that same mistake. I assumed they wanted confident, competent people. But perhaps those types of people seem like they are fighting the interviewer for dominance and therefore the interviewer has to reject them in order to reassert control.

Sad if true, but it makes a sort of sense.

Maybe they figure you will be a cocky know it all. What is the right attitude then? Nervous and eager to please? Ick.

Well that's enough from me. Don't want to be hogging the column inches. See ya next issue, folks!



This is too comfortable.

We Also Heard From: Joseph Bardsley, BC Renaissance Festival, Laurel Beauprie, Michael Citrak, Brad Foster, Jade Honeywill, Kathleen Moore, Garth Spencer, and Taral Wayne.

Calendar

Note to print readers: underlined events have an associated URL. Links are included in the PDF version at <http://www.efanzines.com/BCSFA/>.—Julian Castle

Already in Progress

1–30 June, 1–29 July, 1–31 August, 1–30 September *and* 3–7 *and* 10–15 October 2012: The History of Video Games in BC, 12–5 PM at New Westminster Museum and Archives, 302 Royal Avenue, New Westminster. “Take part in this all-ages exhibition highlighting the history of video games, from *Pong* to more recent titles created for devices like the iPhone. Admission by donation.”—Keith Lim

12, 19, and 26 September *and* 3, 10, 17, 24, *and* 31 October or 12 September–31 October [?] 2012: Emily Carr: CEGN 160—F001: The Contemporary Comic, 11 AM–12 PM or 6:30 PM–9:30 PM [?] at Emily Carr University of Art + Design, 1399 Johnston Street, Granville Island, Vancouver. “Comics bring together the arts of storytelling and illustration. In this course, you will learn about building stories through illustration, dialogue, and character development. Body language, passage of time, flow, perspective, composition, and personal style will also be addressed. Through exercises, projects, and critiques, you will learn to develop your own ideas from concept to final product. Prerequisites: None. Comments: Please bring the following supplies to class: one Staedtler Mars plastic eraser*, one Col-Erase blue pencil (light blue; *not* non-repro)*, one Staedtler graphite pencil (2B)*, one aluminum pencil sharpener*, one 9"×12" sketchbook*, one 1-oz. bottle FW black acrylic ink, three 11"×17" Staedtler Mars vellum, two Opus 101 Sablite brush #2, one 14"×17" Strathmore bristol pad, one 8-gr. glue stick, one 15-ml tube white gouache, two Pigma Micron pens (03 + 08), variety of ‘nibs’/calligraphy pens, one ruler. Estimated cost: \$76.00. Note: Bring items marked with a ‘*’ to your first class. Note: Printer/copy cards can be purchased at the vending machine outside the Emily Carr cafeteria. *Present this ECUAD Registration Statement at Opus Framing & Art Supplies to qualify for a student discount. In order to minimize disruption, students are expected to arrive at class a minimum of 5 minutes prior to the designated start time. If possible, please notify your instructor ahead of time if you expect to be late or absent.* Cost: \$230.00. Days: W. Room: 113. Building: NB.”—Keith Lim

October 2012

October is International Starman Month.

1 October 2012: **Dave Strutt**’s birthday.

1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 October *and* 5, 12, 19, *and* 26 November 2012: Board Gamers: Painting Miniatures, 5–9 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster. “Hello. Painting miniatures can be fun, challenging, and sometimes even outrageous. Feel free to come by the store to paint, share tips, or maybe even

learn a thing or two about the craft, nay artform, that is miniatures painting. There are some paints available to use, and brushes, as well as primer. Warmachine figures will likely be the name of the game for most, but anything is welcome.”—[Keith Lim](#)

1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 October and 5, 12, 19, and 26 November 2012: [Vancouver Hack Space Craft Night](#), 7:30–10:30 PM at 45 West Hastings—Back Alley Entrance, Vancouver. [*See Vancouver Hack Space Open House for description.*]—[Keith Lim](#)

2 October 2012: [One Year for Dave’s Pop Culture](#). “One-year celebration *all* week long. Come on in and see me and get some great deals!”—[Dave Strutt](#)

2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 October and 6, 13, 20, and 27 November 2012: [Board Gamers: Tuesday Night Board Gaming](#), 5–10 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster. “Feel free to come by anytime from 5 PM to about 10 PM to play a game or two. There are hundreds of open games for playing, or feel free to bring your own. Parking out front is a buck thirty-five an hour (free after 6 PM), or there is a parkade a block away (buck an hour), across Columbia and down by the river. We are located two blocks northeast of the New Westminster Skytrain Station, at Columbia and Begbie. There is a Waves coffee shop in the same building. Go uphill on Begbie to Clarkson, and the store is to the right. Tuesday is also the Buck a Slice special feature at Fresh Slice Pizza just down the street. Have a good day.—Kirby”—[Keith Lim](#)

2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, and 30 October and 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29 November 2012: [Vancouver Hack Space Open House](#), 7:30–10:30 PM at 45 West Hastings—Back Alley Entrance, Vancouver. “Vancouver Hack Space provides a physical space where every creative type can gather to share ideas, equipment, and opinions. We aim to create a 24/7 brain gym where members can show up and work on personal projects, consult with friends, and learn new tricks. More than just a studio space with tools, we focus on sharing all sorts of knowledge within a friendly and collaborative atmosphere. At this point most of our members are hardware and software engineers, many of whom share an interest in microcontrollers, robotics, electronic music, and art. We welcome anyone with skills to share or an interest in learning. Come to our open nights and check it out!”—[Keith Lim](#)



3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 October and 7, 14, 21, and 28 November 2012: [Cloudscape Comics Weekly Meetup](#), 7:30–9:30 PM at the Grind & Gallery Coffee Bar, 4124 Main Street, Vancouver. “The Cloudscape Comics Society is a community of comic creators in Vancouver, BC who together publish and distribute quality graphic novel anthologies, as well as host comic workshops and other related events. Here enterprising comic artists come together to network, develop their ideas, and help each other perfect their craft. Everyone is welcome to the weekly evening meet-ups on Wednesdays, starting at 7:30 PM in the back room of the Grind and Gallery Coffee Bar.”—[Keith Lim](#)

3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 *and* 7, 14, 21, and 28 November October 2012: Vancouver Hack Space Kaizen Night AKA Hack the Space, 7:30–10:30 PM at 45 West Hastings—Back Alley Entrance, Vancouver. [See *Vancouver Hack Space Open House for description*.]—Keith Lim

4 October 2012: **Barbara Scutt**'s birthday.

4 and 18 October *and* 1, 15, and 29 November 2012: “Burnaby Sci-Fi Writers’ Group meets alternate Thursdays 7–9 PM at Metrotown Public Library (program room) or Connections lounge. Open to new members, mainly sci-fi/fantasy or what have you. Contact Allan @ (604) 946-2427 or email lowson@dccnet.com for details.”—Allan Lowson (on Richmond Writers Network Facebook Group)

5 October 2012: Premiere of films *Frankenweenie* (animation/remake; Martin Landau, Christopher Lee, Catherine O’Hara, Winona Ryder, Dee Bradley Baker, Tom Kenny, Frank Welker) and *V/H/S* (horror).

