

## Progress Report #3

### **Welcome**

Welcome to the third and final progress report for the World Horror Convention of 2006. Most of you will get this just before you leave for San Francisco, and we hope you're as excited as we are to have the convention breathing down our necks like this!

The past week has been extremely pretty here in San Francisco, and generally the weather during May is pretty good. We urge you to pack warm clothes though – San Francisco has a reputation for being chilly throughout the year. It generally doesn't rain in May, but you will probably experience San Francisco's infamous foggy weather at least once during your stay.

### **Art Show – Chad Savage**

Participating Artists:

ARTIST GUEST OF HONOR: Brom

Chad Savage

Alan M. Clark

Cybele Collins

Christy "Green Dragon" Nicholas

PS Jones

Jason Felix

Charli Siebert

Allen K

D. E. Christman

Hugues Leblanc

Barry Barnes

Jane Washburn

Pamelina H.

Peter Mihaichuk

Chad Michael Ward

Vance Trancygier

John Picacio

GAK

Deena Warner

Steven Gilberts

Paul Groendes

Peri Charlifu

Grant Fuhst

Chris Hill

James Humble

Andrew Yang

### **Charity Auction**

The Charity Auction needs items! We've gotten a few items, but we need more! Contact Darren Mckeeman at the convention to donate items to the auction – otherwise, he'll probably bug you about it. Our beneficiary this year is the American Humane Association for their work rescuing animals after Hurricane Katrina.

### **Hospitality – Aerin Heinemeyer**

The Hospitality Suite will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor next to the elevators. Hospitality will be open 24 hours during the convention, with snacks or food appropriate to the time. We'll try to label foods for those with allergies. As of press time, we have no sponsors for the Hospitality Suite – please contact Aerin at [aerin@whc2006.org](mailto:aerin@whc2006.org) if you are interested in this.

### **Volunteers – Rain Graves**

We are short on volunteers this year. Our volunteer policy is that only registered members can volunteer, and every hour that you volunteer will earn you up to a full refund on your membership. If you are interested in volunteering then please ask for Rain Graves at the registration desk.

### **Hotel News – Darren Mckeeman**

The main hotel is SOLD OUT. The backup hotel is four blocks from our main hotel on Van Ness Avenue. We have managed to negotiate a room rate of \$109 per night for the backup hotel.

Cathedral Hill Hotel

1101 Van Ness Ave. (Corner of Geary Blvd.)

San Francisco CA 94109

Tel: 415.776.8200

Toll Free Reservations: 800.622.0855

<http://www.cathedralhillhotel.com/>

When making reservations, please state that you are with the World Horror Convention.

### **Memberships and Registration – Jennifer Erlichman**

Online membership payment is now closed. Rates during the convention will be as follows:

- Full weekend (Thur-Sun) US\$140.00 At the Door
- Friday arrival (Fri-Sun) US\$110.00 At the Door Only
- Saturday arrival (Sat/Sun) US\$80.00 At the Door Only
- Daily Rates (Thu, Fri, Sat or Sun) US\$50.00 At the Door Only

