

CLEAR ETHER

Largest | Most Diverse | Sci-Fi & Fantasy Convention

Welcome!

We are so excited to be back in person with all of you, and back at the Westin! This is the first issue of Clear Ether, the daily newsletter for Arisia convention attendees. We will attempt to provide updates to programming, gaming, and events as well as nifty tidbits of helpful information.

It's Been a Minute...

The Arisia Quick Guide is your one-stop-shop for burning questions about when a department is gonna open/close, where goat check might be (coat check), the gender-free bathrooms are, and more!
<https://arisia.org/QR>

Schedule changes

While we will do our best to get you up-to-the-printing changes to programming, you can find regularly updated schedule changes at schedule.arisia.org/

Programming Updates

The following panels have been canceled for Saturday, January 14:

10am: Tarot-based Prompts for Writers

8:30pm: Songwriting Round-table

The following panelists have are unable to attend and we wish them well: Julie C. Day, Thom Dunn, Andy Demeo, Megan Frank, and Jess Waters

Teen Lounge is Room 1505, and is open 10am-10pm

Guests of Honor at Arisia

This year Arisia has three guests of honor.

Andrea Hairston is our author guest of honor and can be seen at the following events today:

- 11:30a Reading, Marina Ballroom 3 (45 mins)
- 12:15p Signing, Marina Ballroom 3 (45 mins)
- 2:30p How Toxic Fandom Took Over Everything, Marina Ballroom 4 (60 mins)
- 8:30p All Words are Made Up, Marina Ballroom 3 (60 mins)

Elsa Sjunneson is our fan guest of honor and can be seen at the following events today:

- 11:30a Disinformation Self-Defense, Marina Ballroom 2 (60 mins)
- 4p 60 Panels in 60 Minutes, Marina Ballroom 1
- 7pm Tales From the Crippled: A Disability-Focused Snark Fest (18+) Marina Ballroom 1 (60 mins)

Code of Conduct

To help ensure our members' happiness and a successful convention, we have established a Code of Conduct and Behavior Policies for all members and staff. Please familiarize yourself with our CoC online arisia.org/Code-of-Conduct.

No Covid at Con!

Did you remember to take your Covid test today? If you test positive, isolate in your hotel room (or home) and report your positive test to Safety via text/call [617-863-2472](tel:617-863-2472). Thank you!

Report Problems

The Safety Team (our security) and Incident Response Team (IRT) are here to help address problems you come across. **Safety** assists with basic First Aid, line management, crowding issues, badge and ID checking, oversight of closed areas, and general de-escalation needs. **The IRT** is specifically tasked with intaking and addressing any reports of violation of the Code of Conduct or other member behavior issues.

Safety Team is located in Otis and the IRT is located in Quincy.

If you're in immediate danger, dial 911 & notify Safety.

Reiko Murakami is our artist guest of honor and can be seen at the following events today:

- 4pm Designing Things That Don't Exist, Marina Ballroom 3 (60 mins)
- 7pm Branching Out with Your Art, Faneuil (60 mins)

Safer Spaces at Arisia

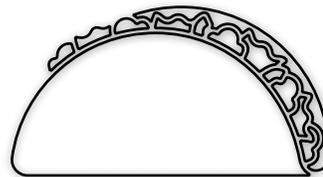
Safer Space for Arisians of Color

Building on the success of the People of Color meetups, this year we're pleased to offer a permanent space for Arisians of color to rest, unwind, and connect. The meetups provided a place for members of our community to meet each other and share stories and support. This space strives to provide the same thing over the duration of the convention, in addition to the more active engagement provided by the meetups.

For the safety and comfort of its users, the Safer Space for Arisians of Color will be staffed exclusively by volunteers who are people of color.

Quiet Room

Fluorescent lights, crowding, and the sheer amount of stimuli in our convention spaces can be challenging for many attendees. For the past several years, Arisia has had a Quiet Room, a quiet, low-light respite from the convention.



Baja Taco Truck is joining us this year for Saturday and Sunday noms! The menu is subject to availability (2 tacos/order) chicken/fish/carnitas/veg, or BLT sandwich; cheese quesadilla, loaded tater tots or chips & guacamole sides. Yum!

Do you have content for Clear Ether (or questions)?

Contact us via email at newsdesk@arisia.org