Greetings!

The 2022 World Fantasy Convention is just 25 days from now. The time to converge on New Orleans (in person or virtually) is quickly approaching. We wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a few items. **We also have a special note for publishers and authors, so read on!**

### Hotel Cut Off Date Approaching

Our Hotel block is still open but will close on October 12. Please make sure that you have your hotel room reservations in. We have availability on all peak nights right now. If you have
an extra reservation, please cancel right away so someone else can book that room.

If you have any issues making your reservation, please reach out to hotel@wfc2022.org. The best option is to reserve the nights you can or the room type that you can, then contact us to see if we can get it modified.

Banquet Tickets On Sale!
We're happy to tell you that tickets for the World Fantasy Award Banquet are now on sale. The banquet occurs on Sunday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m. Central, and kicks off the culmination of the entire convention, the World Fantasy Award Ceremony. (Note that a banquet ticket is not required to attend the award ceremony, which is open to everyone.)

Programming
World Fantasy Convention is known for offering a program that is tailored to those who love and work in the fantasy and horror genres. Sessions are developed with that goal in mind. Our program list has been posted on our website, and we think it's a great one! We've found rooms suitable to not only conduct the in-person sessions, but to allow for a large number of virtual participants as well. Emails will go out soon to panelists, and as soon as everyone is comfortable with their schedules, we'll post the dates/times/panelists on our website. Questions? Contact Pam at programming@wfc2022.org.

Autograph Session
One of the highlights of the annual World Fantasy Convention is an autograph session where more than a hundred authors are available to sign their books. It's a fabulous event! If you are a reader (and aren't we all?) you can bring books from home to be signed. And if you're an author or an artist, you can sign! Every member is welcome to sign at the Autograph Session. If you intend to sign, please let our Coordinator, Carol Doms, know. You can email her at carol.doms@gmail.com. And if you let her know in advance, you'll get into the room 15 minutes early. We hope you will come and help us make this event a success, and promote your books, art, or publication.
Art Show
Are you an artist? You still have time to apply to show at the WFC Art Show. The deadline for submitting an application to show at WFC 2022 is October 15. Our members love the professional art show at every World Fantasy Convention - and they love to buy art. Our show is juried, so apply soon! Find details on our website.

Book and eBook Donations Requested
We have ordered the 2022 WFC Book Bags - now help us fill them! Every attending member will receive a bag of donated books upon check-in. And every attending or virtual member will have access to our Virtual Book Bag, to download donated eBooks. If you are a publisher or author who would like to provide books or eBooks, visit this page of our website for instructions and shipping addresses.

The Hotel Restaurants
Vice Chair Ginny Smith recently spent a few days at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, and has some recommendations:

- The hotel restaurant, Vitascope Hall, has a few remarkable items that Ginny tried and recommends. The Gumbo is really good. A shareable dish called Cajun Popcorn is amazing - fried tiny shrimp and crawfish tails (small) over a bed of crispy French fries. Both of these are pretty spicy, so if you aren't fond of pepper ask for light seasoning.
- In the same restaurant, Mardi Gras Gnocchi is amazing. Shrimp and crawfish in a Cajun sauce with gnocchi - what's not to love? Ginny had it for dinner and breakfast the next day and would have eaten it for every meal if she'd had a chance.
  - The other restaurant in the hotel, the 8 Block Kitchen & Bar, serves a buffet breakfast. That's the only thing on the menu. At nearly $30 per person (including tax and so on) it's worth splurging one day while you're there. Made-to-order omelettes and waffles, tons of awesome breakfast offerings, and breakfast bread pudding. Oh my.
- Right next door to the hotel is Hurts Donuts. If you're a donut fan (or even if you aren't) they have every kind of donut you can imagine. Donuts topped with Oreo cream. Donuts made with apples and cinnamon. Speaking of cinnamon, they have cinnamon rolls as big as a southern chef's dinner plate. And amazing coffee besides.
Here are a few transportation tips from Ginny, who flew into the New Orleans Airport:

- The taxi fares are set. Your fare will cost you $37 for two passengers, plus whatever tip you want to give the driver. The taxi from the airport to the hotel at 4:45 p.m. was around 30 minutes. (Extra people are an additional $15.)
- Leaving the hotel on Saturday morning, the desk clerk recommended Uber. It cost $41.00 plus tip, and the journey was completed in less than 20 minutes.
- Ginny doesn't recommend the shuttle listed on the hotel's website. They were not very flexible in booking. But she didn't actually ride in the shuttle, so it might be okay.

However you choose to get there, we are looking forward to welcoming you to the Hyatt Regency and The Big Easy.

See you in New Orleans!

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