5, 12, 19, and 26 October *and* 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 November 2012: Fontana Friday—BC Browncoats, 6:30–7:30 PM at La Fontana Caffè, 3701 Hastings Street, Burnaby.—Keith Lim

5, 12, 19, and 26 October *and* 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 November 2012: Friday Board Game Night—Drexoll Games, 7–11 PM at Drexoll Games, 2880 West 4th Avenue (½ block west of MacDonald Street), Vancouver. “In our stores, it’s *open gaming* any time we’re open, so stop in with a friend and try a game! Both of our locations have 7–8 tables and plenty of seating. Space may be limited during tournaments—scheduled events take precedence over open gaming tables. We have about 100 open board games for playing in the store. Playing is *free* except for some tournaments.”—Keith Lim

6 October 2012: **Arthur Hlavaty**'s birthday. Hlav at thee! ☺

6 October *and* 16 November 2012: IPMS Vancouver 42nd Fall Show & Swap Meet, 9 AM–4:30 PM at Bonsor Recreation Complex, Second Floor “Arts Room,” 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby. “This year’s special theme, ‘Operation Barbarossa,’ [?] [*is*] open to armour, aircraft, figures, dioramas, etc. The main show room is closed to everyone but judges between 3 and 4 PM for final judging and ribbon placement. The event is not limited to IPMS members. Anyone can come and view the show. Additionally, anyone can enter a kit to be judged. The objective is for the best kit in a category to win, not the best kit built by an IPMS member. This is the event of the year for modelers in the greater Vancouver area. The show attracts modelers from Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest. Recent Shows have had around 470 kits entered in dozens of trophy or ribbon categories. Several other modeling clubs are involved, sponsoring trophies, door prizes, and volunteering to judge or just helping out. Most of the hobby shops in the lower mainland contribute to the show, sponsoring trophies or donating door prizes. Several manufacturers and suppliers also contribute. There is a vendor room with tables set up in flea market fashion. Door

prizes, largely donated by hobby shops and suppliers to the industry, are given out during the day. At the end of the day, awards and special prizes are handed out and the winning models are photographed for the club's archives. This year's theme—War in the Pacific. [?] Entry registration closes at 12 noon. *Admission*: \$5 Cdn. (17 and older); *free* (16 and under). Vendor tables: \$40 Cdn. Registration: from 9 AM to 12 noon; \$7 Cdn. (17 and older); \$2 Cdn. (16 and under).”—[Keith Lim](#)

6, 13, 20, and 27 October and 3, 10, 17, and 24 November 2012: [Board Gamers: Saturday Afternoon Gaming](#), 12–7 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster. “Hello. Feel free to come in anytime on Saturday afternoon until 7 PM and play any of the many open games there are here at the store.—Kirby”—[Keith Lim](#)

6 October 2012: Remembering Kitty—A Memorial, 4:00 PM at Lynnwood Eagles Hall, 19223 Highway 99, Lynnwood, Washington, USA. “Sending this message on behalf of Judy Suryan. Please join us in remembering Kitty Canterbury. A gathering of family and friends. 4:00–5:00 PM gathering, followed by dinner, memorial, dessert, and fun. RSVP to: rememberkitty@aol.com. Kitty Canterbury passed away early morning September 9th ending a short battle with ovarian cancer. She continued to be good-natured and gentle and was visited daily by family and dear friends. Kitty founded the local *Star Trek* fan group called the Puget Sound Star Trekkers (PSST) and served as the Commodore of the group from the mid-1970s through the early 1980s. She was honored as Fan Guest of Honor at Norwescon 19. Many local fans consider Kitty the mother of organized northwest fandom. Email photos from Kitty's activities with the Puget Sound Star Trekkers, life at the various Starbases, and other fannish activities to Judy at rememberkitty@aol.com. What we're providing: we will serve Kitty's favorite meal of pork and tater tots followed by chocolate cake. We will provide coffee, cocoa (a Kitty favorite), tea, Crystal Light lemonade, and ice water. We will also provide plates, napkins, cups, and flatware. You bring: your preferred soft drink and a potluck dish to share: main dishes, salads, side dishes, and desserts (Kit loved chocolate chip cookies—hint). Please include serving utensils needed for your dish. Please bring a crock pot or hot plate or other appropriate appliance if your food must be kept warm. Location information: the hall is on the north-bound (east) side of Highway 99. It is located between Central Welding Supply (south side) and Furniture World (north side). The Costco Business Center is just north of Furniture World. All are on the east side of Highway 99. There is a cash bar at the hall. No alcoholic drinks can be brought in by us. You must purchase alcoholic drinks from the hall.”—[Jeanine Swanson](#) via [Michael Citrak](#)



6 October 2012: [Galaxion Origins: 40 Years of Atari](#), 9 PM–3 AM at the Red Room Ultrabar, 398 Richards Street, Vancouver. “*Drink. Dance. Game.* The core Galaxion concept: we turn the club into a retro arcade dance party complete with vintage arcade machines and classic console gaming on all screens. At this party we celebrate

the 40-year history and legacy of Atari, with giant wall projection retro games and showcasing the evolution of what they started in '72 from the *phenomenal* collection at GameDeals.ca. Take a break from the dancefloor and get your nerd on at over a dozen large screen gaming stations inside the club! After the absolutely *insane* response we had for our last event, I Heart Tetris, we're taking it *another* step farther and can't wait to show you what we're cooking up! *Galaxion*: games, DJs & dancing! *Main room*: best of the '80s/pop/new wave/punk/retro electro/old school/8-bit/chiptune/'80s inspired favourites with DJs Pandemonium, Manos, & Vortex. *Human Centipede competition*: basically, duelling '80s conga lines! Silly, yes, and fun! *Cover*: \$8 early bird (9–10 PM). \$10 afterwards in rad '80s-inspired outfit, or retro-game costume. \$12 otherwise.”—[Isaac Terpstra](#)

6–7 October 2012: [Dave's Grand Opening](#), 10 AM Saturday–5 PM Sunday at Dave's Pop Culture, 4962 Bridge Street, Delta. “As we have now been open for a year, played over 1500 games of Dominion, made some new friends, laughed, cried, but mostly had a great time...let's have the Grand Opening!!! Come on in on Saturday for games, cake, and that Pop Culture *fun* 20% off all regular-priced stock and a bunch of other good deals to be had.”—[Dave Strutt](#)

