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Welcome back to the CoKoCon mailing list!

Just in case you didn't join us at CoKoCon last year, here are some general details about us and what we're doing in 2019. We'll delve deeper in future mailings.

CoKoCon is a general science fiction/fantasy convention in **Phoenix, AZ** with a special focus on authors. Our website is cokocon.org and we're on Facebook and Twitter.

The name is because we're jointly sponsored by CASFS and the WesternSFA, so we're a CopperCon and a ConKopelli.

We'll be back at the same hotel, **DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North**, over the same four day Labor Day weekend. In 2019, that's Friday, August 30 to Monday, September 2. We're in the MetroCenter area right off I-17 at Peoria Ave and there are many restaurants within a third of a mile, some of which are offering discounts during the con. We hope you can join us!

Adult memberships (12 and over) are currently **\$50** and will go up to \$60 at the door. Children (7-12) are half price. Kids-in-tow (under 7) are free but limited to two per adult member. All can be [purchased on our website](http://cokocon.org).

Note: we're **capping our membership** at 500.

Hotel rooms are **\$92 per night**, single thru quad. Suites (including party suites) are \$102 per night. Our room block is live and you can [book rooms through our website](#). If you go directly through the hotel, please mention CoKoCon and let us know so we can make sure you'll get our reduced rate. The convention is holding all suites. If you want one, please book a regular room and [contact our hotel liaison](#) to assign a suite to you if one is still available.

As with 2019, we're hosting many traditional sf/f con activities: guests, panels, workshops, gaming, parties, filking, readings, signings, dealers' room, art show, fan tables, charity auction, ice cream social, etc. Meet the people you didn't know you needed to meet in our ConSuite.

Our charity once again is **Y-Achievers**, which is a YMCA workforce program for disadvantaged young adults. The WesternSFA will be hosting a book drive for the **Children First Academy of Phoenix**, a charter school providing services to poverty-level and homeless children in grades K-8. We'll also be hosting a non-perishable goods/pet food drive for **Joshua Tree Feeding Program**, feeding the HIV/AIDS community in metro Phoenix since 1988.

We currently have four **Guests of Honor**.

Our Local Author GoH is **Emily Devenport**, author of the 2018 hit for Tor, *Medusa Uploaded*, and the upcoming *Medusa in the Graveyard* (due in July). She's written nine other novels, which were published under three different names.

Our Weird Science GoH is **Professor Sparks**, who presents unique and spectacular high voltage shows with equipment like a 500,000 volt Tesla Coil, an electric chair and equipment from Ken Strickfaden's set for the 1931 *Frankenstein*.

Our Artist GoH is **Gilead**, kindly sponsored by LepreCon, Inc. His fantasy drawings and paintings are done in a style of realism with a dose of whimsy, often painted on recycled materials such as cabinet doors and old signs.

Our Filk GoH is **Alexander James Adams**, kindly sponsored by the Phoenix Filk Circle. Heir to the music and legend of Heather Alexander, Alec has released twenty albums, a few spoken word stories and many collaborations with other musicians.

We'll be outlining what else we have in store for you in future e-mails. Please watch for those and share with your friends.

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WEIRD SCIENCE AND PROFESSOR SPARKS

Our theme this year will loosely focus on weird science and the most obvious example of that will be our Weird Science Guest of Honor, Professor Sparks.

By day, he's a safety expert training OSHA compliance officers all across the country. By night, he presents spectacular visual displays of high voltage arcs, sparks and bolts of electricity and we'll be treated to a couple of his shows at CoKoCon 2019.

He's collected rare and unique electrical artifacts and apparatus for decades. Some of the items he'll be demonstrating at CoKoCon include a 500,000 volt Tesla coil, an electric chair and equipment from Ken Strickfaden's set for the original 1931 *Frankenstein*: the Cosmic Ray Diffuser, the Digital Disputer and the Nebularium, not to forget the 75,000 volt lightning screen.

You won't want to miss Professor Sparks, as we expect that his shows will be talked about in local fandom for many years to come!

DEALERS' ROOM

We've closed regular submissions for our Dealers' Room, which we're jurying for variety, and will announce our choices over the next few days. Expect an array of fantastic dealers including old favourites and new faces.

If you're a dealer and you haven't submitted yet, we're leaving the form up on the CoKoCon website for a short while, in case you want to join our waiting list. Just click on Dealers' Room on the website's top menu and fill out the form.

SPECIAL EVENTS

We're working hard on putting together our programming schedule for 2019 and plan on building on last year's very well received line-up.

For now, let's just say that many of your favourite events and local traditions will be back for year two. More are being worked on and will be announced later.