### **Attending Members**

Maria Alexander, Edward Allen, Michael Amzen, David-Glenn Anderson, Shannon Appelcline, Nick Aquilino, Cindy Argendeli, James Argendeli, Jennifer Ayres, Mikael Bard, Barry Barnes, David Barnett, Diana Barron, Laird Barron, Jeannette Barton, Jennifer Baumer, Richard Baumer, James Beach, Mairi L. Beacon, Amelia Beamer, Alan Beatts, Jean-Loup Benét, David Benton, Adam Bera, Hal Bodner, Michael Bogan, Claire Booker, Bill Breedlove, Jason Brock, Sunni Brock, Clifford Brooks, Debbie Brown, Denis Brown, Scott Brown, Hedwig-Mae Bryant, Edward Bryant, Cullen Bunn, Leslie Burbank, Thomas Burchfield, Elizabeth Burchfield, Chesya Burke, P. D. Cacek, Eric Caidin, Denise Carlson-DiPetta, Nicole Castle, Mort Castle, R. J. Cavender, James Chambers, Peri Charlifu, Eric Cherry, Marth Christensen, D. E. Christman, David Christman, Vince Churchill, Alan M. Clark, Melody Kees Clark, David Clark, Jeffrey Coffield, Cybele Collins, Armand Constantine, Kimberly Cook, Nickolas Cook, Heather Cornish, Christopher Crites, Debbie Cross, Kimberly Czigarenko, Paul Danda, Richard Dansky, Don D'Auria, Brett Davis, Al De La Rosa, Bruce Dennison, Cathy Dennison, Derrick di Dalis, Luis Diaz, Christopher DiPetta, Sandra Dischinger, Michael Dixon, Kevin L. Donihe, Christina Drew, Robert Dunbar, Kelli Dunlap, Richard F. Dutcher, Jeannie Eddy, Ron Edwards, Jennifer Erlichman, Jackie Estrada, John Everson, Laurie Ewer, Jude Feldman, Jason Felix, Barbara Ferrenz, Brent Fletcher, Renard Fontenot, Gary Frank, Nancy Frank, Scott Fulks, William Gagliani, Chris J. Garcia, Corrinne Garrison, Ray Garton, Dana Gier, Steven Gilberts, Becky Gilberts, Sephera Giron, Heather Givner, M. Jean Goddin, Adam Golaski, Rebecca Gold, Christopher Golden, Aaron Goodell, Cody Goodfellow, Liz Gorinsky, Nicholas Grabowsky, Rain Graves, Greg Greeson, Liza Groen, Paul Groendes, Paula Guran, Beth Gwinn, Jennifer Hall, Jennifer Hallam, Larry Hallock, Lynne Hansen, Mina Harker, Jonathan Hastings, Andrew Hatchell, Ross Hathaway, Susie Hawes, John C. Hay, Cary Heater, Aerin Heinemeyer, Dianne Helm, Stephanie Heminger, Alice Henderson, Scott Hickey, Walter Hicks, Christopher Hill, Glen Hirshberg, Kane Hodder, Brian Hodge, Curtis Hoffmeister, Karen Hoffmeister, Nancy Holder, Robert Hole Jr., Pamelina Hovnatanian, Del Howison, James Humble, Bailey Hunter, CJ Hurtt, Alan Husby, Ann Hutchings, Brad Hutchings, Dennis Ide, Anne Ishii, Teri Jacobs, Tina Jens,

