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Hello

Online Registration is Open for the Seattle Worldcon Masquerade!

While there were antecedents, fannish costuming and the modern world of cosplay had its seminal founding moment when Myrtle Douglas and Forrest Ackerman wore futuristic costumes based on the film adaptation of H.G. Wells' novel *Things to Come* to Nycon I, the first World Science Fiction Convention in 1939. The masquerade is now a staple of every Worldcon, and is the feature mainstage event on Friday evening of our convention. Online registration for the Seattle Worldcon Masquerade, along with complete masquerade rules, is now available [on the Seattle Worldcon Masquerade Page](#), where you can register to compete as a master, journeyman, or a novice costumer. Regardless of your skill level or experience, all are welcome to participate and experience this premiere costuming event.

Other Cosplay Opportunities at Seattle Worldcon!

But there's much more to costuming at Seattle Worldcon than just the masquerade! Cosplay is always welcome in our halls. We welcome your creativity, so plan ahead and pack accordingly! Special costume-themed events will occur each day:

Announcing the Prop Contest! Show off your ingenuity and crafting prowess, or just come to be to be amazed by your peers! The Prop Contest has two categories: Prosthetic Devisions and Hand-Held Devices. No weapons though! Check out the [full rules on the webpage](#) and you can bring your devices on Wednesday to the event. No preregistration required!

The Single Pattern Contest: On Thursday, don't forget about the [Single Pattern Contest!](#) Make a bowling shirt or 1960s-style dress using one of the specified patterns and dress it up for competition. Judging occurs on Thursday, and winners will be shown Friday at halftime at the masquerade. The website has been updated with [contest rules](#).

The Seattle Worldcon Masquerade: This is on Friday! Read about how to enter above.

Theme Day: Emerald City in the Atomic Age: Saturday is retro future fashion day at Worldcon! Fresh with inspiration from the masquerade, wear your retro-futuristic finest to con on Saturday. Participants will be welcomed to a group costume meetup and photo at 3 p.m. in the Signature Lobby. If you like, keep wearing your retro future fashion to the Hugo Award Ceremony that evening!



Every Day: Earn a Hall Costume Ribbon

When you roam the halls of the Convention Center in your finery, you will not only be appreciated, you may be presented with an individualized hall costume recognition ribbon.

And More!

- Marvel at a curated exhibit of amazing costumes on display with [Special Exhibits](#). Photography is allowed, but please save your touching for a separate “tactile” display of close-up costume bits and accessories.
- Visit our cosplay and costume repair station beside the [Worldcon Cantina](#) with

from car display and costume repair station, beside the [Henson Learning](#) area, tools, supplies, and help if you need it from costume experts.

- Enjoy panels throughout the weekend in our costume track geared towards all levels of interest and experience. Sign up for a hands-on workshop and learn and new craft to up your costuming game!
- Visit the the [Dealers' Room](#) to find amazing pieces for purchase that are ready-to-wear.

Site Selection Voting is Open

Site Selection voting to determine the site of the 2027 Worldcon is now open. Members who purchase a voting token will receive a WSFS membership in the 2027 Worldcon. Voting may occur electronically, by mail, or in person at Seattle Worldcon, and closes on Friday, August 15. Full details are available [on the website](#) which also contains [step-by-step instructions for voting](#).

48 Items of Business! The First Virtual Business Meeting Session is July 4

A reminder—the first Virtual Business Meeting session of the 2025 Worldcon begins at 9 a.m. Pacific Time on July 4. There are [Test Your Tech Sessions](#) on July 1 at 7–10 a.m. and 3–6 p.m. to make sure your system is configured properly to participate. The [Business Meeting Agenda](#) with current-year proposals and reports and [Virtual Meeting Instructions](#) are available on the web page. Need an overview? Watch the replay of our May 28 [Business Meeting Town Hall](#). All attending members and virtual attending members of this Worldcon are welcome to participate and build the future of the World Science Fiction Society—which consists of all the members of this Worldcon! See you there.

Fan Tables, Dealers' Room Vendors, and Art Show Participants Posted!

Seattle Worldcon has posted a list of participating [fan tables](#), [dealers' room vendors](#), and [art show participants](#) on its website, complete with short bios, images, and weblinks. Head over for a preview of some of the great things you'll be seeing in the Exhibit Hall August 13 -17.



Tea, Earl Gray, Hot. With a Crumpet.

