

NEXT MONSFFA MEETING IS THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, August 21

1:00PM-5:00PM

St-François Room

Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St.

Downtown Montreal

PROGRAMME

1:00PM

RARE GEMS, FORGOTTEN CLASSICS, BIZARRE ODDITIES: A magic sword, an alternate universe in which pornographic movies provide the template for reality, and a rubber tire possessed of murderous telekinetic powers feature in another of our occasional looks at the diverse Genre films available on DVD/Blu-Ray.

2:00PM

SCI-FI PCTIONARY: Can you guess what SF/F title our gamemaster is looking for based solely on the marker sketches your teammates can produce in one minute? Join us for a sci-fi version of the fun and frantic parlour game.

3:30PM

OPEN DISCUSSION/FANCRAFT: The floor is open for discussion of any SF/F or fannish topic. We've also got a couple of "fancraft" demos planned.

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MonSFFen Enjoy Barbecue in Park

Sunday, July 24, came with perfect picnic weather for the club's traditional summer barbecue. A good number of MonSFFen gathered under a tree-shaded spot in Lasalle's Parc Angrignon to enjoy the sunny summer weather, conversation, games, at one point an impromptu water fight, and a variety of hamburgers, hotdogs, grilled chicken delights, salads, snacks, and cool beverages.

Club president Berny Reischl lent the club his portable barbecue, firing it up at about noon. Before too long, folk were grilling their various meats and shortly thereafter savouring a marvellous barbecued lunch.

A stiff breeze moderated afternoon temperatures and kept any annoying insects away from the picnic tables, which had been secured earlier by Phil Simard. Phil arrived at about 8:30AM (!), well ahead of the rest of our group, commandeered that prime tree-shaded spot and several tables before the usual invasion of Sunday picnickers poured into the sprawling park from the adjacent Metro station. Parc Angrignon is a favourite destination for thousands of Montrealers during the summer months and MonSFFA has held its annual summer barbecue in the park since our first such outing in 2002.

All in all, a most wonderful day enjoyed by all.

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Indiana Jones Archaeology Exhibition

In lieu of a June meeting, the club organized an outing to the Indiana Jones and the Adventure of Archaeology exhibition for Sunday, the 12th. Oddly, but a handful of MonSFFen trekked to the Old Port to take in this unique presentation. Those members who passed it up and haven't since visited are skipping an amazingly cool display of Genre movie history, coupled with dozens of related factoids from the real world of archaeology. (There's still time to see the exhibit at the Montreal Science Centre; it runs until September 18.)

For any fan of the Indiana Jones movies, the highlight of the exhibition is the collection of costumes, props, set pieces, and production art from all four films. An iPad-like device provides each individual visitor with information on each of the items on display, including pertinent aspects of the filmmaking process and connections to the real archaeological pieces that inspired many of the fictional treasures Indy chases in the film series.

And you can get up real close, too, examine the intricate details of the Ark of the Covenant prop, one of the full-scale Crystal-Skull aliens, a miniature Temple-of-Doom mine car, Henry Jones' Grail notebook, the Grail cup, and so much more.

Further, there are sections devoted to real artefacts, including a number from some local archaeological digs.

Video Shoot

Exiting the Indiana Jones exhibit, our small contingent of MonSFFen grabbed lunch at an adjoining food court, then scouted locations for a video shoot planned for the remainder of the afternoon. The idea was to film a few short advertisements for the club, on the fly, bare-bones, with only a clever idea at the heart of the effort. Berny Reischl discovered a large, empty section of the building in which was housed the food court, accessible and well-suited for shooting video.

With Berny and Mark Burakoff behind the cameras, the group, over the course of a couple hours, managed to shoot the basics for five or six commercials. The footage will be edited and animated text added to complete the project

Impulse Make-Over

As you have no doubt noticed, this news bulletin has received a make-over. More accurately, it is in the process of being redesigned. We'll be tweaking things here and there over the next little while until we settle on a final look, so please bear with us.

The computer and the desktop publishing software used these many years to produce Impulse, while quite versatile and entirely proficient at the fine art of fanzine layout, are also rather an ancient OS and string of code that have become increasingly incompatible with modern systems. Getting Impulse ready for the Web has become particularly problematic and thus were we compelled to retire our old equipment.

We hope you like the face-lift, which, again, we will refine over the coming months as we experiment with the new toys we are now employing to produce Impulse.

ComicCon Prompts Club to Change September Meeting Date

It's a good bet that a lot of MonSFFA members plan on attending the upcoming Montreal ComicCon, set to go at Place Bonaventure over the September 17-18 weekend. And so, to avoid conflicting with the big show, the club has moved its September meeting from the 18th to the 11th, same time, same place.

The Montreal ComicCon, meanwhile, features a galaxy of guests including Batman's Adam West and Burt Ward, comics legends Stan Lee and Neal Adams, Buck Rogers' Gil Gerard and Erin Gray, TNG's Michael Dorn and Marina Sirtis, Buffy the Vampire Slayer's James Marsters, Mercedes McNab, and Clare Kramer, and many more! Our good friend Sv Bell, a prolific producer of low-budget independent horror films, is also on the bill. Cool!

Information about this event can be obtained at: www.montrealcomiccon.com

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