



THURSDAY



Parlor One

Stranger, Stop and Cast an Eye: Time Travels Through the Graveyard

2:30-4:00PM Deryn Otis-Farrabee

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Attendees are invited to examine the presenter's collection of gravestone rubbings, primarily from eastern Massachusetts.

Séance: The Conjuring of Arthur Conan Doyle

7:30-9:00PM The Order of the Ruby Ankh

Join members of the Order of the Ruby Ankh at a live séance to contact the spirit of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Please note that this will be worked as a more or less traditional séance and not a necromantic ritual. As such, there is the possibility that the spirit will not cooperate. Failure is always an option! Notice: As with all our practicums, this will be worked for magical effect and is not a show or otherwise artificial performance.

Cryptozoology: Victorian Edition

9:00-11:00PM Rory James Silverstein

P.T. Barnum was once alleged to have said that ""there is a sucker born every minute,"" and the studies of the natural world in the height of Colonialism created ""new lands to explore and seek out strange life and civilizations."" Of course, now a days we know that these were all tall tales. This panel will take a look at various types of hoaxes that were created and how it attracted non-elites to view the lens of science on the road side carnivals and more.

Parlor Two

The Noble Razor

1:00PM-2:30PM Dr. Mike

Dr. Mike will be discussing a variety of topics on the history of shaving, interesting trivia on barbering, a discussion on the tools/techniques of classic shaving, and provide an actual demonstration of shaving with "the noble razor."

DEAD LYFT: Uber to the Afterlife

2:30PM-4:00PM Herkimer Hoodlum BS MS PE

A look at methods and customs, past and present, of transporting bodies to their final rest. We'll talk about sleds, hearses, railroads, rockets, and a lot in-between. If you'd like ideas for going out in style, or want to know how it's done, don't miss this exciting event.

Zombies! Reanimated cannibalistic cadavers or dark magic henchman?

4:00PM-5:30PM Stephen Poe

Zombies prior to George Romero's 1968 "The Day of the Dead" were very, very different than the post-Romero reboot into reanimated cannibalistic cadavers. Zombies before then were people reanimated by dark magic religious rites, then the mythos flipped into virally infected people-eaters. Come join us for a shambling shuffle down Zombie history lane – from magically controlled servants to brain-eating pandemic victim, and celebrate Zombie depictions in literature, media, and gaming.

LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW & Other Headless tales "Live Stage Performance" Audio Presentation 8PM-9PM

Parlor Three

What's in a print? The history and art of print making

2:30PM-4:00PM / Kristy Golubieski-Davis

How does an artist make multiple copies of the same image using traditional methods? What's the difference between linotype, etching, and block printing? This presentation will review the different technologies of printmaking and explore their history.

Parlor Four

The Spiritual Planes and their Denizens

4:00PM-5:30PM Sèitheach MacGregor and St. John

Cholmondeley-Featherstonehaugh, of the Order of the Ruby Ankh

Astral, etheric, causative, Asiah, Yetzirah, Noetic, Noeric, etc. You've possibly seen these words used in occult texts, especially those from Theosophic, qabalistic, or Neoplatonic sources. These are the realms beyond the physical. And they are filled with elementals, daimons, and angels. Join the Order of the Ruby Ankh as we discuss these spiritual realities and the beings that inhabit them.

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Grand Parlor

Special Dinner – London Favorite Masala Buffet

6:00PM-7:30PM

Please be at the doors 10 minutes early.

Makers Room One

Gorey Multi Story

10:30AM-1:00PM Mary Prince

Create a haunted multi story dollhouse in a lidded shoebox / photo box. Gorey-and Alice themed paper dolls, decorations, etc provided, along with tools & glue. Limited supply. Materials will be provided, \$20 fee; limited number. Please register before panel on the TeslaCon website.

3D Ribbon Cockades

1:00PM-3:30PM Martha Stephenson

DIY panel for creating customized 3D striped ribbon cockade suitable adorning for decorating hats, coats, vests, etc. Colors will be Gorey-esque. Basic hand sewing skills required. Ages 16 and up. \$8.00 covers supplies including ribbon, pins, buttons, needle, thread, etc. Feel free to BYO fancy 1" centerpiece. Please register before panel on the TeslaCon website.

Create Your Own Leather Bat Earrings

7:30-9:00 Gabby Isabel

Participants will design and build their own darling bat earrings from a selection of cutouts, baubles, beads, and different colored fixtures. Your instructor will talk about how to begin with designing your own jewelry, the tools you will need, and assist you with putting your bat earrings together. If you jewelers pliers you can bring them also. Perfect for beginners. Cost is \$12 per person.

Makers Room Two

Annual Star Wars Display of Sideshow Toys

1:00PM-5:30PM

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10th Floor

Poisons and Potions (21+)

8-9pm Lady Kate and Baba Teddy

Defending Against the Dark Arts is not a job so much as calling. Learn how the Dark Arts of Mixology is not just Alcoholing. Tasting mixed drinks and storytelling.

