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Friday, July 21, 2023



Philip John Currie, George Freeman, Heather Bjorklund, Julie E. Czerneda, Tanya Huff, Nisi Shawl, Linda Ross-Mansfield, Robbie Bourget

Opening Ceremonies

Opening Ceremonies began with Toastmaster Tanya Huff introducing Heather Bjorklund. Heather drummed and chanted three songs as part of Pemmi-Con's land acknowledgment. Tanya introduced her fellow GoHs who were physically present: Dr. Phil Currie, Julie Czerneda, George Freeman, Nisi Shawl. Co-Chair Robbie Bourget and Linda Ross-Mansfield opened Pemmi-Con and welcomed the members.

First Fandom Hall of Fame Awards

The First Fandom Hall of Fame Awards were presented Thursday at Opening Ceremonies, by Vincent Docherty, to authors: Michael Moorcock and Will Murray. Posthumous Hall of Fame: Conrad H. Ruppert (fan/ printer), Ken Kelly (artist).

David Ritter presented the Sam Moskowitz Archive Award to John L. Coker III.

Volunteers Needed!

You can help the convention work, meet people, and see bits of the convention you would not see otherwise. To volunteer, come see us in St. Vital in the Delta, on the second floor. It is near St. James (readings) and Kildonan (pinball).

Zoom Today

Check your email for "Friday Hybrid Links".

Pemmi-Con apologizes for the delay in tech setup. It's working now.

Party Announcements

Minneapolis in 2073 will be partying in room 534 Friday and Saturday nights. Come drink some blog, eat some Peeps, and pre-support our Worldcon bid. It's our negative 50th anniversary!

Mensa Dinner Outing

Friday 5:30 PM Delta lobby — Mensa members & friends gather for dinner outing (destination TBA)

Moose Calls

The Pemmi-Con “Moose Calls” Song Contest is open! The song must be composed during the convention and contain the words: Moose, Beaver, Maple, North, Goose. Performance and judging will be at 1 PM Sunday afternoon, in the Ballroom.

If you'd like to enter, sign up and the full contest rules are at the Info Table, second floor of Delta. Sign up by midnight Saturday.

WSFS Business Meeting

The first ever WSFS Business Meeting at a NASFiC will be on Saturday morning at 10 AM in Charleswood B (Delta). Under provisions of a change to WSFS rules ratified recently, when a NASFiC selects a future NASFiC, as Pemmi-Con is doing, a special WSFS Business Meeting must be held to officially receive the results of the election and to deal with any issues that might arise out of that election. This year is the first time this rule has an effect. The NASFiC WSFS Business Meeting is limited to receiving the results of Site Selection and any business directly related to Site Selection. All members of Pemmi-Con may attend and participate in the Business Meeting. Be a part of fannish history and attend the first NASFiC WSFS Business Meeting!

File 770 Meetups

File 770 readers and friends are invite to gather and say hi at 9 am on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Lurkers, friends of filers, and any interested others are all welcome.

Location will be the Japanese garden/plaza south of the Delta hotel. Go out the front door of the hotel, turn left, and walk half a block. There isn't seating, but the Carlton street side has raised concrete planters we can perch on.

I have red hair and will be wearing a bright blue batik shirt. Looking forward to meeting you! — *Cath*

Upper Fort Garry Heritage Park

Only a gate and a small section of wall remains of this once-bustling Hudson's Bay Company trading post where the Manitoba government was born. In 1869 the newly formed Canadian government purchased the rights to what was then known as “Rupert's Land” and what we'd call “everything west of Ontario.” The one problem is no one informed the people who lived there.

As the year dragged on and the official date of title transfer grew closer, tensions worsened. Surveyors from Ontario came and began assessing land, ignoring the current residents. The appointed governor, and his rhetoric of “rescuing” the Canadian West from “the control of a foreign race, and of a religion which is not the religion of the Empire” alarmed many. Eventually a provisional government, organized by anglophone and francophone Métis communities, formed and Louis Riel emerged as a leader.

A group in favour of the colonial policy planned to attack the provisional government. They were arrested but one, Thomas Scott, who had not been at the meeting, publicly confronted Riel and demanded they be freed. When Riel refused Scott began a racist tirade, continuing to threaten Riel after he was arrested. Scott later escaped with some allies, returning to Fort Garry with a large armed mob, only to find the remaining prisoners were freed. Scott was arrested again, but continued to threaten the provisional government and assaulted his guards, culminating in his execution by firing squad after being tried for treason and insubordination. Local legend has it the remaining gate is the one he was shot at.

Upper Fort Garry Park is at Broadway and Main streets, near the Forks and the River Walk.

There is a statue of Louis Riel on the grounds of the Manitoba Legislature, facing the river.