Alexander Johnson, Jeremy Robert Johnson, JimmyZ Johnston, PS Jones, Stephen Jones, Deborah Jones, William Jones, Nanci Kalanta, Sabrina Kaleta, Nicholas Kaufmann, Steven Kaye, Brian Keene, Nate Kenyon, Nancy Kilpatrick, Samuel King, Stormee King, Rick Kleffel, Glenn Klinger, Shawna Knight, Brian Knight, Donald Koish, Allen Koszowski, Erik Kruger, Monica S. Kuebler, Debbie Kuhn, Michael Laimo, Jay Lake, Shannon Lark, Batton Lash, Jeremy Lassen, Jamie Lawson, Ann Laymon, Kelly Laymon, Hugues Leblanc, Deborah LeBlanc, Nicole J. LeBoeuf-Little, Edward Lee, Seth Lindberg, William Lindblad, David Lindschmidt, John Little, Richard. A. Lupoff, Pat Lupoff, Mary Madewell, Eunice Magill, E. S. Magill, Nicole Malec Kenyon, Margaret Mannatt, Lisa Mannetti, Anya Martin, Michael L. Mathews, Mike McCarty, Barrett McGivney, Maura McHugh, Darren McKeeman, Feo Amante, Carlton Mellick, Michelle Mellon, Peter Mihaichuk, Paul Miller, Claire Miller, Mike Miller, Robert Mingee, Keith Minnion, Eddie Morales, Cheryl Morgan, Robert Morrish, Lisa Morton, Bill Moseley, Martin Mundt, Kevin Murphy, Yvonne Navarro, Tommy Netzbund, Kim Newman, Christy Nicholas, Phillip Nutman, Rita Oakes, Weston Ochse, Traci Ogden, Gene O'Neill, Jenny Orosel, Gwyn Padden-Lechten, Jason Patnode, Michael Pearce, John Pelan, Tammy Perron, Clark Perry, Kelly Perry, John Picacio, Cameron Pierce, C. N. Pitts, Gary Plumlee, Nancy-Lou Polk, Simon Porter, Ricardo Porven, Robert Pratten, Norman Prentiss, Luisa Prieto, Kevin Przybylowski, Paul Puglisi, William H. Pugmire, Carlos Ramirez, Roger Range, Robin Reed, Leslie Reese, Claudius Reich, Jonathan Reitan, Joy Remy, Loren Rhoads, Tony Richards, Roy Robbins, Chris Roberson, Larry Roberts, Helen Robertson, Daniel Robichaud II, Frank M. Robinson, Lisa Rogers Lowrance, Gord Rollo, Michael Rowe, Mary SanGiovanni, Lawrence Santoro, Martel Sardina, Stanley C. Sargent, Chad Savage, Bill Scheinman, Janna Scott, Maya Seaman, Bill Selby, Dell Sellers, Harry Shannon, Barbara Shaurette, Gary Sherman, John Shirley, Steven Shrewsbury, Robert Shuster, Charli Siebert, David Simms, Michael Sims, Thomas Sipos, Mandy Slater, Dave Smeds, Henry Allen Smith, Maryanne Snyder, Alexandra Sokoloff, David Solow, Lucien Soulban, Nate Southard, Darren Speegle, Wickie Stamps, Kevin Standlee, Dawn M. Stanley, Anne M. Stickel, David Stier, Jeffrey Strand, Peter Straub, Susan Straub, Derek Sullivan, Koji Suzuki, Karen Taylor, Lee Thomas, Ryan Thomas, David Thomas Lord, Terry Tidwell, Laurie Toby Edison, Erik Tomblin, Vance Trancygier, Michael Uggla, Joanne Valencic, Brendan Vaughan, Tim Vittetoe, Cyrus Wade, Tim Waggoner, Chad Ward, Deena Warner, Matthew Warner, Jane Washburn, Doreen Webbert, James Webbert, David Wellington, Tracy West, Jacob Wiesman, Andrew Williams, Mike Willmoth, David Willoughby, F. Paul Wilson, Stephen M. Wilson, Gary K. Wolfe, David Wong, Simon Wood, Sarah Wood, Douglas Wood, Bill Woodward, Amber Wright, Paul Wrigley, Jennifer Wylie, Brianna Yamashita, Andrew Yang, Jayson Young, Jennifer Young, Shatter, Brom

### **Attending Dealers**

Alien Motives, Bad Moon Books, Bizarro Books, Bloodletting Press, Borderlands Books, Brick By Brick Design, Cargo Cult Books & Notions, Cavern Press/Surreal Magazine, City Slab Productions, Dark Discoveries Publications, Dark Recesses Press, Dead House Music, Diverse Media, Douglas Wood, Bookseller, Elder Signs Press, Exhibit A Press, Good Luck Games, Groti Productions, Hathaway Studios, Haunted Haight Walking Tour, Haunted Memories Changing Portraits, Helm Publishing, Hollywood Book and Poster Co., INHUMAN Magazine, Kiwi Studios, Margaret Mannatt Fine Books, Medallion Press, Necessary Evil Press, Necro Publications, New Genre, Ollin Productions, Persephone Writers Organization, Sevenacide, Sign of the Unicorn Jewelry, Skotos Tech Inc., Tachyon Publications, The Ruby Raven, The Vampire Tour of San Francisco, Thunder's Mouth Press, Tim Vittetoe Originals, Twilight Tales, Vertical Publishing

## **Programming**

Please note: this program was accurate at print time. Any changes will be noted at the listing at the meeting space.

