

## Welcome to Escapade 30

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In a recent episode of *Will and Grace* titled *Bi-Plane*, Grace's 22-year-old niece, Fiona, announces her engagement to her bisexual boyfriend. Will and Grace think they're making a huge mistake. Fiona says, "I know you guys are coming from a good place, but some of your ideas, they're just a little... '90s."

Grace replies, "Ugh, please don't say 'the '90s' like it's the '50s."

I (Charlotte) mention this because I think it might apply to this convention. Escapade is 30 years old. Two women in their 20s started it way back in another century. It's rooted in a different time. But we cherish our "Fionas" who teach us, who change us, who keep the con vibrant and interesting and—we hope—relevant and rewarding and fun.

So we're a product of the 1990s but we're members of the 2020s. Our 30-year history across slash and 'shipping culture stretches back to pre-internet days. Our overcrowded vid schedule inspired VividCon. We jumped onto listservs and watched internet fandom begin and flourish and change everything—including us. We're lucky to have known and loved so many trailblazers... to have them as members of our community... to honor them and what they've gone on to create and contribute. And we're grateful for the influx of new members who strengthen us and expand our perspectives and remake Escapade, with changes both small and large, to keep us moving forward toward what's next.

Escapade 1 had a single track of panels, 72 attendees, a dealer's room that opened for 2 days (and was *mobbed*), professional strippers (who we embarrassed), free margaritas in the consuite, educational porn presented by a Scottish nanny, bedtime slashfic readings, an frigid outdoor pool, and *so much* laughter and excitement and fun.

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Escapade 30 has four tracks of panels, three days of dealer's room, a fan fair and crafting groups, gaming, the art show and (famous) auction, free drinks from our hotel (at the manager's reception), free full breakfast, a costume-dance-and-vid party, consuite parties, the fanzine library, a robot concierge named Winnie, and an indoor heated pool and hot tub.

We change with the times; we celebrate them. We talk, wank, and party all weekend. And we thank you for being a part of Escapade.

Special welcome to our trans/nonbinary members who are new to the con. Because We sometimes forget that it needs saying that *everyone* is, and always has been, welcome at Escapade.

**Special welcome to attendees who are younger than the con.** You'll carry fan-run conventions into the future. If you want to become involved with the con team, contact us. We'll share what we know, learn what you know, and improve the con for everyone.

If you're new or curious, take a guided tour of con space with us. Look in "What's Happening," below, for tour times and other details.



## Locations

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Suite 430/431: Consuite. Registration; volunteer check-in; the fanzine library; snacks and food; spare room with TV, Blu-Ray player and HDMI cable, so you can pimp shows, watch vids, etc. Bring your media (and computer if needed).

Marina del Rey – Dealer Room

Del Mar – Art Show and Fan Fair

Laguna/Malibu – Meta panels, Dance Party, Vid Show, Auction

Catalina – Fandom panels, Game Night, Swap Meet, Vid Annex

Newport – Meta & Fandom, Friday Night Party

Redondo – Tech/Alt/Vid, Games and Puzzles

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Atrium – Meetups and more. That huge central open space in the hotel that makes some of us think of Ceres Station from *The Expanse*. Full breakfast and a happy hour are free to hotel guests. Meetups and some of the best conversations start before panels or continue after them in the Atrium.

Pick up a sign and stand from the consuite to announce your conversations, games, or activities.

## Schedules

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Schedule Online (with links to download the Program Book and one-sheet schedule) with mobile-friendly view. You can sign up for the few remaining DIY slots, too: [escapadecon.net/schedule/](http://escapadecon.net/schedule/)

Large-format schedules are posted on the inside of panel room doors, and in the Consuite. Pick up big post-its in the Consuite to promote your DIY panel or meetup on site!

## Art Show

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Enjoy all the eye candy in Del Mar. Share your appreciation with onsite kudos for (the artists appreciate the feedback), and bid on art you'd like to take home.

Remember, art in the art show requires THREE BIDS to go to auction. Be attentive and make sure the art you want goes home with you! Your bid is your promise to pay. Art sold at Escapade supports creative fan artists, the convention, and the con charity (ACLU).

Plan to attend the art auction on Sunday morning after breakfast. Shoshanna is an *amazing* auctioneer, and she and our runners ~~dress provocatively~~ put on a great show.

## What's Happening?

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Guided Tour & Mod Panel Thursday Evening: Tour of the convention space (7pm Laguna) and “How to Mod” panel (7:30pm Newport). Both repeat Friday (10am and noon).

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**Fan Fair:** Crafty fans will be displaying (and selling) their creations. **Friday 9am-11am Del Mar.**

**Meetups:** Small-group discussions (up to 6 people) in the atrium throughout the weekend. Sign up in the consuite.

**RPGs and other gaming:** Fate Core, Monster of the Week, and Urban Shadows RPGs, plus Friday game night. Check the program for scheduled games.

The **Zine Library:** See what the fuss was all about, or indulge your nostalgia and check out an old favorite from the consuite.

**Live Tweeting/Blogging.** Share during panels (hashtags in the schedule here and online); amplify the conversation. Be sure to post quotes without the speakers' names (not even badge names) unless you have permission. (Get volunteer hours for live tweeting your panels!)

The **Slash Swap Meet (in Catalina)** was born at Escapade over twenty years ago. Fans drop off collectibles from fandoms they no longer love. Others find new stuff they adore, and make a donation to the Swap Jar. It's generous. It's on an honor system. It's awesome, and it supports both the con and charity (ACLU).