6–7 October 2012: [Vancouver Mega Comic-Con](#), 10 AM–6 PM at Hyatt Regency Vancouver, 655 Burrard Street, Vancouver. Admission: [tickets online](#) (no mention of at-door price on website). Guests: Honky Tonk Man, Dustin Diamond, Randy Emberlin, James Lloyd, Ken Steacy, Manu Intiraymi, Francis Manapul. Brought to you by Topps Cards.—[Facebook/Keith Lim](#)

7 October 2012: [Knit a Knocker for Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#), 3–5 PM at La Fontana Caffè, 3701 Hastings Street, Burnaby. “October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and chances are you've all known someone who has been affected by breast cancer. I'm issuing a challenge to the...” [*End of information.*]—Creative Geeks Society via [Keith Lim](#)

7, 14, 21, and 28 October *and* 4, 11, 18, *and* 25 November 2012: [Kitsilano Board Games: Lazy Sundays](#), 2–3 PM at Cuppa Joy, #295–2083 Alma Street, Vancouver. “Sunday afternoons: they are made for relaxing, cups of warming beverage, and most especially board games. Thus, *Sunday board games!* Cuppa Joy's large tables, usually unoccupied space and laid-back attitude suits this purpose perfectly. Bring board games, friends, and of course your lovely selves! If anyone has any board game requests, feel free to post them in the comments and I will try to accommodate. You can also post less specific requests (e.g. ‘games that take eight players,’ ‘games that don't involve math,’ ‘games about farming’) and I'll see what I can do. Happy Sunday!”—[Keith Lim](#)

9 October 2012: [West Coast Geeks vs. Nerds—Episode 2: The Monster Mash](#), 7 PM at Yuk Yuk's Vancouver, 2837 Cambie Street, Vancouver. “Something wicked this way comes...wickedly awesome that is! The good folks at WC GVN are bringing Halloween to Vancouver early this year with two spooktacular debates! First up, it's truly not easy being green, as we present Frankenstein's Monster vs. The Wicked

Witch of the West: ‘Who is the most misunderstood green monster?’ And ending the night we have two heavy hitters to the world of nocturnal baddies. We ask the question ‘Who is the greatest vampire slayer?’ Blade or Buffy? West Coast Geeks Versus Nerds: defining pop culture, one debate at a time. We take two pop culture icons, debate them on our stage, and you—the audience—decide the winners! Laughs will be had, threats will be made, prizes will be given, and your fandom will be tested before the night is over. Come on out and meet your tribe! A ticket to the show is only \$10 @ Yuk Yuk’s Vancouver. The event is 19+ (sorry, younglings, but swears and silly juice = an ID required event). Costumes and fun T-shirts are encouraged (and potentially rewarded *hint hint!*). Door prizes to be provided by our sponsors: Gamedeals Video Games, Connection Games & Comics, Geek Sweets, and Karmavore Vegan Shop. Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/WcGeeksVersusNerds>. Twitter: https://twitter.com/WC_GeeksVSnerds.”—Cameron H. Russell



9 October and 13 November 2012: Monthly Steampunk Coffee Klatch, 7:30–9 PM at Waves Coffee House—Large Private Room, #100–900 Howe Street (@ Smithe), Vancouver. “Second Tuesday of every month. In the Victorian tradition of conversation in coffee houses, this casual monthly event is open to everyone who wants to just get together and meet up with other local steampunks. Whether you’re new to steampunk or well-seasoned, young or old, silly or serious, please feel free to drop by. We can discuss whatever folks want, plan nefarious plots, or just relax, hang out, and get to chat with one another. Costumes welcome but not required—dress as you feel comfortable! I will be at least steamily accessorized, since I have to work immediately beforehand. The only requirement for us to have this space is that everyone should purchase something at the coffee house. They offer teas, coffee, hot chocolate, and various cold beverages, as well as some baked goods.”—Keith Lim

10 and 24 October and 7 and 21 November 2012: Kitsilano Board Games: Wednesday Is the New Monday!, 7–8 PM at Cuppa Joy, 2083 Alma Street, Vancouver. “Wednesday is the new Monday! And by that I mean, we’re switching our every-other-week, weeknight games to Wednesdays, so that I can actually attend! Also popular opinion (i.e. I asked a couple of people) seems to agree—Wednesdays are superior. Some come on down to Cuppa Joy, grab a pint and a samosa, and play some *board games!* *Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday!*!”—Keith Lim

11 October and 8 November 2012: Fraser Valley Model Club Monthly Meeting, 7:30–9:30 PM at Kariton House Gallery, 2387 Ware Street, Abbotsford. “Meetings held second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM from September to June (July & August have no meetings—summer break).”—Keith Lim

11 October and 8 November 2012: Vancouver Astronomy Monthly Meetup, 7:30–8:30 PM. [No location given.] “Second Thursday of every month. This is the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada—Vancouver monthly meeting and is shared with the general public at no charge. Please be advised that RASC Vancouver’s monthly lectures will be held at different locations throughout 2012. The location of each

meeting will be posted in advance, along with details of the speaker and topic. We meet at 7:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month, with astro-coffee, cookies, and juice served after the presentation. Please join us for interesting and informative lectures on all aspects of astronomy and space-science, along with stimulating conversations!”—[Keith Lim](#)

12 October 2012: Premiere of film *Sinister* (horror; Ethan Hawke, Vincent D’Onofrio, Fred Dalton Thompson).

12 [?]-13 and 20-22 October and 1 November [?] 2012: *The Zombie Syndrome*, all day event on the streets of Vancouver. “The Virtual Stage presents a site-specific, interactive, roving Halloween theatre adventure: *The Zombie Syndrome!* Written and directed by the Virtual Stage’s Andy Thompson, *The Zombie Syndrome* takes its audience on a high-stakes mission to save the world from a deadly zombie invasion. This may be the only theatre event where phones are not only allowed, but encouraged! The highly interactive theatrical scavenger-hunt features technical elements requiring each audience group to use their smartphones to navigate through the show and find clues leading to a renegade scientist’s secret mobile laboratory. Use your phone’s GPS to elude zombies and locate the next scene right on the streets of Vancouver, while racing to uncover the cure to a pandemic that threatens the entire human race! *The Zombie Syndrome* runs October 13 [?] to 31 [?] with five shows a day beginning in a secret location in downtown Vancouver. Don’t have a smartphone? Don’t worry! Only one smartphone per audience group is required for everyone to enjoy the show! One in three adults in Canada now has a smartphone and each audience group is up to thirteen people, so you’ll be fine! Trust us. Tickets can be purchased online only: by clicking [here!](#)”—[Keith Lim](#)

