

Notes

The Fun Never Stops Around Here!

We do our best to pack Escapade so full of fun and excitement that you'll need a vacation from your vacation. If you find yourself with nothing to do, you're just not trying hard enough! You could check out...

Panels: Whether it's your specific show, or the deeper (or shallower) nature of fans and fandom, we have plenty here to keep you occupied. General (meta) panels run in Salon II from 9 am Friday until 4 pm on Sunday. Come along and speak your mind. Everyone's welcome.

Art Show: Right next door to the general panels, you'll find this treat for your eyes. Be sure to stop in regularly throughout the weekend, we often get late additions to the art show, and we wouldn't want you to miss out on any treasures. Don't miss the Auction on Sunday morning, either!

Dealers Room (and the Annex): In addition to our main dealers room, you'll also find A Wrinkle in Time in their own private boardroom next door to the La Playa/La Costa rooms. Open from 9 am on Saturday, for your shopping pleasure.

Vid Show (and Annex): Escapade has been a place for vids, vidders and their fans since the beginning. The big room is quiet (and big), for those who prefer the theater-style viewing experience. The annex is smaller, more informal, and can get a bit more raucous. It's up to you!

Consuite: The consuite is the heart and soul of Escapade. This is the place to relax with a zine or hang with your friends, to grab a quick snack or check your email. There's a TV/VCR/DVD setup here, so you can even plan some pimping of your own, and a computer with net access in case you didn't bring one. Don't miss the Escapade Party on Friday night. We'll have music, munchies, games, and cash bar. Then, on Sunday, when you thought you couldn't enjoy one more minute, we throw the "dead dog" party. Bring along any leftover snacks from your room to share, and we'll party till we drop.

Alternate Programming: Don't see what you want? There are still open spots on the alternate programming schedule. You can sign up in the consuite, and launch a panel in minutes. Make sure to add it to all the posted schedules, so you have the most impact.

Outside the Hotel: There are quite a few restaurants within walking distance, and a Vons supermarket a couple of blocks up the road. There's also the beach. It's just a block away, and well worth the walk.

Friday		9:00 AM	Salon Two	Designing Escapade Jennifer Holland	What are we up to this weekend? Plan wildcard panel(s) etc.
10:00 AM	Salon Two	Elves, Wings, Mpreg ... High School?! Kady Mae, Russ McMillan	Of all the possible settings for AU, why is High School so popular? We all hated it, so why are we sending our heroes there? This panel will examine the who, what, when, where, and WHY of the High-School AU genre.		
10:00 AM	Puerto Escondido	Rome: "Blood-Drenched" is the New Black Melina, Killa	This isn't your mother's "I, Claudius." What's compelling about this show, the relationships, the power dynamics? What's the role of historical accuracy versus authenticity? And if we find guys like Pullo, Vorenus, and Antony particularly hot when they're doing or saying something that makes us cringe (or when covered with blood) do we need immediate and intensive therapy, or is it perfectly okay fannish diversity? (This panel may include spoilers through 2x06)		
11:00 AM	Salon Two	Browncoats, Squirrels, and Marketing To/By Fans spring, Aral Griffen	Firefly fans "did the impossible" and created fan-organized marketing campaigns around Firefly and Serenity with an unprecedented degree of success. Now SGA's David Hewlett is reaching out to the Stargate fan community for help marketing his new indie film. Are fans being exploited? Are we exercising power like never before?		
11:00 AM	Puerto Escondido	POTC: Sailing Toward Trilogy's End Hippediva	Reflecting on fanfic, art and vidding trends over the fandom timeline of before and after the releases of CotBP, DMC, and AWE. Where have we been with pairings, themes, and genres from the first to the second films, and what does our course seem to be set for on our way toward the third?		
11:00 AM	La Playa	Quest for *Guh* - Writing Powerful Sex Scenes Aristide/Maitread Triste, rachael sabotini	What makes a sex scene work? What makes it hot? This workshop will discuss sex scenes: motivation, action, character movement (and no, I don't mean bouncing up and down), and resolution, and will offer a variety of tools (and no, none of them vibrate) to help enhance the "*guh*" factor for readers and writers alike.		

