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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, August 1.

ONE MONTH TO GO - DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

Virtual CoKoCon 2021 will be held within our CoKoCon Discord server from September 3-6, 2021. 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.

Those who purchased memberships to CoKoCon 2020, which have been rolled automatically to CoKoCon 2021, 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.

PROGRAMMING IS LIVE AND UPDATING OFTEN!

Our [mobile friendly online program schedule](#) has been live throughout the year but there hasn't been much to see until recently. However, our programming team has been hard at work firming up panels, demos and concerts and more are appearing daily on our schedule.

Dee Astell is our programming head and is scheduling our events, as well as a variety of general panels and oodles of science. Local favourites like David Lee

Summers and Dr. David Williams will be back at CoKoCon with more astronomy and planetary science panels. They'll be on a Science During the Pandemic panel too, with physicist, chemist and author Catherine Asaro. The Phoenix Astronomical Society are on board, with another presentation from president Mike Marron. Physicist, astronomer and author James C. Glass will get us up to date with What's New in Science.

Michael Senft is programming our books and authors track. In addition to the many names listed in the previous newsletter, he's confirmed more. Catherine Asaro, Yvonne Navarro, Weston Ochse, Rhonda Parrish and Joyce Reynolds-Ward will be joining us as well. This year's Book Discussion will be on Mary Robinette Kowal's *The Calculating Stars*, so now is a great time to pick that up and get reading, if you haven't done so already.

Valerie Ritchie is programming our filk track and there are a host of huge filk names already on the grid. Past CoKoCon GoHs Cheshire Moon and Alexander James Adams will be back with concerts, as will next year's GoHs Margaret & Kristoph. Also performing and/or leading panels and filk sessions are Jeff and Maya Bohnhoff, Cat Greenberg, Blind Lemming Chiffon and Valerie herself.

Participants: cokocon.org/2021/participants.html.

Program Schedule: www.cokocon.org/2021/program/#.

And that's not all, folks! Keep watching the schedule (or the skies) because it's updating daily.

GAMING

James Wilson has kindly taken over our Gaming but the form to sign up as a GM remains the same. 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 James can fit you into the gaming schedule:

Gaming: cokocon.org/2021/gaming.html.

CONVERSATIONS IN CONSUITE ON AUGUST 29

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.

The next Conversations in ConSuite will be held on **August 29**, 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.

This will be the final Conversations in ConSuite before Virtual CoKoCon 2021, so it's a great opportunity to log into Discord and see how things work before you show up for the convention itself or to ask us any questions you might have.

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.

However you attend, you will need a Discord account to get to Conversations in ConSuite or to Virtual CoKoCon 2021 itself.

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

CASFS BOOK SOCIAL IN PERSON

CASFS's monthly book social successfully met in person in July and will do so again in August, with an additional Zoom stream for those who want to attend virtually.

The date is Tuesday, August 17, 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.

August's book choice is *Rosemary and Rue* by future CoKoCon GoH Seanan McGuire, the first volume of her massively successful October Daye series.

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 WesternSFA's monthly e-zine, The Nameless Zine, will publish its August issue on Sunday, August 15 at thenamelesszine.org, including many sf/f book reviews. Don't forget to check it out on the 15th to see what we're reviewing this month.

Our full calendar is on the CoKoCon website at 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

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.

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.

Dealers' Room: 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.

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 VolunTERS form on the website:

Volunteers: 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

Address: PO Box 67457, Phoenix, AZ 85081

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

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