12 October and 9 November 2012: [Board Gamers: Friday Night Magic](#), 6:30–9:30 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster. Open gaming; 7–8 tables. “For Friday Night Magic we will be running a limited Draft FNM. Cost is three booster packs plus \$2, starting at 6:30 PM. Also feel free to come by for some casual Magic: The Gathering from 6–9 PM. Feel free to use the house decks if you just want to try out the game. Don’t forget to check out [our Facebook page.](#)”—[Keith Lim](#)

12 October and 2 November 2012: [Trumpeter Tabletop Games Society Game Night](#), 7–8 PM at Bonsor Community Centre, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby (beside Metrotown Centre). \$4 for members; \$6 for non-members.—[Keith Lim](#)

12–14 October 2012: [11th Annual Whistler Readers and Writers Festival](#), at various venues including the Fairmont Chateau Whistler. Readings from 20 guest authors (local and international), spoken word, workshops, and social gatherings (such as Wine, Books, and Jazz).—*TV Week*

13 October 2012: [Monster Bop Burlesque](#), 6:30–10 PM at the Cellar Nightclub, 1006 Granville Street, Vancouver. “Velvet von Doff Productions presents [...] an evening of ghoulish burlesque from the twisted soda-pop psyche of Velvet von Doff!

The 1950s and 1960s were a time of the *classic* monster. On October 13th, these wicked burlesque vixens and boylesque sensations will bring those HORRIFYING monsters back...from beyond the grave! Frankenstein, Dracula, the Mummy, Creature from the Black Lagoon...and *more!* Tickets \$15 in advance on clubzone.com, \$20 at the door. Hosted by the delightfully sinful duo of Voodoo Pixie & Aleister Crane! Creep on our demonic Go-Go Ghouls, Riannaconda and Manda Stroyer! Get your thrills and chills with our stage kitties, Sweet Sashay and Trixie Hobbittes! *Creature features:* Mama Fortuna, Bunny Mewguns, Tranny Zukko, Malvina MasVino, Sweetpea Magee, Rufflesilkskin, Maggie Pie, Whatsername, Rocky Ribcage, Sherry Hymen, Bobbi Whiskey, Velvet von Doff...and *more!* Come dressed in your best Hallowe'en costume, and be entered into our costume contest! Get your tickets in advance, and prepare to scream with delight this Hallowe'en!

Sponsored by [The FALL: Tattooing & Artist's Gallery](#), [Boo La La](#), & [Vancouver Makeup FX!](#)"—[Kalyn Harvey](#)



14 October 2012: Season premiere of *The Walking Dead* on AMC, 9 PM.

16 October 2012: **Duncan McGregor's** birthday.

16 October 2012: [Spoken INK Presents Burnaby Writers' Society Awards Night](#), 7:15 PM at La Fontana Caffe, 101–3701 East Hastings Street, Burnaby (NE corner of Boundary Road and Hastings Street). "Spoken INK hosts an evening of poetry and prose readings featuring the winners and runners-up of the Burnaby Writers' Society's annual contest. This year's theme was Earth. Please note there is an earlier start time for this event to allow time for our open mic! Readings begin at 7:30 PM. Open mic sign-up starts at 7:15 PM. Our 2012 winners: 1st: Clarissa P. Green (Vancouver); 2nd: Lynne Burnett (West Vancouver); 3rd: Sharron Bertchilde (Nanaimo); Hon. Mention: Julia Van Gorder (Vancouver). Spoken INK is a reading series presented by the Burnaby Writers' Society on the third Tuesday of each month (except July and August). For more information, visit <http://www.burnabywritersnews.blogspot.ca/> or contact bwscafe@gmail.com."—[Burnaby Writers' Coffeehouse Team](#)

16–21 October 2012: [The Vancouver Writers \[sic\] Fest \(25th Anniversary\)](#), Granville Island. "77 events including readings and discussions with Cory Doctorow, Martin Amis, Margaret Atwood, Michael Chabon, Annabel Lyon, and recent Governor General Award nominees Vincent Lam and Carrie Snyder. Cape Bretoner and multi-award winner Alistair MacLeod will debut his new short story, 'Romance,' which was commissioned by the festival to commemorate the event's silver anniversary." [See also "[Conversations with Cory Doctorow](#)," 20 October 2012.]—[The Province](#)

17 October 2012: Parade of Lost Souls Festival, all-day event. [No location given.] "Workshops will be 17–26 October at Britannia Community Centre (exact dates, times, and info to follow)."—[Keith Lim](#)

18–20 October 2012: Vancouver New Music Festival 2012, 8–10 PM at Scotiabank Dance Centre, 677 Davie Street, Vancouver, BC. “Tickets \$20 regular, \$15 students/seniors; three-day passes \$50/\$35. Available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/> or 1-800-838-3006, and at the door. Circuit Cabaret, the 2012 VNM Festival, explores the world of hacked and homemade electronics and DIY glitch. Circuit Cabaret features international, national, and local artists who transform consumer electronics and toys to create new instruments and unique sounds. Featuring: Peter Blasser (US), Frederick Brummer (Vancouver), Merlyn Chipman (Vancouver), Nicolas Collins (US), Cracked Ray Tube (US), Julie Gendron + Emma Hendrix + Rob Symmers (Vancouver), Matt Rogalsky (Kingston), Andrew Scott (Vancouver), Ryan Smith (Vancouver), and Vincent van Haaff (Vancouver).”—Keith Lim

19 October 2012: **Gareth von Kallenbach** and **Cathy Palmer-Lister**’s birthdays. Premiere of film *Paranormal Activity 4* (horror).

19 October 2012: IPMS Vancouver Monthly Meeting, 7–9:30 PM at Bonsor Recreation Complex, Second Floor “Arts Room,” 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby. “Club meetings are held on the third Friday of every month (with very few exceptions such as if the third Friday falls on Good Friday or is too close to Christmas—check schedule). Doors open at 7 PM. Meetings officially run from 7:30–9:30 PM.”—Keith Lim

20 October 2012: **Richard Walters**’s birthday.

20 October 2012: The 4th Annual Bellingham ComiCon, 10 AM–5 PM at Ferndale Events Center, 5715 Barrett Road, Ferndale, Washington (exit 262—just three blocks east of I-5). Guests: Ron Randall, Gary Martin, James Lloyd, Stefano Gaudiano, Randy Emberlin, Nina Matsumoto, 501st Legion Garrison Titan. “Northwest Washington’s largest selection of comics from the Golden Age to modern, toys, action figures, and more! Tons of free parking! Admission only \$7.”