Note: Panel participants whose names are followed by “(m)” have been designated as moderators.

Film festival scheduling will be available onsite.

## **Main Hall : Thursday**

6pm -- Opening Ceremonies and Grand Master Award Presentation

Meet all the Guests of Honor and see the presentation of this year’s Grand Master Award

9pm -- Movie Premiere: Beneath Still Waters

Brian Yuzna directs this adaptation of a story by Matthew Costello.

10pm -- Morbid Curiosity Open Mic

## **Nevada Room : Classroom : Thursday**

3pm -- Mort Castle’s Writers Workshop #1 Session 1

5pm -- The Perfect Pitch

Our Publisher Guest of Honor John Pelan gives you hints on what publishers want to see.

## **Main Hall : Friday**

11am -- Horror Art in the 21st Century

A roundtable discussion of the state of horror art in the 21st Century: John Picacio (m), Alan M. Clark, Chad Savage, Brom

12pm -- Kim Newman GoH Event

Guest of Honor Kim Newman sits down for an in-depth interview conducted by Peter Atkins

1pm -- A Tradition of Horrible Ladies

The influence of women horror writers from the early gothics to today’s terrors: Barbara J. Ferrenz (m), Deborah LeBlanc, Karen E Taylor, Lisa Morton, Lynne Hansen, Maria Alexander, Nancy Holder, Tina Jens, Yvonne Navarro

2pm -- Koji Suzuki GoH Event

Koji Suzuki and Peter Straub discuss the differences between horror in two cultures

3pm -- Horror Films

In the fifties it was atomic radiation, in the sixties and seventies our offspring, and in the eighties and nineties our own bodies. What frightens us these days, and how can

horror filmmakers put these fears on screen? Koji Suzuki, Laird Barron, Clark Perry (m), Bill Moseley, John Shirley

4pm -- John Pelan GoH Event - Paying Dues, or Why Publish?

An interview with John Pelan conducted by Darren Mckeeman

5pm -- The Web: Is it the future of horror publishing?

Now that almost everyone has published on the World Wide Web, is there really a future in this medium? Our panel discusses the possibility that the web isn't dead yet. Michael A. Arnzen (m), Nickolas Cook, David Wellington, Lawrence Santoro, Steven Shrewsbury

8pm -- Mass Autographing

11pm -- Twilight Tales Flash Fiction Contest

## **California Room : Panels : Friday**

11am --The Year's Best Horror Stories

What novels and short stories captured your imagination this year? What disappointed you? What are you looking forward to in the months ahead? Paula Guran, Nancy Holder (m), Adam Golaski, Lynne Hansen

12pm -- Building a Fan Base

How does one go from having "readers" to having "fans"? Jacob Strunk (m), Simon Wood, Jeff Strand, Alan Beatts, Michael Laimo

1pm -- Author's Fears

How do author's own fears inspire their stories and books? Sephera Giron (m), Brian Keene, Erik Tomblin, Lucien Soulban, Alexandra Sokoloff, J. F. Gonzalez

2pm -- Writing the Other

Creating characters outside the author's own gender, ethnicity, culture, or sexual orientation. Rita Oakes, Jacob Strunk, Lucien Soulban, Michael A. Arnzen, Thomas M. Sipos

3pm -- Labels in the Genre

So you have an elf, but it's not a sword/sorcery story. You've got futuristic technology but no aliens. You've got blood and guts but no serial killers. What the hell do you call it? Peter Straub, Alex S. Johnson, Brian Hodge , Gary Frank, Michael Shea, Laird Barron (m)

4pm -- San Francisco: Myths and Legends

What urban myths are unique to San Francisco, and what ghosts haunt its hills? Seth Lindberg (m), Debbie Viguie, Cody Goodfellow, P.D. Cacek, Rain Graves