Wakes & Memorial Mixology (21+)

9-11pm Calamity Labs

Calamity Herself is back, but don't be filled with dread. She'll be mixing up some drinks, enough to Wake the Dead. Tasting mixed drinks and storytelling with Lord Bruno Hawthorne and Lady Mirabel Hawthorne.



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Parlor One

Tea Scouts Meet Up! In the Tea Room

9:30-10:30AM

¡A Todo Vapor! – Steampunk in Latin America

10:30AM-12:00AM Captain Quæstor

A fascinating dialogue regarding Steampunk in Latin American countries. Latin American steampunks have a unique take on 19th century aesthetics and vision that's rooted in Hispanic culture, and a time in which many of the Spanish colonies were rebelling against the Spanish Empire and seeking their independence. We'll talk about the history of Latin America in the 19th century, how it differs from the Victorian Empire and the North American Wild West. We'll also present several 19th century Latin American heroes – historical and fictional. Lastly, we'll show the 1st and 2nd episodes of the Argentinian steampunk webseries Distopia Argentina.

How To Be A Streaming Star Steampunk Style

1:00PM-2:30PM

We are going to be introducing our channel, how people can make their own tv show, and be a content provider. The panel will discuss how to create a simple pitch, what you need to start, and some simple techniques to make your show stellar on a grass roots budget. We will allow attendees to give input and feedback on our future series "Charon's Carnival", "Through The Looking Glass", and the tv series based on Bonsart Bokel's Association of Ishtar. Marlene Kammuegger will be a guest of the panel, she is a new Dedicated Content Provider and will be introducing her new show. She will talk about her journey in media so far.

The Birth of Computers: Charles Babbage, Ada Lovelace, and the Babbage Engines

2:30PM-4:00PM Donald Mark Haynes

Computers and software development has exploded over the last 70 years. Before that, there was a man with a vision. How did it all begin and who was Charles Babbage and Ada Lovelace? Charles was a polymath, mathematician, philosopher, inventor, and mechanical engineer. Ada was a mathematician, intuitive, beautiful, and non-conformist. Charles created a prototype of the first mechanical computer, which forms the basis of modern computer architecture. Ada became the first programmer, describing a set of instructions to calculate Bernoulli's numbers.

Killer Costumes, from Concept to Completion

4:00-5:30PM Brett King, Nina Urban

Creating a memorable costume starts with a great concept. But what next? Costumers Brett King and Nina Urban share their processes for turning ideas into complete costumes that will turn heads and tip hats, regardless of your skill level! They'll cover how conceptualize a design, how to source materials,

how to pick up new skills, how to assemble, and how to present your costume to look fantastic in photos and on the contest stage.

An Invocation of Aphrodite and the Eroses

9:00-10:00PM the Order of the Ruby Ankh

Did we say love magic is a bad idea? So, about that.... Join the Order of the Ruby Ankh for a ritual, the right way, of the goddess Aphrodite and Her attendances, the Eroses, the daemons of love. Notice: As with all our practicums, this will be worked for magical effect and is not a show or otherwise artificial performance.

Victorian Vulgarities: OR How to Curse in the Queen's Realm

10:15PM-12:00PM Gabby Isabel

Returning for its second year at TeslaCon, this cooperative storytelling game will tickle and delight you as a panel of players must work together to tell a garden party story with obsolete Victorian words and phrases. But it's not for the faint of heart – this game will get downright naughty. Heavy participation from the audience is encouraged. 18+

Parlor Two

Cthulhu Ftagn! An Initiation into the Cthulhu Mythos

10:30AM-12:00PM Gregory Rihn

This presentation will delve into the origins of one of modern horror's longest enduring and most widespread phenomenon: dread Cthulhu and his shuddersome cohorts. We will explore the works of H.P. Lovecraft, August Derleth, Robert Bloch, Clark Ashton Smith, and others who have added to the lore of the Great Old Ones.

The ghosts of Emilie P Bush and Wm. Kevin Pretty - Paintings and Stories

1:00PM-2:30PM Emilie P Bush

A picture book for grownups - Steampunk writer Emilie P Bush talks about the frost Book from Coal City Stories in a decade. Ask what you will! The author will tell.

Potions, Poisons and Psychedelics

2:30PM-4:00PM / Ingrid L Daudert

Take a dive into the mystical magical world of mushrooms and how they have shaped our world, lore, and us. We will explore how mushroom potions have been made and used to help heal our bodies, souls, and the earth. But as with all things mystical, there is a dark side, and we will see how these magical beings can both add and harm us if we don't honor and respect them. Join me on this journey into the oft misunderstood yet fascinating world of mushrooms.



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Danse Macabre – A History of Horror

4:00-5:30PM Stephen & Kathryn Poe

Vampires, werewolves, and monsters, Oh My! Come join us whilst we creep about both classic and new horror tropes and how they have progressed over time. Is there more to death than Stoker & Shelley? What about Poe, Lovecraft, and King? Or Hammer & del Toro? Let's take a walk-together through horror's evolution in literature and media.

