



Progress Report #1

Conflikt 4

January 28-30 2011

Message from the chair:

Hey! It's October, which means 2 great filk cons thousands of miles apart. I wish I could be at both, but alas I am not much of a globe trotter at the moment. January also has 2 great filk cons thousands of miles apart. I am only qualified to speak on Conflikt in Seattle (technically Sea-Tac). As we go into our 4th year we are shaking things up a bit with:

- *Amazing guests that I am looking forward to introducing to our local group of filkers – and vice versa!*
- *A new hotel that is super easy to get to from the airport and light rail!*
- *A great main ballroom for our main function space and our brunch venue!*
- *And the most important part of all, as many of you as can be there!*

Our staff is gearing up and getting more excited by the week. We can't wait to see the memories we are all going to be making together.

-Beth Runnerwolf, Chair

Message from the vice-chair:

It's that time of year again, and all of the planning and scheming for Conflikt 4 is well underway. As always, we're going to bring you a fabulous convention, filled with song, merriment, and fabulous cash prizes. Well, not so much on the cash prizes, but we're definitely well stocked on the fun, song and merriment. We've got some amazing guests this coming year, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of them, and you, there to enjoy them.

See you there!
JT Traub, Vice-Chair

FABULOUS GUESTS!

- Guest of Honour **Mary Crowell** was introduced to filk at GaFilk 2001, and now people cannot keep her away with sticks. Solo, Mary's been nominated for several Pegasus awards, winning Best Performer in 2007. Her song *Magnus Retail* is nominated for Best Magic Song this year. Mary also plays in the bands Three Weird Sisters and Play It With Moxie, which is nominated for the Best Performer Pegasus this year. Want to know more? Check out <http://magnusretail.com/>
- Toastmaster **Mark Osier** is best known at Conflikt for winning the songwriting contests at Conflikt 1 and 2. Some also know him best as a Dorsai. Mark was Interfilk guest for Harmonicon in 1995 and has been nominated for four Pegasus awards.
- Interfilk is bringing **Benjamin Newman**, who writes songs on SF and fantasy, science, computers, and religion. Ben is nominated for two Pegasus awards this year: *Here Be Cartographers* for Best Filk Song and *Dragon For Sale* for Best Classic Filk Song.

DELICIOUS BRUNCH! (with BONUS CD!)

Be sure to buy a ticket for our Saturday Brunch! Enjoy a 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?)

SING-ALONG!

Conflikt's membership records a sing-along song as part of opening ceremonies to help make the Brunch CD a fun souvenir for all the participants! Watch this space and the Conflikt LJ community for the name and lyrics of this year's sing-along song!

A SONGBOOK TO TAKE HOME!

Every con attendee & supporting member will get a copy of our songbook. What's in the songbook? That's up to you! Submit your song to Cindy Turner at songbook@conflikt.org – words, or words & music if you have them – to have it included. All submissions welcome! Send 'em in by Dec. 31, 2010.

THRILLING FUNDRAISING!

Our talented auctioneers and wenchs will auction off chocolate, filk-related rarities, 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 time it's Benjamin Newman – and they promote the disturbing intermingling of filkers around the world. Hooray! Bring your item donations with you to the con, and come to the auction for a fabulously fun, wallet-depleting good time!

DEALER'S ROOM!

Friends of Filk will return to the dealer's room this year!

OPEN FILKS!

Stay up all night playing & singing with your friends in open filk on Friday & Saturday! Play your favourite tunes, learn some new favourites, and jam along with our wonderful guests! Still here Sunday night? Come join us for a little extra open filk at the **Smoked Salmon**, Conflikt's Pacific NW version of the Dead Dog, running from the close of the con until the last filker drifts off to bed.

And lots more – our programming kitsune, Shawna, has evil, mysterious, foxy plans! By which I mean a programming grid packed with concerts, contests, celebrations, and other shiny things! There will be things to sign up for at the con, and there may still be some concert and/or programming slots left as you read this – contact Shawna at programming@conflikt.org if you are interested!

NEW HOTEL THIS YEAR!

We are now at the **Holiday Inn Seattle – SeaTac International Airport**, conveniently located between two (that's right 2!) Denny's!

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.)

Please call the hotel directly to book your room!

Locals: (206) 428-2105
Toll free: (877) 5-SEATAC

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!

The hotel offers free 24-hr shuttles to Sea-Tac airport. A light rail station is nearby for those coming from downtown Seattle or Amtrak's King Street Station.

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

IN PERSON

Lauren Schulz will be accepting registrations in person at OVFF. Jen Kilmer will be accepting registrations at OryCon.

What does Conflikt cost?

- Attending memberships are US\$50 until November 30, 2010.
- Children 12 & under admitted free.
- Brunch tickets are \$30 and include the brunch CD.
- Brunch tickets for children 12 & under are \$20 and do not include a brunch CD.
- Supporting memberships are \$25 and include a songbook and a brunch CD.

