

OASIS 29 Events and Panel Topics

FRIDAY MAY 19

Friday Atlas 12:00 PM Social Media for Authors

Whether you publish with a major house, a small house, or on your own, you're hearing the same thing: social media is a must for authors who want to be successful. Author and book publicist Sarah Nicolas present social media strategies for authors, both published and aspiring. Attendees should have a basic understanding of Twitter and Facebook.

Sarah Nicolas

Friday Atlas 01:00 PM Science Literacy and You

When you loosen the lid of a jar by running it under hot water so the metal will expand, you are using information you learned in science class. This and so many more things make life easier. Science! Are we doing enough to encourage Science Literacy? What can we do?

Jeff Mitchell, Edward Wysocki

Friday Phoenix 01:00 PM Beginning Writers Workshop--Open Enrolment

Small group writing, reading, and critiquing on bringing those first new sentences to life without a thunderstorm and a lightning rod. Bring your work with you; active participation is a must. The workshop continues on Saturday and Sunday.

Erica Cameron, Faith Hunter, E. Rose Sabin, Elizabeth Schechter

Friday Aurora 02:00 PM Publishing Scams

Learn to avoid traps in the industry.

Lucienne Diver(m), Gary Roen, Elizabeth Schechter, Benjamin Sperduto

Friday Atlas 02:00 PM Anime SF Features

A look at the landmark animated feature films from Japan.

Juan Sanmiguel

Friday Aurora 03:00 PM The International Space Station

Here about the latest and greatest of the ISS.

Jeff Mitchell

Friday Atlas 03:00 PM Pitching

Whether you're trying to sell your book to readers, agents, or publishers, a perfect pitch is a necessity. Learn how to craft both an attention-grabbing elevator pitch and a compelling written book blurb.

Sarah Nicolas

Friday Phoenix 03:00 PM Genre Decisions

Not sure if it's fantasy, Sci-fi, or something in between? What are the boundaries, and how are they useful in today's markets?

Erica Cameron, Faith Hunter, Jose Iriarte(m)

Friday Phoenix 04:00 PM Writing for Blogs and Podcasts

What gives with these new forms of media? How do I do it, and where is my audience?

Shaun Duke, Jose Iriarte, Gary Roen

Friday Aurora 04:00 PM Is Bigger Better?

Ringworld. Rama. Space Elevators. The Death Star. Starbase Yorktown. Valerian. These are huge objects. Can they be built? Should they be built?

Jeff Mitchell(m), Edward Wysocki

Friday Atlas 04:00 PM Fantastic Art

What are the ins and outs of producing art of things that do not exist.

Mike Conrad, Rubey Shea

Friday Phoenix 05:00 PM Drama, Glory, Stigma

Hiding your writing, using pen names, spelling it out with graffiti: What is the social influence on writing, and what methods help to write and be free?

Erica Cameron, Faith Hunter, Rubey Shea(m)

Friday Aurora 05:00 PM What to Read?

So much much read, so little time. Hear some recommendations from our panelists.

Lucienne Diver, Shaun Duke(m), Elle E. Ire

Friday Atlas 05:00 PM Organic Book Promo

How do you promote your book. What tools are available to writer to get the word out.

Sarah Nicolas

Friday Phoenix 06:00 PM Feedback Session 1

How can we make OASIS a better con for you? Offer your suggestions and advice.

Juan Sanmiguel

Friday Galaxy II 07:00 PM Opening Ceremonies

Meet our Guest of Honor, Faith Hunter as we officially start OASIS 29.

Faith Hunter

Friday Phoenix 08:00 PM Author! Author!

Formally published or self-published with book in hand, read five minutes of your work to the featured writers and participants. Volunteers from the audience accepted if time permits.

Sara Nicolas, Gary Roen

Friday Galaxy II 08:00 PM Wait, Wait Dont Tell Me

Come and join this fannish version of the NPR game show. This will be presented by the team from Necronomicon.

Lucienne Diver, Owl Goingback, Faith Hunter, Guy Lillian, Elizabeth Schechter

Friday Aurora 09:00 PM Open Filking I

Bring an instrument or your voice and celebrate the genre we all love through song.

Friday Atlas 09:00 PM Alien Artifacts

We have found mysterious objects from an alien civilization. Can our experts discover what these things are?

Mike Conrad, William Hatfield, Jeff Mitchell

SATURDAY MAY 20

Saturday Aurora 10:00 AM How to Science

We see scientists in books, films, and television shows. Is that how the scientific method works? Come and hear how it really works.