Please be quiet and respectful of panels sharing Swap Meet space.

**Charging Stations:** Designated charging stations for your devices are in each function room and the consuite.

## Food, Restaurant Discounts

**Grab-and-go LUNCH** at Aero Bistro in our hotel's Atrium. Tasty salads, good sandwiches, vegetarian options, \$12+tax. Add chips and a drink for \$15 inclusive.

**Jersey Mike's DISCOUNT** at the neighboring Residence Inn. Free chips and drink with any sandwich purchase.

**Starbucks DISCOUNT** at the neighboring Residence Inn.

**ZPizza DISCOUNT** at the neighboring Residence Inn.

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**Consuite Food.** We start the convention suite with a big initial buy, and delicious contributions from people like Dail and Franzeska and Stranger, who bring chili and barbecue and brownies and cookies and salads to share. We've added hot snacks Saturday afternoon. Please eat consuite food in the consuite. Never bring outside food into any function spaces.

**Food Safety in the Consuite.** Tongs and more serving utensils, as well as stricter controls of which foods are kept hot or cold, help everyone stay healthy. Be considerate of other fans and do NOT pick up food with your fingers. If you're sick or think you might be sick, wash your hands before handling utensils. Thank you!

**Respect the Tongs.** Keep everyone safe and healthy.

## Convention Code of Conduct

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**Hey, hey, hey, don't be mean** (*Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai*)

See online for the complete code of conduct. In brief, **Escapade does not tolerate\***:

- offensive or aggressive behavior toward real people
- physical contact without full consent
- intrusive or aggressive behavior (e.g., stalking, non-consensual photography or recording, legal name exposure)
- bigotry or harassment of real people for any reason.

**What to do if you feel harassed.**

- Call it out. Identify the harasser. Get a witness if you can. Leave the space if you need to.
- Talk to the con chairs (Megan or Charlotte) or Misti (consuite), on site, or email [alert@escapadecon.net](mailto:alert@escapadecon.net). If you email during the con and do not hear back within 1 hr, *please* notify Misti. Don't assume we know. Assume we *want* to know.
- Post-con, email [alert@escapadecon.net](mailto:alert@escapadecon.net), [info@escapadecon.net](mailto:info@escapadecon.net).

See [www.escapadecon.net/conduct](http://www.escapadecon.net/conduct) for how we'll handle anything.

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**\*Panels note.** The freedom to express opposing points of view is a cornerstone of debate, engagement, and the passion that runs fannish interests. Please make the distinction between heated debate and personal attacks. We tolerate neither abuse nor efforts to silence differing opinions.

**Photos.** You need the permission of anyone you want to photograph. If someone's badge has a red bar across the top, it means "NO PHOTOS" period. Don't even ask.

**Bathrooms.** Our hotel has both gendered and gender-neutral bathrooms on the lobby level. You are free to use the restroom of your choice.

## The People

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**Misti**, mistress of the convention suite, organizes volunteers, food, donations, and the zine library. Schedule the consuite for a party. Pimp fandoms in the spare room. Sunday, you can pre-reg for Escapade 31.

**Barbana**, the art show maven, organizes the displays while she runs the art show and auction. She welcomes the awesome art show volunteers and beautifully runs the show.

**Sian** runs the dealer's room and **Diannelamerc**, the Orphan Sales table. The dealers are as interesting as the items they show and sell.

**Megan and Charlotte**, your convention chairs, are here to welcome you. They will also help you if you have problems with panels, people, the hotel, or the schedule.

**Franzeska** curated the vids Friday night dance party and show.

**Jo and Killa** did outreach, collected, curated, and will present the Saturday night premiere. Thank them all for their hard work curating and compiling the brainchildren of amazing vidders.

**ride\_4ever** is Escapade's one-woman welcommittee. Say hello if you've been chatting online. She'll help you with any details of the

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con—what to do, who to ask, how to get something you want if it can be gotten, and how to register for next year.

**Dail, Aral, Kris, Elanor Graves, Constance Penley, Snow;** other generous volunteers and/or underwriters of the scholarships and the convention, all of the people whose names we forgot; **Ken**, who we miss terribly; and everyone who makes Escapade happen.

Thank you!

**Scholarships.** Our scholarships were created to recognize vidders, grand hostesses of Escapade, and fans who are non-binary, transgender or questioning. We'll remember the names of these early Escapade members for a long time to come: Sandy Herrold and Stacy Doyle; and we'll value the new trans/ nonbinary/questioning attendees who may not have known you've been welcome at Escapade since the beginning.

Today they subsidize costs for fans who might not otherwise be able to attend the convention, from lots of help to reduced registration fees. Thanks to everyone who donated to the Scholarship Fund. Be sure to say "hi" to, our recipients this year.

## **Thursday and Friday Panels**

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**Thursday**

**7:00 pm**

**Early Registration**

**Convention Suite**

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**Guided Tour**

Megan Kent

Laguna/Malibu

New to Escapade, new to this hotel, or just want a walkthrough to give yourself ideas on how to spend the convention? This strolling tour points out event rooms, consuite, art show and dealer room, and various aspects of the hotel. #tour

**7:30 pm – How to Mod an Escapade Panel**

Megan Kent, Aral

Newport

Nervous about moderating a panel? Modded before and it went flat, but you're not sure why? Let's talk about how to start a panel and keep people engaged. First-timers strongly encouraged to attend. #HowToMod

**Friday**

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**10:00 AM**

**How to Mod Escapade Panels**

Aral, Megan Kent

Newport

Moderating an Escapade panel is different from most conventions - you don't need to be an expert, and you aren't supposed to lecture. If you haven't been to Escapade before, learn what to expect; if you have, maybe get some tips from other moderators.