Making a difference: Good Hearted People

For something that's all in good fun, Escapade is also an opportunity to be a contribution in people's lives. Every year we make a contribution to a local Santa Barbara charity called Good Hearted People. Here's what they're up to:

Mission Statement: Good Hearted People Inc. is an official nonprofit corporation that was established in 1993 with the following broad mission: To provide services that promote economic and social self-sufficiency. Services are targeted toward homeless and low-income men, women and youth who are seeking to improve their situation.

Description: Job Smart/GHP provides homeless and low-income men, women and youth free quality interview clothing appropriate for job interviews and work, accessories, personal care products, professional hair cuts as needed, make-overs, assistance with resumes and coaching in interviewing skills, fax and copier services for resumes, pagers for pre-qualified clients and ongoing support and encouragement.

You can help out by bidding on charity pieces in the auction, by buying raffle tickets for a free registration for next year's convention, and by taking part in the slash swap meet. If you haven't been yet, be sure to stop by the swap tables in Salon Two. Take what you like, and make your own assessment of the value. 100% of your contribution will go to Good Hearted People and their work. You can also bring down any leftover hotel-sized toiletries at the end of the convention, and we'll be happy to pass those along, as well.

Sunday

2:00 PM	Salon Two	Writing Race and Alien Characters Denise Raymond, Aral Griffen	Science fiction has a long tradition of using "alianness" as a way to talk about contemporary race issues, and tv/movie creators often continue to play that out by casting people of color in alien roles. Continuing the fannish conversation about writing characters of color, let's look at writing aliens! How do we think about race when we write these characters? Does it change if the character is played by an actor of color? Does it change if the text itself does or does not highlight issues of race in its use of alien characters?
2:00 PM	Puerto Escondido	Mag 7: Chris Larabee - tragic hero or pig-headed bastard? Jennifer Holland, Dail (Ashlyn)	How worthy is Chris to lead the Seven? Does he lead them because he believes in protecting the weak and innocent, or because it strokes his ego? Does he truly value Buck's friendship and support? Vin's? Anyone's?
3:00 PM	Salon Two	Escapade Review	Let us know how it went, what to change, etc.
5:00	Other	Dead Dog Party	This is the last blast of Escapade. Hang out. Eat. Talk. Drink. Talk some more. You know how it goes. Bring the leftovers from your room to share!

Friday

1:00 PM	Salon Two	Cops, Spies and Secret Agents P.R. Zed, Justacat (Jessica)	Whether it's Pros, UNCLE or I Spy, Starsky & Hutch or Life on Mars, there's something irresistible about a bloke getting close to his partner. Come discuss the slash appeal of these Brothers in Arms pairings, in fandoms old and new.
1:00 PM	Puerto Escondido	Star Wars: A Lively Blue Ghost? Gloriana, KatBear	Star Wars, alive and well, or are we simply deluding ourselves? Yes, there are new stories still flowing and the EU books keep coming, but have we become a fragmented shell of a fandom? Where is the new blood coming from, if any, and what is bringing them in? What is keeping the old fans coming back for more?
1:00 PM	La Playa	Mixing It Up, Down, and All Around: Mixed Media in Fandom Amatia	Interested in creating your own mixed media piece, but need some pointers? Want to find out where to find various mixed media "stories" in your fandom? Let's discuss the more popular mixed media creations available online, or why there should be more - or less - mixed media pieces. We'll cover some of what's out there, could be out there but hasn't been created yet, and maybe do a little fannish networking along the way
2:00 PM	Salon Two	Wildcard Meta Panel	TBD Friday morning
2:00 PM	Puerto Escondido	HL: Where are they now? Devo	When you have immortal characters, it's canon to imagine them living past the series timeline. What would Duncan, Methos, Amanda, Joe, and other HL characters be doing now, in the 21st Century? How are they interacting with current events? Bring ideas and story recs. Crossover ideas welcome!
2:00 PM	La Playa	Ulead Media Studio Pro 8 and why it's better than the rest Amalthia	A compare and contrast of the semi-professional video editing software programs with a strong emphasis on Ulead Media Studio Pro 8. If you are new to vidding, or interested in upgrading your video editing software this panel should help you make an informed choice.
3:00 PM	Salon Two	Is It A Crowd - Or An Orgy? Kay	Shows with ensemble casts have replaced the buddy show as TV's standard fare, giving us more pretty people to play with! But how many is too many? Let's discuss the fun, the challenges, and the sexy permutations of such shows as CSI, Lost, Heroes, Without A Trace, the Law & Orders, etc.

