



# #4

Sunday, July 23, 2023



## Masquerade Awards

### Performance

Young Fan — Our Hats Off to You: Hat Kid  
Judge's Choice in Novice Class: Turaga Vakama  
Novice — Honorable Mentions: Tangible Artifact, Miss Frizzle  
Time Lord, Mrs Aching  
Journeyman — Throwback Barbie Award: Tour Guide Barbie  
Master — Cthulhu Jelly: Beneath the Bay of Innsmouth  
Best Master: Exile  
Best in Show: Hut of Baba Yaga

### Workmanship

Best Recreation and Use of Corrugated Cardboard: Hat Kid  
Most Tangible Memory: Tangible Artifact  
Honorable Mention: Historical Hat Recreation  
Best Crochet – amazing stitches: Miss Frizzle Timelord  
Best Use of Modern Tech — 3D print, electronics, applique:  
Turaga Vakama  
Honorable Mention Historical Recreation: Tour Guide Barbie  
Best Use of Alternate Materials: Beneath the Bay of  
Innsmouth  
Best Use of Stash and Recycle: Exile  
Best in Show: Hut of Baba Yaga

## Art Show Awards

Best in Show: "Breatharian" — Robert Pasternak  
Best Body of Work: Orion Smith  
Best 2-D: "Octavia" — Alan F. Beck  
Best 3-D: "Generation Ship" — John Douglass

## Played and Won!

Badge #322 has won the copy of Kaupapa. You can come pick it up in Gaming anytime during today's hours.

Pemmi-Con thanks Kura Rēhia for their donation of this game. Kura Rēhia offers a variety of language learning games at <https://speak.maori.nz/>. Thank you also to everyone who tried Kaupapa out this weekend, for helping celebrate the work of Indigenous creators!

— *Petréa Mitchell*

## Saving the Bison

Once over a thirty million bison roamed the prairies of North America. Written records from Manitoba's early history describe herds that took entire days to fall out of sight. An animal of absolutely vital ecological, material, and spiritual importance, bison began to be deliberately killed off in huge numbers in the 1830s to starve the First Nations peoples that relied on them.

American General Phil Sheridan allegedly said, in 1873, "Let them kill, skin, and sell until the buffalo is exterminated. It is the only way to bring a lasting peace and to allow civilization to advance." Meanwhile, in the newly formed province of Manitoba, steps were already being taken to prevent this. Métis community leader James McKay – who helped negotiate Treaties 1-3, 5, and 6 – was then serving on the provincial government, working uphill to address the growing food insecurity of Manitoba's First Nations.

In that same year, Charlie Alloway – a military veteran who had come to Winnipeg under the command of General Wolseley – took over his brother's veterinary practice and opened a trading post, purchasing 21,000 bison hides in a single day from a single brigade.

Unlikely allies, McKay and Alloway would undertake several expeditions to round up wild bison for the purpose of conservation. Some members of this herd would go on to help save the species in Banff and Montana, while others would be among the first animals at the Assiniboine Park Zoo. Descendants of that herd continue to live at the zoo to this day.

## Returning the Bathchairs

Notice from the Co-chairs: Those persons who received bathchairs from the convention must return them to Tuxedo by 2 PM Monday!

## NASFiC WSFS Business Meeting

The first ever NASFiC WSFS Business Meeting lasted about fifteen minutes, most of which was spent establishing precedents and explaining how the rules around a NASFiC Business Meeting work. The meeting officially received the results of the NASFiC Site Selection and thanked Site Selection lead administrator Sharon Sbarsky and her team for their work. The meeting then ordered the ballots to be destroyed, which made the results official. Buffalo NASFiC 2024 chair Wayne Brown addressed the meeting, announced the convention's guests of honour, and answered questions. The newly-seated NASFiC will be selling memberships from their fan table in the Exhibit Hall through closing on Sunday. The convention's website is <https://buffalonasfic2024.org/>

— Kevin Standlee

## Greeting to This Year's NASFiC

Ron Ellik's gone, there's no Squirrel for this Moose,  
And I can't attend, I'm still working like a beaver.  
I don't use E-mail, I'm no believer,  
So I'll send with the help of a friend — but not Bruce.

Though I live in L.A., a favourite syrup is maple.  
Its trees don't grow here, we're not far enough north.  
To find it — like reaching you — I must go forth,  
And do better than a boy (not a squirrel) named Rocky, if I'm able.

You might think whoever wrote this must be a goose,  
Which may be true, yet I hear Pemmi-Con call,  
I shan't try to sing, even I haven't that much gall,  
But I'm with you in spirit, though my poetry's loose.

— John Hertz

*Editor's note: If anyone wishes to set this to music, a good place to start would be all the Beatles references.*

## Membership Numbers

From Registration on Saturday:  
509 members on site, 849 grand total.