#How2Mod

**11:00 AM**

**Welcome to Escapade**

Megan Kent, Charlotte C. Hill

Laguna/Malibu

Start the weekend off by meeting the con chairs and other attendees, selecting wildcard and wayback panels, and getting an overview of the weekend. #Welcome

## **Friday Panels**

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**Noon**

**Guided Tour**

TBD

Laguna/Malibu

Not sure where to find the art show? The dealers? Come along with us and learn the ins and outs of the convention space.

### **Focus Group: Media Fans and Politics**

Megan Genovese

Catalina

PhD candidate wants to talk to fans about politics! Regardless of whether you live and breathe politics or haven't voted before, as long as you are an American adult, she's interested, and hopes to hear a range of opinions and perspectives. Start here:

<https://escapadecon.net/focus-group-media-fans-and-politics-research-project/>

### **Avengers Endgame is it the end for you?**

Teresa

Newport

Did you love it, hate it? Was it right on the mark or waaaay off it? What worked for you or WTF were they thinking. Come and rehash the End of the Avengers Game. #Endgame

**1:00 PM**

### **Slash before Star Trek**

Gideon Marcus, glymr

Laguna/Malibu

The Galactic Journey has made it to February 1965, and while slash wasn't really a thing yet...it should have been, because there are LOTS of characters to pair. Join us for a whirlwind trip through the first half of the 60s: Come for the squee, stay for the history! #BeforeST

### **She-Ra: hella queer**

Fashes

Catalina

Squeee! And maybe some meta. Adora/Catra. Adora/Glimmer. Scorpia/Catra. Scorpia/Entraptra. Mermista/Perfuma. Nettossa/Spinnerella. Huntara/Everybody. Scorpia/Everybody. #She-Ra

## **Friday Panels**

# The Witcher: Toss a Coin to Your Witcher

Kadymae DevilC

## Newport

Let us come and journey through S1 of the Netflix series!

Yennifer's journey, Ciri's gift, the songs, the Law of Surprise, the most epic wedding ever, and oh yes, all the bathing going on. (And just when did Jaskier rub chamomile on that bare bottom? Surely somebody has written that story!) #Witcher

## Writing the Mundane

Raine Wynd

Redondo

Why is it that writing someone making breakfast, walking across a room, or driving a car can be so much harder than writing deep emotional scenes? Tips to help us become better writers of the everyday activities that are essential to a fully developed story.  
#WritingTheMundane

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2:00 PM

## The New Taboos – or, when your fave trope is now depraved

Elf, Constance Penley

## Laguna/Malibu

Fandom constantly re-evaluates what's considered problematic, removing things (M/M is no longer considered perverted) and adding them (drunk!fic is now iffy). What formerly common tropes are now in question? Do you ever reconsider old faves in the light of new fandom ethics? #NewTaboos

**SPN: Welcome to The End**

Killa Beez

Catalina

Fifteen years, and our show is coming to an end. Season 15 has been quite the ride so far; for those of us hanging on until the end, what do you think of the season so far, and what kind of ending would you like to see? #SPN

## Game: Fandom Dating Game

Charlotte C. Hill

## Newport

Come pimp your fandom, pick one up, or at least laugh with the contestants trying to find the fandom of their dreams.

#DatingGame

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### **Polyamorous Crafting: The Return**

Lizbetann

Redondo

Return once again to that land where you love to knit/sew/cosplay/paint/sculpt/scrapbook/digital manip/cook/sing/interior decorate/decoupage your fandom, sometimes all at once. Show us what you're working on, tell us what you're imagining, and strategize how to STORE IT ALL. #PolyCrafting

**3:00 PM**

### **Slash, Boys Love, Danmei, & Chinese Drama Fandom**

Lola, glymr

Laguna/Malibu

There's an increased intersection between slash fandom and Chinese boys love(*danmei*), especially with the excitement around the series *Guardian* and *The Untamed*. How do slash and danmei tropes intersect and differ? What are the joys and stumbling blocks? Let's talk about it while we squee about *Guardian*, *The Untamed*, and more. #BoysLove

### **Magicians: Well That Just Happened**

fashes

Catalina

Kill a Main Character and Watch Fandom Implode. *The Magicians* killed off main character Quentin Coldwater, 1/2 of the very popular canon gay pairing. Fandom, especially Tumblr did not take it well. At all. Is there any coming back from that? For the fandom, not the show. Will sternly worded cries for help to the producers have stopped by panel time? #Magicians

### **Star Wars: Darth Disney?**

Adrienne, KatBear

Newport

What hath Darth Disney wrought? Are you still strong with the Force because of or in spite of Disney? What still turns you on about the Star Wars universe, old or new? What's happening in fandom? Do we believe the Force is still strong with Disney or have they turned to the Dark \$ide? #DarthDisney

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### **Cosplay-Lite**

Dail, Barbana

Redondo

Limited budget, limited sewing skills, limited interest in researching 16<sup>th</sup>-century undergarments or how many buttons are on an Imperial guard's uniform... Let's brainstorm costumes for fans who want to dress up and have fun, but aren't going to spend two months designing foam-and-latex body armor. #Cosplay

