



WORD FROM THE EDITOR

I got to see some cons and caught up new book reading.

I need to work on the Worldcon 76 report and get ready for Necronomicon. I will be doing panels on new things to watch and read.

I am planning a big review next month.

Happy Halloween.

Events

Crucible 7

October 12-14

Park Inn

3011 Maingate Lane

Kissimmee, Florida, 34747

Gaming Convention

\$35 for the weekend, \$20 per day

[crucibleorlando.com](http://crucibleorlando.com)

Orlando Pride Pop Culture Expo

October 13-14

Holiday Inn

5905 Kirkman Road

Orlando, FL 32819

Guests: David Sobolov (voice actor)

Carey Means (voice actor)

Dave Santos (actor)

Graven and Monica Ravenwood (artist)

And others

\$25 for precon, \$15 for a single day

[www.orlandopridepopcultureexpo.com](http://www.orlandopridepopcultureexpo.com)

Comic Book Connection

October 13-14

Holiday Inn

11083 Nurseryfields Drive

Jacksonville FL

\$15 for two days, \$10 for one day

[www.thecomickbookconnection.com](http://www.thecomickbookconnection.com)

Kaijucon

October 13-14

Wyndham Gardens Hotel

South West 13th Street

Gainesville, FL

\$35 for 3-Day prec-con (includes grab bag), \$20 at door

[www.kaijuconnv.com](http://www.kaijuconnv.com)

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Birthdays

Patricia Wheeler—October 25

Michael Pilletere—October 26



### October OASFiS Calendar

#### OASFiS Meeting

Sunday, October 14, 1:30 PM, ,Brick and Fire Pasta and Pizza Parlor (Downtown Orlando, 1621 South Orange Ave Orlando, Florida 32806 407-426-8922). Come and join us as we discuss works of Horror.

#### SciFi Light

TBA

To contact for more info:

OASFiS Business Meeting      407-823-8715

#### Necronomicon

October 20-22  
 Holiday Day Tampa Westshore—Airport Area  
 700 N. Westshore Blvd  
 Tampa, Florida 33609  
 \$55 for 3 days at the door  
 Guest of Honor: Tonia Brown  
                                  Rick Wilbur  
[www.stonehill.org/necro.htm](http://www.stonehill.org/necro.htm)

#### WasabiCon

October 20-21  
 Lexinton Hotel & Conference  
 1515 Prudential Drive  
 Jacksonville, FL 32207  
 Guests: Justin Briner (voice actor)  
                  Shelby Rabara (voice actor)  
                  and others  
 \$40 for 2 days at the door  
[www.wasabicon.com](http://www.wasabicon.com)

#### Melbourne Toy and Comic Con

October 21  
 Melbourne Auditorium  
 625 Hibiscus Blvd  
 Melbourne, FL 32901  
 Guests: Michael Duron (artist)  
                  Tyler Kirkham (artist)  
 \$10 at the door  
[www.melbournetoyandcomiccon.com](http://www.melbournetoyandcomiccon.com)

#### LumiCon

October 26-28  
 Sheraton Tampa Brandon  
 10221 Princess Palm Avenue  
 Tampa, FL 33610  
 Guest: Ray Chase (voice actor)  
                  Darrel Guilbeau (voice actor)  
                  Blake Shepard (voice actor)  
 \$40 at the door for weekend  
[lumi-convention.com](http://lumi-convention.com)

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Any of these people can give readers information about the club and its functions. To be included in the list call Juan.

#### Spooky Empire

October 26-28  
 Caribe Royale Orlando  
 8101 World Center Drive  
 Orlando, FL 32821  
 Guests: David Duchovny (actor) (Sat only)  
                  Gillian Anderson (actor) (Sat Only)  
                  Mitch Pileggi (actor)  
                  William B. Davis (actor)  
                  Annbeth Gish (actor)  
                  Nicholas Lea (actor)  
                  Owl Goingback (writer)  
                  and many more  
 \$\$75 at the door  
[www.spookyempire.com](http://www.spookyempire.com)

#### OASFiS September 9 2018

Officers: Juan Sanmiguel  
 Present: Arthur Dykeman, Harry Parkhurst

We are looking into hotel possibilities for an OASIS next year.