Hal C. F. Astell has been bringing his Apocalypse Later Roadshow to conventions across the southwest since 2013 and he'll be at CoKoCon with his 38th show: 90 minutes of quality international short films that are mostly still doing the festival circuit. See them at CoKoCon first!

Len Berger has been presenting At the Movies for many years now, screening trailers for upcoming movies and raffling off all sorts of movie memorabilia. He'll be hosting two events at CoKoCon: a traditional family friendly one and an 18+ version of gory indie movies (very popular last year). At the Movies is sponsored by CASFS. Come and win swag!

The Phoenix Astronomical Society will be outside throughout the weekend to host Star Parties. Come and look through their high powered telescopes for a closer look at whatever might be visible in the sky during CoKoCon.

We'll be hosting another Ice Cream Social after Meet the Guests. Come and learn about all our Guests of Honor in one panel, then wander on up to the ConSuite to chat with them and other attendees over free ice cream.

Cathy Book is busy collecting items for our Charity Auction, from which 100% of proceeds will benefit the Y-Achievers, a local YMCA workforce program for disadvantaged young adults.

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ROOMS

We're closing in on filling our room block at the DoubleTree, but still have some space available.

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

EMILY DEVENPORT

Continuing on from CopperCon, CoKoCon has a slight focus on authors. We're very proud to honour Emily Devenport as our Local Author GoH!

She's a well established author with nine highly imaginative and convention-defying novels published by Roc between 1991 and 2003. Six were published under her usual name: *Shade*, *Larissa*, *Scorpianne*, *Eggheads*, *The Kronos Condition* and *GodHeads*. One was published under the pseudonym of Maggy Thomas (*Broken Time*, a finalist for the Philip K. Dick Award). Two more were

published as by Lee Hogan (*Belarus and Enemies*).

And then, in 2018, after a fifteen year hiatus, she returned with a new novel, *Medusa Uploaded* for Tor, which appeared on many Best of Year lists, making her a thirty year overnight success. Its highly anticipated sequel, *Medusa in the Graveyard*, is due out from Tor later this month.

Emily is also an undergraduate studying geology, a volunteer at the Desert Botanical Garden and a buyer for the Heard Museum's book store.

OTHER AUTHORS

There will be many other authors in attendance who will appear on panels, sign their books and chat with attendees during the event.

Some of those already confirmed include Beth Cato, Jennifer Roberson, Jeff Mariotte, Marsheila Rockwell, Ernest Hogan, Jamie Wyman, Jenn Czep, Diana Terrill Clark, Judith Starkston, Cynthia Ward, Stephanie Weippert, Ross Lampert, Avily Jerome and T. L. Smith.

More will be added to the programming schedules over the next month.

MEMBERSHIPS

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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.

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DEADLINES

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This goes double if you're planning to host a room party at CoKoCon and so need a suite. We'll be freeing up any unneeded suites to the hotel after August 1, so fill out your party forms before then.

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.

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ALEXANDER JAMES ADAMS

We're very proud to honour Alexander James Adams as our Filk GoH!

A professional musician of over forty years, Alec has always used magic in his

performances to transform and inspire his listeners into states of being and realms of desire that leave them changed for the better. Using stories and songs of Antiquity, he creates places where the audience can find their unspoken secrets and address them with new inspiration.

With twenty albums, a few spoken word stories and many collaborations with other musicians, Alexander applies transformational magic to his music in hopes of changing things that need to be changed.

Heir to the music and legend of Heather Alexander, Alec performs her music and his own with a style that goes beyond reality and into the imagined.

Alexander James Adams is kindly sponsored by the Phoenix Filk Circle. Thank you!

OTHER FILK

Filkers will be out in force with a dedicated filk room and plenty of open filking. If you don't know what filk is, they'll be happy to demonstrate. Put simply, it's music with a geeky spin.

Alexander James Adams will have his spotlight concert on Sunday and we'll have other concerts in the filk room too, including one with Mark & Jennifer Horning. For those who want to join in, there'll be a jam session too and an instrument petting zoo, where you can learn about and try out all sorts of instruments yourself.

Other filk programming will include singalongs and panels, as well as a live performance of a radio play set in the *Firefly* universe, presented by the Not Ready for Warp Speed Players.

EVENTS

For those not into music, we'll have all sorts of other events programmed.

Our Weird Science GoH, Professor Sparks, will present two electrical shows in Dr. Frankenstein's laboratory. Our Artist GoH, will take part in the Sketch Off.

