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Thank You for Attending **DertyCon 29** Chattanooga, TN - July 8-10, 2016

Literary Guest of Honor Jonathan Maberry

> Artist Guest of Honor Todd Lockwood

Science Guest of Honor Dr. Ben Davis

Special Guest of Honor Melissa Gay

Master of Ceremony Gray Rinehart

Welcome to LibertyCon 29! by Brandy Bolgeo Spraker, Chairman

Welcome, welcome, welcome to LibertyCon 29! It's hard to believe that it's been 4 years since I have taken Dad's place as Chairman of this incredible weekend!

Welcome back (or simply welcome) to the LibertyCon family!

This weekend we have an amazing amount of things to do for a convention capped at 750 paid attendees. If you are new to us, what you might not know is that since we are small, each and every one of our staff members pay full price, as do most of our professionals who are bringing you the fantastic programming events that you go to each year. So these folks are PAYING to work and bring you fantastic programming events.

Why 750 you say? We LOVE, LOVE, LOVE what we do at LC. The thing that we love most is that this is like a family reunion, and when you get more people, it's harder and harder to keep that 'personal touch' that LC is famous for. We are simple folks who love science fiction and everything associated with it. Nothing more, nothing less. And when you have something that works so well, why mess with it???

For most of you, when you arrive at the Choo Choo, your first stop after getting your room will be the Registration tables. Say hello to the staff there and give them a big hug as they try to get you your badge as quickly as possible. And as you get your badge, don't forget to look at (and buy) the t-shirt created by our Artist Guest of Honor, Todd Lockwood. It is awesome!

With over 250 programming events, there is definitely something for everyone! So it will be chaos... beautiful, beautiful chaos. We have over 150 professionals who participate in programming events over the areas of literature, art, science, and other types of fen fun! I can't even begin to list the awesomeness that is going to occur, so please take a look at everything that we have to choose from using either the pocket program or the LC29 app.

The Artshow, as always, has work from many of the best artists in the country for sale at prices that you could never match anywhere else. The Art Auction on Saturday night will host the pieces that people are warring over as well as some of the charity pieces. Each year, LibertyCon hosts a local charity who provides valuable services to our community. This year our charity of choice is Lana's Love.

Lana's Love began after Lana Beth Webster gained her Angel Wings on November 3, 2006. Jim and Cindy Webster, along with their sons Alan and Cole, started the Lana's Love Foundation with this simple mission statement: Helping kids with cancer and their families have fun! So come bid on the charity items sold in the Artshow as part of a silent auction, and those bigger items in our Art Auction, an event not to miss!

Our new head of Gaming, Davey, is taking us back to the good old fashion 24 hour a day gaming room. And, if all day and all night gaming isn't enough for you, how about having the chance to sit down for a few hours and perhaps share a game with Steve Jackson of Steve Jackson Games?

party hosts and hostesses are offering.

The ConSuite is, as always, a dangerous place to be if you are on a diet. As it was last year, Penn Station will be where you can get your food and drinks to take to our outdoor seating area right outside of party alley. There will be food and beer galore, as well as our annual summer ice cream social. Pull up a chair and enjoy the company! And speaking of room parties, don't forget to visit 'Party Alley' each evening to browse the goodies and drinks that our amazing room

Our Huckster Room is chocked full of goodies for you to purchase... from leather goods to of course books (because what would LibertyCon be without books??) you will find many things to tempt you and drain your wallet. And remember that the Huckster Room is also host to our author autograph sessions, so keep an eye on the schedule. You don't want to miss these guys!

As you can see, there really is something for everyone this weekend. And none of it would be possible without our wonderful staff. Each and every one of these people spend their time, effort and love to make this a fun and relaxing weekend. When you see someone with a staff badge, please thank them. Now let... The games... Begin!!! Brandy Bolgeo Spraker Chairman, LibertyCon 29

LibertyCon Rules AKA The Things We Have To Tell You)



"How dreadful..to be caught up in a game and have no idea of the rules."

- Caroline Stevermer, Sorcery & Cecelia or The Enchanted Chocolate Pot

ATTENDEES 17 YEARS OLD AND UNDER

All convention attendees who are 17 years of age or younger must be accompanied by a LEGAL GUARDIAN. A Legal Guardian is a person 21 years of age or older who will take financial and legal responsibility for the minor and will sign for each minor person for which he/she is responsible. A parent or Legal Guardian must accompany children under 7 years of age at all times.

BADGES

Badges must be worn in plain sight above the waist at all times.

If you have a question or concern, don't hesitate to ask or talk to STAFF

BATHING

Remember, "If in doubt, take a bath!" Your fellow attendees will appreciate your courteous actions.

DRINKING AGE is 21! ~ IT IS THE LAW! ~ NOT UP FOR NEGOTIATION!

To get a drinking badge you must produce a VALID military ID or Drivers License with your picture on it to prove that you are at least 21 years of age. Minors caught drinking at LibertyCon will be hung, drawn, quartered, and thrown out of the convention. Also.

WE WILL CONTACT YOUR PARENTS AND YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO FUTURE LIBERTYCONS!