Friday	3:00 PM	Puerto Escondido	HP: Slashing Snape Meri, Chris, Ellen Fremedon	Severus Snape is Harry Potter's fandom's little black dress. He goes with everyone. For an ugly wizard with greasy hair and a bad temper, what makes him so attractive?
	3:00 PM	La Playa	Running a Fannish Convention, Slumber Party, or Local Gathering Jennifer Holland, Spring	You've done it, you're doing it, or you want to try. What's worked, what hasn't, and what makes you want to drink heavily and hope someone else volunteers.
	4:00 PM	Salon Two	Sex Tips for Slash Writers Minotaur	When it comes to the nitty-gritty, is there anything you still aren't quite sure of? What fits where, and how well? Do you ever wonder if it's really possible? Then come and ask a totally shameless gay guy slasher.
	4:00 PM	Puerto Escondido	FNL: Friday Night Lust Kady Mae	There's the OT3 of Tim/Lyla/Jason, the mutual man-crush of Jason/Herc, the dorkable odd couple of Tim/Landy .. and Tyra's now leading Julie down the hallowed halls of the Landing Strip. We may not know what a Chop Block is, but we do know there's a lot to slash in Dillon. TX.
	5:00 PM	Salon Two	Genre TV's Next Wave? Melina, Maygra de Rhema	Is there a next wave, and if so, what is it? We currently have a crop of adult-oriented shows (Battlestar Galactica and Torchwood), shows that rely on our shared cultural context to further their storytelling (Heroes and Supernatural) and shows that are distinctly post 9/11 in nature (BSG, again; The 4400). Where is genre storytelling . especially on TV. headed?
	5:00 PM	Puerto Escondido	SGA: John Sheppard: Psychokiller or Pretty, Pretty Princess? rachael sabotini, Russ McMillan	From mild-mannered sci-fi geek to special-ops xenocide, John Sheppard is one of the prettiest psychopaths in two galaxies. Which is the 'real' Sheppard? Can these two personalities be reconciled? How does this dichotomy in canon affect how we choose to portray him in fanfic?
	5:00 PM	La Playa	Free Webtools and How to Take Fandom Advantage Tree Wishes	Lots of free tools are available on the web to help the needy fan! Tools to edit pictures, make icons, write stories, share recommendations, share stories, and be fannish are becoming more available and more user friendly. Come chat about tools like del.icio.us, google docs, pxn8, audacity, itunes, the gimp, bittorrent, imeem, youtube, and other things that you come and tell us about!!
	6:00 PM	La Playa	Crafty Slashers/Stitch 'n' Bitch Jane Mailander	Share your projects, bring your yarn, let's talk beading, costuming, dollmaking and recipes...

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Sunday	9:30 AM	Salon Two	Art Auction	If you have a dollar left, this is where you should spend it! Or come to ogle the art show staff. That works, too.
	10:30 AM	Puerto Escondido	Vid Show Review	Take apart what worked and what was missing from selected vids in the Saturday show. Audience participation at its finest.
	Noon	Salon Two	Fueling The Fires of Genderfuckery Tree Wishes	When het is slash and slash is het and pronoun rules just no longer apply. Which of our boys is hot as a girl? Which of our girls is hot as a boy? More and more fandoms are producing genderfuck AUs, Uberfics, reincarnations, disguises, momentary illusions, temporary transformations, permanent shape-shifts....it's all hot. so lets share the good stuff.
	Noon	Puerto Escondido	Torchwood: The Long, Strange Trip of Captain Jack (or Whatever His Name Is) soo, Melina	Time travel conundrums: a leading cause of fannish nosebleeds. What do we really know about Captain Jack? What reasonable guesses can we make? And what do we think we know, but maybe not so much?
	1:00 PM	Salon Two	Vidding - What does it 'feed' into you? smutcutter	* Is there a space that it fills, or is it just a marvelous extra in your life? * What do you learn from watching other vids, or do you learn anything? * Do you think that vidders put a piece of themselves into their work?
	1:00 PM	Puerto Escondido	SPN: Breaking Every Taboo, Crossing Every Line Killa, Maygra de Rhema	Why is this the fandom that drives fans to go places they never thought they'd go? Incest, wingfic, genderswap babyfic, RPS -- all of them are big in SPN, and all of them are drawing in scores of readers and writers who were never willing to go to those places before. Why do these guys make us break all our own rules?
	1:00 PM	La Playa	Flashslah! Gloriana	You'll get four words, and eight minutes to write a tiny piece using them. It's a great way to get the creative juices flowing again, and loadsa fun!

