



Progress Report #2

Conflikt 4

January 28-30 2011

Message from the chair:

It's almost here again. My favourite weekend of the year. Where dreams seem to come true for someone - this year will be no different (I already have inside info to that effect).

Every year at about this time I start getting excited, almost like I have to wait for the New Year for my excitement to ramp up. I hope all of you can come and join in. I expect a unique year with our guests and the new space. I for one can't wait to hear that smooth keyboard skill of our GoH again, or find out just what our Toast (who won the song writing contest 2 years running) will come up with.

See you soon!

-Beth Runnerwolf, Chair

Message from the vice-chair:

Conflikt 4 is just about here, and we're getting down to the final bits and bobs. We still have many, many brunch tickets available for sale, and as you all know we have the insta-filk during the brunch.

I know that I, personally, am extraordinarily excited by this year's lineup of guests as well, and cannot wait to see them, and all of the members of the con, hear the fabulous music and see the always wonderful items in the Interfilk auction.

I'll see you all there!
JT Traub, Vice-Chair

FABULOUS Concerts!

Guest of Honour Dr. Mary Crowell – Hot piano, jazzy style full of character and quirk, hailing from Athens, Alabama!

Toastmaster Mark Osier – Pacific Northwest local from Snohomish, Washington, with a likely chance of New Bunk Foss! (Just sayin')

Interfilk Guest Ben Newman – Will he ever get his dragon sold? Joining us all the way from Boston-area, Massachusetts!

Leannan Sidhe – Pacific Northwest fey artist, singer/songwriter and dancer enchanting us from Seattle, Washington!

Andrea Dale – Fierce, funny, focused warrior of Zen Cappucino reknown, from Cincinnati, Ohio!

Vixy and Tony – Big supporters of filk in the Pacific Northwest, talented musicians and delightful people coming to us from Seattle, Washington!

Creede Lambard – Pacific Northwest local, high tech gypsy and banjo player extraordinaire from Seattle, Washington!

Cecelia Eng – A longtime filker who sings songs of space and other things in a solid alto, joining us from Portland, Oregon!

Steve Dixon – Another longtime filker from Marysville, Washington!

...and possibly more!

PLUS!

- Sing-through of Interfilk guest Ben Newman's Musical "Walk in the Day"!
- Yoga with our GoH, Dr. Mary Crowell!
- Harry Potter Filk and Wizard Rock Panel with Dawn Jaekel!
- Sound 101 for Performers (including "Why pointing the mic at a speaker is bad") with John Seghers!

AND MORE GREAT THINGS FOR YOU TO JUMP INTO (or watch from a safe distance)!

- Prep your Magic-related songs for the "Magic" Theme Circle, hosted by Ben Newman!
- Songbook Sing-a-long! Did you submit a song for the songbook? You can lead it at the Sing-a-long!
- Two-fers – sign up for your own tiny concert, 2 songs or 10 minutes!
- Juried One-Shots – get feedback on your performance from our guests!
- Band Scramble – sign up to be in a new band to perform a song on Sunday!
- Farewell jam of instruments and voices!
- The Smoked Salmon - Vegetarians Welcome! If you're still here Sunday night, join us for one last jolly open filk! 'Cause hey, who wants to leave when we're having so much fun?

THRILLING INTERFILK AUCTION!

Our talented auctioneers and wenches will auction off chocolate, filk-related rarities, the shiny-est of shiny shinies, and just plain silly stuff to raise money for Interfilk, the filk fan fund! They make it possible for us to have an extra, amazing guest each year – this year Benjamin Newman – and they promote the strange and ~~disturbing~~ exciting intermingling of filkers around the filk cons! Hooray!

Bring your item donations with you to the con, and come to the auction for a fabulously fun and hilarious good time! (No purchase necessary, though you may find yourself enticed...)

DEALER'S ROOM!

Friends of Filk and Sea Fire Productions will return to the dealer's room this year.

DELICIOUS BRUNCH! (with CD!)

Be sure to buy a ticket for our Saturday Brunch! Enjoy the tasty buffet in our main event space, have a chance to chat with our guests, and join in the at-the-table instafilk fun. And every brunch attendee will get an exclusive CD with tracks from our guests. (Supporting members get the CD too, but if you're at the con anyway, why not join us for brunch?)

BRUNCH CD SING-A-LONG!

Conflikt's membership records a sing-a-long song as part of Friday's opening ceremonies to help make the Brunch CD a fun souvenir for all the participants!

This year's sing-a-long is Leslie Fish's "Hope Eyrie" in honour of the Space Shuttle's 2011 retirement. The sing-a-long will be lead by our GoH Dr Mary Crowell and Toastmaster Mark Osier. See the Sing-a-long section of the Conflikt website to learn or refresh your memories of this classic filk song!

BRUNCH CD SUBMISSIONS!

What goes on the Brunch CD besides the sing-a-long? Tracks from our guests and other members of Conflikt!

If you have a recording you'd like to submit for this year's Brunch CD, please send it to sound@conflikt.org. A WAV or high-bitrate MP3 file is preferred to go on the actual CD; if you don't want to send that big a file through email, contact sound@conflikt.org to make file transfer arrangements.

We also record some tracks for the Brunch CD before the con officially starts on Friday afternoon. Recording is (tentatively) scheduled between 2pm and 5pm in the main event space. If you would like to be considered, please contact programming@conflikt.org with the time period you will be available on Friday afternoon.

OPEN FILKS!

Stay up all night playing & singing with your friends in open filk on Friday & Saturday! Play your favourite tunes and learn some new favourites! Don't forget Sunday night's **Smoked Salmon Filk!**

NEW HOTEL THIS YEAR!