ROOM PARTIES

If you are having a room party, remember, this is the South. We are friendly and inclusive. Whether your party is in the Consuite or in a hotel room with the door open, the expectation is that it is open to all LibertyCon attendees. If your party is intended to be private, it should not be in the Consuite, and if your party is in your room, please keep your door shut so that misunderstandings and hurt feelings don't occur. Also, Tennessee State Law does not allow the consumption of alcohol for anyone under 21 years of age. If you are serving alcohol, please check everyone's ID. YOU are responsible for this no matter where your party is. LibertyCon will not assume any responsibility to check badges for any type of party. Don't assume if someone has a drinking badge that they are 21 or over... badges can be swapped.

GRILLS & OUTDOOR COOKING

No grills are allowed on the hotel premises. The hotel has informed us that this violates their insurance policy. We have a wonderful hotel and would like to keep our great relationship with them.

EJECTION FROM THE CONVENTION

If you are ejected from LibertyCon because of violation of the convention rules or Tennessee State Law, your attendance fees will not be refunded.

LOST BADGE POLICY

If you lose your badge at the convention, you will have to purchase another one at the full admission price of \$50. We are sorry to take this rough stance, but incidents with people (Not Fans) purchasing a replacement badge to give/sell to a friend at a reduced price only increases the cost of the convention for real fans and this is the only way we can curb it.

SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS

If you have a medical condition, please ask the registration staff for a sticker for the back of your badge. This sticker should contain the nature of your medical condition and any special steps to be taken in an emergency, including the name and phone number of the person to contact should the need arise.

WEAPONS POLICY

All weapons and models of weapons must be "Peace Bonded" by one of our security staff before they may be worn with your costume or normal wearing apparel. This weapons policy will be strictly enforced.

ATTIRE

We at LibertyCon love costumes! However three strategically placed seashells does not constitute a costume. Please remember that we are a family friendly convention.



Kurt Amacker Author/Comics Guest

Toni Weisskopf Publishing Guest

> Alvs Arden Author Guest

Jessie W. Craig **Comics** Guest

Jim Gavin Author Guest

Allan Gilbreath Author Guest

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Literary Guest of Honor





Jonathon Maberry

Jonathan Maberry is a writer extraordinaire.

He's a five time Bram Stoker Award winning author, anthology editor, comic book writer, magazine feature

writer, playwright, content creator and writing teacher/lecturer. He was named one of the Today's Top Ten Horror Writers. His books have been sold to more than two-dozen countries.

Whether writing young adult fiction like his Rot and Ruin series, thrillers like his best-selling Joe Ledger series, or horror like his classic Pine Deep series, one can count on Maberry to deliver a fantastically fun read that will leave one wanting more.

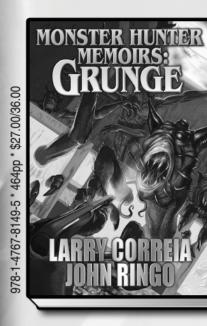
His success has allowed him to do things a lot of writers can only dream of doing such as editing anthologies of fiction in the X-files universe as well as writing a new series of Mulder and Scully adventures for teens, doing the novelizations of films like The Wolf Man, and writing a novel set in the world of Deadlands, the million copy selling roleplaying game.

As an editor, he's been involved properties like the upcoming anthologies ALIENS BUG HUNT, NIGHTS OF THE LIVING DEAD (with George Romero), and ALTERNATE SHERLOCKS (with Michael Ventrella).

Jonathan Maberry has even had a board game produced that was based on his IDW comic series V-Wars. And V-Wars is far from the only comic he's written. His work for Marvel Comics has included CAPTAIN AMERICA HAIL HYDRA, BLACK PANTHER POWER, DOOMWAR, WOLVERINE FLIES TO A SPIDER, PUNISHER NAKED KILLS, the NY Times bestselling MARVEL ZOMBIES RETURN; as well as his own franchise within Marvel --MARVEL UNIVERSE vs THE PUNISHER. MARVEL UNIVERSE vs WOLVERINE and MARVEL UNIVERSE vs THE AVENGERS. He wrote the Bram Stoker award winning, vampire miniseries BAD BLOOD for Dark Horse.

For all this though, Jonathan Maberry is all about helping other writers. That's how I met him. Among his numerous nonfiction books is one titled ZOMBIE CSU The Forensics of the Living Dead. Mr. Maberry and I didn't know each other at the time but a mutual writing friend brought us into contact with one another. I was at a low point in my career, hadn't written much for nearly two years due to the birth of my son, and Mr. Maberry opted to interview me in that book about zombies alongside folks like Robert Kirkman. His doing so not only got me into writing again but set me on a path to success to the point of which I had a deal with Simon and Schuster the very next year and had my first movie deal not long thereafter. Jonathan Maberry is much more than just an amazing writer, he has a great heart and passion not just for his craft but for the others who work in it too.

Eric S Brown, author of the Bigfoot War series and War of the World Plus Blood



As he tells it, when Marine Private Oliver Gardenier was killed in Beirut, somebody who might be Saint Peter gives him a choice: Go to Heaven or return to Earth. The Boss has a mission for him. Gardenier is a Marine: He'll choose the mission.

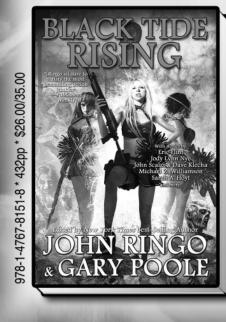
AUGUST 2016



Nightmare in the Big Easy

With New Orleans out of control, Oliver Gardenier, one of Monster Hunter International's premier hunters, has been dispatched from Seattle to reinforce the beleaguered members of MHI's Hoodoo Squad in their fight against the darkness.

