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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 Monday, August 3.

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

### **ANNOUNCING COKOCON 2021**

We're still sad that the COVID-19 pandemic prompted us to cancel CoKoCon 2020 but Arizona clearly isn't ready to host a sf/f convention at this point in time. We've rolled our planning into CoKoCon 2021 so that, whenever Arizona becomes ready, we'll be ready too. And, with that in mind, we're happy to announce some details.

CoKoCon 2021 will be held at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Phoenix Tempe**, located at 2100 S Priest Dr, Tempe, AZ 85282. That's the same hotel at which we would have held CoKoCon 2020. Room rates are as for 2020, which means \$92 (single/double), \$102 (triple) or \$112 (quad).

The dates will be **September 3-6, 2021**, which is our usual Labor Day weekend, Friday to Monday as always.

The website is now live at **cokocon.org**, with all the features you expect.

**Membership sales are active**, priced at \$40 for adults (12+) and \$20 for youths (7-12). Kids-in-tow (under 7) are FREE but limited to two per adult member and with a token 1c cost for online purchase as PayPal won't let us charge nothing. If you had already bought a membership to CoKoCon 2020, we've automatically rolled that over to CoKoCon 2021.

**Application forms are active**, so you can now apply to be part of CoKoCon

2021, as a dealer, a fan table, a gamemaster, a room party or a volunteer. Anyone who applied for CoKoCon 2020 will automatically be rolled over to CoKoCon 2021 unless you advise us to not do so.

We're also ecstatic to announce some of our Guests of Honor.

Our Author GoH will be **Seanan McGuire**, winner of the Hugo, Nebula, Locus, Campbell and no end of other awards. You may know her for her October Daye books, her InCryptid series, her Wayward Children novellas or a growing amount of other works.

Our Filk GoHs, kindly sponsored by the Phoenix Filk Circle, will be **Margaret & Kristoph**, winners of the Lost Chord Award. You may know them from 15 CDs they've released as a duo or with their bands, Avalon Rising and Broceliande. They would have been the Filk GoHs at LepreCon 46 and we know many of you were looking forward to meeting them there.

We'll give you a deeper introduction to these and further GoHs in future monthly mailings.

For those who were looking forward to meeting Steven Barnes, Linda Addison and S. J. Tucker at CoKoCon 2020, we're happy to confirm that they'll be joining us in 2022.

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## **HEY FOLKS**

We're coming up on the Labor Day weekend, which we're all painfully aware would have been CoKoCon 2020, had it not been for COVID-19 forcing us to cancel. We're busy rolling to CoKoCon 2021 and look forward to bringing you the best convention that we can next September.

However, we didn't want to let this Labor Day just drift by unacknowledged.

## **DISCOUNT MEMBERSHIPS**

For the duration of what would have been CoKoCon 2020, we'll be discounting online membership sales to CoKoCon 2021.

Currently, adult memberships (12+) are \$40, with youths (7-12) half price and kids-in-tow (<7) free (but limited to two per adult membership).

For the four day Labor Day weekend (September 4-7, 2020), we'll drop that to \$30 for adults, with youths remaining half price and kids-in-tow free.

If you don't have your memberships for next year already, Labor Day will be a great time to pick them up.

## **ONLINE SOCIAL**

We've also set up a four hour online social event for next Sunday so that we can get together and chat about anything: what was, what might have been and what will be, or whatever comes to mind.

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We'll have good conversation and maybe more...

Just click on this [Zoom link](#) to join. If you need other details, here they are:

**Sunday, September 6**, from **2pm to 6pm**, Arizona time (MST not MDT).

Meeting ID: 972 6382 3050

Passcode: 804985

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### **NEW ONLINE SOCIAL**

Our Conversations in ConSuite social event on Zoom in September was so successful that we ran an hour over time! Our 2020/2022 Guests of Honor Steven Barnes and Linda Addison also joined us for a lively and enriching conversation.