20 October 2012: Conversations with Cory Doctorow, 2 PM and 5 PM at Performance Works [*1218 Cartwright Street, Granville Island, Vancouver*]. 2 PM: William Gibson. Did the Internet emerge from SF? What does it mean for counterculture? Also: copyright laws. 5 PM: Margaret Atwood and Pasha Malla. Theme: “What If?”—The Province

20 October and 17 November 2012: Vancouver Comic Jam, 8–9 PM at the Wallflower Modern Diner, 2404 Main Street, Vancouver. “The Vancouver Comic Jam is generally held the third Saturday of the month. In cases of long weekends or other conflicting dates, the jam may move to the second or third Saturday. For up to date information, [join the VCJ Facebook group](#) or [follow us on Twitter](#). *Who can come?*: Anyone who is of legal drinking age is invited. *How much?*: No admission fee. There is a \$5 minimum purchase per person required by the Wallflower. They provide their full menu to order from and alcohol galore: beer, wine, highballs and shots. *There will be a gratuity of 18–20% added to all bills because we are a large group*. Bring your own pencils/pens. Paper is provided. If you’re drawing with

markers that bleed through paper, be sure to either bring a drawing surface or place extra sheets of paper under the paper you're drawing on."—Keith Lim

21 October 2012: **Christopher Garcia**'s birthday.

21 October *and* 18 November 2012: Board Game Swap Meetup, 11 AM–1 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster. "Every third Sunday of the month a swap meet will be held where gamers can sell or trade any board games they would like to get rid of. RSVP for the event and you can list what you are looking to sell, or what you would like in trade. Use the message board to propose trades or list items for sale. Board Game Warriors can be a neutral site for meeting and doing transactions during store hours."—Keith Lim

26 October 2012: Premiere of films *Cloud Atlas* (SF; Tom Hanks, Hugo Weaving, Susan Sarandon, Halle Berry, Hugh Grant, Keith David, Jim Broadbent) and *Silent Hill: Revelation 3D* (horror; Sean Bean, Carrie-Anne Moss, Malcolm McDowell).

27 October 2012: **Peter Tupper**'s birthday.

27 October 2012: Foodhammer: Tabletop Gaming in Aid of the Langley Food Bank at GameStars—*Warhammer 40,000*, 19860 Langley Bypass, Langley. [*No time given on flyer.*] "Proceeds from the event benefit the Langley Food Bank. For more details see: <http://foodhammer.blogspot.ca/>, <http://www.facebook.com/Foodhammer>, <https://twitter.com/Foodhammer>, or e-mail foodhammer@shaw.ca.

27 October *and* 24 November 2012: Board Gamers: 12 Hours of Gaming, 12 PM–12 AM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster. "Hello. Feel free to come by anytime on Saturday from noon until midnight and play any of the many open games there are here at the store. The event is perfect for any of those more epic games we have at the store that you've been wanting to try or for any you might own but can rarely find the time/space/players to accommodate. Besides a couple of local coffee joints, there are a bevy of nearby eating establishments, and we will probably order some supper at around 6 PM. Hope to see you there.—Kirby & Critty"—Keith Lim

27 October 2012: Parade of Lost Souls—Secret Souls Walk, 5–9 PM at TBA.—Keith Lim

27–28 and 30–31 October *and* 1 November [?] 2012: The House of Forsaken Gods, 6:30–9:30 PM; location revealed upon purchase of tickets. "Pandora is dead. Her demons live on. Journey through a haunted house like no other where you'll experience the torrid and terrifying lives of the gods and goddesses, heroes and heroines, monsters and demons of Greek mythology. From the lofty peak of Mt. Olympus to the dreary depths of the Underworld, fear and enchantment, horror and charm, beauty and dread lie in wait for you. During the hour-long performance, breathtaking visual artistry and stunning live performances including aerial circus, prop manipulation, theatre, puppetry, physical comedy and music will make your heart pound with

fear, excitement and wonder. The macabre and the outrageous, the evil and the hilarious, heart-wrenching beauty and soul-stirring madness will all come together for an evening of unavoidable mirth. Date[s]: 27, 28, 30, 31 October 2012. Time: First tour starts at 6:30 and leaves on the half hour (each tour is an hour long and overlap). [...] Tickets: \$35 adults/\$30 students (please note: show is rated a mature 14A!) You *must* pre-pay and pre-register for the show. If you don't like using Paypal, please email info@inthehousefestival.com to arrange an alternative method of payment. <http://www.inthehousefestival.com/index.php?articleID=7>. [...] For more info on performers, go to [Co-Productions](#).”—Keith Lim

27 October 2012: The Halloween Party at the End of the Universe, 8–11 PM at Legion Hall, 2205 Commercial Drive, Vancouver. “The *end* is coming, so we might as well party! Be prepared for an evening of music, prizes, delicious snacks & refreshments, and of course your imminent doom. Featuring performances by: The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets, and Kieran Strange. Cover is \$15 at the door. *No minors*. Rave, costumes, prizes, doom. Sponsored by GameDeals.”—Keith Lim

28 October 2012: [Foodhammer: Tabletop Gaming in Aid of the Langley Food Bank](#) at GameStars—*Warhammer Fantasy*, 19860 Langley Bypass, Langley. “Proceeds from the event benefit the Langley Food Bank. For more details see: <http://foodhammer.blogspot.ca/>, <http://www.facebook.com/Foodhammer>, <https://twitter.com/Foodhammer>, or e-mail foodhammer@shaw.ca.

31 October 2012: Halloween. Increase Your Psychic Powers Day.

November 2012

2 November 2012: Premiere of films *Wreck-It Ralph* (computer animation/comedy/SF; John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman, Jack McBrayer, Jane Lynch, Alan Tudyk, Ed O’Neill, Edie McClurg, Jess Harnell, Adam Carolla, Horatio Sanz, Maurice LaMarche, John Di Maggio, Jim Cummings, Jennifer Hale, Scott Menville, Laraine Newman, Kath Soucie, Fred Tatasciore, Skrillex), *Jack and Diane* (lesbian werewolves; Kylie Minogue), and *Vamps* (comedy/horror/romance; Alicia Silverstone, Richard Lewis, Sigourney Weaver, Wallace Shawn, Malcolm McDowell, Marilu Henner, Scott Thomson, Todd Barry, Kristen Johnson, Larry Wilmore).

3 November 2012: [Foodhammer: Tabletop Gaming in Aid of the Langley Food Bank](#) at GameStars—*Warmachine*, 19860 Langley Bypass, Langley. “Proceeds from the event benefit the Langley Food Bank. For more details see: <http://foodhammer.blogspot.ca/>, <http://www.facebook.com/Foodhammer>, <https://twitter.com/Foodhammer>, or e-mail foodhammer@shaw.ca.