DECEMBER 2016





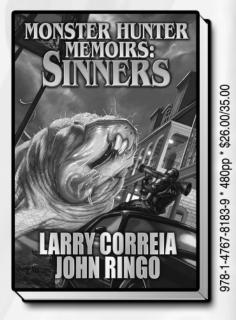
Tales of the Zombie Apocalypse

When zombies overrun the Earth, brave men and women ask themselves: "What do we do now?" These are tales of survivors, those who face down the Infected and stand for humanity. Featuring original stories from John Ringo, Eric Flint, Jody Lynn Nye, John Scalzi & Dave Klecha, Sarah A. Hoyt, Kacey Ezell, Michael Z. Williamson, Mike Massa, Tedd Roberts, Christopher Smith, and Jason Cordova & Eric S. Brown.



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Artist Guest of Honor





Todd Lockwood

I think, if I had to be honest, the first time I met Todd Lockwood I was just looking for an excuse to strike up a conversation.

What art fan wouldn't be at least a little bit intimidated? From dragons to Drizzt, from Asimov's Science Fiction to TSR, his work has earned him numerous awards - including 16 Chesleys

- and well-deserved critical and fan acclaim. His name is synonymous with excellence in genre art, in the same way that we recognize the names Vallejo, Whelan or Brom (though Todd himself would likely argue that point). We see a particularly beautiful, well-executed illustration and think, "Now, that's a Todd Lockwood."

And so, though I had followed his work from afar for a while, attended his panels at a couple of conventions, stalked his Facebook page – and although we had friends in common – I was a bit flummoxed about what to say to introduce myself that wouldn't sound weird or downright creepy. So I stood there just a few feet away, flipping through the prints he had for sale ("Just fly casual") and trying not to get in the way of the "legitimate" fans.

He spoke a great deal about storytelling, and writing - that caught my ear, because it's not really what you'd expect most artists to talk about (Don Maitz and Janny Wurts, notwithstanding). The customers to whom he was speaking nodded and smiled, commiserating over the problems of finding good editors, getting a decent contract, negotiating the quagmire of rights and responsibilities. I listened with interest, but this was not something I felt I knew a whole lot about at the time. But he clearly did.

And then, I got a lucky break. He mentioned something that I thought I knew a bit about: gardening. I heard him talk about the weather, how the garden was neglected while he traveled to conventions, how he worried about the global trends in rainfall and temperature. His audience meandered away and I immediately stepped up to fill the spot they had vacated. "I couldn't help overhearing your conversation," I said. "What kind of plants do you grow in your garden? You live in the Pacific Northwest, right?"

In spite of the awkwardness of this introduction, Todd was gracious, kind and generous with his time. We had a nice little chat that day about our respective garden plots, and I walked away with a copy of Tales of the Emerald Serpent (a shared-world anthology edited by Scott Taylor that still ranks high on my list of favorites) that included not only Todd's unmistakable art but also a story he himself had written. I took that book home and eagerly devoured it in a couple of days. And while the cover and several of the interior illustrations were quite noticeably Todd Lockwood. I was secretly pleased that I didn't realize I was reading the story he contributed to the anthology ("Between") until several pages in. I was just too busy enjoying the story to notice.

From that simple start I somehow became friends with the storyteller Todd Lockwood. I joined a Facebook gardening group he invited me to and we shared photos of plants and animals. He posted honestly about his work on his own novel and I followed along, amazed that a successful, award-winning artist would be willing to change course mid-career to write a novel or three. Over time, as we chatted at conventions and on Facebook, I came to realize that it wasn't a course change, so much as a continuation of the course he'd been following all along. Just maybe in a different type of boat.

And now that course has led him to the successful publication of his first novel, The Summer Dragon, Book 1 of The Evertide, which has been hitting the top lists on Amazon and Barnes & Noble since its May debut. And for good reason.

I envy you, LibertyCon. Todd Lockwood is all you could wish for in a Guest of Honor - both artist AND author. But best of all are the stories you will have after this weekend. Go on - don't be shy. Say hello to the storyteller Todd Lockwood.

April Moore, Art Show Director of JordanCon

Praise for the Xenotech Support Series "A great, original, fun romp!" ****

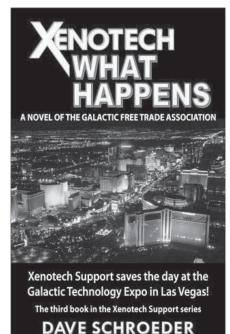
"Pratchett-esque..." "If you like *Hitchhikers Guide...*"

"Plausible science, humor and heart..."

"Driving, fast-paced plot... memorable characters..."

Somebody has to support all the new alien technology after Earth joins the Galactic Free Trade Association!





Book #3

Jack and Poly, his girlfriend and business partner, fly to Las Vegas to attend the Galactic Technology Expo, meet old friends, and thwart large-scale industrial espionage.

Science Guest of Honor



Dr. Ben Davis

This year, LibertyCon's Science Guest of Honor is Dr. Ben Davis. Trained as a "nuke," Ben has adjusted his passion for science into a passion for Science Fiction, funny SF con panels... and drinking my Scotch (okay, to be fair, not just mine). In many ways, it is an essential

trait in a Scientist - especially one who prides themselves in debunking pseudo-science - to be able to immunize oneself from the idiocy and have a good laugh at their expense.