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The High Life: A History and Demonstration of Stilts

1:00-2:30PM Dana Baird

From ancient Greece to the modern day, stilts have been used for work and play around the world, allowing their wearers to stand head and shoulders above the rest. Stilt performer and costumer Dana Baird will talk all things stilts.

Guest Author Panel (Andújar: The Robot Gentleman of San Juan)

2:30-4:00PM Carolina Cardona

Meet our special guest and learn about her book and her experiences as a Latino writer in the Steampunk world.

Horrid! An Invitation to the Gothic Novel

4:00PM-5:30PM Gregory Rihn, Georgie Schnobrich

How 18th century novelists invented the genre of horror-suspense and how sinister secrets, shocking crimes, and supernatural atmosphere continues through Shelley, Hawthorne, and Poe.

TeslaCon Art Show Competitions - Bring In Your Art

5:45 PM - 7:00 PM

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Gentlemen's Accessories

11:00AM-12:30PM Jason R Merrill

From Ascots to Spats (and everything in between). Join Jason R. Merrill from Blackbird Finery as he discusses the accessories that the well dressed gentleman considers essential.

Spiritualism and Spirit: From Whence it Came and How it Goes

1:00PM-2:30PM Dr. B and the Mighty Slee

Slee and Dr. B talk about the history of spiritualism and channeling. From the Fox sisters to Madame Blavatsky, and from showrooms to back parlors. We will discuss the femme powers that drove Victorian spiritualism and its feminist causes as well as the histories and mysteries surrounding communicating with that which lies beyond.

If Looks could Kill - Murderous make-up and deadly Demulcents

2:30-4:00PM Rita Apolonia

With increased industrialization and globalization by the mid-19th century, people could buy ready-to-use beauty products. Hear the story of how some products were dangerous and toxic.

LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW & Other Headless tales "Live Stage Performance" Audio Presentation 9PM-10PM

The Haunting of The Hacienda

10:30PM-12:00PM Rita Apolonia

Historical Mexican Goth meets Rebecca in Isabel Canas' "The Hacienda". Come explore the story of this historical horror novel set in 1823 at the end of Mexico's War for Independence from Spain. Hear about how Beatriz teams up with a Catholic priest to fight against an evil and violent ghost in her home, The Hacienda.

Parlor Five

Pathworking in Theory or How to Experience the Spiritual Planes Without Having to Go There

10:30AM-12:00PM Sèitheach MacGregor and St. John

Cholmondeley-Featherstonehaugh, of the Order of the Ruby Ankh

There are many ways to explore the spiritual planes. In the past we introduced you to the practice of scrying or seeing into the spiritual realms. Pathworking is a somewhat different method to experience these realms. Join ORCA as we discuss the history and theory behind these different approaches to experiencing the spiritual realms.

Stevenson's "Jekyll and Hyde": An Excerpted Reading by Georgie

1:00PM-2:30PM Georgie Schnobrich

You think you know this story of moral corruption and evil transformation from movies, plays, and the musical, but the original "Strange Case" will surprise you. Not a re-telling, these are almost entirely the author's own words, with a bit of context from me.

Community Salon: Navigating the Future of Steampunk

2:30PM-4:00PM Gabby Isabel

As our community grows, what are some of the things you love best about being a part of Steampunk? What are some things you'd like to see more of? Less of? What conversations should we be having? Pull up a seat with some of your community leaders and let's chat about the future.

Séances and Necromancy: In Theory and Practice

4:00PM-5:30PM Sèitheach MacGregor, St. John

Cholmondeley-Featherstonehaugh, and the Lady Pearl Petersen, of the Order of the Ruby Ankh

ORCA has discussed necromancy, the art of divination by the dead, in the past. In this lecture we will show the connections between necromancy and the practice of séances that Spiritualism so popularized. We will also discuss the theories behind how both the practices work.

Gloom - The Game of Inauspicious Incidents & Grave Consequences

9:00PM-11:00PM Jessa Belle

Gloom is a card game with a sad, but simple goal: Make your freakish family suffer the greatest tragedies before their well-deserved demises, while sabotaging the suffering of your opponents. Will you be an expert of misfortune? May the most miserable soul win!

Grand Parlor



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Steampunk Nerf Gun Duels Contest

12:30PM-2:00PM Captain Quaestor

Defend your honor and demonstrate your martial prowess with dueling pistols! Defeat your adversaries and win prizes, fame, fortune, and bragging rights! Free admission to the contest, everyone is welcome to participate, but we have a limited number of participants, so make sure to sign up early! You must sign waiver before playing.

Special Dinner – Día de Los Muertos Theme Buffet

6:00PM-7:30PM

Please be at the doors 10 minutes early.

Makers Room One

Victorian Ribbon Embroidery Make & Take

10:30AM-12:00PM Athena Booklover

Learn how to create a charming piece of wearable art. This panel will teach you a few simple stitches and supply you with everything necessary to complete a one of a kind piece of jewelry.