Juan wants to look into some marketing services he heard about. Harry offered some connections he has in that area.

Due to *The Great American Read* events in October, all the meeting space at the library was booked . Alternative will be looked at for the October meeting

Sarah Fisk discussed Bouchercon. Bouchercon is national convention devoted to Mystery. It is named after Anthony Boucher a writer and editor. Boucher also started the *The Magazine Fantasy and Science Fiction* in 1949 (it is still published today). The con was held his year in Saint Petersburg, FL. Sarah Fisk enjoyed herself though mentioned there was some problems during the award ceremony.

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Arthur discussed the loss of Jaqueline Pearce. She was best known for playing Severlan on the BBC's *Blake's 7* (1978-1981) and Chessene on the *Doctor Who* story "The Two Doctors" (1985). Juan remembered she appeared in an episode of *The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles* (1993).

#### Culture Consumed

Arthur saw the *Happy Time Murders*. It is a puppet film directed by Brian Henson. Arthur found it quite funny.

Arthur also discussed plans for the next series of *Doctor Who*. Showrunner Chris Chinball has announced there will be no old enemies in this next series. Juan doubts this and thinks the Daleks will make a surprise appearance. Arthur admits that some *Doctor Who* producers have been known to stretch the truth on occasion. The premiere episode of the next season will be shown twice on Sunday October 7 on BBC America. The first showing will be a simulcast with the BBC in the afternoon and the second will be in its traditional prime time spot. Before that there will be reshooting of modern *Doctor Who* starting on September 25, 2018. Retro-TV is still showing the classic era version of the show. Stars of the previous season Peter Capaldi and Pearl Mackie will be at Megacon Tampa on Sunday September 23, 2018. Sean Pertwee, son of 3rd Doctor Jon Pertwee and Alfred Pennyworth on *Gotham* on Fox, will also be at Megacon Tampa.

Arthur mentioned that *The Big Bang Theory* will be ending in 2019.

He also said the new Batwoman will be appearing in the DC Universe on the CW network. There was some controversy on the casting on the Internet.

Juan saw the Enzian's showing of *The Yellow Submarine*. It was redone in 4K resolution. *Ant-Man and the Wasp* was a fun installment of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Juan finally saw *Tusk*, a Horror-Comedy by Kevin Smith. Juan was always a Kevin Smith fan and thought this was fun film though many did not agree with him. Smith got to do a sequel, *Yoga Hosiers*. Sadly he cannot get funding for a third film in the series, *Moose Jaws*. He also finally got to see *Power of Greyskull*, a documentary on the *He-Man and the Master of the Universe* franchise. It covers the toy line, animated television series, and feature film. The second season of Marvel's *Iron Fist* came out last Friday. It was better than the first season and engaging. Juan was frustrated that he missed *Sorry for Bothering You*. Arthur described the plot of the film. It is about a phone service worker who is African American, but can sound white over the phone. Juan heard many good things about the film from his social media.

Harry got to see the film *Arrival*. Juan explained it was an adaptation of Ted Chiang's "The Story of Your Life". The film was a finalist for Oscar's Best Picture and won the Best Dramatic Presentation-Long Form Hugo.

Juan had announced the meeting would be short but found out that Sarah Fisk had booked extra time before the writer's workshop to make sure the room was set up correctly. She told Juan they could use some of that time for the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3PM.

Awards  
(source *File 770* blog)

The following are the genre winners of the Primetime Emmy Awards.

**Outstanding drama series**  
*Game of Thrones* (HBO)

**Outstanding supporting actress in a drama series**  
Thandie Newtown (*Westworld*)

**Outstanding supporting actor in a drama series**  
Peter Dinklage (*Game of Thrones*)

**Outstanding Writing for a Limited Series, Movie or Dramatic Special**  
"USS Callister" (*Black Mirror*) written William Bridges and Charlie Brooker



Letters of Comment

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September 21, 2018

Dear OASFiSians:

The September Event Horizon is here, and many thanks! I will whip this up as fast as I can, and get it to you in time for the next issue. That's the plan, anyway...