5pm -- Horror in Comics

What does the recent resurgence of horror comics suggest about the future of the genre in the medium? Jackie Estrada (m), Cullen Bunn, James Chambers, Batton Lash, Brian Keene

## **Washington Room : Readings : Friday**

11:00am -- Aaron C. Bennett	3:00pm -- Deborah LeBlanc
11:30am -- Brian Keene	3:30pm -- Gene O'Neill
12:00pm -- Chesya Burke	4:00pm -- Harry Shannon
12:30pm -- Cullen Bunn	4:30pm -- James Chambers
1:00pm -- Adam Golaski	5:00pm -- Glen Hirshberg
1:30pm -- David Thomas Lord	5:30pm -- Gord Rollo
2:00pm -- Erik Tomblin	10:00pm -- Alice Henderson
2:30pm -- Gary Frank	10:30pm -- Christopher Golden

## **Nevada Room : Classroom : Friday**

3pm -- Mort Castle's Writers Workshop #1 Session 2

6pm -- Nancy Kilpatrick's Editor's Workshop Session 1

## **Main Hall : Saturday**

11am -- The Great and the Ghastly

Good and bad horror book covers (may be necessary for the moderator and/or guests to bring along book covers to show and tell for praising or verbal bashing): Elizabeth

Blue (m), Deena Warner, Deborah LeBlanc, Alan Beatts, John Picacio

12pm -- Brom GoH Event- The Art of Brom

Guest of Honor Brom presents a discussion about his art and techniques.

1pm -- Bloodstained Oz

A presentation on the Earthling Publications release. Christopher Golden, Glenn Chadbourne, James A. Moore, Ray Garton

2pm -- Bill Moseley GoH Event

Q&A conducted by Darren Mckeeman

3pm -- Occult Detectives

Where can readers find the best of investigators into the unknown? Jeremy Lassen (m), Stephen Jones, Kim Newman, John Pelan

4pm -- Clark Ashton Smith

A discussion of this legendary dark fantasy writer and California native. Dick Lupoff, Don Herron, Scott Connors (m)

5pm -- Where are the new masters of horror?

The seventies and eighties saw a generation of horror film lovers come of age and shape their own dark celluloid visions. Have any new directors emerged to whom the torch may be passed? Paula Guran, Chesya Burke, Fred Wiehe, John Everson (m), Michael Laimo

8pm -- The Rolling Darkness Revue

Music, reading, and more with the Rolling Darkness Revue. Glenn Hirshberg, Pete Atkins, Kim Newman plus special guests

9:30pm -- Movie Premiere: Gravedancers

11pm -- Gross-out Contest

The legendary World Horror Convention tradition continues, hosted by Rain Graves. Join our panel of gross-out judges as they sit through the grisliest stories our contestants can muster.

## **Redwood Room : Art Show : Saturday**

7:00pm -- Artists Reception

Join many of our exhibiting artists in the Art Show room for a wine and cheese reception until 9:00pm.

## **California Room : Panels : Saturday**

11am -- J-Horror

Why have Japanese horror movies, books, and comics succeeded in recent years, when their American counterparts fail? James A. Moore (m), Tim Waggoner, Thomas M. Sipos, Koji Suzuki, Weston Ochse

12pm -- Writing Series Fiction

What challenges do series present that stand-alone work doesn't? Liz Gorinsky (m), David Thomas Lord, Debbie Viguie, James Chambers, Lee Thomas

1pm -- Roots: Authentic American folklore in horror

Horror fiction based on authentic American folklore. Chesya Burke (m), Steven Shrewsbury, Alice Henderson, Joel Ross, Matthew Warner

2pm -- Where Sword & Sorcery and Horror Meet

How does an author bridge the gap from dark fantasy into something that sits on a mainstream shelf? Liz Gorinsky (m), Teri A. Jacobs, Yvonne Navarro, Tim Waggoner

3pm -- Marketing and Promotion for Authors

So you've written, and you've published. Now what? Lynne Hansen (m), Simon Wood, John Everson, Jeff Strand, Robert Dunbar