And people asked for another one! So, we've set up another four hour online social event for Sunday, October 25. We hope you can join us this next go around!

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Just click on this [Zoom link](#) to join. If you need other details, here they are:

**Sunday, October 25**, from **2pm to 6pm**, Arizona time (MST not MDT).

Meeting ID: 935 5616 4483

Passcode: 074687

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## **CALENDAR**

Our sponsoring bodies, CASFS and WesternSFA, keep active throughout the year, so we've set up a calendar on the CoKoCon website with the goal of keeping you up to date with all of it.

It includes CoKoCon, of course, and these new online social events. It lists the dates and selections for CASFS's monthly Book & Media Social and when the WesternSFA's monthly e-zine, the Nameless Zine, publishes new reviews. And there are the business meetings, in case anyone wants to join us.

All these events are free and open to all. If you're interested in attending, the details to do so will be on our Calendar page, which is here:

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### **CONVERSATIONS IN CONSUITE - SUNDAY 25TH**

I'm mailing a week early this month to remind you of our online social event this coming Sunday, the 25th, from 2.00pm to 6.00pm. We'd love to see you there!

Our Conversations in ConSuite social event on Zoom in September was so successful, with our 2020/2022 Guests of Honor Steven Barnes and Linda Addison joining us for a lively and enriching conversation, that we ran an hour over time

We hope you can join us this next go around for a chat with guests, attendees, committee members... whoever decides to drop in for a while.

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Just click on this [Zoom link](#) to join. If you need other details, here they are:

**Sunday, October 25, from 2pm to 6pm, Arizona time (MST not MDT).**

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Passcode: 074687

## **TEMPE IN 2023 WESTERCON BID**

We're blissfully happy to announce that our two sponsoring bodies, CASFS and WesternSFA, are jointly sponsoring a bid to host Westercon 75 here in 2023.

This is a regional sf/f convention, first held in 1948 and last held in Arizona in 2017 (Westercon 70 at the Tempe Mission Palms, sponsored by LepreCon, Inc.). We're hoping to celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2023 in style in Tempe over the traditional 4th of July weekend, at our new CoKoCon hotel, the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix Tempe, where the rates will be the same as for CoKoCon.

We've set up a webpage for the bid at <https://westernsfa.org/w75bid/>, where you can read about the bid, pre-support us with funds that will help us build the best Westercon we possibly can and examine our bid documents.

Voting on this bid will take place at Westercon 73 in Seattle, WA in 2021.

With Worldcon consistently being held out of country nowadays and the NASFiC often being held in eastern states, Westercon tends to be the best opportunity for fans to enjoy a larger sf/f con without travelling vast distances. After Seattle, it'll be held in Tonopah, NV in 2022. Help us bring it back to Arizona in 2023!

## **THE NAMELESS ZINE AND CASFS BOOK SOCIAL**

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The WesternSFA's monthly e-zine, The Nameless Zine, published its October issue last Thursday, and includes a whole slew of sf/f book reviews, along with a new trivia contest. You can find it at [thenamelesszine.org](http://thenamelesszine.org).

CASFS's monthly book social is tomorrow evening, the 20th. We'll be discussing *Gil's All-Fright Diner* by A. Lee Martinez on [Zoom](#) and chatting generally about life, the universe and everything.

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### **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

All of us here in the CoKoCon family want to wish all of you a very happy and very safe Thanksgiving. Eat, drink and be merry but, especially this craziest of years, take a moment to remember all the people and things for which you're thankful.

We're thankful for you, because we literally couldn't do this without you. We hope that, with all the vaccine possibilities that the last few weeks have raised, we'll be able to safely see you all in person at CoKoCon 2021.

### **CONVERSATIONS IN CONSUITE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

In the meantime, don't forget our next Conversations in ConSuite, which is this coming Sunday, from 2pm to 6pm on Zoom.

We've had an absolute blast with this in September and October, with friendly chat, puzzles in the background and welcome appearances from Steven Barnes and Linda Addison, 2022 (formerly 2020) CoKoCon Guests of Honor. Each time, we've run over, so drop in whenever you like and join the conversation.

