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[CoKoCon](#) is your general science fiction/fantasy convention in Phoenix, AZ with a slight focus on authors! Here's your update for Monday, July 22.

Attendance will be **capped at 500** so get your membership soon!

## **ROOMS**

Our room block at the DoubleTree is about to close so, if you're planning on staying at the hotel this year, we recommend that you do so before August 1 to ensure that you're only charged the discounted convention rate.

This goes double if you're planning to host a room party at CoKoCon and so need a suite.

Staying at the hotel means that you can relax and enjoy our programming that runs into the evenings and imbibe in adult beverages at room parties, all while helping the convention to reduce its function space costs.

## **GILEAD**

We're very proud to honour local favourite Gilead as our Artist GoH!

Growing up in the magical fairyland of Prescott, AZ—located in the Bradshaw Mountain range just west of Cimmeria, east of Barsoom and near the mines of Moria—Gilead spent his youth sketching the dragons, goblins and fairies who always surrounded him but whom, sadly, most other people couldn't see.

He continues to travel between worlds to draw and paint on location in such

places as Narnia, Hyborea and Central Arizona, usually after convincing the most beautiful women of those realms to take their clothes off for him. It's a tough gig.

Now a retired sign painter and something of an environmentalist, Gilead likes to paint on recycled materials such as lumber, cabinet doors and old signs. "What I do take seriously is the environment and ways to make it better. My current focus is mostly on the social and environmental impact of making art with recycled materials."

Gilead is kindly sponsored by LepreCon, Inc. Thank you!

## **ART SHOW**

As with last year, CoKoCon will have a ballroom space dedicated to an Art Show, which will be run by Richard Bolinski of AZ Specialty Art Shows.

Our Art Show will be open all four days, so that attendees can enjoy the original art on display from artists both national and local, professional and amateur. Most items will be included in our silent auction, so that you can either bid to win a piece or buy one outright. 15% from all sales goes to CoKoCon, to help us continue to bring you a quality convention each year.

There will also be a print shop for those who don't collect original art.

## **ART EVENTS**

There will also be many other art events throughout the convention, ranging from drawing and painting sessions led by our Artist GoH, Gilead, to colouring fun for everyone with a dedicated slot for attendees, young and old.

One highlight will be our Sketch Off, in which Gilead and other artists will draw whatever wild ideas the audience comes up with, whether that's Conan the Barbarian riding a bicycle or Cthulhu battling the Little Mermaid. At the end of the Sketch Off, all art created will be immediately auctioned, with all proceeds going to the convention's official charity, the Y-Achievers, a YMCA workforce program for disadvantaged young adults.

There will also be a variety of workshops, for those who want to get hands on and create their own art.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Many thanks to all of you who have already purchased your memberships! We couldn't do this without you.

If you haven't done so yet, we recommend that you do soon because we'll be closing pre-registration on August 15 and prices will be slightly higher at the convention. Currently, an adult membership is \$50 with youths half price.

## **GENERAL**

CoKoCon is a general science fiction/fantasy convention jointly sponsored by CASFS and WesternSFA. Our 2019 event will be held over the four day Labor Day weekend (Aug 30 to Sep 2) at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North (MetroCenter off I-17 at Peoria Ave). Adult memberships (over 12) are currently \$50 with youths (7-12) half price and kids-in-tow (under 7) free (but limited to 2 per adult). Hotel rooms are \$92 (single thru quad) and suites are \$102. Membership will be capped at 500. All details are on our website.

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