3–4 November 2012: Anime Evolution Akimatsuri [*Autumn Festival*], Simon Fraser University. “Anime Evolution returns with a special fall convention! Featured guests, panels, contests, AMVs, 24 hour video rooms, 24 hour gaming. Presented by the Vancouver Anime Convention Society. Visit www.animeevolution.com for more details.”



4 November 2012: Vancouver Comic Con, 11 AM–5 AM at Heritage Hall, 3102 Main Street (at 15th Avenue), Vancouver. Guests: “Kurtis J. Wiebe (*Debris*, *Peter Panzerfaust*, *Grim Leaper*, *Intrepids*, *Green Wake*), James Lloyd (*Simpsons Comics*, *Futurama*, *James Lloyd’s Other Stuff*), Ed Brisson (*Murder Book*, *Acts of Violence*), Todd Ireland (*Redacted*, *Acts of Violence*, *Outnumbered*), Brett Williams (*Laura Knows Best*), Spookhaus & Rob Macabre (*Satan Claws*), Albert Art, Beth Wagner, and others! Hourly door prizes! Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/vancomicon/. For more information: www.vancouvercomiccon.com. 604-322-6412. Comics for Classrooms: Donate a new or gently-used school-appropriate graphic novel for free admission to this show. Books collected will be donated to Vancouver schools. Admission: \$4; kids under 14: free. Dealer tables: \$55/center; \$65/wall.”—Leonard Wong

5 November 2012: Hello Kitty’s birthday.

6 November 2012: **Stan Hyde**’s birthday.

6 November 2012: Video Games Live, 7:30–10:30 PM at Orpheum Theatre, 884 Granville Street, Vancouver. “Video Games Live™ is an immersive concert event featuring music from the most popular video games of all time. Top orchestras & choirs perform along with exclusive video footage and music arrangements, synchronized lighting, solo performers, electronic percussionists, live action and unique interactive segments to create an explosive entertainment experience! This is a concert event put on by the video game industry to help encourage and support the culture and art that video games have become. Video Games Live™ bridges a gap for entertainment by exposing new generations of music lovers and fans to the symphonic orchestral experience while also providing a completely new and unique experience for families and/or non-gamers. The show is heralded and enjoyed by the entire family. It’s the power & emotion of a symphony orchestra mixed with the excitement and energy of a rock concert and the technology and interactivity of a video game all completely synchronized to amazing cutting edge video screen visuals, state-of-the-art lighting and special on-stage interactive segments with the audience. If you or someone you know is into video games you won’t want to miss this highly acclaimed one-of-a-kind concert experience. Or maybe you are looking for something cultural and exciting that the whole family will enjoy? Video Games Live™ is not just a concert, but a celebration of the entire video game industry that people of all ages will adore. Video Games Live™ is created and produced by industry veteran and world famous video game composer Tommy Tallarico. Video Games Live™ features the best music and exclusive synchronized video clips from the most popular games from the beginning of video gaming to the present. Game

franchises include: *Mario*[™], *Zelda*[™], *Halo*[®], *Final Fantasy*[®], *Warcraft*[®], *StarCraft*[®], *Diablo*[®], *Sonic*[™], *Metal Gear Solid*[®], *Kingdom Hearts*, *Chrono Trigger*[™], *Chrono Cross*[™], *Mega Man*[™], *Myst*[®], *Tron*, *Castlevania*[®], *Metroid*[®], *Interactive Frogger*, *Interactive Space Invaders*, *Interactive Guitar Hero*[™], *Interactive Donkey Kong*[™], *Medal of Honor*[™], *God of War*[™], *BioShock*[™], *Civilization IV*, *Tomb Raider*[®], *Beyond Good & Evil*[™], *Advent Rising*, *EverQuest*^{® II}, *Mass Effect*[™], *Shadow of the Colossus*, *Silent Hill*[™], *Crysis*[®], *Monkey Island*, *Earthworm Jim*, *End of Nations*[™], *Afrika*[™], *Assassin's Creed*^{™ II}, *Uncharted*^{™ II}, *Portal*[™], *Lair*, *Conan*, *Command & Conquer: Red Alert*, *Headhunter*, *Splinter Cell*[®], *Ghost Recon*[™], *Rainbow Six*[®], *Jade Empire*, *Contra*, *OutRun*, *Gears of War*, *Need for Speed*[®]: *Undercover*, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*[™]. Classic arcade medley featuring over 20+ games from *Pong*[®] to *Donkey Kong*[®] including such classics as *Dragon's Lair*, *Tetris*, *Duck Hunt*, *Ghosts 'n' Goblins*, *Gauntlet*, *Punch-Out*, *OutRun* and *many more!* Whether it's the power and passion of the more recent blockbusters or the excitement of remembering the sentimental classics you played growing up, Video Games Live[™] will truly be a special night to remember. Meet and bond with new friends as you help to celebrate a pastime which has truly evolved into our culture. Even if you have never played a video game you've never heard or seen an orchestral performance quite like this. Show includes synchronized performances of the music, video and specially designed special FX & light sequences showcasing over 60 different games in a wide variety of styles. [...] Come early! As part of the experience, special festival events surround the show for those who want to come early where guests will enjoy interactive game demos, a costume contest, prize give-a-ways, game competitions and the very popular meet-and-greet with top game composers and designers. Music: Hear your favorite video game music played live for the first time ever right in front of your ears by a full orchestra and choir. Video: See exclusive footage of your favorite games synchronized perfectly to the music and lights on giant interactive screens. Theatrical Stage Show: Certain performances and segments will include live action, stage performers, special FX and a fully designed synchronized light show. An Interactive Video Game: A handful of lucky audience members will be selected to come up on stage and actually play a video game while the orchestra plays interactively with them for a chance to win valuable prizes! Pre-Show Festival: Each show features meet and greets with top composers and game designers in select cities as well as a costume event, gaming competitions and more! Unlike other concerts, the entire pre and post show festival is completely *free of charge* and open to *any* ticket holder."—Keith Lim

7 November 2012: **Tim Maruyama**'s birthday.

9 November 2012: Premiere of film *Skyfall* (James Bond; Daniel Craig, Judi Dench, Javier Bardem, Ralph Fiennes, Albert Finney, Wolf Blitzer).

10 November and 8 December 2012: Pop Culture Collectibles Fair & Computer Swap Meet, 11 AM–4 PM at Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver. "Admission: \$3; kids under 12: free. For table reservations and more info: www.funpromo.ca, 604-521-6304, or funpromo@shaw.ca. Computer items including new & used monitors, printers, hardware, software, parts, games, cameras, elec-

tronics, cell phones, and lots more! All at great prices! New & vintage comics, toys & collectibles, records, CDs, VHS, DVDs, movie memorabilia, video games, jewelry, Star Wars, die cast, art, Beanie Babies, Canucks, [*wrestling*].”