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Saturday	4:00 PM	La Playa	Mac Workshop par avion, Lierdumoa	The ins and outs of vidding on a Mac!
	5:00 PM	Salon Two	Is FLocked the new black? Tree Wishes, Meri	Is the flocked post the future of fan communication? Are we returning to the dark ages of closed lists, zines under the table, and "have to know someone"? More and more LJ posts are locked, communities are closed, and groups are invitation only. Is there a way to protect our RL selves (and our fannish selves), yet share our fannish commentary and fic? How does this all look to a newbie? Where is our new comfort zone? And how do we keep track of all of this??
	5:00 PM	Puerto Escondido	SGA: The Meta That Dare Not Speak Its Name Aral Griffen, Sinead	or, Authorial Intention and Unintentional WARNING! This panel will include spoilers for SGA episodes not yet aired on Sci-Fi in the United States. Slash in the Stargate Universe: Normally, we don't like to make assumptions or talk about who the creators are and how that affects the texts they create, but the Stargate PTB seem to make it so obvious it's hard not to! So let's just do it, let's talk about how a bunch of middle-aged white geek boys write the men and women of the Stargate universe, how their ideas about gender and masculinity and heroism give us some of the best unintentionally slashy <small>subtext on tv</small>
	6:00 PM	La Playa	Filking Jane Mailander	Slash-themed folksinging!
	8:00 PM	Salon Two	Sonvid Show	Where else can you go for an evening of slashy goodness, set to cool music? Hot, cute, or funny. We've got it all.

9:00 PM	La Playa	He/He - Slashy round-robin stories every 10 minutes! JenCat004	Round-Robin/Mad Libs panel. Join the fun and create a new, bizarre and hilarious story every 10 minutes or so.
9:00 PM	Other	Escapade Party	It's the event of the season! Not to be missed!

10:00 AM	Salon Two	Romance vs. Doom Devo, rachael sabotini	In romance, everything is sacrificed for the Love object, and all is well. The Greek tragedy Oedipus Rex shows the dark mirror of romantic love, in which pursuit of the of the Wrong Lover leads to disaster. This panel will explore examples from Torchwood (Cyberwoman), Due South (the Victoria eps), and others, and their relationship to the slash impulse. Inspired by an LJ essay by <small>crabby_lioness</small>
10:00 AM	Puerto Escondido	SPN: Please Allow Me To Introduce Myself - Morgan Dawn, Kathy M (Thevetia), Calysta Rose	The Nature Of Evil In Supernatural. We hear Sam talk about it. Dean worries about it. Gordon thinks he has a hotline to God on what is evil So what is the nature of good and evil in the Supernatural universe? And how does this relate to Sam's and Dean's futures?
11:00 AM	Salon Two	Mystical Bonds Tree Wishes, Russ McMillan, Meri	Vulcan mind meld, Sentinel-Guide bonds, Occlumency--mystical bonds play a great role in slash. Are they really the same thing with different names? Bonds with cities, spaceships, life debts, and potions accidents... how do these work - and which are best at facilitating that first-time slash interaction?? And which new (and old) sources have supernatural mystical bonds that beg to be exploited...
11:00 AM	Puerto Escondido	Making sense out of Life on Mars soo	Is he mad, in a coma, or back in time? Let's speculate on just how Sam got to 1973.
11:00 AM	La Playa	Our Techie Toys par avion, fashes	Our wireless routers are our lifelines. We rip our DVDs onto our home RAID arrays. We hack our TiVos. We port fanmade vids onto our video iPods. We budget significant time and effort to back up our media files and our stash of fan-made stories and art. And we just might be lusting after a new Mac iPhone... Let's talk hardware and software!