Derek Demeter, Jeff Mitchell, Kendall Morris(m), Edward Wysocki

Saturday Phoenix 10:00 AM Book Fundamentals

What you need to know to publish a book, be it formally through mainstream publishers, or self-publishing
Sarah Nicolas

Saturday Atlas 10:00 AM What Makes a Series?

The Hugos are adding Best Series as a category. What does it take to write a good series. What are the challenges in spreading the story beyond one book.

Richard Lee Byers(m), Faith Hunter, Alethea Kontis, Jack McDevitt, Elizabeth Schechter

Saturday Atlas 11:00 AM Lunar Space Elevator

An innovative yet practical method to access the surface of the Moon.

Charles Radley

Saturday Phoenix 11:00 AM Character Development in a Series

What motivates a change in a major character? How does it affect the series, reader and author?

Erica Cameron, Owl Goingback, Faith Hunter(m)

Saturday Aurora 11:00 AM Fannish Expression

What are the ways fans can connect with world?

Shaun Duke, Guy Lillian, Ann Morris(m)

Saturday Aurora 12:00 PM Trivia

Do you have the knowledge to compete in the Trivia Contest.

Juan Sanmiguel

Saturday Atlas 12:00 PM 40 Years of Star Wars

In May 1977 we were all taken to a galaxy far, far away. Since then there have been seven more films, a radio show, two television shows, and countless books. What do you want or expect in this new era of Star Wars.

Erica Cameron, Jeff Carroll, Shaun Duke(m)

Saturday Phoenix 12:00 PM Midway Writers Workshop - Middle Writers Workshop--Open Enrolment

The workshop continues with the nuts and bolts of writing: characterization, plot, grammar and tense. Bring your work with you; active participation is encouraged. The workshop concludes on Sunday

Christina Farley, Elle E. Ire, Elizabeth Schechter

Saturday Aurora 01:00 PM Young Adult: 101

Understand the basics of this popular genre.

Erica Cameron, Lucienne Diver, Christina Farley, Aria Kane(m), E. Rose Sabin

Saturday Atlas 01:00 PM Superhero Smackdown

Who is the greatest superhero of all time. Come join our panel of experts as work our way from 16 candidates to number one hero.

Perry F. Bruns(m), Guy Lillian, Mari Ness

Saturday Aurora 02:00 PM Costuming on a Budget

Learn tricks that can save you some money for your costume/cosplay.

Perry F. Bruns, Alicia Hall, Alethea Kontis, Ann Morris(m)

Saturday Atlas 02:00 PM OASIS 29 Guest of Honor: Faith Hunter

Our Guest of Honor talks about her life, works, and experience.

Faith Hunter

Saturday Phoenix 02:00 PM Rhyme Time

Panel discussion of the importance of rhyming language in fantasy and science fiction, with the emphasis on spellcasting, song, and other uses. No oranges, please.

Gary Roen, Rubey Shea(m)

Saturday Dealers Room 03:00 PM Signing Sessions

Faith Hunter, Jack McDevitt, Alethea Kontis

Saturday Aurora 03:00 PM OASIS 29 Charity Auction

Bid on special items donated by our guests, OASFiS members, and generous others. Proceeds support the Andre Norton Scholarship Fund at Valencia College

Richard Lee Byers

Saturday Atlas 03:00 PM What is on Tonight?

There is a Science Fiction/Fantasy/Horror show on every day. Which ones are worth watching?

Jeff Carroll, Shaun Duke, Ann Morris(m), Mari Ness

Saturday Phoenix 04:00 PM Synopsis or Rehash?

Deja vu' or Deja Done! How to write a good synopsis for submission without passing out or slaying the reader with 'and then's.

Erica Cameron, Lucienne Diver

Saturday Atlas 04:00 PM Spelling Bee Lighting Homonymorama

Can you meet the challenge? Win prizes at our second annual spelling bee!

Peggy Stubblefield

Saturday Aurora 04:00 PM Beyond the Solar System

What is the latest on exoplanets. What has been found? Where can we go in the future?

Derek Demeter, Jeff Mitchell, Charles Radley, Edward Wysocki

Saturday Atlas 05:00 PM Short Fiction

The Short Fiction market is still booming. What are the ins and outs of the industry?

Jose Iriarte, Mari Ness, Gary Roen(m), Benjamin Sperduto

Saturday Aurora 05:00 PM Great Horror Films You May Have Missed

A lot films come in a year. Sometimes gems are lost in the shuffle. Our panel will help you find those worthy films.

Richard Lee Byers, Jeff Carroll, Owl Goingback

Saturday Phoenix 05:00 PM Young Adult or New Adult

Young Adult has hit it big, but what's with this New Adult? What distinguishes them, and can my book cover both markets?