Wire Insect Bookmarks

12:00PM-1:00PM Sarah Wendorf

Create an insect bookmark using colored wire and beads in this make and take session. A butterfly bookmark will be demonstrated but other options will be available.

Fee: \$2 toward supplies needed for the project for wire nippers, wire and beads.

Mad Milliner

1:00PM-2:30PM Mary Prince

Silly or Spooky, what kind of hat will you create? Decorative trims and tools provided. Limited supply of thrifted hats will be available for \$5 or less. Please pay onsite.

Make a Poison Pin

2:30PM-4:00PM Kolleen Kilduff

Arsenic, Cyanide or Strychnine? Pick your poison vial and put it on a pin! Give it some panache by using a large variety of hardware, charms, keys, notions and much more to make your pin unique. An expert crafter will be on hand to help you with your creation. Supply fee of \$12.

Funerary Fans

4:00PM-5:45PM Lady Fontayne Pen-ship, Steamstress

Before air conditioning was popular, the funeral parlor next door to the church placed these fans in the church pews. The scenes on the front of the cardboard were usually biblical in nature, and on the back was printed the location of the funeral parlor. Our fan will be the older model, 4 moving cards attached with metal devices; more recent fans were made of one card and a flat wooden handle.

S.T.U.F.F. ~ Simple treasures, unique and fabulous finds

9:00PM-11:00PM Lori Schambureck

Steampunk does not have specific rules and neither does the creative process. So this creativity session will allow you to pick your project and price point of the base project. Door hangers, hats, canvas and more. You won't know how much fun stuff there will be to work with until you pay the fee to get in the door. \$10 studio fee per person (\$15 for families) Please register before panel on the TeslaCon website or pay onsite.

Makers Room Two

Thrifter's Attic

10:00AM-12:00PM Mary Prince

Do you have dusty duds cluttering up your attic? Do you want strange things? Come to the free swap table, and tell us your thrifting stories. No Fee.

Make your own intaglio print

12:00PM-2:00PM kgd

Learn about printmaking and try your hand at engraving. In this maker panel you'll learn basic engraving techniques and how to use a mini 3d printed press. Images will be engraved into clear plates, allowing you to use your own drawing or practice with existing images.

Pop Up Cards Make and Take

8:30PM-19:30PM Sarah Wendorf

Create a pop-up book style scene with a spooky, Wonderland or steampunk theme of your choice. This make and take involves coloring, drawing and cutting. Donations at the door.

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Opening Ceremonies

7:30PM-8:30PM

Fashion Show

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10th Floor

Octagon Alley (Authors' Alley)

12-1pm

The Belfry is a book nook for vampires and victims alike. Prepare to meet the authors and buy the ones you like. All TeslaCon guests, panelists, vendors and special guests will be selling and signing their books.

VIP Party (With Ticket Only)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Absinthe, Alewives & Alchemy – Taste the original Mere Henriad's 'Extrait d'Absinthe from 18th Century Couvet and hear the intriguing story of how it was 'spirited away'. A tale of witchcraft, corruption and the original absinthe 'rezept'. Authors Alley open to VIPs.

Tesla & Dracula: A Tail Of Two Dragons

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Two cocktails for the dragons we will make and try to tell. Tales of two dragons who garnered fame how both Dracula and Tesla got their names. Cocktails, storytelling and tasting.

WE DO THE WEIRD STUFF PT.3 (21+)

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Calamity Labs

Nobody does it weirder. Makes me feel sad for the rest. Nobody mixes cocktails as weird, even weirder than part two. Cocktails, Mixology and tasting weirdness.

Octagon Alley With Special Guest Author Carolina Cardona



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(18+)

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Author of "Andujar: The Robot Gentleman of San Juan". Novelist, Steampunk Author and Puerto Rican Journalist shares her steamy steampunk visions. Book Signing and reading.

After(Life) Party (21+)

9:00 PM - 2:00 AM

Come join the Dead, Undead and other Ghouls and Gals.

(Closed)

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



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Parlor One

Spanish Caribbean Witchcraft and Superstitions

10:30-12:00PM Captain Quaestor

A creepy and unearthly journey through the darker and supernatural aspects of Spanish Caribbean culture of the 19th century to the present - focusing on Brujeria and the Puerto Rican Day of the Dead.

Anthropomorphic Frogs, Bloodthirsty Snowmen, and Dead Birds: Horrifying Victorian Yuletide Greetings

1:00-2:30PM Kathryn Poe

Everyone loves the Holidays and what says Seasons Greetings better than Bugs, Birds, sacred Frogs, and our old friend Krampus? The Victorians put the Dark in the Darkest Time of the Year in some seriously twisted and macabre ways. We'll explore the ideal Dead Bird card and enjoy some friendly creatures with malicious intent. Come enjoy a gallery of downright creepy greetings and explore the meanings behind them.

Music Of The Manor With Teslacon Maestro, Chad Canfield

2:30PM-4:00PM

Experience the magic and music of the manor with Maestro Chad Canfield, TeslaCon's official composer.