Ah, you got to meet up with Chris Garcia at the San Jose Worldcon. Chris is a character beyond belief. I was lucky in that Guy Lillian send me a copy of this year's WOOF. Perhaps one day, I will be organized enough to contribute to it again.

There's lots of movies coming up, but I admit that the only one I am looking forward to is *Fantastic Beasts 2: The Crimes of Grindelwald*. I am most interested in not only seeing the second season of Discovery, but also the Discovery Shorts, and the new ST:Picard show. Us Trekkers are now completely spoiled and glutted with Trek content.

The new big names in SF literature are N.K. Jemisin and Rebecca Roanhorse. I expect to never read anything by these ladies, so it's simply something more I will have learn about vicariously. At least I do recognize some names, like Mike Glyer and Ursula K. Le Guin, rest her soul.

*You should checkout Jemisin and Roanhorse. Their stuff is terrific. I will send you a link to Levar Burton reading "Your Authentic Indian Experience"™.*

Jason Isaacs being seen in Toronto...indeed, this may cause spoilers, but I think most can figure out that the prime universe Lorca is out and about, and wondering what happened to his Mirror counterpart.

Anyway, time to go, and get this to you. It's a hot day, but most of us think it will be the last one...the first day of fall will see a return to cooler temperatures, and the odd sweater. See you with the next issue.

Yours, Lloyd Penney.

The Science Fiction and Fantasy Books in PBS's *The Great American Read*. This is part of the 100 books that were voted on as candidates for America's number one book. One can vote online or via phone. Several episodes of *The Great American Read* can be found online describing the books.

- *The Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams
- *The Foundation* (series) by Isaac Asimov
- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- *The Clan of the Cave Bear* by Jane M. Auel
- *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline
- *The Hunger Games* (series) by Suzanne Collins
- *Jurassic Park* by Michael Chrichton
- *Outlander* (series) by Diana Gabaldon
- *Dune* by Frank Herbert
- *Mind Invaders* by David Hunt
- *The Wheel of Time* (series) by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson
- *The Stand* by Stephen King
- *The Chronicles of Narnia* (series) by C.S. Lewis
- *The Giver* by Lois Lowery
- *The Game of Thrones* (series) by George R.R. Martin
- *Swan Song* by Robert McCammon
- *The Twilight Saga* by Stephenie Meyer
- *1984* by George Orwell
- *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand
- *Harry Potter* (series) by J.K. Rowling
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift
- *The Lord of the Rings* (series) by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The Sirens of Titan* by Kurt Vonnegut
- *The Martian* by Andy Weir
- *The Intuitionist* by Colson Whitehead

The logo for 'The Great American Read' features the word 'the' in a light blue script font at the top. Below it, 'GREAT' is written in large, bold, block letters with each letter in a different color: G (green), R (red), E (blue), A (orange), T (purple). Underneath 'GREAT', the word 'American' is written in a large, flowing, teal script font. At the bottom, 'READ' is written in large, bold, block letters with each letter in a different color: R (purple), E (blue), A (green), D (red).

## Space Coast Con 2018



Left to right : Rita Repulsa, villainess from the original *Mighty Morphin Power* Ranger, Podcasting panel: Christian Basel (*Hanging with the Show*), G.W. Pomichtler (*Hanging with the Show*), and Charlie Watson (Florida Con Artists.)

## Anime Day Orlando Fall 2018



Left to right A Slytherin student from Harry Potter, Shoto Todoroki from *My Hero Academia*, Shōta Aizawa from *My Hero Academia*

*Space Opera*

By  
Catherynne M. Valente

I have never watched the Eurovision Song Contest. I have heard about it second hand through my social media and podcasts. Eurovision seemed to interfere with the showing of *Doctor Who* a few years ago, but an international song competition that has been going on for 50 years seems like an interesting idea. Catherynne Valente uses it as the basis of her novel *Space Opera*.

Aliens have contacted Earth a few years in the future. The flamingo-like Esca speak to every human being. They explain that a long time ago there was devastating war which scarred the survivors. All new races must prove themselves at the Metagalactic Grand Prix, an interstellar musical contest. If a new race comes in last, they will be destroyed and their planet quarantined. The Esca presents a list of performers that might do well at the Grad Prix. All on the list are dead except for the Absolute Zeros. Can the surviving members of the group, Decibel Jones (Danesh Jalo) and Oort St. Ultraviolet (Omar Calişkan), get their act together and save the world?