10 November 2012: Galaxion Presents: Cyberdelia 2012, 10 PM at BLVD 22, B105A–750 Pacific Boulevard, Vancouver. “Hot on the heels of our awesome Atari 40th anniversary party, Galaxion, Vancouver’s premier video game dance party, proudly presents Cyberdelia 2012, a ’90s rave! Remember that movie *Hackers*. Now stop thinking about Angelina Jolie/Johnny Lee Miller/Fisher Stevens and remember that amazing rave they all went to in the first 15 mins. of the movie. It was called Cyberdelia and the Galaxion crew looooooves that party. So, since we can’t go back in time, travel to Magic Movie Land, and take you all with us, we’re doing the next best thing. We’re throwing that party. We’ll be taking over BLVD 22 and spinning the best of ’90s rave, electronica, and the music it spawned and showcasing the best ’90s videogames (including *Wipeout* on a 200-in. projection screen) and Amiga demoscene visuals. DJs: Man@S, Bad Robot. Music: ’90s rave, UK big beat, electro, electronica, techno, acid, chiptune...the Prodigy, Photek, Chemical Brothers, Future Sound of London, Underworld, Kraftwerk, Moby, 808 State, Channel X, Anthony Rother, Robotini, Orbital, Carl Craig, Alden Tyrell, Aphex Twin, Squarepusher, Atari Teenage Riot, Black Stobe, Crookers...*Cover*: \$15 cover before midnight; \$10 in rad ’90s rave/cyber/inspired outfit, or game costume.”—Seth Townsend

10–11 November 2012: Vancouver Gaming Expo 2012 at Columbia Theatre, 530 Columbia Street, New Westminster. “Come and enjoy our panels. Play in some great tournaments. Enjoy our one of a kind shows. Buy from top quality dealers. Snag some fantastic local art. Featuring burlesque by Van Dolls. Logistic management by IRL Events. Console Crossover Pit. All of this will be there and more! \$30 (weekend pass); \$20 (single day)—HST included. Pre-sale tickets are available online at <http://www.vancouvergamingexpo.com/>. Or buy them in person at Gamedeals Video Games, 407 Columbia Street, New Westminster or EXP, 309 West Pender Street, Vancouver.

13 November 2012: West Coast Geeks Versus Nerds—Episode 3: Globe Trotting and Planet Hopping, 7 PM at Yuk Yuk’s Vancouver, 2837 Cambie Street, Vancouver. “This November, WC GVN salutes that big blue dot we call our home, planet Earth, with two rousing debates. One about those who have gone to extremes to explore and travel our planet, and one about those that visit beyond the stars to protect our world. First up, we ask the question, ‘Who is the greatest globe trotting adventurer?’ Is it the Nazi-punching all-American action archaeologist, Indiana Jones? Or the Belgian, boy-faced, ace investigative reporter, Tintin? Then we have a heavy-hitting match of epic proportion from two all powerful aliens who now call Earth their home. It’s Superman vs. Goku: ‘Which adopted alien is worthy to protect our world?’ Tickets \$10. 19+. Costumes and fun T-shirts are encouraged (and potentially rewarded). Door prizes to be provided by our sponsors: Gamedeals Video Games, Connection Games & Comics, Geek Sweets, Golden Age Collectables, and Karmavore Vegan Shop. Website. Facebook. Twitter.”—West Coast Geeks Versus Nerds

14 November 2012: Annual Vagon Poetry Slam and Vog-Off—A Program for Adults, 6:30–8:30 PM at Alice MacKay Room, Lower Level, Central Library, 350 West Georgia Street. “Free. Are you the best Vagon poet in Vancouver? Does your poetic prose melt paint off walls or cause spontaneous vomiting? Do your sonnets make even the most hardened criminals beg for mercy? Prove it and you can win Canadian Earth Dollars!” More info at VPL, including “first prize—\$100; second prize—\$85; third prize—\$50.”—Julian Castle

15 November 2012: Sara Seager: Exoplanets and the Search for Habitable Worlds, 3:30–5 PM at SFU Burnaby Campus, SWH 10081, Saywell Hall. “*Time* magazine just named her one of the top 25 people working in space research.”—Gladys We via Garth Spencer

16 November 2012: Premiere of film *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn—Part 2* (fantasy/romance).

16 November 2012: Sara Seager: Exoplanets and the Search for Habitable Worlds, 7:30–8:45 PM at SFU Vancouver Campus, Cinema 3200, Goldcorp Centre for the Arts (former Woodwards building), 149 West Hastings Street, Vancouver.—Gladys We via Garth Spencer

17 November 2012: It’s Super Effective, 6:30–10 PM at the Cellar Nightclub, 1006 Granville Street, Vancouver. “Are you a boy? Or are you a girl? Choose your starter and head to *Mastergeek Theatre Presents: It’s Super Effective!* [...] Take the Magnet Train or ride your bicycle down to Granville and Nelson if you want to be the very best. Costumes are *highly* encouraged, whether it be Misty-style, your favorite Team Rocket disguise, or anything else you may have plucked from your Pokemon DreamWorld. Join your hosts Jesse (Liz Oh) and James (Cameron H. Russell) as they take you on a journey from Pallet Town to Victory Road. Geeky burlesque will stimulate your Pocket Monsters, the trivia contest will challenge you more than the Elite Four, and the prizes are better than anything you can get in the Celadon Game Corner! Costume contests for the ones who come dressed up like no one ever was! Performers include *Samantha Hawkins! Dezi Desire!* Sponsors *to be announced!* Tickets are \$10 in costume, \$12 in street clothes, and you can get them at the door.”—Cameron H. Russell

18 November 2012: **Ken Kato**’s birthday.

20 November 2012: **Chris Stubbs**’ birthday.

23 November 2012: Premiere of film *Rise of the Guardians* (computer animation/fantasy; Chris Pine, Alec Baldwin, Hugh Jackman, Jude Law).

24 November 2012: **Spider Robinson**’s birthday.

News-Like Matter

Garth Spencer Changes Address

As of the end of September 2012 I will be residing at:
7250 Gladstone Street,
Vancouver, BC
V5P 4G6

Garth Spencer
Sunday 15 September 2012

Vancouver Retro Cinema Fest

Denman Cinema is closing at end of this month.

But they are hosting a Vancouver Retro Cinema Fest.