How to Become an Occult Investigator (with Examples from the Literature

4:00PM-5:30PM Gregory Rihn

Presentation on the art and science of occult investigation as recorded by Algernon Blackwood, Sheridan Le Fanu, William Hope Hodgson, and others. Attention will be paid to the methods used by such noted investigators as John Silence, Thomas Camacki, Flaxman Low, and Jules de Grandin.

TeslaCon presents: FORBIDDEN IMAGES!

9:00PM-11:00PM Karen & William Dezoma

(18+) ONLY! Take a tour with your hosts as they once again bring mirth and merriment to the con using their most "provocative pictures of pleasure and personal proclivities!"

Color in Tarot

10:30AM-12:00PM Soror CDC

Tarot cards are known for their imagery, but color is a forgotten aspect. In contrast to the concrete symbolism of Tarot that is used for divination, color allows for a direct connection to esoteric meanings in the cards. This description does not match the one on the site.

Victorian Fae - The Return of Magic to the British Isles

12:00PM-1:00PM / JP Dean

Following almost 200 years of Puritan censorship of the Fae World, Victorian Britain enjoyed a magical renaissance with a pop culture and scientific fascination with Fairy Folk. We invite you to join us on a journey through the magical realms as we explore how Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and other notable Victorian Spiritualists were in search of the Fae and the restoration of magic to the British Isles.

Parlor Two

Schedule review and Saturday Happenings

9:00AM-9:15AM TeslaCon

What's happening on the biggest day of the convention? Find out.

Prof. Paul's Pills, Potions, and poisons

10:30AM-12:00AM Prof. Paul Hill

Learn about a few forgotten greats and not-so-great of early pharmacology. Review Victorian cures for ailments and imperfections of the mind and body. Glimpse products based on recent advancements in electricity and radioactivity destined to take us through the 20th century to counter afflictions as yet unknown!

It was Bedlam: The Victorian asylum and its role in the Gothic imagination

1:00PM-2:30PM Dr. Nina BL Urban

A presentation on the history and social relevance of early psychiatric institutions ("insane asylums") in the Victorian era, and why they still capture our modern imagination as a trope for horror fiction. It will describe the well-meant beginnings of institutionalized mental health care, as well as their risk for abuse.

Mourning and Victorian Jewelry

2:30PM-4:00PM / Rita Apolonia

Learn about mourning and Victorian jewelry and how to date antique pieces. Bring your favorite piece of antique jewelry for show and tell.

In the Garden with Lady Hawthorne (iMMERSION PANEL)

4:00PM-5:30PM / Lady Adelia Beatrix Hawthorne & Mynerva Euphemia Withrington

Join Lady Adelia Beatrix Hawthorne and her sister Mynerva Euphemia Withrington as they plan the grand redesign of the Hawthorne Gardens. They will discuss the Regency garden, and the picturesque movement, and the evolution of the Victorian garden as they plan to "modernize" the garden next spring. They will share their favorite plants and their "uses".

Parlor Three

Supernatural Food

10:30AM-12:00PM Georgie Schnobrich

Food is life and death and magic! Hear about Sin-Eaters, Black Fasts, Dumb Suppers, Fairy Temptation Traps, Fungal Visions, Hungry Ghosts, and more!

The Man Behind the Masque: Edgar Allan Poe

1:00PM-2:30PM Renee Roush

Adored for over a century by literature-lovers and fans of the macabre, come delve into the life and legend of this master of beauty and the bizarre.

Leather Q & A

2:30PM-4:00PM Leah & Steve Blaydon, Don Dodson, Gabby Isabel



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What you want to know about leather working depends very much on what it is you want to make and your experience level. We bring you an array of leather experts with a variety of specialties so that you can ask about any project or style you have in mind. From soft leather clothing projects, to dyeing hard leather, tooling, and finishing processes. Our experts can help you take your personal projects to the next level, or just give you a better appreciation of the work you see available for sale by various artists.

Anatomy of a Raven: Exploring the Works of Edgar Allan Poe **4:00PM-5:30PM Renee Roush**

Step into the shadowy and enthralling world of some of Edgar Allan Poe's most haunting works of literature. Through the power of drama, let us sweep you away into a realm of fantasy, horror, and phantasms.

Parlor Four

The Invention of A.S.G.A.R.D. Automaton **9:30AM-10:30AM**

Join us to hear the real life story of the detailed automaton cosplay - how she came to be, and where she's going!
Extra spaces

Confidence Beyond the Costume **10:30AM-12:00AM Leah Blaydon, Dianne Miller**

We've all experienced con drop after a fun filled weekend with our steampunk community. We will discuss not only how to combat con drop, but also how to carry the confidence you feel all dressed up at events into your normal every day life. We each have many years of experience and unique perspectives on dealing with this, and we gain new insights with every event we do! The Q & A section is always enlightening to see how you cope with these issues as well.

On Love Magic and Why it is a Poor Life Choice **1:00PM-2:30PM April Lionheart, Sèitheach MacGregor, and the Lady Pearl Petersen, of the Order of the Ruby Ankh**

Have you ever wanted to find love? Wanted it so much you were tempted to cast a spell on your chosen beloved? In this lecture members of the Order of the Ruby Ankh will discuss different forms of love magic, and why many of them are a Poor Life Choice™.