Decibel Jones is fan of music, Warner Brothers cartoons, (the Esca remind him of the Road Runner), and Science Fiction films. He is passionate about his art but the rest of his life is a bit of mess. He is still dealing with guilt over what happened to his bandmate and girlfriend Mira Wonderful Star. Jones is angry that the Absolute Zeros were at the bottom of the Esca's list, but still is willing to take on the challenge of the Grand Prix.

Oort is more mellow than Jones. His post-Absolute Zero

life involves raising his family and working as a studio musician. Oort is more intimidated by the prospect of the Grand Prix but, for his family, he joins Decibel Jones to save humanity.

The aliens are well-designed. They take familiar forms like flamingos and pandas, but have an alien point of view. Their outlook is not ours but it is understandable to humans. Valente describes the history of Metagalactic Grand Prix and then describes the alien cultures who compete in it.

This novel is written in a style of Douglas Adams and Terry Pratchett. The story begins on a Thursday, the same day the Vogons destroy the Earth in *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*. Each page includes a joke or humorous reference, but these do not detract from the drama.

The fact that the stakes are so high drives the plot. One wonders how the Absolute Zeros are going to pull it off. On the surface the problem seems easily-solveable: do not come in last and humanity is saved. Since the tastes of the aliens are hard to gauge, the challenge is for Decibel and Oort to come up with a song and performance that will engage the alien audience and judges. Complicating matters is the last rule of the Grand Prix, that states if race does not perform they are automatically eliminated. This leads to shady dealings. Can the Absolute Zeros pull it off?

*Space Opera* give us a Science Fiction story with a good serving of comedy. Like many SF stories humanity is in jeopardy. It will not be our science, but our art that will save or doom us. Valente suggests this is what determines sentience. Some animals seem to communicate. Ants and termites can build structures. Emotions and tool use are common with animals. Art that moves hearts and minds is the mark of sentience.

Maybe its time I checkout the Eurovision contest.



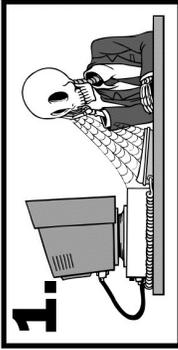
# Megacon Tampa 2018



Top Row: Left to right : Tim the Wizard from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, An angel from *Legend of Zelda*, the Twelfth Doctor from *Doctor Who*, Captain Marvel from Marvel Comics, Kitty Pryde and Lockheed from the X-Men.  
Middle: Left to Right: Pearl Mackie (Bill Potts) and Peter Capaldi (The 12th Doctor) from *Doctor Who*  
Bottom row: Catwoman from DC Comics, Muttley and Dick Dastardly from *Wacky Races*, Summer Glau (River Tam from *Firefly*)



# There are two ways to be a science fiction and fantasy fan in Florida.



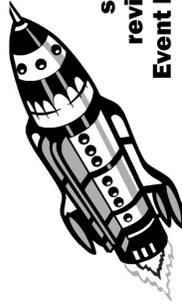
**1.** Read about the exciting fan activities other people are doing.



**2.** Start doing exciting things yourself, and meet new friends "in the flesh" with OASFIS!



We're OASFIS - the Orlando Area Science Fiction Society. We enjoy and promote science fiction, fantasy, horror, books, movies, TV series, costuming, gaming - every part of the most imaginative hobby in existence. Of all the conventions in Central Florida, only our **OASIS conventions** are operated *by* fans, *for* fans, and not for profit...bringing affordable fun that speaks to *your* interests. Bring your unique fan interests to life and share them with Florida's fan community. We work with other fan organizations to bring our mutual passions to life. Visit our monthly meetings...and help shape fandom's future by joining OASFIS. Individual and family memberships are available. If you're tired of just sitting, you're welcome at OASFIS...no bones about it!



**Besides monthly meetings and our OASIS conventions, read about our special events and activities on our web site! Members can contribute articles, reviews and original fiction to our magazine Event Horizon. We want to hear from you!**

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