As any good scientist should, Dr. Ben has a bio and resume (of sorts) posted on his "Ask Dr. Ben" website. Let's have a look, shall we?

Ben Davis, Ph.D. - Check

Male - Check

Scientist - Check

Masters of Science in Nuclear Astrophysics - that's part one of his atomic charm.

Doctor of Philosophy in Nuclear Physics - That's part two.

A good thing, too, since having a true understanding of nuclear physics requires a pretty philosophical approach. Both degrees were earned at the University of Notre Dame... where it is not true that the Hunchback of Notre Dame got that way from carrying Physics textbooks! Dr. Davis taught at the college level for many years, and in many subjects. Astronomy and physics - those subjects make a strange sort of sense, given his academic background, but computer programming and mathematics?

Ben, oh Ben... where did you go wrong?

Unfortunately, it didn't stop there.

For going on twenty years, now, Ben has succumbed to the Dark Side and taken up a career in software development. He has been an industrial controls engineer, worked in the biometrics industry and homeland security. There are those who suspect (well, really just me) that Dr. Ben used his Nuclear Astrophysical superpowers to peel back the edge of the cosmos and sneak a glimpse at the nameless horrors coming our way. His current career path could only be explained by an innate desire to ensure positive identification of those nameless horrors before they can wreak havoc in our world!

As a lifelong fan of science fiction, his main avocations now involve history, futurism and skepticism. The aforementioned "Ask Dr. Ben" Facebook page is set up to answer everyday questions about science. He truly does love Science, and should never be confused with those Science groupies who simply enjoy looking at Science's cute little fundamental principles as they wiggle on by!

Dr. Ben is a regular participant in science panels at cons, particularly the "Ask a Scientist" variety and LibertyCon's own "Mad Scientist's Roundtable." He also enjoys hunting for true psychics, ghosts and other paranormal phenomenon - when he doesn't find them, he is reluctantly forced to debunk them. It's a thankless job, but someone's got to do it!

When not traveling with his wife Annie, playing with his dogs, climbing rocks, or attending cons, he spends his spare time pondering general relativity, the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, quantum physics & quantum computing, and the effects of antimatter on the dark matter/dark energy problem...

..and drinking Scotch. He made me promise that I would bring something special to LibertyCon for him this year. He's Science GoH - how could I refuse? Oh yeah, BTDT. Here Ben, you're going to need this!

Cheers!

Rob Hampson, LibertyCon 28 Science GoH



Special Guest of Honor



Melissa

Gay

Melissa is full of energy.

I am not just talking about the bright, wonderful energy she fills a room with when she enters.

I am not just talking about the energy she spends for family and friends.

This is about her art, so it is mainly about the energy she puts out into the art world. Though the vitality that she brings to the world around her definitely shines through in her artwork.

Melissa has worked for everyone, and in all genres. In fact, I am not sure if she has the ability to say no to any art job. And because of this, it is hard to pin down what to say about her art.

Except, it is easy to say that her art is as much a part of her as her arm or leg.

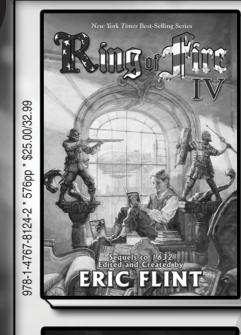
She tackles any problem thrown at her with vigor and excitement. She brings a childlike energy to making art, instead of being jaded or cynical, she raises her brush and with a big smile says, let's do this!

A quick look through her portfolio shows that she is just as wide ranging with her media as she is with her subjects. Delicate pencil work, expressive inks, and paintings that travel through space and time.

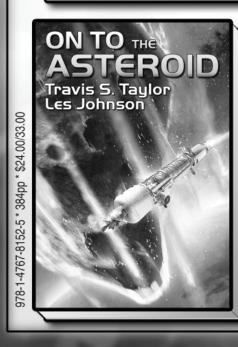
In an art world where most people say you need to focus on one subject and medium, it is refreshing to see someone who breaks from the norm. If Melissa did try and limit her work to one style, I think the art world would suffer because of it.

Michael Bielaczyc, Aradani Studios, Inc.- Founder





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creator Eric Flint.

As a weremyste, Justis Fearsson is on the front lines of a magical war. As a private investigator, he's been hired to find a missing woman and her two children. Soon worlds collide, and Justis must find not only the young family, but also an ancient weapon that could prove decisive in the looming conflict. But he'll have to do it guickly, or the reality he knows may be lost in a storm of darkest sorcery.

With billions up for grabs, asteroid mining has jumpstarted the private space industry. But maneuvering an asteroid close to the Earth in order to mine its riches is dangerous. Planetary destruction is about to become a grim reality unless the burgeoning space industry can stop the asteroid.