Erica Cameron, Lucienne Diver(m), Christina Farley, Alethea Kontis

Saturday Atlas 06:00 PM Author, Author II

Formally published or self-published with book in hand, read five minutes of your work to the featured writers and participants. Volunteers from the audience accepted if time permits.

Owl Goingback, Jack McDevitt, Rubey Shea

Saturday Phoenix 06:00 PM Feedback Session II

Another day of the con. How is it going for you? Please let us know.

Juan Sanmiguel

Saturday Phoenix 07:00 PM Head Hoppi-Loppin

Explore the banes and foibles of self-publishing, just starting out, and editing on your own.

William Hatfield, Elizabeth Schechter(m), Rubey Shea

Saturday Atlas 07:30 PM Masquerade

The most visible part of fandom appears before you in all their fantastic finery.

Richard Lee Byers, Mike Conrad, Faith Hunter, Ann Morris

Saturday Atlas 08:00 PM The Nebula Awards

We will be joining the pros in Pittsburgh as we celebrate one of Science Fiction oldest awards. Formal attire is optional.

Juan Sanmiguel

Saturday Phoenix 08:00 PM Our Great Disappointments

Authors discuss the manuscripts that never saw the light of mass market, or were published but not to the author's satisfaction, and how they coped.

Erica Cameron, Elle E. Ire(m), Guy Lillian

Saturday Aurora 09:00 PM Genre Boundaries: Romance and Erotica

What do these two fields have in common? What makes them different?

Elle E. Ire(m), Aria Kane, Elizabeth Schechter

Saturday Aurora 10:00 PM Open Filking II

Bring your instruments, voice, wit, and wisdom and let loose.

SUNDAY MAY 21

Sunday Atlas 10:00 AM Science Fiction Films

Does it take a big budget to make a good Science Fiction film? Can you make something meaningful on a limited scale?

Erica Cameron, Jeff Carroll, Shaun Duke(m)

Sunday Phoenix 10:00 AM Media Panel

Tools of the trade in writing, from software to laptops to ouija boards, and related references.

Lucienne Diver, Jose Iriarte(m), E. Rose Sabin, Elizabeth Schechter

Sunday Aurora 10:00 AM Urban Fantasy

What can or can you do in an Urban Fantasy story?

Richard Lee Byers(m), Owl Goingback, Faith Hunter, Benjamin Spurduto

Sunday Atlas 11:00 AM Looking at Costumes

What makes a good costume or cosplay. Join our panel and look at some costumes and see what makes them special.

Alicia Hall, Ann Morris

Sunday Aurora 11:00 AM Living in Florida

Amazing things happen in Florida. Can you work those things into fiction?

Erica Cameron, William Hatfield(m), Benjamin Spurduto

Sunday Phoenix 11:00 AM Ending Writers Workshop--Open Enrolment

It's not just about critiquing or editing, but now that the work is done, what are you going to do with it and how will you get it out there? Bring your work; active participation a must.

Elle E. Ire(m), Gary Roen, E. Rose Sabin

Sunday Atlas 12:00 PM Yes, But Would You Date Them?

They are great characters to watch or read about but would you want to be with them?

Erica Cameron, Mike Conrad, Faith Hunter, Elizabeth Schechter(m), Benjamin Spurduto

Sunday Atlas 12:00 PM Art Demo

See how an artist creates their work.

Rubey Shea

Sunday Atlas 01:00 PM Do I Know You?

Share your experience meeting your favorite celebs and writers. Joy or trauma, no slander, please.

Shaun Duke, Faith Hunter, Elle E. Ire(m), Gary Roen

Sunday Aurora 01:00 PM Doctor Who: New Frontiers

We are now in midseason of the tenth series. There soon be a new Doctor and showrunner. What do we want to see in the future?

Christian Basel, Ann Morris

Sunday Phoenix 01:00 PM Ha-ha or Ah ha!

Sci-Fi and fantasy is often funny; how do we write humor and what kinds are there? What pitfalls and pratfalls should we avoid?

Richard Lee Byers(m), Lucienne Diver, William Hatfield, Rubey Shea

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Sunday Atlas 02:00 PM Ask A Veterinarian

Do you have a question about your pet? Is there something on your mind about a non-human biology? Come ask our resident veterinarian.

Peggy Stubblefield

Sunday Aurora 02:00 PM Discovering New Star Trek

New Star Trek is coming soon to a computer service near you. What are hopes and fears in the next chapter of the human adventure?

Jeff Carroll, Shaun Duke(m), Ann Morris

Sunday Atlas 03:00 PM Closing Ceremonies

Come and join us as we bid a fond farewell to our guest and you our members.

Faith Hunter