4pm -- Whisperers, Stalkers, and Invasions

This television season saw a spate of new supernatural-themed shows -- some good, some very, very bad. We discuss our favorites. W.D. Gagliani, Deborah LeBlanc (m), Clark Perry, Mary SanGiovanni, Robert Shuster

5pm -- The Grist Mill

Scott Hickey presents the audio horror of the Grist Mill

8pm -- The Vampire in San Francisco

Bloodsuckers in the Golden Gate City. James A. Moore (m), David Wellington, Seth Lindberg

9pm -- Hauntings

Horror fiction inspired by “authentic” supernatural events. Robert Dunbar (m), John Everson, P.D. Cacek, Teri A. Jacobs, Gene O’Neill

10pm -- Gross-Out Contest Tryouts

Want to participate in the Gross Out Contest? This is where you sign up. Not for the faint of heart.

## **Washington Room : Readings : Saturday**

11:00am -- Jeremy Robert Johnson	3:00pm -- Rain Graves
11:30am -- John Everson	3:30pm -- Rita Oakes
12:00pm -- Lawrence Santoro	4:00pm -- Tim Waggoner
12:30pm -- Loren Rhoads	4:30pm -- Steven L.
1:00pm -- Maria Alexander	Shrewsbury
1:30pm -- Michael Laimo	5:00pm -- Rob Dunbar
2:00pm -- Nancy Holder	5:30pm -- Darren Speegle
2:30pm -- P.D. Cacek	8:00pm -- Reading: John Shirley
	8:30pm -- Reading: Michael Arzen

## **Nevada Room : Classroom : Saturday**

12pm -- Nancy Kilpatrick’s Editor’s Workshop Session 2

3pm -- Mort Castle’s Writers Workshop #2 Session 1

## **Main Hall : Sunday**

11am -- Illustrating Fear

Today’s top horror artists discuss their work, and how they approach depicting the sacred and the profane. Brom, Deena Warner (m), W.D. Gagliani. Alan M. Clark. Chad Savage

12pm -- The Psychology of Horror

What lies beneath the genre? Dave Simms (m), Scott Connors, Barbara J. Ferrenz, Bill Breedlove, Erik Tomblin

1pm -- Is Buffy Dead and Buried?

There’s been talk of TV movies and mini-series, and an animated series looms ahead. But do we really want to give our slayer a continuing franchise? Nancy Holder (m), Alice Henderson, Matthew Warner, Yvonne Navarro

2pm -- Writing for Young Adults

How does writing for young adult differ from writing for adult? Elizabeth Blue (m), Lee Thomas, Maria Alexander, Cullen Bunn, Dave Simms

3pm -- Closing Ceremonies

## **California Room : Panels : Sunday**

11am -- H.P. Lovecraft & Other Horror in Mike Mignola's Hellboy

Adam Golaski presents a discussion on the influence of Lovecraft and others on the popular comic book series.

12pm -- Gay & Lesbian Issues in Horror

What is the current state of things, and what are the prospects for the future? Michael Rowe (m), Sephera Giron, Nancy Holder, David Thomas Lord, Christa Faust

1pm -- Creative Networking in Horror

Most professional horror writers have belonged to at least a one professional organization, whether HWA, RWA, or small pod-based groups. How effective are these for networking, and which group is right for you? Bill Breedlove (m), Gene O'Neill, Weston Ochse, Rain Graves, Nickolas Cook

2pm -- The Sounds of Horror

Audio horror, from the golden age of radio to today. Joe Medina (m), Lawrence Santoro, Jamie Lawson, Simon Wood

## **Washington Room : Readings : Sunday**

11:00am -- Brian Hodge      12:30pm --William D. Gagliani

11:30am -- Seth Lindberg      1:00pm -- John Skipp

12:00pm -- Nickolas Cook      1:30pm -- Christa Faust

## **Nevada Room : Classroom : Sunday**

10:00am -- World Horror Society Business Meeting

1pm -- Mort Castle's Writers Workshop #2 Session