Time Warp

"[Eric] Flint's 1632 universe seems to be inspiring a whole new crop of gifted alternate historians."-Booklist

The town of Grantville, West Virginia has been tossed through time and space. So, what does a group of can-do Americans do in seventeenth century war-torn Europe? They start making-and changing—history! Follow the exploits of Grantville

in this all-new anthology, edited by Ring of Fire

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Race against the Forces of Evil

"[A]n entertaining story with a good mystery at its core." —Publishers Weekly

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Destruction from Above

"You won't want to put it down" -John Ringo on Travis S. Taylor's Warp Speed

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Master of Ceremonies





Gray **Rinehart**

In New Scientist magazine there is a column in the back pages devoted to pointing out weird, odd, or blatantly false science and technology. The authors will often point out the pseudo-scientific claims of "quantum water" or the product labels of things like dishwashing detergent claiming "less chemicals." And

they also for many years ran items all the time with data supporting "nominative determinism," i.e. the theory that your name is your destiny. Check it out. When you look for it, it's all over the place. Obstetricians named "Kinder," podiatrists named "Foote," lawyers named "Counsell," and in a quick perusal of my own Yellow Pages "Willie Woodward"-construction. (You're welcome, now you can't unsee this phenomena—New Scientist had to limit its columns on the topic they were getting so many examples.)

So when you encounter someone with a first name "Gray," you have to wonder. Will this person be bland, boring, un-colorful? With Gray Rinehart, the answer is determinedly "no." Physically, he is stealthy, and could be the model for Eric Flint's super-spy in the Honorverse, Victor Cachat (though even with his many years service in the Air Force, Gray does lack Victor's thousand-yard-stare). But in his soul and in his deeds Gray is a rainbow.

His website will tell you, "he is the only person to have commanded an Air Force satellite tracking station, written speeches for Presidential appointees, and had music on the Dr. Demento show." We can add to that run for local office as the Anti-Candidate—and garnered 3.5% of the vote while spending nearly no money to do so, and indeed encouraging people to vote for other candidates.

Aside from the hundreds of speeches for government officials, and nonfiction on technical topics like "U.S. Superiority in Space—Considering Propulsion and Power," Gray is a writer of fiction specifically he's a hard SF guy. He's got stories published in Analog magazine and everything. But also Asimov's, the military fantasy anthology Shattered Shields, a short story presented to the Chicamcomico Lifesaving Station, and many others in all sort of publications—you just can't pigeonhole him. His first novel, Walking on the Sea of Clouds, will be coming out WordFire Press (whose ebooks are available at Baen. com, I will casually mention).

As a filker, Gray is if anything even more eclectic, writing and performing everything from rousing Star Wars songs, like "Tauntauns to Glory," to the sensitive "Monster Hunter Ballad" (as featured on the Baen Free Radio Hour podcast, and many convention filking sessions). My favorite, of course, is "The Books we Call Baen" (as inspired by Adam Baldwin and Firefly). He's got two albums out available for download and purchase, Distorted Vision and Truths and Lies and Make-Believe.

He's a Clemson graduate and sports partisan. We don't hold that against him—at least it's ACC. Go, Tigers (except against SEC teams)! He's a dedicated husband and father, even unto taking his kids to Dragoncon, and not making his wife go to Clemson football games in the freezing cold unless she really wants to.

In his professional life he's done everything from sell furniture to nurture aerospace companies for NC State. In his twenty-year career in the Air Force, Gray's accomplishments went from serving as the Crew Commander and Flight Commander for the 4th Space Operations Squadron to commanding the Thule Tracking Station in Greenland—brr—and beyond.

And last, but not least, Gray is Baen's Slushmaster General, and has been for many years now. His eyeballs are the reader's first line of defense against bad SF. We all owe him a debt for his dedicated service there. But a great slushmaster—and Gray is a great slushmaster—not only rejects the obviously bad, he nurtures the potentially great. His critiques are some of the most detailed, thoughtful, and helpful I have ever seen. If you are lucky enough to receive one, I hope you are able to appreciate all the time, care, and experience that has gone into his analysis of your work.

And I've only just touched a few of the more obvious aspects to Gray. For more information, check him out on the web. He's got a thoughtful blog at http://www.graymanwrites.com/blog/. Or sign up for his newsletter, buy one of his albums, review one of his stories. Your world will be the more colorful for it.



Toni Weisskopf, Publisher of Baen Books

JOE R. LANSDALE AUTHOR GUEST OF HONOR

For your additional hobnobbing pleasure So... Many... PROS!!!

Here are some of the many pros scheduled to attend LibertvCon 29 as of printing. Though, this list is subject to change without notice.

Atlanta Radio Theater Company ARTC is a professional troupe that brings "new old-time radio", complete with lush soundscapes, stirring music, and original stories guaranteed to remind you that. There is Adventure in Sound!

Arlan Andrews Dr. Arlan Andrews, Sr. has been an SF fan since age 10, an SF writer for 35 years, and a retired engineer for 3 years. He is also a futurism consultant and the founder of SIGMA, the science fiction think tank. He and Joyce are the proud grandparents of 11.

Lou Antonelli Lou Antonelli has had 95 short stories and three collections published in the past 12 years. He was a finalist in 2013 for the Sidewise Award in Alternate History for "Great White Ship" (Daily Science Fiction - May 2012). He was a two-time Hugo nominee (Short Story and Best Related Work) in 2015.

Michael R. Ault Mike has extensive background in nuclear technology, compute programming and Oracle database technology. He has been writing since he was a teenager and has published extensively in the computer field. Mike has published several short stories in the science fiction and horror genres and self-published action-adventure, science fiction and fantasy.

Jonathan David Baird Jonathan David Baird has worked as an archaeologist for the past fifteen years. Jonathan has master's degrees in English literature and American History from Fort Hays State University. He is also the editor and a major contributor to NukeMars.com and has written for and edited several anthology collections.