Film fans will enjoy the Apocalypse Later Roadshow on Friday night, showing quality international short films. At the Movies will follow that with trailers and freebies for everyone in attendance. Friday night's will be an 18+ show with a family friendly one on Sunday.

Mermaid Spectra will swim in the hotel pool and teach you how to bring out your inner mermaid. We'll have singing and dancing pirates, as the D.R.E.A.D. Fleet entertain us with a scavenger hunt and sword fighting demos.

Michael Senft of the Poisoned Pen's Sci-Fridays Book Club will present a book discussion with past GoH Beth Cato at her only convention in 2019.

We'll have interactive game and trivia panels, including a return for To Boldly Draw.

We'll also have make and takes galore, which may include a materials fee. Come and learn how to make cordials; create superhero costumes for kids; make masks; or steampunk up NERF guns, trinket boxes or lapel pins.

Our [online programming schedule](#) is live and being fleshed out daily. Check it out regularly to see what else we're adding in!

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CHARITY AUCTION

One of the most popular events at CoKoCon is the Charity Auction, in which many of us bid to win donated items of every description before the hammer of the auctioneer falls. Beyond the items themselves, the bidding wars can be magnificent entertainment and it's all for charity.

100% of the money raised during the Charity Auction (and the Sketch Off) will go to the [Y! Achievers](#), a YMCA workforce program for disadvantaged young adults.

Y! Achievers helps young adults (ages 16-24) get started in the right direction in life. Participants explore their career interests, train in high-demand careers and

gain the confidence they need to become employed in our ever-changing job market. The program is free of charge to qualified youth.

Everyone with a membership to CoKoCon can attend the Charity Auction and bid on items. Your badge number is your bidder number.

Check out the [Charity Auction](#) page on our website to see some of the items that will go under the hammer at CoKoCon. There are plenty of books, games, collectibles, jewelry and special space items. More items will be added before the convention.

Some of the folks we'd like to thank include (in no particular order) Bookmans, Trash City, Game Depot, Dr. David Williams, North Valley Games, Drawn to Comics, Beth Cato, Thomas Watson, Castles & Coasters, the Western SFA, our fine dealers at the con and, particularly, the generosity of Imperial Outpost Games.

BOOK DRIVE

As at most local science fiction conventions, the Western SFA is sponsoring a book drive to benefit the Children First Academy of Phoenix.

The [Children First Academy](#) is a charter school with a goal to provide services directed toward poverty-level and homeless children in grades K-8. Their buses drive 450 miles each day all over the Phoenix Valley and the school provides services that go beyond the responsibilities of regular schools by providing the children and their families with services such as medical and dental assistance; clothing including socks and shoes; food; personal hygiene supplies; and school supplies.

There will be a special donation box in the Fan Table area. Books donated will help to the school library. The age ranges vary, but we would particularly like to see juvenile fiction. Please take some time to clear your shelves and closets of unwanted books and help a child.

While children's books are preferred, we will take anything you bring! If you donate adult fiction, we will contact a local bookseller to exchange adult for juvenile fiction. So keep an eye out for the big Harry Potter donation box.

Hygiene items are also greatly needed. You could throw in any soap and shampoo you might have picked up at any hotels. And backpacks...

FOOD DRIVE

We're also sponsoring a non-perishable food/pet food drive at CoKoCon to benefit the Joshua Tree Feeding Program. Please bring whatever you can spare.

[Joshua Tree Feeding Program](#) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit food pantry for the HIV/AIDS Community for Maricopa and Pinal counties. JTFFP is a social, supportive and welcoming place for persons living with HIV/AIDS. JTFFP offer a safe and comforting environment for sharing empathetic conversation, receiving relevant health and nutritional guidance or selecting from a wide assortment of nutritional foods to take home.

In 2010 JTFFP started the Pet Assistance Project (PAP) when they found out that their clients were using the meats they were picking up and feeding their pets instead. So every other week their clients get free dog or cat food so their furbabies get fed. The PAP also gives our clients information and resources for low-cost neutering as well as vet care.

PROGRAMMING

Our [online programming schedule](#) is live and being fleshed out daily. Check it out regularly to see what else we're adding in!

In addition to the many authors who will be presenting and signing, we'll have plenty of panels, workshops and other events to choose from, from favourite old faces to refreshing new ones.

The D.R.E.A.D. Fleet will arrive in port, dead set on getting up to all sorts of piratical shenanigans. The MVD Ghostchasers will be introducing some of the most haunted places of the UK that have inspired sf/f authors over the years. The Phoenix Astronomical Society will be hosting a number of star parties in the evenings so you can peek through their telescopes and see wonders of the sky.