### **Fannish Wine Tasting**

Franzeska, Kadymae DevilC, ride\_4ever

Other

Confused by claret? Want to suss out sherry? This year we're talking about wine and wine-related drinks commonly found in fiction. Join us for a presentation and tasting of some favorites from Jane Austen to Dracula. #WineTasting

**4:00 PM**

### **Really Just Dicks All The Way Down: Slash in the Classics**

MlleMusketeer, Robin Winter

Laguna/Malibu

It's not just modern fiction that can be seen with a hella gay lens: the classics have their own share of shippiness. Frankenstein and his monster? The Three Musketeers? Sir Percy and Chauvelin? Dimmesdale and Chillingworth? Gilgamesh and Enkidu? (though that one's probably canon). Come delve into everything your English teacher didn't want to. #DicksAllTheWay

### **Stargate Atlantis 10 years later**

Teresa, Charlotte C. Hill

Catalina

SGA ended 10 years ago. As you look back... what do you think of the show 10 years later. We never got the movie so what would you have liked to see? Are you still reading fic? Are you still drawn to the show or has its time faded into the past? #SGA

### **A Discovery of Witches: Why it Should be Your Next Fandom**

Melina

Newport

Vampires, witches, daemons, beautiful men, gorgeous settings, and a mystery that begins...with a dusty old library book? There's more to this show than first meets the eye, and it has something for

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everyone. If you're looking for slash potential, a new take on familiar creatures, or just the fun and pretty, this might be the show you didn't know was missing from your life. Pictures, video, and flash drives full of fun. #DiscoveryOfWitches

### **Vidding 101: The Vid Bunny Farm**

Lola, Franzeska

Redondo

So you have an idea that's gnawing on your leg? Or maybe you have too many vid ideas and can't choose? Or you want to make a vid but don't know where to start? Aspiring fan vidders, unsure-vidders-to-be, and experienced vidders alike are welcome to share vid bunnies, brainstorm together, and talk about the processes of conceptualizing a vid. #Vidding101

**5:00 PM**

### **Mid-Decade Modern: Fandoms of 2005-2015**

Nora Bombay, Saklani

Laguna/Malibu

The last batch of fandoms to start on LiveJournal and end on AO3 are all turning 10 or so this year. What's changed, what hasn't, what's a blatant 'well, that's a pre-2016' show. Flip phones, bulky tablets, and many varieties of earbuds included. Potential shows include: *Fringe*, *Person of Interest*, early MCU, *Leverage*, *Sherlock*, *Teen Wolf*, *One Direction*, *Glee*, and *SPN*, the once and future fandom. #MidDecade

### **Good Omens: Temptation Accomplished!**

Dorinda, Kathy M

Catalina

Good Omens fandom expanded like a supernova, with the Aziraphale/Crowley pairing ranking 1st in Tumblr's top 100 ships of 2019. What's the deal? Which fanwork tropes and fanon ideas are popular? Which are problematic? Why? How do they fit/not fit with the novel? Do we care? Come discuss these and other ineffable questions! #GoodOmensTemptation

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## **Birds of Prey**

Calysta Rose, Naked Bee

## Newport

A fun, violent, female gayze action movie? Great! What did you love or hate about the movie? Any fanworks you want to share/rec to the group? Longtime fans, how does the movie stack up against previous movies/incarnations? #BirdsOfPrey

## Wildcard Panel

TBD

Redondo

Space for the up-to-the-minute conversation that bubbled up after panel suggestion closes. Hot topic is nominated and selected during the Welcome to Escapade panel. #wildcard

## Game: Fate Core TTRPG session

E1f

## Atrium

A narrative-focused RPG that can be learned quickly. Character creation and pregen characters will both be available.

Option 1) In a world where every classroom has a wizard and some of the baristas have pointed ears, a group of grad students are planning “something magical” for Spring Break.

Option 2) Goblins have invaded the very small, very poor, very helpless village of Fatchwell. But they don't seem to be trying to pillage and loot; instead they're... moving in? Ref: [fatesrd.com/fate-core/basics](http://fatesrd.com/fate-core/basics) #FateCore

**6:00 PM**

## **Guardian: 1st Episode**

Glymr

Catalina

Overwhelmed by socializing and panels? Join us and watch the first episode of the Chinese Drama, *Guardian*! Kick back, enjoy cheesy special effects and absolutely electric chemistry between the leads. Bring your lunch and relax with us for a low-key introduction to the show you've been waiting for! #GuardianEp

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### **Peer check-in for people affected by trauma**

fashes

Redondo

I have 3 years of experience moderating a peer-based PTSD support group. I want to provide a safe space for anyone who wants support, wants to share, or is curious about how trauma works and what it does to us. Trauma can be a car accident, abuse, assault, social anxiety, being atypical in a neurotypical world, or any situation where you were not in control of your own autonomy. #PeerCheckin (ONLY for general notes and ONLY if group agrees: “great,” “a relief,” “stressful,” “glad I went”... etc.)

**7:00 PM**

### **Trans & nonbinary meetup!**

hexenmeister

Redondo

Trans people, including nonbinary people, let's gather with each other. The trans affinity spaces I've experienced in the past have often been fun, generative, and healing. Let's check in – how are you doing? Maybe we'll end up having Lofty Discussions about Trans Politics, or maybe we'll get to know each other, talking about what it's like to be trans in slash fandom, and goofing off.