Glenn Baggott Glenn has been a Grade IV water operator for 7 years with West Wilson Utility District. He also is head of the Decontamination Team and is in charge of maintaining the self-containment breathing apparatus (SCBA) the X-File type suits as well as the breathing gear.

Scott W. Baker Scott W. Baker's students think it's weird that he teaches math and writes. To him, it's a natural fit. His short stories span the speculative genres and have appeared in places like Escape Pod, Daily Science Fiction, and Writers of the Future. He lives in Nashville and online at scottwbaker.net

Griffin Barber A veteran police officer, Griffin Barber is also a lifelong Speculative Fiction fan and avid gamer. He's had several shorts published in the Grantville Gazette and penned a well-received novella for RSI's website called A Separate Law. 1636 Mission to the Mughals, co-authored with Eric Flint, is forthcoming. http://therantinggriffin.blogspot.com

Jim Beall Jim Beall (BS-Math, MBA, PE) has been a nuclear engineer for 40+ years, a wargamer for 50+, and an avid reader of science fiction for even longer. Experience operations (nuclear officer USN), design (Duke Power), construction (United Engineers & Constructors), inspection (USNRC), and energy policy (USNRC Commissioner Reactors Assistant).

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Tom Biondolillo Tom Biondolillo is currently adapting the fanged and furry summer camp horror story- Frenzy (Hyperion/Disney Books) - with creator/author Rob Lettrick into a graphic novel form. An illustrator, comic artist, concept artist, storyboard artist and writer for almost two decades, Tom has worked on comic, books, trading cards, toys, RPGs, video games for many well known companies.

Rick Boatright Rick Boatright has been the "tech guy" for the 1632 series since 2001. He's published in the hardcover Grantville Gazettes as well as the E-Zine. Rick's common activities at cons feature his "Weird Tech" presentation, which he insists has nothing to do with steampunk. Outside of the SF universe, Rick is a partner in a small software development firm.

Paul Boberg Paul Boberg, AKA "Engineer", will present a panel on steam power including a display of a working rotary steam motor. Covered in the presentation will be how a steam engine works and the problems that anyone in a steak punk world would face working with similar devices.

David Bogen David Bogen has been active in many aspects of fandom from ConCom for many conventions to managing art shows across the country. But he is better known in his professional community as a leader in implementing future looking analytics and processes that are transforming the electric industry.

Karen Bogen K.B. Bogen has a head for technology, a knack for humor, and a taste for the macabre. A native Texan, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Engineering from UT Arlington. Her written works include "Go Quest, Young Man" from TSR Books, and "Good Help" from Dracula in London, Her Facebook address is www.facebook.com/KBBogen.

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Nick Braker Nick Braker graduated with a BS in computing science from the University of Evansville before launching a career in computer programming, engineering, and management. Married and a father of two, Braker is also an avid table tennis player and role playing gamer.

Brett Brooks Brett has written comics for both Dark Horse and Techno Comics, as well as working on White Wolf's World of Darkness RPG. He also published the cult-favorite RPG Xcrawl and the kid-friendly RPG Meddling Kids. His most recent ventures include the fantasy novel series The Champions of Elan.

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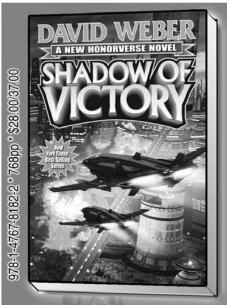
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Karen Evans Karen Evans has been writing SF/F with her husband for almost 10 years, and enjoying the rollercoaster. When not writing, she enjoys crocheting, embroidery, and other busy-hand activities so she can listen to the voices in her head. She lives in New Mexico with her husband, a dog and a variable number of cats.



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Charles E. Gannon Caine's Mutiny is Chuck's next novel in the thrice-Nebula-nominated Caine Riordan series. He collaborates with Eric Flint (1632), Steve White (Starfire), and has appeared in many magazines, imprints, and shared universes. His background includes game design/writing, scriptwriting/producing, five years as a Fulbright Senior Specialist, and being a subject matter expert for NPR, Discovery Channel, and many government agencies.

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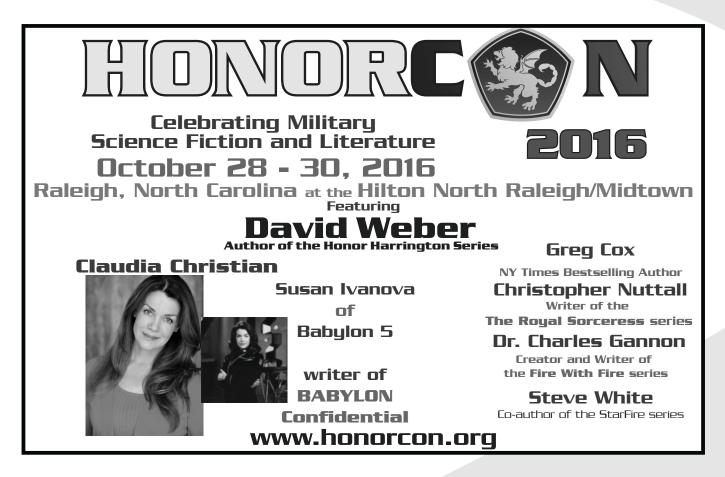
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Steve Jackson Steve Jackson founded SJG in 1980. He has designed way too many games, including Ogre, Car Wars, Illuminati, GURPS, and Munchkin. His hobbies include Lego, pirates, tropical fish, rolling ball machines, and gardening, and he really wishes he could still find the time for beekeeping, model railroading, videogames, and the SCA.