Holiday Inn Seattle – SeaTac International Airport

17338 International Boulevard
Seattle, WA 98188
Locals: (206) 428-2105
Toll free: (877) 5-SEATAC

Our room rate is \$99/night for 1 or 2 people in a standard room. Suites are also available for \$109 or \$119 per night. (The 3rd and 4th person in a room has a \$10 additional charge per person per night.) Parking for 1 car is included with the room; additional cars are \$12 per day.

Please call the hotel directly to book your room! Be sure to tell them you are with the Conflikt convention to get our rate. Or email Amber Kelly in the reservations department at reservations@hi-seatac.com. Don't use the website or main 1-800 number – they don't know about us!

See below for more notes on our new hotel and directions!



Notes on the Hotel!

The hotel is across the street from the Seattle-Tacoma International airport. Light sleepers may want to bring earplugs.

Conflikt's main event space and dealer's room occupy the top floor of the hotel. Both these rooms have windows. (We hope that the possibility of natural light in con space will not be too disorienting!)

There are no guest rooms on the top floor, so the Hospitality / con suite will be on the floor below.

Parking is \$12 per day (park 1 car free with room).

The hotel restaurant closes at 11pm Friday and Saturday nights, and at 10pm other nights.

24-hr eateries: Denny's is 0.14 mile north of the hotel. 13 Coins is located 0.75 mile south of the hotel. Another Denny's is just south of 13 Coins. Other restaurants dot International Boulevard as well. (Pro tip: Tell people to meet you "at Denny's"!)
The hotel has an indoor pool and hot tub.

OMG HOW DO I SIGN UP?

ONLINE

Register at our website with PayPal and/or credit card: www.conflikt.org

BY MAIL

Print out a registration form from the website & mail it with your cheque to:

Conflikt
PO Box 30113
Seattle, WA 98113

AT DOOR

We will naturally have registration at the con!

What does Conflikt cost?

- Attending memberships are US\$55.
- Children 12 & under admitted free.
- Brunch tickets are US\$30 and include the brunch CD.
- Brunch tickets for children (age 12 & under) are US\$20 and do not include a brunch CD.
- Supporting memberships are US\$25 and include a songbook and a brunch CD.

...and Further Afield!

The nearest Guitar Center is 3.5 miles from the hotel.

The nearest 7-11 convenience store is a few blocks from the hotel. Several shopping centers are within a couple miles. The nearest mall, Westfield Southcenter, is 3.5 miles away.

The Pacific Science Center features a Harry Potter exhibit with props from the movies through Jan 30th. Advance tickets are available. More information is at <http://www.pacsci.org>.

The Experience Music Project and SciFi Museum features an exhibit with props from the old and new versions of Battlestar Galactica. More information is at <http://www.empsfm.org>.

International Boulevard is Pacific Highway South on some maps. It's also State Route 99.

"SeaTac" can refer to the airport or the surrounding area. A small city near the airport chose the name "SeaTac" as well.

How Do I Get To Conflikt? You know, to the:

Holiday Inn Seattle – SeaTac International Airport

17338 International Boulevard

Seattle, WA 98188

(Between S 170th St and S 176th St)

PLANES

If you're flying into Seattle-Tacoma (SeaTac) International Airport, there is a 24 hour shuttle service is available to and from the hotel. Follow the signs at SeaTac Airport to Ground Transportation & Hotel Shuttles and look for the one to the Holiday Inn – SeaTac. There are phones available to call the hotel to request the shuttle, if you don't spot it right away!

If you have a rental car you picked up at SeaTac Airport (or if you picked up someone at Arrivals)

1. Follow the signs to exit the main parking / rental car area to the freeway.
2. Take the S 170th St exit and turn RIGHT onto S 170th St.
3. Turn RIGHT onto International Blvd.
4. The Holiday Inn – SeaTac will be on your LEFT. There is a left-turn lane.

If you have a rental car that you picked up off the airport grounds, I'm afraid I don't know exactly where you are. I suggest you ask the rental folks for a map of the area.

TRAINS (and other PUBLIC TRANSPORT)

If you're taking the local public transit, check out the trip planner at:

<http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov>

Plug in "17388 International Blvd" as your destination. Bus routes that stop near the hotel include 156, 180, and 574.

The SeaTac / Airport Light Rail Station is located at International Blvd and 176th! Right by the hotel! The station has a pedestrian bridge to the hotel's side of International Blvd. The light rail station even has a website:

<http://www.soundtransit.org/x12885.xml>

The light rail also stops near Amtrak's King Street Station in Seattle, if you want to take a train to a train!

AUTOMOBILES

From I-5 or I-405:

If you're coming from Canada, Oregon, and other points North or South of Tukwila, you'll probably take I-5. If you're coming from the Eastside (or if you're coming from Eastern Washington on I-90) you'll probably want to take I-405.

Whichever way you're arriving, these directions start where I-5 meets I-405, and I-405 becomes state route 518.

1. Merge on to highway 518.
 - a. From I-5 North, take exit 154A and stay to the Left on the exit ramp to West 518 towards Burien
 - b. From I-5 South, take exit 154B and stay to the Left on the exit ramp to West 518, Burien/Sea-Tac Airport
 - c. From I-405 South, continue straight across I-5 and you are now on Westbound 518.
2. Take the "SeaTac Airport / Highway 99" combined exit. Stay in the far right lane.
3. Immediately take the Highway 99 sub-exit.
4. Turn RIGHT to go to South Highway 99.
5. Turn RIGHT onto South Highway 99, which is also International Blvd.
6. Drive approximately 1.2 miles. The Holiday Inn – SeaTac will be on your LEFT. There is a left-turn lane.

TELEPORTERS

Local Earth coordinates:

47.448174 (47° 26' 53") N
122.29629 (122° 17' 47") W
110m elevation

Please consult your device documentation to convert to other forms of reference if needed.