**8:00 PM**

### **Friday Night Dance Party & Costume Parade**

Franzeska

Laguna/Malibu/Newport

Eating, drinking, chatting, dancing, vids, and now costumes, too! During the break in the dance party, we will have a costume parade. We look forward to seeing folks who choose to display their cosplay finest! #DanceParty

### **Game Night**

KatBear

Catalina & Redondo

Board games, card games, hanging out. Oh my! #GameNight

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9:00 AM

### Inhuman Shapes

MlleMusketeer, Clair Voyant

Laguna/Malibu

A.K.A. the monsterf\*cker panel - “Eight foot two, skin of blue, tentacles and wings, it’s true - has anybody seen my pal?” ...and by “pal,” we totally mean, “I’d hit that.” What’s appealing about visually nonhuman characters? Are we fascinated by the anatomical potentials, or the concept that an alien shape (and its related alien culture) means a lack of the fraught power dynamics in human relationships? #InhumanShapes

### Sherlock Holmes: History of Holmes/Watson Slash

Taz

Catalina

Various Holmes Watson slash through the years. #HolmesHistory

### Wonder Woman 1984

Raine Wynd

Newport

Let’s talk about what we know, and speculate what’s to come, including new characters/pairings, etc. #WW1984

### The Expanse: Lang Belta 101/102

Gideon Marcus

Redondo

Oye Beltalowda! Last year, I was dragooned into... I mean led an introductory class in Belter, the constructed language in the amazing SF show, *The Expanse*. Since then, we’ve gotten more words, and I’ve gotten more fluent. If you came last year, come brush up, and if you’ve never attended a class, you’re in for a fun linguistic trip through the 24th Century! #LangBelta

10:00 AM

### The Discomforts of RPS in the Social Media Age

glymr, Aral

Laguna/Malibu

This panel is for RPS fans who want to dig into the real discomforts of our fannish engagement in the age of direct celebrity access. Fandom normalized RPS in the early 2000s, in part due to persuasive arguments by fans about the distance between their experience of celebrities as characters and the

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celebrities as actual people. How do we navigate RPS now, when celebrities give us so much direct access to their lives?

#RPSdiscomfort

### **Marvel: Where does Stucky go from here?**

Catherine Salmon, Laura

Catalina

As Stucky lovers, how do we move forward with the apparently canon het ending of Endgame? Can Steve and Bucky find the forever happiness they (Bucky!) deserve without turning to alternative universe options a la petite madam's instagram series? Are they together until the end of the line? And if so, how?

#Stucky

### **Angel: the twentieth anniversary**

bren/glacis

Newport

It has been two decades since the broody vampire with all the boyfriends got his own show (Spike, Wesley, Doyle, ~Lindsey! Gunn was really there for Wesley). Let's celebrate all things Angel, what we still like about it, what we'd change if we could, and the state of Angel fan fiction today. #Angel

### **How to AO3**

Elf

Redondo

Review of AO3 features - how to find the fic you want and avoid what you don't, how to tag fics (...the short version, not the full-panel version), importing, bookmarks, collections, series, and related works. Find out how to do stuff, and if we don't know, we'll look it up! #How2AO3

**11:00 AM**

### **Pros: Romance - How Do They Wear it?**

Kris KrisserCI5

Laguna/Malibu

Are Bodie and Doyle romantic? Big things? Little ways? Or just words? #ProsRomance

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### The Expanse: Primer

Megan Kent, Kadymae DevilC

Catalina

If you want to get in on the fun that is *The Expanse*—some of the best hard SF to hit TV/streaming in years—come on over! We'll introduce the characters, relationships, main plot points, and help you over what can be a steep curve for entry. This show is worth your time. Come find out why. #ExpansePrimer

### Bollywood Is Beautiful

Calysta Rose

Newport

Come and hear of the delights of India's vibrant film industry.

Mostly this is an excuse to get you all hooked on the amazing action-adventure movies coming out of India. So many very lovely, fit, actors in fun and wild movies. #Bollywood

### Vidding Genres Then & Now

Franzeska, Lola

Redondo

We've come a long way from "living room vids" vs "con vids," or have we? Let's talk about evolving fanvid genres, from ship vids to AU vids to multivid, from character vids to fake trailers, from genre-bending vids to long-form vids to cosplay music videos. Let's talk about the genres of fan videos floating around YouTube, Billibilli, AO3 and beyond, and also consider if the old school genre terms still apply. #ViddingGenres

### Noon

### History of Escapade – Ask Us Anything

Megan Kent, Kandy Fong

Laguna/Malibu

Most people know something about the history of Escapade, but we'll share a bit again—and be on hand to answer any questions—*any* questions—you might have. Stroll down memory lane, catch up on what you missed, or learn about the wild shenanigans from prior years. #EscHistory

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### Schitt's Creek: Where Everyone Fits In

Nestra, gwyneth rhys

Catalina

A weird little town in a world where homophobia doesn't exist.

Whether you've been watching before it was cool or you just heard about it and binged it all on Netflix or you have no idea what it's about, come talk about David and Patrick and Stevie and Alexis and everyone else! (Except Roland) #SchittsCreek

### Whovians Delight

KatBear

Newport

More New Who has arrived! Squee and chat over new season for our favorite Doctor! Still loving it? Still have feelings for other Doctors? Let's bring it all together, new and old. #Whovians

### Fan art: why you should, even if you think you have no "talent"

Barbana

Redondo

With lots of places to see what fans are making we see more fan art than ever. But when you look at it you think "I'm not gonna post, I'm not that good." Well you are wrong. The world needs you and your unique perspective. Let's talk about making fan art, talk about art, and hopefully encourage you to make some of your own!