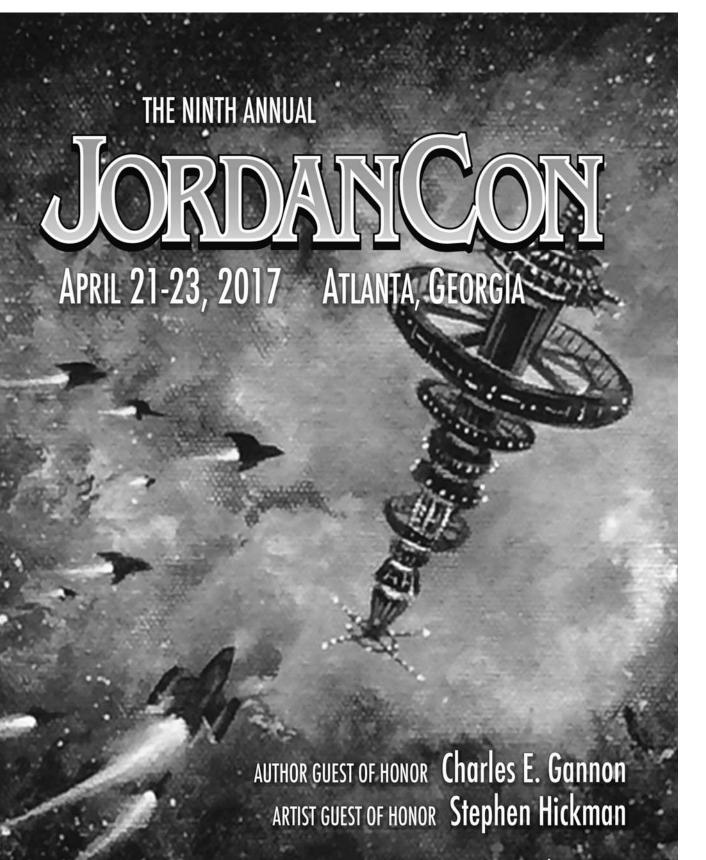
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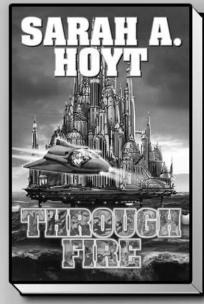
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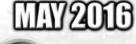


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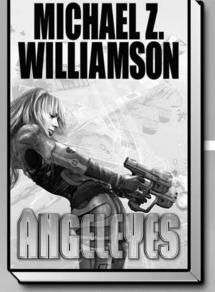
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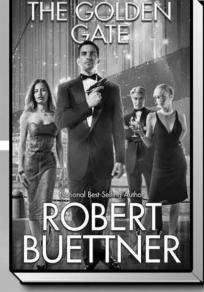
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Thomas A. Mays Tom Mays is a veteran naval surface fleet officer, working surface aboard destroyers and amphibious ships, as well as teaching and assisting with research into electromagnetic weapons and ballistic missile defense. An SFWA-qualifying short story author with 7 pro and semi-pro short stories published since 2009, A Sword Into Darkness is his first published novel.

Todd McCaffrey Todd J. McCaffrey is a US Army veteran, a cross-continent pilot, a computer geek, and a New York Timesbestselling author. He is also the son of Nebula Grandmaster Anne McCaffrey and grew up in the world of s-f/f publishing and editing. In 1992 he attended Clarion West and has subsequently run several short writing workshops of his own. His near-future AI thriller, City of Angels, will be published in May by Wordfire Press.

Holly McClure Founder of Sullivan Maxx Literary Agency which was recently acquired by Lexium Entertainment & Talent Agency and reorganized as the literary and film division of the company. Holly stayed on as president of that division. She is published internationally in both fiction and nonfiction, writing thrillers, YA, mystery and inspirational.

Joe McKeel Joe "JoeDog" McKeel is a paranormal investigator turned advocate for the safety of investigators, and spokesperson for The Dangers of The Paranormal Project. He promotes the use of training in personal safety, prior knowledge of layout and hazards on investigation locations, common legalities and use of some basic common sense.

Laura Montgomery Laura Montgomery is a space lawyer and science fiction writer. By day she works for the Federal Aviation Administration on the licensing and regulation of commercial space transportation. Nights and weekends, she writes hard science fiction, legal science fiction, and space opera.

Nan Monroe Gilded Dragonfly Books has published four of my short stories, "Sybilla diSante and the Sepia World" (Haunting Tales of Spirit Lake), "Christmas Rose" (A Stone Mountain Christmas), "Neighbor Haint" (Finding Love's Magic), and "Firegale at the Festival" (Legends of the Dragon, Vol. 1). My first novel, Atterwald, was published Dec. 2014. As Kelley Ceccato she has written several audio dramas for ARTC.

Anita Moore Still occasionally known for her SciFi/Fantasy & Cthulhu Mythos art, in the past decade, Anita has become a well sought after artist of 3D environments custom created for table top strategy games, Role Playing Games, displays, and dioramas. Anita lives Dalton, GA where her Foofighterubu Wargame Terrain Studio is established.