Soirées to Die For **2:30PM-4:00PM Randon Myers**

A discussion on tips of how to throw a successful themed party. We will cover selecting a theme and then from there look at invitation ideas, music selection, themed food and drink, decorations, and costumes for guests. Examples to be shown and stories to be told of past parties by the presenter. Handouts of tips and party ideas to be given out.

EVA Foam - A Beginner's Guide **4:00PM-5:30PM Magnus von Aether**

New to EVA foam? Not sure where to start? Allow me to be your guide to the wonderful world of EVA foam crafting. With the beginner in mind, we will discuss materials, tool, techniques, and finishing methods to bring your prop or cosplay to life. There will also be samples and props in various stages of construction so that you can see first hand what the process is.

Parlor Five

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A Introduction to the NEW TeslaCon Explorers & Adventures Society **10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

Meet Explorer Gustaf Danielsson of the TeslaCon Explorers & Adventure Society! Come gather around as the world famous explorer tells his tales of escapades and expeditions as he travels on trackless voids to unknown hidden worlds. Through story journey across the continents and oceans as

high adventure awaits you all. You will also learn about the NEW T.E.A.S. group at TeslaCon and how you can join and what is in store for you when you do!

This is a huge new part of TeslaCon 2023. More immersion, more story that you become part of, on a daily basis.

The Griffin **11:30-1:00PM Paul Rambow**

A patron is trapped in a library by a griffin-like creature intent on replacing all of Carroll's works with his own. During the course of this hostage situation passages are read from the Jabberwok's work that reveals his intent desire to retrieve all of the gold watches in the possession of the characters from Alice in Wonderland. As a protector of golden hordes, the griffin will go to any length to obtain these watches, and he has a voracious appetite. After reading the horrible tale of the Mad Hatter's tea party, the hostage plans a successful escape, but the Jabberwok leaves no trace of his presence for the police to follow.

So, you want to work with leather? **1:30P-2:30PM His Radiance, Brother Barnabas Brass-Boilerplate (This is lecture not a makers class)**

Beginners guide to leather working. Learn what leathers to use, tools one needs, patterns, and links to find these. Award winning leather worker, The Steampunk Pope (RJ Lundgren) covers the basics so you can get started.

The Mad Science of the 19th Century Soda Fountain **2:30PM-4:00PM Jason R Merrill**

How the 19th century drugstore soda fountain let the carbonated genie out of the bottle... and how modern baristas and bartenders keep reinventing the wheel that fountains perfected over a hundred years ago. Making 100yr old sodas using modern ingredients and letting the audience taste the results.

Pathworking in Practice **4:00PM-5:30PM Sèitheach MacGregor and St. John Cholmondeley-Featherstonehaugh, of the Order of the Ruby Ankh**

Join the Order of the Ruby Ankh as we engage in a pathworking of the Path of Venus. Attendance of Pathworking in Theory is encouraged but not required. Notice: As with all our practicums, this will be worked for magical effect and is not a show or otherwise artificial performance.

Betrayal at House on the Hill **9:00PM-11:00PM Jessa Belle**

Hawthorne Manor isn't the only haunted house around. Join us as we explore an ever-evolving house full of monsters and secrets. Each step lays another tile, revealing another room to explore. Will you find your way out? Or will you fall prey to what lurks in the shadows?

Grand Parlor

Hearse Racing **11:30AM-12:45PM**

Join us as we once again embarrass and humiliate those willing to ride into glory upon a giant blowup horse, this time connected to a toy hearse. The object is to NOT lose ones passenger along the way. You must sign waiver before playing. May the "best" driver win!? (Similar to the wild west horse racing we did)

Parasol Dueling! **12:45PM-2:00PM Gabby Isabel**

Returning for its second year at TeslaCon, Miss Gabby Isabel will serve once again as your Doctor (or MC) for Parasol Dueling. Bring your own parasol or one will be provided for you, and learn the ropes of this civilized, competitive event.

Special Dinner – The Dark Dinner Buffet **6:00PM-7:30PM**

Please be at the doors 10 minutes early.

Gothic Heroine Book Club **9:00PM-11:00PM Jason R Merrill**

Fun where candle-lit, nightgown clad gothic heroines read passages from



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their favorite gothic and sensation novels. Scary, silly and sometimes slightly spicy, these excerpts will make you view 19th century literature in a whole new (candle) light.

Makers Room One

Hawthorne Manor Christmas Ornaments

10:30AM-1:00PM

Make a fun Christmas "gothic" ornament from the Manor. \$5 fee- pay at the door.

Protect Yourself! How to create an Evil Eye

1:00PM-2:30PM Barbara Stadler

Evil Eyes are created as talismans, to protect an individual from the ill intentions of others. Reverse glass painting involves painting on one side of glass, with the finished image visualized on the opposite side. This make & take class will instruct you in the creation of an "evil eye". All necessary materials will be provided.