#Fanart

### Game: Monster of the Week RPG

Jen

Atrium

Monster of the Week is a role-playing game using the Powered by the Apocalypse system that is structured around players investigating clues and killing a monster in the style of shows like *Buffy*, *X-Files*, and *Supernatural*. The game is quick to learn and easy to play. Character creation and pre-generated characters will both be available. #MonsterGame

1:00 PM

### The Untamed: Alllll the Tropes, Alllll the Slash

Adrian, Michelle FishieMishie

Laguna/Malibu

The Chinese drama *The Untamed* is taking over Tumblr dashboards, and word on the street is that you'll power through the

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entire 50-episode (!!!) season if you start. Based on a Boy's Love novel, the canon gay is rich, delicious subtext for Chinese censors. It has all the tropes we love: fantasy, buddy cop dynamic, hurt-comfort, teen and middle-aged versions of the main ship, a true anti-hero, and plenty of secondary ships. Come squee about WangXian. Learn what all the hype is about! #UntamedTropes

### **Stargate: wonder in all its forms**

bren/glacis

Catalina

Stargate has been movies, television series, cartoon series, comics, novels, videogames, audiobooks, and now a web series, from 1994 - 2018. What is it about this universe, its characters, its world-building, that keeps us hooked? Films: *Stargate, Ark of Truth, Continuum, Children of the Gods* | Series: *SG-1, Atlantis, Universe* | Web: *Origins* | Animated: *Infinity* #Stargate

### **Roswell, New Mexico: A Lot More Gay and a Lot Less White**

Nestra

Newport

Maybe you watched the 90s CW show or even read the book series. Well, this is Roswell for the 21st century. A gay disabled combat veteran! An alien disaster bisexual! A kickass Latina scientist who takes no crap! A tall gorgeous alien who can kill you with her brain! Max! Come and discuss what's going to happen in Season 2, and learn about this Netflix show. #RoswellNM

### **Discord, How Do?**

Gideon Marcus, MlleMusketeer

Redondo

Baffled by fandom's latest favorite platform? Come discuss tips for Discord. #Discord

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### **You're Slashing What Pair?!**

Muriel Perun, Catalena Mara,

Renée/Sculder, Kandy Fong

Laguna/Malibu

A discussion of rare or unlikely pairs, such as, Mulder/Skinner, Mulder/Krycek (*The X-Files*), Kirk/Khan, Negan/Rick, Daryl/Negan (*The Walking Dead*), Loki/any of *The Avengers* and

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other pairings. Also, discuss the slash that could apply to these pairings, such as, BDSM, discipline, non-con/rape, violence, relationship, etc. and if they should be paired at all. #WhatPair

### Vid Retrospective

Catalina

A selection of vids from Escapades 1992 through 2001, with more old vids also available.

### Marvel: The Falcon and The Winter Soldier

Calysta Rose, Pauline Zed

Newport

Do we want to see more of these two or do we fear what's to come? Shippy or not? #FalconWinterSoldier

### Writers & Betas: BroTP

Airawyn

Redondo

You don't have to know a colon from a semi-colon to be a great beta reader! We'll discuss how to find a beta, work with a beta, or become a beta. Topics will include different kinds of betas (SPAG, canon, Britpicker, sensitivity readers, etc.), how to give notes honestly but gently, and what to do when you get notes you disagree with. #WritersBetas

### Art Show Gallery Crawl

Naked Bee

Del Mar

Join us for a group stroll through the Art Show to talk about the art. Criticism and squee welcome! #GalleryCrawl

## 3:00 PM

### Staying Power: Why Do Some Fandoms Live Forever?

Saklani, Melina, Jen, Sally

Laguna/Malibu

Sure, talking about shiny new fandoms is fun (*Good Omens*, I'm looking at you), but what about those long-lived fandoms? *Pros, Starsky & Hutch, Star Trek, Sherlock Holmes, The Sentinel, Man From UNCLE, Lord of The Rings*, and others. Why do those fandoms flourish while others don't? What gives these fandoms their staying power, and which fandoms might we still talk about in a decade or two? #StayingPower

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### Guardian: You Can Leave Your Mask On

glymr, Keiko Kirin (Kay)

Catalina

He's a human disaster cop in ripped jeans who's smarter than he lets on. And HE'S an ancient alien warrior masquerading as a mild-mannered professor. Together, they fight crime. *Guardian* is a live-action sci-fi Chinese drama based on a m/m fantasy novel. It's also the slashiest thing since *Yuri on Ice*. Join us for an introduction to the show, the fandom, and the slash! #Guardian

### Game: Fandom Pictionary

Michelle FishieMishie

Newport

Detailed sketching or enthusiastic stick figures—come one, come all for mad fun putting tropes to paper. #pictionary

### Pros: How We See Them

Kris KrisserCI5, Cindy

Newport

Bodie and Doyle! How we translate what we see and what we want to see, besides their bums! #HowWeSeePros

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### Video Game Fandoms

Elf, M'lyn, Jo

Laguna/Malibu

What makes a video game good for fic? Good for vidding? Which ones do you wish had a large fic community, but don't? Let's talk about game genres, common tropes in video game fics, and how to entice other people into a fandom if they can't play the game itself. Bring recs! #VidGameFandom