Programming items going live this week include something for everyone: a cordial workshop from Lord Craig of the White Cliffs, a number of Discworld panels and one on Doctor Who, along with more late night Fan Fiction Erotica readings from the Unipornicorn Theatre.

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SPONSORS

As we head into con at the end of this month, we'd like to thank some of the many people who have helped to make CoKoCon possible, starting with our sponsors.

SPONSORING BODIES

The [WesternSFA](#) and [CASFS](#), two of our three local science fiction/fantasy 501(c)(3) non profit groups, come at the top of that list for kindly giving us the opportunity to host this convention. They're our parent bodies and this event is

happening because of their funding and support.

In addition to CoKoCon, CASFS holds a [monthly book social](#) at the Denny's at I-17 & Dunlap; and the WesternSFA runs [The Nameless Zine](#), a monthly e-zine of mostly book reviews that publishes on the 15th of each month. Check them out!

GUEST SPONSORS

The third of those three local non profits is [LepreCon, Inc.](#), who kindly sponsored our Artist GoH, Gilead. They host the other annual sf/f con in Phoenix, LepreCon, which is usually in the first half of the year. Watch out for [LepreCon 46](#) in 2020. Many of us will be there as staff, vendors, panelists and attendees.

The [Phoenix Filk Circle](#) have sponsored filk guests at local conventions for years and their unceasing generosity includes kindly sponsoring our Filk GoH, Alexander James Adams, who will be flying in from Seattle for CoKoCon. Outside of guest sponsorships, they host house filks around the valley.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We'll be holding an Ice Cream Social in the ConSuite right after Meet the Guests on Saturday and it's being kindly sponsored by [MacAlpine's](#), which can be found on 7th Street in Phoenix. They'll even be serving the ice cream for us!

They're an authentic fifties diner and soda fountain, with an attached antique and retro store, including a vintage clothing boutique. They're a perfect place to get away from the heat.

SWAG BAGS

We'll have free swag bags for all our attendees and, this year, they're large ones that have been kindly sponsored by the [CORE Institute](#), who have also added goodies to start filling them.

[Del Rey](#) have kindly provided us with books for the swag bags.

We can't begin to thank local bloggers and podcasters, the [Two Gay Geeks](#) enough for their constant support. They're kindly contributing to the swag bags too, but also give us shout outs on every episode of their show. Check out their podcast!

Len Berger, of *At the Movies* fame, will be kindly chipping into the swag bags too, as well as providing, through CASFS, all the free posters you'll find on our freebie tables and the swag that you can win by attending his *At the Movies* panels. There will be two of those at CoKoCon 2019, a regular family friendly one and an 18+ one on opening night for red band trailers.

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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, August 19.

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

DEADLINES

Our room block at the DoubleTree has now closed. You should still be able to book rooms at the convention rate but, if you have any trouble doing so, please contact our Hotel Liaison at hotel@cokocon.org.

By popular demand, we've left online registration open past August 15 and are accepting membership sales. Prices will be ten bucks higher at con so, if you don't have your memberships purchased already, now's a great time to buy them. Currently, an adult membership is \$50 with youths half price.

UPDATES

It's almost con time! That means that we have lots of updates and they're all being added to our website, so check that for the latest information. It can be found at cokocon.org.

In particular, the programming schedule is set and online in mobile friendly form using KonOpas. Check it out [here](#). We'll also have a *CoKoCon Kickoff: Program Overview* panel on Friday night to talk you through the highlights.

These includes spotlights for each of our Guests of Honor. Filk GoH Alexander

James Adams's spotlight will be a Sunday night concert, after Local Author GoH Emily Devenport's spotlight panel. Weird Science GoH Professor Sparks will be hosting two electrifying shows set in his Frankenstein's Laboratory on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, with a spotlight panel on Monday afternoon. Artist GoH Gilead's spotlight panel will be on Monday morning. All will be appearing on many other programming items too. Please make them all very welcome!

All our dealers and fan tables are documented on the website too.

HOURS

Our hours are set and online. They're all on the [main page](#) of our website and individual hours are on individual pages too.

On Friday, our opening day, gaming will kick things off at 11am. ConSuite and Registration will open at 4pm. Programming will start at 5pm. Finally, the Art Show and Dealers' Room will open at 6pm.

GAMING

Talking of gaming, we'll have a dedicated gaming room at CoKoCon that's being run by Michael Duckett, Sr.