Leather Coffee (OR TEA) CORSET

2:30PM-4:00PM Lady Fontayne Pen-ship, Steamstress

We will cut leather and fit it to our favorite-size beverage holder, then install metal eyelets and lacing to resemble a corset. An assortment of metal and leather embellishments will be provided in your kit and you will receive a handmade little book of directions. Bring your beverage holder for accurate measurements. Please pay at the panel.

Hand Made Woven Pouch

4:00PM-5:45PM Rowan

This panel will teach you a simple loom-less weaving technique to help you make a small pouch. All materials will be provided, and no experience is necessary. Space will be limited to 15 students and there will be small fee of \$3 to cover the cost of materials. Acrylic yarn in many colors will be provided, but you may bring your own fibers if desired.

Makers Room Two

Gorey Papercrafts

10:00AM-12:00PM Mary Prince

A selection of Gorey and Alice themed papers will be available. Make small projects like miniature books, popup cards, or a popup dollhouse. Suitable for different skill levels of cutting & gluing. Kids welcome with adult supervision. Smaller projects would not need the whole time period (drop in/out). No Fee but tips accepted!

Splendid tea Pot Racing& Newtonian Teacup Derby Workshop

12:00PM-2:00PM

For those who want time and help making their racers and getting them ready.

Custom Hat Creation Workshop

2:00PM-5:00PM Kolleen Kilduff

Design your own hat with guidance from headgear artisan Kolleen from Design by Night. Adorn a new hat base using a variety of millinery trims, leather, found object and much more. A variety of hat colors and styles to choose from including, top hats, fascinators, pirate hats and bowlers.

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Witches Practice Dance

1:00PM-2:00PM

The Ghostly Ball

7:30PM-9:00PM

Featuring Dark Waltz's, Gruesome Gallops and the Official TeslaCo Witches Dance, Choo Choo Dance and the Time Warp!

10th Floor

Octagon Alley With Special Guest Author Kate Henriott-Jauw

1:00-2:00pm

Author of 'Tasseomagick' Author, Illustrator, Herbalist and Absinthe Maker 'Lady Kate' Henriott Jauw, shares her latest novel, a spin-off of her popular 'Absinthe, Alewives & Alchemy'; about herbs, divination, magic & the secrets of women in ancient Switzerland and now. Book Signing and reading. Authors' Alley will be open.

Golden Ticket Party (21+)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Sazerac Cocktail: New Orleans Voodoo, Absinthe, Masons and the Comet of 1812 in a tale with so much intrigue that we really cannot delve. You will just have to buy a ticket and hope you win... Cocktails, tastings and storytelling.

Liquor/Liquer Makers Meet-Up (21+)

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Artisanal distillers and extracteurs you'd think/ would want to meet up and share drink/ So if you are one/ and want to share some/ please come, share some hooch and don't shrink. Tasting of home made liquors or liqueurs. Please bring enough to share, disposable small cups and be prepared to tell us about yours. No sales are allowed in the room.

Beer/Bier/Ale Makers Meet-Up (21+)

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Artisanal Makers of Brew/ Meetup here to share what you do/ Be it Lager or Ale/ Be it Porter or Pale/ Just bring enough for our Crewe. Please bring enough to share, disposable small cups and be prepared to talk about yours. No sales are allowed in the room.

Maker Meet-Up Afterglow & Cocktail Hour (21+)

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Bring your concoctions to share, boo/ Maybe bring some snacks if you care to/ And if you are daring/ Bring some mixers for sharing/ And show us the cocktail you swear to. Please bring enough to share, cups, snacks and enjoy each other's company.

(Closed)

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Tesla, Edison, & Bell: Inventors In The Age Of Spiritism (21+)

9:00 PM - 10:30 PM

If you think that science is boring/ You obviously don't know or ignoring/ The ghostly intentions/ Of all these inventions/ Here told in three Cocktails Outpouring. A Special Co-Lab with Calamity Dawn, Lady Kate and Baba Teddy.

Seance: The Conjuring Of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (18+)

10:30 PM - 1:00 AM

Elementary, Dear Watson, that there is an afterworld/ Said A.C. Doyle to Houdini, his believer flag unfurled, and so to prove his point and your disbelief to shed/ Arthur Conan Doyle intends to visit from the Dead.



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Parlor One

Color in Tarot

10:30AM-12:00PM Soror CDC

Tarot cards are known for their imagery, but color is a forgotten aspect. In contrast to the concrete symbolism of Tarot that is used for divination, color allows for a direct connection to esoteric meanings in the cards. This description does not match the one on the site.

Victorian Fae - The Return of Magic to the British Isles

12:00PM-1:00PM / JP Dean

Following almost 200 years of Puritan censorship of the Fae World, Victorian Britain enjoyed a magical renaissance with a pop culture and scientific fascination with Fairy Folk. We invite you to join us on a journey through the magical realms as we explore how Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and other notable Victorian Spiritualists were in search of the Fae and the restoration of magic to the British Isles.