### The Expanse: Who run the system? Girls!

Kadymae, DevilC, Charlotte C. Hill

Catalina

Smart. Tough. Foul-mouthed. In charge. The women of *The Expanse* are all that, and hot to boot. Come fight (figuratively) for your favorite character. #ExpanseGirls

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## **Harry Potter: never say die**

## Newport

The first *Harry Potter* book was published in 1997, the first movie in 2001. Two decades have come and gone, and Hogwarts still welcomes us home. We still love it, still write it — even if we can't get behind the later canon. What kind of stories are pursued these days? What OTPs have become NOTPs? What do we still seek out on AO3? What hasn't been written yet that we'd really like to see? Share, discuss, and have fun! #HarryPotter

# The Great Escapade Ficcish Whankfest

MlleMusketeer

## Redondo

Is your *Expanse* fic not expansive enough? Your *Good Place* one-shot in a bad place? Your *Transformers* drabble not all that transformative? Come here for venting and troubleshooting, as we discuss common fic-writing issues, commiserate, and offer advice. #Whankfest

## Game: Urban Shadows

Airawyn

## Atrium

Come try out a different sort of RPG! Play an urban fantasy game set in modern Los Angeles using the *Powered By the Apocalypse* system. You'll take on the role of a popular fandom character and try to save the day – or destroy it – using two six sided dice and your imagination. #UrbanShadows

5:00 PM

## **My Hed is Pasted On: Great Wanks of Past Years**

Nora Bombay

## Laguna/Malibu

Journalfen and FandomWank are gone, may they live forever. Let us gather round the campfire and tell the tales of Ms. Scribe, of the hed that is pasted on, and how he ded from coke. Thanfiction exists. Come prepared with your wanks as we roast marsh mallows and tell the sage of the ring wraiths in iambic pentameter. Full audience participation. Nostalgia and “lighter” wanks encouraged. #GreatWanks

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### **Marvel: 616 to MCU**

Pauline Zed, gwyneth rhys

Catalina

Did you get into Marvel fandom through the MCU, the comics, or a bit of both? How does your choice of canon color your view of the characters? Do you have different favorite characters or pairings in the comics and movies? Let's discuss! #616toMCU

### **Wayback Panel**

TBD

Redondo

One of two “wildcard” panels that we select as a group at the Escapade Welcome Panel, the Wayback Machine pulls a topic from Escapade a decade ago that is relevant today. #wayback

### **Pegging! A Delightfully in-depth Intro**

fashes

Redondo

Have you wanted to bend over your boyfriend and have your way with his sweet ass? Come learn how! Are you new to butt stuff and want to learn some basics? Do you want butt sex info for your fic? Join us! In-depth info on anatomy and techniques plus how to entice nervous first timers. #pegging

**8:00 PM**

### **Escapade Songvid Show**

Laguna/Malibu

Featuring new and nearly new vids from a variety of fandoms, the Escapade vid show is not to be missed. Choose your viewing environment: the big screen in Laguna/Malibu (quiet and attentive atmosphere), or the Vidshow Annex in Marina del Ray (conversation and commentary welcome). #Vidshow

**10:30 PM**

### **After Party & Bedtime Stories**

Franzeska

Convention Suite

Pass around a bottle of Emperor's Smile as we read stories, watch vids from your favorite Chinese fandoms, and share episodes of the crackiest cop/criminal romance ever filmed. It's from Taiwan: they show skin. #afterparty

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9:30 AM

### Escapade Art & Charity Auction

Laguna/Malibu

It's fun, exciting, and sexy (and that's before the artwork)! This is your last chance to take home a lovely bit of crafts or artwork, win those prizes, and support artists, our charity, and the con.

#auction

11:00 AM

### Vid Review

Mods TBD

Catalina

The Saturday night vid show was amazing, and over too soon. Let's rehash it with a room full of fans. #VidReview

### The Escapade Write-In

MlleMusketeer

Redondo

Being around other fans excited about fanworks is inspiring. Here's a space to hang out and act on that inspiration–fic, art, or otherwise, while in the company of those same inspiring fans.

#WriteIn

Noon

### Bi/Pan Erasure in Media

Glymr

Laguna/Malibu

Many movies and TV shows have depicted characters attracted to more than one gender, sometimes with long romance arcs. But once they become monogamously attached, both Hollywood and fans often declare they "are" either straight or gay. This even happens to celebrities who say they're bisexual or pansexual. Let's discuss some examples and ways we can push back against identity erasure. #BiPanErasure

### ST DS9: Everything old is new again

bren/glacis, Saklani

Newport

When DS9 started streaming, a whole new wave of fans found the show. Come, fans old and new, and talk about all the reasons Garak and Bashir really should have gotten together, if Section 31

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was a brilliant twist or a total cop-out, whatever happened to the Vedeks, and all things DS9.

