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## NEXT MonSFFA MEETING IS THIS WEEKEND

**Sunday, September 17**

1:00PM-5:00PM

St-François Room, Days Inn  
1005 Guy Street, Montreal

### SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING

**1:00PM**

#### TIME LINE FILM PROJECT:

We meet to work on designs and assign a team of modellers the task of building the required miniature sets and models for our latest MonSFFilms project, *TimeLine*.

**2:30PM**

#### FUND-RAISING AUCTION,

SALE, AND RAFFLE: Sci-fi books, videos, and other collectibles will be sold to raise needed funds for the club. All monies raised will be directed toward MonSFFA's general operating expenses.

**RoyalCon 2006:  
SEPTEMBER 23-24**

**Con•Cept 2006:  
OCTOBER 13-15**

**NEXT MONTH'S  
MONSFFA MEETING:  
OCTOBER 29**

## New Gaming Convention RoyalCon Launches This Month

RoyalCon is a new Montreal-based gaming convention, the first edition of which debuts in less than two weeks. RoyalCon 2006 is set for Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24, at the Days Hotel and Conference Centre, 1005 Guy Street, downtown, the familiar site of both MonSFFA's monthly meetings and Montreal's annual SF/F convention, Con•Cept (see next item).

"We are dedicated to role-playing diversity," state the con's organizers on RoyalCon's Web site, "encouraging all genres of play using any role-playing system." MonSFFA's own Christopher Hammock, who happens to be chair of RoyalCon 2006, outlines for us an event that will host many role-playing, board, card, and war games, and include a live-action RPG scenario.

Several discussion panels are also planned featuring local industry notables such as *GURPS 4th Edition* co-author and line editor Sean "Dr. Kromm" Punch, Dream Pod 9 president Robert Dubois, Steam Logic president Francis Larose, and freelancers Marc A. Vezina and Lucien Soulbán, the latter known for his numerous contributions to White Wolf.

Other features of the con include a con suite, the "Gamers' Garage Sale," and a fully-stocked dealers' room.

Online pre-registration is open until September 20, after which con-goers may sign up at the door. The pre-registration rate for the weekend is \$20; at the door rate is \$25. Saturday- or Sunday-only registration is also available at \$15 and \$12, respectively. Cash only at the door, please. GMs are sought and a discount on the registration charge is offered them.

For more information, visit the RoyalCon Web site: [www.royalcon.ca](http://www.royalcon.ca)

## DOES YOUR NAME APPEAR BELOW? WATCH THIS SPACE TO KNOW IF YOUR ANNUAL MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE.

The annual membership fees of the following MonSFFA members are overdue:

DUROCHER, Marc  
KRIMP, Nick  
MAGNUSSEN, Colleen  
MARTEL, Stéphane

**Annual membership  
fees are due this month  
(September) from the  
following MonSFFA  
members:**

**NADEAU, Marc**

Annual membership fees will become due next month (October) from the following MonSFFA members:

**KENNEY, Daniel P.**

Please renew your MonSFFA membership in timely fashion. Annual dues are \$25. Fill out the membership application form, bottom of page, include cheque or money order, made out to MonSFFA, and mail to:

**MonSFFA  
P.O. Box 1186, Place du Parc  
Montreal, Québec  
H2X 4A7**

If you have already done so, ignore this notice. We thank you for renewing your membership in MonSFFA, Montreal's premiere SF/F fan club.

## MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print legibly. Cut out form and mail as per directions.

## AMonSFF FORMULAIRE D'INSCRIPTION

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## Con•Cept 2006 Unfolds Next Month

This year's installment of Con•Cept, Montreal's only annual SF/F convention, is scheduled for the October 13-15 weekend at the Days Hotel and Conference Centre, 1005 Guy Street, downtown, and will feature honoured guests Steve Bacic (actor, *Andromeda*, *Stargate SG-1*, *Blade*, *The X-Files*), Robert Charles Wilson (author, *Darwinia*, *Blind Lake*, this year's Hugo-winner *Spin*), and perennial Con•Cept MC Larry Stewart. Also scheduled to appear are directors David Winning (*Earth: Final Conflict*, *Andromeda*, *Stargate Atlantis*) and Brett Kelly (*The Bonesetter*, *The Feral Man*, *My Dead Girlfriend*).

In addition to such familiar features as the dealers' room, masquerade, art show, model competition, Saturday night dance, and Con•Cept's well-regarded track of panel discussions and presentations, the con is this year including a display of costumes and props, and expanding its con suite to accommodate a "chat room." This chat room will host small groups for fannish debates, spill-over panel discussions, gaming, book launches, and so on.

Of special note are the video track, screening unique fan-made films; a fund-raising auction, which will contribute a portion of proceeds to a local school library; and Con•Cept's innovative "Sci-Fi Garage Sale," at which attending members of the convention may sell off a few of their surplus SF/F collectibles courtesy the con, which staffs a special sales table for this purpose.

Con•Cept has always succeeded in packing a lot of fun into a small space and as founders of the con (back in 1989), MonSFFA is pleased to take part.

The full weekend pre-registration rate is \$45 and remains available until September 15. MonSFFen benefit from a \$5 discount off that rate with proof of club membership.

Hotel room rates are \$85 single/double and \$95 triple/quad; to book a room, contact

Celeste Flores at the Days Hotel and Conference Centre, 514-938-4611, extension 219, or by e-mail: cflores@daysinn.qc.ca

For more information on Con•Cept 2006, visit the con's Web site: [www.conceptsf.ca](http://www.conceptsf.ca)

Write to Con•Cept at: Con•Cept SF & F,



ABOVE: Cathy Palmer-Lister demonstrates origami technique at August MonSFFA meeting (Photo by Lindsay Brown)

BELOW: Model-maker Daniel P. Kenney gingerly rigs one of his miniature sailing vessels (Photo by Berny Reischl)



P.O. Box 196, Ste-Julie, Québec, J3E 1H6; or e-mail: [conceptsf@conceptsf.ca](mailto:conceptsf@conceptsf.ca)

## August MonSFFA Meeting

The room was full for MonSFFA's series of SF/F-themed crafting workshops on August 20. The club's meeting this day was entirely devoted to a number of hands-on workshops on such fancraft as costuming and scale-model building.

After a general introduction to the session by club president Berny Reischl, each discipline was briefly highlighted and the seminars began. Tables had been set up around the room to accommodate each workshop and folk were free to circulate and explore, in addition to the aforementioned costume craft and model-making, beading, woodcraft, origami, and computer graphics. One or more MonSFFen specializing in the given craft staffed each table, outlining the basics for interested observers, answering questions, and offering hands-on demonstrations of techniques. Projects both finished and in the works were on display and people were invited to try their hand at some of the crafts.

The afternoon was enjoyed by all participants, proving a learning experience for budding sci-fi crafters and offering journeymen the opportunity to talk shop, and exchange ideas and tips.

We thank very much our designated workshop hosts and those who joined them behind the tables: Miranda Feenstra, Marc Durocher, and Josée Bellemare (costuming); Dominique Durocher, Mark Burakoff, Daniel P. Kenney, Wayne Glover, and Phil Simard (scale-model building); Alice Novo (beading), Cathy Palmer-Lister and Lindsay Brown (woodcraft); Cathy again (origami); and Berny Resichl (computer graphics).

Our usual thanks, as well, to all in addition to the above who helped plan and run this meeting.

A club BoA (Board of Advisors) meeting scheduled for the morning immediately prior to the club meeting was postponed.

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