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[CoKoCon](#) is your general science fiction/fantasy convention in the Phoenix, AZ metro area with a focus on authors! Here's your update for Sunday, July 11.

### **VIRTUAL COKOCON 2021 - DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER**

Just to remind everyone, CoKoCon 2021 will be virtual, held from September 3-6, 2021 within our CoKoCon Discord server. It's FREE to attend, but you do need to register. We recommend you do that soon on our website:

Register: [cokocon.org/2021/members.html](https://cokocon.org/2021/members.html).

Those who purchased memberships to CoKoCon 2020, which have been rolled automatically to CoKoCon 2022, are already registered. Please feel free to fill out the form if your information has changed.

If you're unsure if you already have a membership (COVID definitely does that to our brains), please contact us at [banker@cokocon.org](mailto:banker@cokocon.org) and we'll check that for you.

### **AUTHORS! MORE AUTHORS!**

We've already publicised our featured panelists, who will also be GoHs over the next couple of years at CoKoCons when we return to physical conventions in 2022, but they bear repeating: Seanan McGuire, Steven Barnes, Bruce Davis and Linda Addison.

We've also been quietly adding a whole bunch of authors to our Participants

page. More are still confirming, but we have an amazing line-up already for our Books and Authors track.

Check out these names for starters: Austin Aslan, Maya Kaathryn Bohnhoff, past GoH Beth Cato, Jenn Czep, James C. Glass, Avily Jerome, Tom Leveen, past CopperCon GoH Jeff Mariotte, Joseph Nassise, Rick Novy, past CopperCon GoH Marsheila Rockwell, Judith Starkston, past CopperCon GoH David Lee Summers, Greg van Eekhout, Stephanie L. Weippert and Natalie Wright!

Whatever your fantastic genre of choice, there's a lot of coverage there: hard science fiction, urban fantasy, poetry, paranormal romance, horror, steampunk, space opera, science fiction mystery, military science fiction, young adult, supernatural thriller, action adventure, sword and sorcery, media tie-ins, you name it. And count how many awards these authors have picked up over the years!

As always, our Books and Authors track is being put together by Michael Senft. Our mobile friendly online schedule is already live, detailing all our panelists, and we're starting to populate panels. Watch that space!

Participants: [cokocon.org/2021/participants.html](https://cokocon.org/2021/participants.html).

We're also working on other programming, of course, and we'll talk about that in future newsletters, so you know what's coming.

## **GAMING**

While many of the things that we do routinely at sf/f cons are things that we're having to figure out how to translate to a virtual environment for this year's convention, gaming has been online ever since there's been online.

We'll have a couple of rooms of gaming at Virtual CoKoCon 2021 and they're going to be managed by Tony Padegimas.

If you're a Game Master and want to run any games, please fill out the form on the Gaming page of the CoKoCon website, so Tony can organise his schedule with you on it:

Gaming: [cokocon.org/2021/gaming.html](https://cokocon.org/2021/gaming.html).

## **CONVERSATIONS IN CONSUITE ON JULY 25**

We're still holding our monthly socials on our Discord server, which are great opportunities to check out what we're building for Virtual CoKoCon 2021 and get a feel for how Discord works. Or, of course, to just sit down and chat with other fans, just like it was a regular ConSuite.

We also have fun with a science fiction/fantasy trivia quiz every month and, just in case you've been missing out, past trivia quizzes and puzzles can be found on the CoKoCon site:

Trivia and Puzzles: [cokocon.org/2021/puzzles.html](https://cokocon.org/2021/puzzles.html).

The next Conversations in ConSuite will be held on **Sunday, July 25**, from **2pm to 6pm** Arizona time (MST not MDT).

Everyone is welcome to join us during that window for good company and good conversation, but you'll need to visit the CoKoCon server in Discord to do so.

Most people access Discord by [downloading the Discord client](#) and installing it. There are versions for Windows, Mac, Linux, Android and iOS, so you ought to be covered, whatever device you're using.

If you've been to the CoKoCon Discord server before, just click on our C to go back there.

If you haven't, then run Discord and [click on this invite link](#) to get there.

If you don't want to download the client, just [click on the same invite link](#) to visit us in your browser with reduced functionality.

We'll be in the Con Suite Video room. See you there!

## **CASFS BOOK SOCIAL RETURNING TO IN PERSON EVENT**

CASFS's monthly book social has been virtual throughout the COVID pandemic but it's returning to its traditional in person event as of July.

The date is Tuesday, July 20, from 7.00pm.

The venue is the Denny's at I-17 and Dunlap, where it has been held for years. The full address is 9030 N Black Canyon Hwy, Phoenix, AZ 85051.

July's book choice is *The Stainless Steel Rat* by Harry Harrison, introducing the timeless character Slippery Jim DiGriz.

Randall Whitlock, who organises these book socials, will be opening up a Zoom

session this month too for anyone who wants to join virtually, should Denny's WiFi make that possible.

## **THE NAMELESS ZINE AND CALENDAR**

Don't forget that we're maintaining a calendar of all CoKoCon events, as well as others from our sponsoring bodies, CASFS and WesternSFA.

The next edition of the WesternSFA's monthly e-zine, The Nameless Zine, will be published on Thursday, June 15 at [thenamelesszine.org](http://thenamelesszine.org), featuring many sf/f book reviews. Don't forget to check that out on the 15th to see what we're reading and reviewing this month.

Our full calendar is on the CoKoCon website at [cokocon.org/calendar.html](http://cokocon.org/calendar.html).

## **DON'T FORGETS**

Don't forget that we now have a YouTube channel for CoKoCon, so check that out and like and subscribe to ensure you don't miss future content.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMV5\\_NTbHzdjunawywAbovw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMV5_NTbHzdjunawywAbovw)

Also, if you have any videos of our convention that you're willing for us to post to this channel, please let us know at [info@cokocon.org](mailto:info@cokocon.org).

If you're interested in being in our Virtual Art Show or Virtual Dealers' Room, at no cost, please check out the Art Show and Dealers' Room pages:

Art Show: [cokocon.org/2021/artshow.html](http://cokocon.org/2021/artshow.html).

Dealers' Room: [cokocon.org/2021/dealers.html](http://cokocon.org/2021/dealers.html).

Images are live for our Charity Auction, so check out what you want to bid on and let Cathy Book know if you have something to donate. All proceeds will go to the Joshua Tree Feeding Program.

Charity Auction: [cokocon.org/2021/charityauction.html](http://cokocon.org/2021/charityauction.html).

We're looking for volunteers to help man the Virtual ConSuite at CoKoCon, which will be open throughout the convention for anyone who wants to chat in between or instead of programming. If that sounds like your sort of thing, please let us know by filling out the Volunteers form on the website:

Volunteers: [cokocon.org/2021/volunteers.html](https://www.cokocon.org/2021/volunteers.html).

## **GENERAL**

CoKoCon is a general science fiction/fantasy convention jointly sponsored by CASFS and WesternSFA. Our 2021 event will be held over the four day Labor Day weekend (September 3-6, 2021) virtually. Memberships will be free and we'll roll all current paid memberships to a future year. All details are on our website.

Website: <https://www.cokocon.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CoKoCon/>

Twitter: <https://www.twitter.com/cokocon1/>

YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMV5\\_NTbHzdjunawywAbovw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMV5_NTbHzdjunawywAbovw)

Address: PO Box 67457, Phoenix, AZ 85081

History page and archive of newsletters: <https://www.cokocon.org/history.html>.

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