Stacy Morgan Stacy grew up painting and drawing on anything that would sit still. Attending high school at Alabama School of Fine Arts and receiving her BFA from the University of Montevallo with a concentration in painting and ceramics, Stacy has had a lifelong obsession with creating art. Now working as a full-time potter, Stacy focuses on making beautiful, functional stoneware pottery including dinnerware, skull jars, sculpture, home decor and knitting bowls that bring the beauty of art to everyday life. When her hands aren't covered in clay, Stacy spends her time painting, gardening, and obeying her cats.

Bobby Nash When he's not out fighting crime or watching TV, Bobby Nash writes novels, comic books, short stories, novellas, graphic novels, and the occasional screenplay. He has won a few awards for his writing and is member of the International Association of Media Tie-in Writers and International Thriller Writers. www.bobbynash.com

Jody Lynn Nye Jody Lynn Nye lists her main career activity as "spoiling cats." She lives near Chicago with her current cat, Jeremy, and husband, Bill. She has published 45 books, including The Ship Who Won with Anne McCaffrey, a humorous anthology about mothers, Don't Forget Your Spacesuit, Dear!, and over 140 short stories. Her latest books are Myth-Quoted (Ace), Rhythm of the Imperium (Baen), and Wishing On a Star (Arc Manor).

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Sevan Paris When Sevan Paris isn't involved in things UTCish, he is writing something incredibly geeky, probably involving superheroes. His titles include thirteen volumes of the Superheroes in Prose series and Space Pulp! He enjoys all things comics, Transformers, Science Fiction, and anything George Lucas related prior to 1999.

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Beth Patterson Beth Patterson has been a self-employed musician, songwriter, and recording artist for over two decades, before sidestepping into the world of fiction writing. She currently resides in the French Quarter of New Orleans, where she partakes of good food, observes the absurd, and attempts to blend in with the shrubbery.

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pdmac pdmac is the author of the epic SF adventure series Wolf 359, which garnered 2nd place in Science Fiction in the Bookbzz.com Prize Writer of the year 2015 competition. His most recent publication is a Steampunk Western Fool's Gold. He is presently in the final editing phase of a dystopian novel called Rebirth of Angels scheduled for release in May.

Rocky Perry Rocky P. Perry was born in 1975 in Flintstone, Georgia. Diagnosed with dyslexia at the age of six, he spent the first years of his life learning in small a classroom away from his peers. He first learned to read on his own at the age of ten and was allowed to join his classmates in middle school. His struggles with reading left him without any ability to explore the world inside books like other readers. This gave him a drive to explore worlds in his mind. He loved to look at comic books and make up his own stories, which eventually led to him becoming a storyteller.

Gary Poole Gary Poole has been in the entertainment and publishing industry for nearly thirty years. He's worked directly with John Ringo on over a dozen novels, and has adapted several of them into screenplays (all of which remain in development). When not working with Ringo, he is the managing editor of a successful alternative newsweekly in Tennessee and spent years on the radio as a talk show host and award-winning broadcast journalist.

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Miriam Ringo Tagline - Crazy cat lady with blue hair. Introduction - Daughter of a Baptist minister. Wife of a Science Fiction writer. Love Gothic music. Collect skulls and special needs kitties. Life-long learner. Bragging rights - Married to John Ringo.

Tedd Roberts Dr. Tedd Roberts is the brain scientist behind the science fiction! A neuroscientist with 35 years' experience in laboratory and clinical research as well as public speaking, he writes science articles for Baen Books, short fiction for the SF/F audience and advises authors on cutting edge science for their novels.

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Chris Smith Chris began writing fiction in 2012. His first story, 'Bad Blood and Old Silver,' appears in the 'Luna's Children Stranger Worlds' anthology, from Dark Oak Press. Other stories to soon be released 'What Manner of Fool,' in Michael Hanson's 'Sha'Daa Inked' anthology; 'Isaac Crane and the Ancient Hunger' in Fantom Enterprise's 'Dark Corners' anthology; and '150 Miles to Huntsville' in Baen's Black Tide Rising anthology. He co-authored (with Jason Cordova) 'Kraken Mare' from Severed Press.

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Tom Trumpinski Author Tom Trumpinski is a retired teacher (college chemistry) and scientist (built particle detectors for Fermilab). He's currently in two anthologies, Fae Fatales and Allusion of Innocence, and the online pulp magazine Latchkey Tales #1. He's been married a lot and has four children ages 42-14. He lives in a old-folks commune in Champaign, Illinois.

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Mark Wandrey Located in rural Tennessee, Mark Wandrey has been creating new worlds since he was old enough to write. After penning countless short stories, he realized novels were his real calling and hasn't looked back since. His current works include the "Earth Song" series, an epic space opera published by Henchman Press with 5 books out so far. Coming soon is A Time to Die, Mark's take on the immensely popular Zombie Apocalypse megatrend.

James Ward James Ward is an excellent Chattanooga based artist who is well known not for putting paint on canvas, but more for putting paint on anything else that's not bolted down. You can find his artwork on everything from feathers to floppy disks, and lately he has branched out with the creation of costuming and Cosplay and lighting lamps accessories and own art business. James is also an accomplished puppeteer, and gives performances during the convention to entertain our young (or young at heart) attendees.

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