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hang out with the CoKoCon family on Zoom. Camera not required.

Just click on this [Zoom link](#) to join. If you need other details, here they are:

**Sunday, November 29**, from **2pm to 6pm**, Arizona time (MST not MDT).

Meeting ID: 946 9627 4233

Passcode: 074687

### **CHARITY FOR 2021**

We're very happy to announce that we've selected our charity for CoKoCon 2021. It'll be the Joshua Tree Feeding Program, which has been feeding the HIV/AIDS community in Metro Phoenix since 1988. 100% of the proceeds of our Charity Auction at CoKoCon 2021 will go to Joshua Tree.

We're big fans of Joshua Tree and the wonderful people who do so much for their community, especially at special times like Thanksgiving and the holidays.

If you want to learn more about what they do, check out their website at <https://www.jtfp.org/>.

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### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

All of us here in the CoKoCon family want to wish all of you a happy holiday season, whichever holiday you're celebrating. We hope you had a happy Hanukkah earlier in the month, have a blessed Solstice today and a merry Christmas later this week.

As you celebrate, remember that this crazy, messed up year is about to come to an end. Have a Happy New Year all and especially enjoy that moment when 2020 ends. If it ticks over into a new thirteenth month, it wasn't my fault. Who chose *Jumanji* to play in the gaming lounge anyway?

### **CONVERSATIONS IN CONSUITE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

If you're still awake after Christmas, don't forget our next Conversations in ConSuite, which is this coming Sunday, from 2pm to 6pm on Zoom.

November was our third month doing this and we had a lot of fun again, with CoKoCon 2021 Filk Guests of Honor, Margaret and Kristoph, dropping in for a chat, as well as a number of favourites. Gilead has been with us every month and both Mark Greenawalt and David Lee Summers joined us in November.

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Meeting ID: 941 0777 5590

Passcode: 574595

### **LOCAL AUTHOR GUEST OF HONOR - BRUCE DAVIS**

We're very happy to announce a new Guest of Honor for CoKoCon! Joining Author GoH Seanan McGuire and Filk GoHs Margaret and Kristoph will be our Local Author GoH, Dr. Bruce Davis, kindly sponsored by [Arizona Fandom](#).

Bruce is a Mesa-based general and trauma surgeon. He's part of that dying breed of dinosaurs, the solo general surgeon. He's also a writer of science fiction and fantasy novels.

His independently published works include the YA novel *Queen Mab Courtesy*, and his military science fiction novel *That Which is Human*. His non fiction memoir, *Dancing in the Operating Room*, is a glimpse into the life and training of a Trauma Surgeon.

*Glowgems for Profit* and *Thieves Profit* are parts of a continuing series of standalone novels about Zach Mbele, former Republic of Mars commando and captain of the fast freighter, Profit.

They and his latest works, *Platinum Magic* and *Gold Magic*, his first forays into the world of fantasy, are published by Brick Cave Media. *Platinum Magic* represents the start of an exciting new series set in a surprising modern world like our own, only different.

We know Dr. Bruce is a popular panelist, whether in the science track or the books and authors track. We're very much looking forward to honouring him as our Local Author GoH.

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### **COKOCON 2021 NOW VIRTUAL AND FREE**

We've been monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely over the past year and, while there's a lot of hope right now with dropping numbers, multiple vaccines and a scientific approach to ending this pandemic, we're not where we need to be yet for a physical convention to happen. In particular, attendance limitations are still in effect and, while we do expect that to change, we don't know how or when it will. Right now, a physical convention is non-viable for us.

Rather than skip two CoKoCons in a row, because we're aching to bring you an event as much as you're aching to attend one, we've made the decision to hold CoKoCon 2021 as a virtual event on its previously announced dates.

We're working out the details and will be sharing them with you as we go but, for now, keep September 3-6, 2021 on your calendar for a virtual CoKoCon.