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Steam Games

10:00AM-11:30PM Jason Leisemann

No, this isn't about how Half Life 3 will be set in a steampunk alternate universe, or the future of PC gaming being on Babbage machines. This is about the history of steampunk tabletop role playing games (TTRPGs), from the 1980's to today! So let's go Through the Breach by gaslight to visit Bedlam Hall on our way to Space: 1889, and see where the fandom has gone - and could go - in the future of the past.

Say Their Name - an Exploration of Cemetery Iconography

11:30AM-1:00PM Nora Mai

The design and symbols used in cemeteries are meant to communicate information about the deceased and their identity. Come and learn the basic forms you will encounter in most cemeteries. We will cover specific usage in different eras with an emphasis on Victorian. We will also discuss a variety of natural and religious symbols, fraternal organizations, women's societies, and the significance of differing funerary structures.

Inner Demons: Jekyll and Hyde

2:30-4:00PM Jason Leisemann, Seitheach MacGregor

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is, simultaneously, a mystery, a horror story, and a love story. Whether on the page, or adapted for the stage or film, this gothic classic raises questions about identity, morality, and accountability. The story's public perception has changed greatly over the course of more than 130 years, but the ethical and philosophical underpinnings remain every bit as relevant today as they were in 1886. Join us for a discussion of the most popular forms of the story, and of some of the bigger questions it asks us to consider.

Parlor Three

Death beyond the Willows, a true Wisconsin story

10:30PM-12:00PM Rita Apolonia

This a true story of how a wedding day turned tragic in America's Heartland based on the historical book by Greg Peck.

Storytelling with Your Costume

12:00PM-1:00PM Marlene Kammueller

Join ASGARD Automaton and Lady Scarlett as we pontificate on the difference between a stunning steampunk ensemble, and a full character experience.

Parlor Four

Tips for Thrifty Steampunks

9:30AM-11:00AM Lucretia Strange

Steampunk costumes can be fabulous without breaking the bank. Learn about the basic aesthetics of the genre and how to accomplish them through thrift shopping, digging through your own closet, some simple sewing, and basic crafting.

Parlor Five

Uranus Strikes Back!

9:30AM-11:00AM Bradford Fleener on behalf of The BrassGears Adventurers Society

A live, full cast performance of a new original audio drama in the style of early 20th century radio shows. Part two of a trilogy, this chapter, takesplace one year after the events of ""Uranus Attacks!"" (as seen at Teslacon 2021) as our heroes venture into the luminous aether to face a new, and much deadlier threat from Uranus. Rated PG-13 for mild scatological humor.

LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW & Other Headless tales
"Live Stage Performance" Audio Presentation 11AM-1PM

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Makers Room One

Fairy Creature Taxidermy

10:00AM -12:00PM Kolleen Kilduff

In Victorian fashion, enjoy the art form of taxidermy without hurting a single soul! Create a bell jar habitat to preserve a fairy creature. Tiny locally sourced fairy skeletons who passed of natural causes (aka purchased from a craft store) will be used to create a steampunked taxidermy scene. Preserve your fairy using moss, wings, gears, cogs and much more. Bring their personality back to life by creating this lovely miniature scene.

Makers Room Two

Leather Watch Making

10:00AM-12:30PM James Neathery

I am very pleased to announce that Teslacon has given Starboard Sky Industries permission to do a hands on leather watch making panel at this year's convention!

Caution: For those with metal allergies or sensitivity, the hardware used in the assembly of these items contains nickel.

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10th Floor

Octagon Alley - The Reading of "The Gashleycrumb Tinies"

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Follow if you will the story Edward Gorey wrote to fill your hearts with dread/ A politically incorrect collection of how children joined the Dead/ 26 Amphigorey Gorey Drawings read by Baba Ted the Wise/ And how these several children met their untimely young demise. A storybook reading of truly tasteless proportions for children of all ages. If you loved the Amphigorey by Edward Gorey, you will love this. For kids and adults with a delicious dark sense of humor. Authors' Alley will be open.

Octagon Alley - Teslation

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Readings and revelations from the book at Teslacon/ Meet and Greet the real life 'Nick' and 'Gabe' who the books were based upon. Book-signing, reading, and reception with main 'characters' from the books and author. Authors' Alley will be open. Authors' Alley will be open.

Octagon Alley - Paranormal Wisconsin

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

'Teslation' is a trilogy, the third one is undone/ But Cryptids, Ancient Pyramids and other Mysteries/ Like Sacred Sites and Haunted Nights are hiding in the trees/ So leave your disbelief and bring your wonder to this state/ Most of you here call home/ and lets share the tales where it's rumored that even Sasquatch roams... Sharing tales of the paranormal, cryptozoological and the Unbelievable. Authors' Alley will be open.

(lunchtime)

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

PLEASE GO TO CLOSING CEREMONIES AND THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING TESLACON.



MONDAY



Grand Parlor

Waubesa Breakfast Buffet

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Will be located up front where Parlor one was located.