Saturday	11:00 AM	La Costa	Movie: Grease Trek!	Armed only with courage, determination and the will serve fries, Manager Cook, Spork, MopBoy and the loyal crewmates confront their greatest fears. Chaos erupts in the final battle as the wrath of Cook's worst enemy jeopardizes the future of the Frank & Frvs.
	Noon	Salon Two	WTF Feedback !? Snapetoy, swtalmnd, Dementor Delta	There has been all kinds of discussion about feedback -- how to give more, what is constructive, what are the best venues. But no one ever talks about what is and isn't appropriate in feedback! Feedback sometimes contains some odd personal info, some wacky comparisons, and even feedback to entirely different stories. We encourage authors to bring their best, worst, and weirdest feedback to share.
	Noon	Puerto Escondido	Torchwood's Sexual Identity Groundbreaking or Titillation? soo, Melina	The sexuality of the characters on Torchwood crosses boundaries and defies easy description. From a meta perspective, is it groundbreaking or just titillation? From an in-universe perspective, how did Jack's team end up quite so -- flexible?
	1:00 PM	Salon Two	Femslash: The Other Love That Dare Not Speak Its Name Ruth Sadelle Alderson	Femslash. It's a word that makes some of our hearts leap for joy and inspires complete and total disinterest - or even dislike and disdain - in others. Where can we find the good stuff? What makes it good? And what's up with the haters?
	1:00 PM	Puerto Escondido	DC stands for Delicious Crack Kady Mae	Let's celebrate slash-o-rama that is the DCU. From the glory of Superman/Batman to Big Barda and her Mega-Rod, this panel will touch on the canon, the fanon, and all those "I can't believe THAT got past the editor!" moments.
	2:00 PM	Salon Two	Whores and sluts Gloriana	What's the attraction in writing our men like this? Or are you more of the buttoned-down, uber-controlled male in your persuasion - and what do these two extremes have to tell us about ourselves?

Saturday	2:00 PM	Puerto Escondido	HP: Kinkiest Fandom Ever? Chris, Ellen Fremedon	How much has the PotterVerse influenced the kinkiness of slash? Many previously forbidden fandom taboos -- chan, incest, twincest, bestiality, teacher/student -- and all kinds of interesting kinks have now made their way into mainstream slash. Many are now perfectly acceptable, perhaps because top authors in the Potterverse write them -- and so many read them! What is it about Harry, magic, and the gang that made this all acceptable? And... what other fandoms might give HP a run for the title -- past, present, or future?
	3:00 PM	Salon Two	But You're A Slash Fan! Ruth Sadelle Alderson	Do you love Stargate: Atlantis, but you just can't see the McShep? Or maybe you can't read Harry/Draco because deep in your heart you know Harry belongs with Hermione. What draws you to those other pairings - or pushes you away from the the fandom-accepted ones?
	3:00 PM	Puerto Escondido	Popslash: The Bus School Alum Reunion Ivy	Or Nostalgia and the Good Ol' Days of Popsplash Sure, we could have a popslash panel in which we talked mostly about Justin's solo projects, the never-ending postponements of JC's latest album, or what Kevin's doing these days, but really, this is shameless excuse for those of us who enjoyed popslash before, during, or after its heyday to reminisce about the stories, the communities, and the events that we loved.
	4:00 PM	Salon Two	Writing Taboo: When BadDirtyWrong is (or isn't) the point Fashes, Gelasius	Does your slash pairing just happen to be brothers (la la la!), or are you really writing/reading Incest Porn? Where is the age line that makes preseries slash acceptable, and where squicky? What about the infamous Daddycest? Non-con or dubious-con with DemonJohn and beyond? Specific issues of sexual taboos come up a lot in Supernatural fandom, but it's a fandom-wide question too: when we're breaking a taboo how far is too far, and how far is just BadDirtyWrong?
	4:00 PM	Puerto Escondido	Pros: 30 Years & Still Going Strong P.R. Zed, Justacat (Jessica)	It was thirty years ago that Bodie, Doyle and their very tight trousers hit the airwaves in Britain, and they continue to inspire slashers to this day. From Circuit stories to LiveJournal, come explore our ongoing fascination with the lads of C15.