25 September 2012 (Tuesday): *Labyrinth & The Dark Crystal*—\$20

26 September 2012 (Wednesday): *Ghostbusters I & II*—\$20

27 September 2012 (Thursday): *Star Trek II & VIII*—\$20

30 September 2012 (Sunday): *Back to the Future I, II, & III*—\$25

...plus others films that aren't sci-fi or fantasy.

Julian Castle to BC Sci-Fi Assc. Yahoo! Group
Friday 21 September 2012

Herbert Lom (1917–2012)

Herbert Lom, the last surviving member of the cast of 1955 Ealing classic *The Ladykillers*, died this morning, aged 95. In a career which stretched back to 1937, his genre roles included *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* (TV, 1967), Gerry Anderson's live-action debut *Doppelgänger* (1967), *Count Dracula*, *Dorian Gray* (both 1970, the former as Van Helsing), *Asylum* (1972), *Dark Places* and *—And Now the Screaming Starts* (both 1973), the movie spin-off of *Whoops Apocalypse* (1988) and *Masque of the Red Death* (1989). His final screen appearance took place in 2004.

Steve Green
Thursday 27 September 2012

Michael O'Hare (1952–2012)

Actor; died Friday 28 September 2012, aged 60, following a heart attack five days earlier. Portrayed John Sinclair, the original commander of the eponymous space station in *Babylon 5*; although he left the show with the close of its first season in 1994, O'Hare made guest appearances in the second and third seasons to play a crucial role in the resolution of its initial story arc. He was also seen in the horror movie *C.H.U.D.* (1984), the TV series *Tales from the Darkside* (1986) and the TV film *The Trial of the Incredible Hulk* (1989).

Steve Green
Saturday 29 September 2012

Book View Café Celebrates Banned Books Week

All week the authors at Book View Café are celebrating Banned Books Week by blogging about their favorite banned books and posting pictures at their Facebook page.

Remember that church in New Mexico that burned *Lord of the Rings*? Ever wonder, “What were they thinking?” Want to know what they think about it ten years later?? Ever considered burning books on the sidewalk in Upper West Side of Manhattan? (A word of advice: Don’t.) Does the slippery slope of *Harry Potter* inevitably take you down the fiery hell-path to *Lolita*? BVC plans to ponder “burning” questions like this all week at <http://bookviewcafe.com/blog/>.

But that’s not all. They are also inviting the public to participate by not just reading banned books, but by sharing pictures of their favorite banned books. Starting Sunday, September 30, they will be posting pictures at their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Book-View-Caf%C3%A9/214902688522593>. The public is welcome.

Book View Café

Sunday 30 September 2012

Turkey Readings Raise Money for CUFF

Hi,

This year’s Turkey Readings raised exactly \$233.14 for the Canadian Unity Fan Fund, and I’ve topped it up—as I usually do—to \$250. This is a record high in recent Turkey Reading history. Of course, we had a good time in the process...I’m now passing it on to this year’s CUFF administrator, Debra Yeung. Thanks very much to all who took part.

Cheers,

Fran

Fran Skene

Wednesday 3 October 2012

‘Walking Dead’ at Universal Studios

“Halloween Horror Nights is an annual event that occurs at Universal Studios Florida, Universal Studios Hollywood, and Universal Studios Singapore.” *Walking Dead* is at both USA locations. Universal Studios Florida has haunted house “The Walking Dead: Dead Inside.” Universal Studios Hollywood has Terror Tram “Invaded by the Walking Dead” and maze “The Walking Dead: Dead Inside.”

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halloween_Horror_Nights

and

<http://www.halloweenhorrorights.com/>

“Warning: event may be too intense for young children...”

This year’s HH Nights started on September 21 (according to dreadcentral.com). Upcoming HHN dates are October 14 (Sunday), 18–21 (Thursday–Sunday), 25–28 (Thursday–Sunday) and 31 (Wednesday).

Julian Castle to BC Sci-Fi Assc. Yahoo! Group

Sunday 14 October 2012

Parents Miffed After UK Cinema Shows Slasher Movie to Kids by Mistake

<http://www.film-tech.com/ubb/f5/t002634.html>

[“Youngsters reacted in horror as a ‘flashback’ scene from the original Paranormal Activity showed a bloodied corpse being hurled at the camera.”]

The manager’s probably thinking of another movie—*Frankenstein* (pitchforks & torches, anyone?).

Brent Francis

Friday 26 October 2012

Ein ‘Eisen Himmel’ Film Rezension?—Jawohl!

Doug Finnerty

Saw this film called *Iron Sky* at the Vancouver International Film Festival, recently. It was an international co-production between mostly Finns, Germans and Australians. Some Americans also took part. Here’s the plot.

When Germany lost World War Two, back in 1945, a handful of die-hard Nazis escaped to the dark side of the moon. Considering all those silly Nazi-controlled hollow-Earth conspiracy theories, this premise sounds plausible. Fast forward to the year 2018. While the stalwarts of the Lunar Reich continue to build up their forces, the Americans try for a moon landing. But instead of trained astronauts, the expedition is crewed by a male model (played by Christopher Kirby) and a fashion photographer (Ben Siemer). This return to the moon gambit is nothing more than a publicity stunt designed to somehow help the American president (Stephanie Paul) get re-elected. The more I study American politics the less I know, so perhaps this could work. Too bad the Nazis see it as an American commando raid...



What else is there? What other spoilers can I send your way? Well, it turns out that the publicist in charge of the president’s re-election campaign (Peta Sergeant) is a better Führer than the clot running the moon Nazis (Udo Kier). There’s also a conniving senior Nazi officer (Gotz Otto) who thinks he should be Führer too. There’s the Nazis’ chief scientist (Tilo Pruckner), who looks like a cross between Albert Einstein and Professor Rotwang. And there’s the scientist’s daughter (Julia Dietze) who befriends one of the Americans.

There's also this great big space battle that reminded me of *Star Wreck—The Pirkening*, where some Finnish fans staged a fight between *Star Trek: TNG* and *Babylon 5*. That's because those same fans were also involved in the making of this movie. And while this is a comedy (and a very funny one at that), the film has a serious undercurrent that becomes obvious by the end. Let us just say that the words of the prophet, George O'Dowd, hold true here.

War is stupid.

One last thing. As the credits rolled, the camera did a flypast of Earth, then the moon, then finally Mars. Because the latter came complete with an orbiting satellite, some of the audience made catcalls about the "Red Planet" Mars. Room for a sequel perhaps. Web chatter indicates that both a sequel and prequel have been promised by the film's producers. But don't wait until those dreams become reality. See this film when possible. And that day could be closer than you think. A recent promo ad in the *Georgia Straight* indicates that *Iron Sky* DVDs will be showing up in stores sometime in October.

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