There will be plenty of scheduled gaming throughout the weekend, where you can sign up for a particular game in advance and play with an experienced GM. Scheduled games run from *Risk* up to *Dungeons & Dragons*, via *Firefly: The Game*, *Nuclear War*, *Go Action Fun Time*, *Exploding Cow* and *Age of Conan*, among others. You can see the full schedule on the [Gaming](#) page of our website.

Alternatively, we'll have a small game library available for anyone who wants to sit down at a table and play. And you're more than welcome to bring your own game in to play in good company.

CHARITY AUCTION

And continuing to talk about games, there are a lot of updates on our Charity Auction page, including a whole bunch of games that will be going under the hammer on Sunday at 2.30pm in Terrace. It's not all games, of course: there are lots of books, jewelry, Funko Minis, restaurant gift certificates, Castles & Coasters

and Phoenix Art Museum passes, NASA posters and other special items.

As a reminder, all attendees are welcome at the [Charity Auction](#), which is a live auction and a heck of a lot of fun. Your bidder number is also your badge number, so you'll be wearing it. Bid high and often! 100% of proceeds will go to our official charity, the Y! Achievers, which is a YMCA workforce program for disadvantaged young adults.

GENERAL

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As we're almost there, this will be our last update pre-con and it covers the things that you need to know before you get to CoKoCon.

MEMBERSHIPS AND ROOMS

We've just closed online registration on Sunday night. If you didn't purchase a membership, we will be selling them at CoKoCon, though we're capping at 500. Price at the door will be \$60 for a full adult membership (that's 12 and up), \$30 for youths (7-12) and free for kids-in-tow (under 7), but limited to two per adult member.

We won't be selling day passes, but we will be pro-rating. That means that, if you show up on Sunday, a membership won't cost you the full \$60. We'll charge you less for a badge that allows you in on Sunday and Monday.

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ConSuite and Registration will open at 4pm. Programming will start at 5pm. Finally, the Art Show and Dealers' Room will open at 6pm.

WHAT TO BRING

First of all, bring yourself, rested and ready to go. We have amazing guests and a lot of programming choices to keep you busy. Our schedule is online and mobile friendly.

Bring plenty of money, because we have excellent dealers and fantastic art. We also have a Charity Auction, in aid of the Y! Achievers, with some unique items that you could win for scarily low prices. Details can be found on our website.

Bring books for our authors to sign. Check our Participants page to see who'll be there and pack your boxes. In addition to our Local Author GoH, Emily Devenport, whose new book came out a month ago, we also have Beth Cato, Jennifer Roberson, Brian Augustyn and many more. Signings are included in our online schedule and will be in the Dealers' Room.

Bring your appetite. Our ConSuite will be open long hours throughout the con to provide you with snacks and drinks and good conversation. You'll find it in Suite 317, just opposite the main elevators on the third floor.

Bring children's books and hygiene products to put in the Book Drive box to benefit Children First Academy. Adult books are fine too. Bring non-perishable food and pet food to put in the Food Drive box to benefit Joshua Tree Feeding Program. Details are on the Book and Food Drives page on our website. The boxes will be in the Fan Table area.

Bring your brains, because there will be great conversation throughout the weekend, as well as a number of opportunities to ask questions at panels, join in trivia games or other interactive panels, create cool stuff in workshops, look way out there at one of our Star Parties, play music in the Instrument Petting Zoo, etc.

WORKSHOPS

Talking of workshops, some of them are free but others have a small material

cost. There are PayPal buttons on these workshops in the online schedule in case you want to sign up and pay in advance. This isn't required, but some of the workshops have a limit on attendance.

If you're planning to take the Home Brewing and Cordial Making class, please read the details ahead of time. You'll need to bring your own 750ml bottle of vodka because we can't sell any to you.

HOW TO BID

All attendees are welcome to attend and bid on items at the Charity Auction. Your bidder number is your badge number. It's a live auction and it's a lot of fun. Collect the items you win at the end of the auction and pay for them then.

Much of the art in the Art Show is available for purchase, either by bidding on it or by buying it outright. Again, your bidder number is your badge number. Details are on the Art Show page on our website. Any art that you win or buy can be picked up from the Art Show on Monday between 1.30pm and 2.30pm. If you're leaving sooner, please talk with our coordinator, who will be at the desk in the Art Show.

INFO KIOSK

There will be an information kiosk in the courtyard. This is where we'll post a large schedule grid and any changes to published programming. Parties will be advertised here too. If you have anything that should be read by our wide membership, please tape it to this kiosk with painter's tape (the blue stuff).

ENJOY

And with that all said, we're looking forward to seeing you at CoKoCon. We plan to entertain you for four days and leave you wanting to come right back for our third year in 2020. See you soon!

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