As our costs are primarily tied to hosting a physical event and don't apply to a virtual one, we're setting the price for attending virtual CoKoCon 2021 at zero dollars. It won't cost you a dime and, if you've already bought a membership, we'll automatically roll that to next year, when we expect CoKoCon 2022 to be physical.

### **2021 GOHS ROLLING TO 2023, WILL BE INVOLVED IN 2021**

We take honouring our guests seriously and do our very best to make them feel as honoured as we possibly can at physical events. As we can't do almost any of that at a virtual event, we've asked each of our previously announced GoHs to roll to 2023 when we expect to be able to do that properly. They've all agreed.

Note: they're jumping two years as we already have 2022 Guests of Honor that we rolled from 2020.

We won't be having any Guests of Honor at our virtual CoKoCon 2021, but each of those previously announced—Author GoH Seanan McGuire, Local Author GoH Bruce Davis and Filk GoHs Margaret & Kristoph—have also kindly agreed to be involved in our virtual programming this year as featured panelists, so you will get to see them, even if you'll have to wait until 2023 to meet them in person.

### **CONVERSATIONS IN CONSUITE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

In addition to hosting a Conversations in ConSuite throughout CoKoCon 2021, along with all of our other programming, we will continue to host a standalone Conversations in ConSuite every month during the year. Hey, we're having a lot of fun and you're telling us that you're having fun too. None of them has ended on time yet, as we've kept on chatting every month!

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As always, everyone is welcome to join us at any point between 2.00pm and 6.00pm for good company and good conversation, but you'll need to visit the CoKoCon server in Discord to do so.

**Sunday, March 28**, from **2pm to 6pm**, Arizona time (MST not MDT).

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If you haven't, then there are two ways to get to that point:

1. The recommended approach is to [download the Discord client](#) and install it. There are versions for Windows, Mac, Linux, Android and iOS, so whatever device you're using, you should be covered. Once you're in, just search for CoKoCon as above.
2. A quicker but less functional approach would be to [visit this link](#) in your browser and create an account. When you login, you should see the CoKoCon server right away.

Whichever way you go, once you're on CoKoCon's server, you should see a list of rooms. We'll be in Con Suite Video, so click on that to join us. You won't need a passcode.

If anyone wants to test early, ahead of the 2.00pm start, someone will be in there from 12.00pm.

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### **VIRTUAL COKOCÖN 2021 UPDATE**

Over the past month or two, we've been attending, working and presenting at other virtual events to see how they've been run. Every one of them has been an excellent learning opportunity, so we've learned a lot about what works and what doesn't.

Some of our application forms have remained online ever since we announced that we'd be going from a physical con to a virtual one. We've updated some, like our Volunteers form, to ask about virtual experience. We'll be adding others back soon, now that we have an idea of how things like Dealers' Room and Art Show will work in a virtual environment.

In other words, watch this space!

### **CONVERSATIONS IN CONSUITE ON DISCORD AGAIN THIS SUNDAY**

With our eyes firmly on our virtual CoKoCon 2021, we're liking a lot of what we can do in Discord, so we'll be hosting Conversations in ConSuite there again on Sunday.

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### **VIRTUAL ART SHOW AND DEALERS ROOM**

We can't bring you a physical Art Show or Dealers Room at a virtual event, but we can bring you the art and the dealers.

We're going to be have an Art Show channel and a Dealers Room channel at Virtual CoKoCon 2021, where we'll showcase independent artists and dealers. You'll be able to click through on whatever speaks to you to purchase art and whatever our dealers are selling through their own processes.

Independent artists and dealers need our support, especially during COVID.

Artists and dealers, this will be FREE to you. Just send us your details and your

work and we'll get it up onto the appropriate channel and our website. See the pages here for details:

Art Show: <https://www.cokocon.org/2021/artshow.html>

Dealers Room: <https://www.cokocon.org/2021/dealers.html>

## **VIRTUAL CHARITY AUCTION**

We'll also be holding a virtual Charity Auction to benefit our charity, Joshua Tree Feeding Program, which provides nourishment to low-income HIV+ residents of Maricopa County. 100% of the proceeds will be given to Joshua Tree.