The [Fringe schedule](#) is close to complete, with the addition of several new activities. To start your day, join us for Mornings at the Market, a stroll to The Crumpet Shop, or other Pike Place Market eateries, for breakfast and your choice of caffeine any (or every!) morning from August 10–19.

Perhaps after a day checking out the Space Needle, the Museum of Popular Culture, Seattle's waterfront, or whatever else you want to explore, you may want to come down to Pioneer Square for a tour of Seattle's hidden Underground. Afterwards, kick back and enjoy a beer and a beautiful sunset vista at Old Stove Brewing Co. in Pike Place. During

con on Thursday August 14, you can walk 3.5 blocks from the Summit to the ACT Theater to check out the one-day independent [ConCurrent](#) festival. RSVP for all these and other activities promoted through Fringe and meet up with the Worldcon crew!

Check out the webpage for the [full schedule of Fringe events](#). You can also add every Fringe event straight to your [Google Calendar](#).

If you have an hour here or there to volunteer to help your fellow Worldcon attendees find one another and their way to Fringe activities, please [apply to volunteer](#) and mention Fringe, or contact fringe@seattlein2025.org.



No Chesley Award Ceremony at Worldcon

The Association of Science Fiction & Fantasy Artists has informed us that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Chesley Awards will not be presented at Seattle Worldcon 2025. For updates and information about the Chesley Awards, visit the [ASFA webpage](#).

The Community Fund Needs Your Help—We're Almost Out of Funds

The [Community Fund](#) has helped bring fans from underserved and marginalized communities to Worldcon. But right now, the fund is nearly empty. We still have applicants hoping to attend this year's convention, and with your support, we can help make that happen. Every donation, no matter the size, goes directly toward covering costs like travel, lodging, and registration for attendees who wouldn't otherwise be able to join us. Let's come together to make Worldcon welcoming and accessible to all. [Donate today!](#)

Thank you for being part of this community, and for making a difference.



Check Out Film Listings for the Seattle Worldcon Film Festival

The [Film Festival Webpage](#) has been updated with images and descriptions of the 74 films that have been selected to be shown in the Seattle Worldcon 2025 Film Festival, a combination of feature-length and short films. Many have trailers. A listing of film blocks is provided. The film festival will screen films from 9 a.m.–9 p.m. daily, offering 10 hours per day of diverse independent speculative fiction. Recognizing the vibrant speculative film scene in the Seattle area, we will also feature “Best Of” selections from local festivals, as well as feature presentations such as the films of 1930s Seattle filmmaker Richard Lyford, and a showing of three short films based on short stories by Howard Waldrop, produced by Seattle Worldcon member and panelist George R.R. Martin.

The film festival received over 180 entries from 33 countries. We intentionally embrace and foster new voices in speculative fiction, including those of BIPOC, women, and LGBTQ+ film creators. Submission fees were waived for BIPOC and women directors, with over 50% of our submissions coming from these sources.



Traffic Headaches in Store

A word to the wise—we have learned that [full lane closures are planned](#) on northbound I-5 from I-90 to Northeast 45th Street on August 15–18, overlapping the last three days of Worldcon and the following Monday. This may pose challenges and delays for daily convention commuters approaching from the South. The airport is south of the convention center, so travel time from the convention center to the airport may not be appreciably affected (and the best route for this is on light rail). However, it will be best to minimize driving in personal vehicles during this time, or to allow an additional margin of safety to get to your destination.

Dropoff Childcare Arrangements Finalized—Take your Worldcon Kids to Space Explorer Camp!

Seattle Worldcon has contracted with [KiddieCorp](#) to provide dropoff childcare services for children aged six weeks through 12 years of age. Advance registration is encouraged, and services will cost \$10/hour, per child. KiddieCorp is a professional organization which specializes in childcare for conventions and conferences, and offers a variety of activities based on the children's ages and interests. They have a long-term relationship with U.S. Worldcons and provided childcare services at Chicon 8. The theme this year is Space Explorer Camp! For more information, and to find the reservation link, visit the [Kids & Teens page](#) of our website.



Come work with us!

Volunteer positions are currently available and many more will be opening up as the convention approaches. Let us know you are interested by filling out the volunteer form early! You can find it [here on the website](#), and keep an eye on this page as more roles become available.

Reminder: Virtual Business Meeting Dates and Times

[As previously announced](#), the main sessions of the WSFS Business Meeting will be held virtually before the convention this year, at the following dates and times (Pacific Daylight Time):

- Friday, July 4, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 13, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 19, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 25, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

More information about the [business meeting](#) may be found on the website.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at
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