#STDS9

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### **Transformers 101: You Will Believe A Truck Can Fuck**

MlleMusketeer, travellingLemonWorkshop Laguna/Malibu  
From the delightfully deranged original series, to the hideous live action adaptations, to the amazingly queer comics, *Transformers* has a massive canon—and a reputation for being a boys' club. In reality, the fandom is queer as hell. Meet million-year-old nonbinary aliens, size differences like woah, incredibly creative genitals, and crazy angst in the fandom that holds the Tumblr crown for Most Ships! #Transformers101

### **Lucifer And All the Angels**

Taz

Catalina

Let's talk about *Lucifer* – the show has been saved twice by its fanbase, despite featuring as many strong female characters as male, while challenging fundamental concepts of Good and Evil, and acknowledging that even God is a sexual being. #Lucifer

### **There's a Lot of Great Gay Porn in Furry**

Commodore Marie

Newport

Less of a discussion and more of a pimp – come look at a collection of really good LGBTQ+ furry comics, including a lot of hot porn! #furry

### **Plot Bunny Corral**

Raine Wynd

Redondo

Let's share the plot bunnies we'd love to see get written and brainstorm more. #PlotBunnyCorral

### **Tea Party**

Franzeska

Other

Decompress with a pot of tea and a plate of cucumber sandwiches. #TeaParty

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### **Escapade Review**

Laguna/Malibu

We close the convention each year with a frank conversation about what did or didn't work, and how to make things better next year. Everyone's input is welcome. Also feel free to submit comments on the paper or online comments forms. #EscReview

**4:00 PM**

### **Dead Dog Party**

Convention Suite

This is the last chance to hang out with your new (or old) best friends. Bring any spare munchies you may have to share, and register for next year while the convention is still fresh in your mind. #deaddog

## **Vid Shows**

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The different ways of vid viewings this year:

- Friday night party: dancing, drinking, and dress-up
- Saturday night vid show (main and overflow rooms)
- Saturday Escapade retrospective, vids from 1992 – 2001
- Sunday vid review—in addition to vidding panels

Tweet about the vids you love (and what you love about them), so vidders who aren't in the room to hear your applause can know what you think. #vidshow

## **Vidshow Run List**

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### **Part 1**

Odds Are\* | Schitt's Creek | Nestra  
Daylight | The Untamed | helcinda  
Won't Let Go\* | The Professionals | kat-byrd  
These Hearts | Design for Living (1933) | AurumCalendula  
Waking Up Slow\* | HIStory 3: Trapped | bonibaru  
Who We Are\* | Bulletproof (BBC) | kat-byrd  
Just My Soul | The Magicians | Holdt  
Be All Right\* | Flashback | Franzeska  
Raging Fire\* | due South | Settai  
Keep Breathing\* | Good Omens | dkwilliams  
Miles from where you are | The Untamed | wrensandroses  
First & Last\* | Merlin/Trapped | Franzeska

### **Part 2**

Uneventful Days\* | Good Omens | Lola  
left and leaving\* | due South | sisabet  
Heaven | The Untamed | helcinda  
Crowded Table\* | The Bletchley Circle: San Francisco |  
AurumCalendula  
Like Hell | MCU | Holdt  
One Less Day\* | Starsky & Hutch | kat-byrd  
Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves | The Good Place | dkwilliams  
Ocean Eyes\* | The Untamed | Lola  
Somewhere a Clock Is Ticking | Roswell, New Mexico | Nestra  
Power Over Me | Invisible Man | Fabella  
Want | Hannibal | Luminosity  
Sum of Our Parts | Bandidas | AurumCalendula

\* premiere

## Escapade Members

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Adrian	Dail	Jim
Adrienne	Dana Jeanne	Jo
Airawyn	DanniDBear	Jo (foxwrapped)
Alice	Dawnebeth	Kadymae DevilC
Amedia	Diannelamerc	Kandy Fong
Annezo	Doctor Beth	Karin Wertheim
Aral	Dorinda	Kat
Barbana	dorothy1901	KatBear
Basingstoke	Dovya Blacque	Katharine
Beck_Liz	Eileen	Kathryn
Beth (msmoat)	Elayna	Kathy M
Brak	Elf	Keiko Kirin (Kay)
Bren/glacis	emyrys	kerithwyn
Calysta Rose	Evie	Killa
Candle Jack	fashes	Kris KrisserCI5
Catalena Mara	FJBryan	Laura
Catherine Salmon	Franzeska	Lezlie
Charlotte C. Hill	Galetoo	libraralien (bella)
ChelleToo	Gideon Marcus	Lisa Weston
Chris	Gloriana	Liz Keough
Christy	glymr	Lizbetann
Cindy	gwyneth rhys	Lola
Clair Voyant	Harriet	Louis Elver
Colleen	hexenmeister	Warren Gray
Commodore Marie	ivy	Luba
Constance Penley	Jane Mailander	Lys
Cyanne	Jen	M'lyn
Cynthia	Jill	Marcus

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Marnie Strom	Nora Bombay	Tenaya
Mary Alice	Nyssa White	Teresa
Meg	Pauline Zed	Tina
Megan Genovese	Polly Bevil	Tommy Dorkvania
Megan Kent	rache	travelling
Mehru	Rachel	LemonWorkshop
Melina	Raine Wynd	Trudi
Melody Clark	Renée/Sculder	Trudy
Melusine Anjou	Rhaegal	Veronica Swarens
Michelle	ride_4ever	Zaza Rice
Michelle	Robin Winter	
FishieMishie	Saklani	
Mike	Sally	<b>Non-attending</b>
Misti	Sandy Stark	AurumCalendula
MlleMusketeer	Shoshanna	bonibaru
Muriel Perun	shrift	Catherine Von
Naked Bee	sian1359	Xlorp
Namuh	Snow	Delibby
Natalie Slaughter	STRANGER	Ellie Graves
Nestra	Sue Toorans	Jan Levine
Neth (Jonathan)	Tainry	k8 paintedmaypole
Nev	Tangerine aka	Karen
Nikibee	Rhys	Ken Dase
Nina	taselby	Morgan Dawn
"Gentlenonnie"	Tayrin	
Nola Frame-Gray	Taz	