A whole bunch of books and other items have already been detailed on our website, so check them out. More will be added and images are coming soon.

Charity Auction: <https://www.cokocon.org/2021/charityauction.html>

## **FEATURED PANELISTS**

We've already announced that Seanan McGuire, Margaret & Kristoph and Dr. Bruce Davis, who would have been our Guests of Honor at CoKoCon 2021, are now going to be Featured Panelists at Virtual CoKoCon 2021 and return to be our GoHs at the physical CoKoCon 2023.

We can now happily add that Steven Barnes and Linda Addison, who would have been our Guests of Honor at the cancelled CoKoCon 2020, will also be Featured Panelists at Virtual CoKoCon 2021, ahead of returning to be our GoHs at the physical CoKoCon 2022.

Check them all out here:

Featured Panelists: <https://www.cokocon.org/2021/guests.html>

## **VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING**

Our programming team is building multiple tracks of varied programming. We'll have panels and demos and filk and gaming and trivia and science and all the things you expect from CoKoCon programming, just in a virtual environment.

Our Participants page is being updated weekly with new confirmed arrivals to our

programming schedule. Check out the current list here:

Participants: <https://www.cokocon.org/2021/participants.html>

## **VIRTUAL CONSUITE**

The heart of any traditional convention is the ConSuite and, while we can't give you food and drink at a virtual event, we can still maintain our Virtual ConSuite for four days so that you can pop in and chat any time you like and meet all the people you didn't know you needed to meet.

## **CONVERSATIONS IN CONSUITE ON JUNE 27**

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## **WESTERCON 75 BID WITHDRAWN**

With sadness, CASFS and WesternSFA are officially withdrawing our bid to host Westercon 75 in Tempe, AZ in 2023.

This is because of the ongoing effects of the COVID pandemic. While we expect that the country as a whole and the southwest in particular will be much more open in 2023 than it is today, that expectation has sadly not translated into support for Westercon 75 thus far and choosing to continue at this point would put both our sponsoring bodies at serious risk. We cannot survive on local fans alone. We also need regional fans to be ready to travel again and it's clear that they're not comfortable doing that yet.

The prudent option, which was taken unanimously by our committee and both our sponsoring bodies, is to withdraw at this time but to ready a future bid for a time when the wider community is hopefully ready to return to a physical Westercon.

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### **COKOCON YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

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Right now, we're at the following unfriendly address, but we'll be able to make that something friendly once we have 100 subscribers.

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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!

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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:

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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.

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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:

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We wouldn't say that it's absolutely final, because there are always last minute tweaks, but the vast majority of it is set in stone for all to see.

Whether you're looking to connect with our burgeoning community of authors as they discuss their work; learn about the latest missions and discoveries in science; sit back and enjoy concerts from award-winning filkers, be astounded by live drawing from a talented artist; find out how to make amazing creations out of surprising household items, or simply have fun at our trivia contests and interactive light hearted panels, there's something at Virtual CoKoCon 2021 for everyone.

We also have half a dozen featured panelists, who are highlighted with a tag on the schedule. Don't miss Steven Barnes talking about martial arts and writing fight scenes; Seanan McGuire and others exploring the dark side of fantasy; Margaret and Kristoph performing in concert; Linda Addison and others talking about writing for major franchises like *Star Wars* and *Black Panther*; and Bruce Davis connecting the worlds of writing and surgery.

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Due to solid interest in our programming, we've decided to move some of our larger panels and events over to Zoom, where the room limits are higher.

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We have attendees joining us from across the continent and beyond, with some registering from Colombia, Scotland, Australia and the Philippines.

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We hope that helps! We don't want you to miss a panel you're aching to attend just because you're in a different time zone.

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