

Friday Feb. 3, Panels/Workshops

PanelFA1 (1h) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | *This Sucks! Vacuum Forming Demonstration* | *Daniel Thomacos of Old Time Sign* will go over what is Vacuum Forming, how do I pick the right machine, what materials do I use to form with, designing, preparing and forming, cleaning and finishing your piece.

WorkshopFC1 (2.5h) 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM | *Bowler' Over Hat Design Workshop* | *Kolleen Kilduff of Designs by Night* will lead you through a hat-tastical design workshop. COST: \$30

PanelFB2 (1h) 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM | *A Haunted History of Invisible Women, True Stories of America's Ghosts* | *Leanna Renee Heiber*, author, actress and ghost tour guide, discusses the intersection of women's history and ghost stories. Learn the truth behind the Winchester Mystery House and other famously haunted narratives where women's stories are centered.

PanelFA2 (45m) 7:15 PM - 8:00 PM | *If it's Baroque, Fix It! Mending Panel* | *Frederick Rivard & Jessica Baradel* will answer the question, It broke, now what do I do? How to mend your clothes & costumes; the basics of mending with both needle and thread and safety pins.

PanelFB3 (1h) 7:45 PM - 8:45 PM | *Pattern-Magic: Custom patterns for coats & corsets* | *Zachary Kessin* will give a short demo with time for questions of his new experimental software that he created called Pattern Magic, it uses a combination of classic tailoring and modern software. **This panel is also happening Sunday PanelSUA1 (30m) 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM**

PanelFA3 (1h) 8:15 PM - 9:15 PM | *Creature Feature: Supernatural Being Creation* | *Moderator: Joseph Kennedy, Gail Carriger, Gevera Bert Piedmont, Angel Nyx* will discuss writing supernatural characters and the best ones in fiction and film. They will cover everything from vampires to werewolves, mermaids & specters

PanelFB4 (45m) 9:00 PM - 9:45 PM | *A Practical Guide to the Steampunk Revolution* | *Kristina Cassidy* details her struggles with ETSY, what she did to change an unjust system and the good that resulted from her strike. **This panel is also happening Saturday in PanelSA7 (45m) 7:15 PM - 8:00 PM**

WorkshopFC2 (1.5h) 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM | *Steampunk your Junk* | *by Linda-Jeanne LeCorsaire, Theresa Guerrin and James Worthington (Scott Lyon)* | Make creative re-creations using items you'd normally throw away. Create a creature, robot, or collage. Materials provided and workshop is free but we ask for a \$10 donation towards the Pandemonium Rainforest Project.

PanelFA4 (45m) 9:30 PM - 10:15 PM | *What If? Writing Prompts* | *Led by Renee Fleury & Authors* Attending authors have all submitted random writing prompts, try your hand at writing from a prompt and then have a chance to read your short story.

PanelFB5 (1h) 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM | *Ghosts, The Victorians and Us* | *by Leanna Renee Heiber*, Gothic novelist, actress and NYC Ghost Tour Guide, asks, Why are we so drawn to telling ghost stories? She will lead a lively discussion about the spirit world's thrall, including a brief history of the Spiritualist movement in America and its importance to women's rights and modern storytelling. **This panel is also happening on Saturday PanelSB7 (1h) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

PanelFA5 (45m) 10:30 PM - 11:15 PM | *Masks We Wear* | *by Adam Gentry* talks about how Masks have long been a part of our history. Some masks protect us from physical dangers, others protect our privacy (by concealing our identity), and some are worn for fun (as a way of donning a character). But what really interests me is how even "our face" and "how we speak and act" can (and often does) become a mask. We strive to "become" who we feel we need (and/or want) to be, imitating and adopting personas to adapt to the various circumstances we find ourselves in. Some masks are very personal to "us" (the individual), but many masks persist, "types" of characters and personas that many of us tend to "wear" (for a time)

ChatFC3 (45m) 10:45 PM - 11:30 PM | *Friday Night Chat* | *Jessica Lucci* will host a Pyjama party! Come in your jammies and play Steampunk Pictionary, indulge in junk food, and paint your toenails!

ChatFB6 (45m) 11:15 PM - 12:00 AM | *Mind Full Chatter* | *Theresa Guerrin* wants you to join her where the wild gears are. Fellow minds of the night, my company and conversation I offer to you during this time-slot, with whatever topics + tangents I can come up with to fill in the time.

PanelFA5 (45m) 11:30 PM - 12:15 AM | *Late Night Contemplates* | *Adam Gentry* studies the patterns of stories and the patterns of people. He enjoys discussing all the ways in which we are curious and strange.

Sunday Feb. 5, Panels/Workshops

Panel SUA1 (30m) 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM | *Pattern-Magic: Custom patterns for coats & corsets* | *See description of panel on Friday at 7:45 PM*

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PanelSUA2 (1h) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | *Weapon Canes* | *Professor Mark P. Donnelly* will discuss weaponized canes and umbrellas/parasols through history.

PanelSUB2 (1h) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | *The Worlds of Jessica Lucci* | *Jessica Lucci* invites you to join her for conversation about the worlds created in her "Watch City Trilogy." From industrial city, to sub-aquatic landscape, to a town above the clouds, imagine what her characters feel as they traverse these separate planes.

PanelSUA3 (1h) 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM | *Discovering the Past Within Us: Genealogy and the Techniques to Finding Family* | *Joseph Kennedy* will give us a how-to introduction to exploring your family tree! Join Joseph R. Kennedy as he guides you through the many approaches (and some of the pit falls) of identifying who your ancestors were and how they lived. From the academic to the legal, and just plain curious, there are many reasons to discover your family history. You'll learn the variety of resources at your disposal including sites like Ancestry and public libraries in your home state.

PanelSUB3 (1h) 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM | *369: Nikola Tesla and the power of resonance* | *Renee Fleury* presents Nikola Tesla. Everything is energy, and no one understood this better than legendary inventor and physicist, Nikola Tesla. He believed that mechanical energy (sound) could be converted into electromagnetic energy through the matching of frequencies. Sound affects everything we do, so it should come as no surprise that Tesla made great strides in this field, including the invention of an "earthquake machine". Join sound healer Renee Fleury for a deep dive into Tesla's world of resonance. Learn a little about the science behind some of his eccentricities, and experience the power of sound for yourself. *"If you want to find the secrets of the universe, think in terms of energy, frequency, and vibration."* -Nikola Tesla

WorkshopSUC2 (1h) 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM | *"It's a Cinch" Lacing Leather Workshop* | *Canfield Leather* provides the materials and step by step instruction on how to lace leather to cinch up a bag. Cost: \$20

PanelSUA4 (1 hr) 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM | *Steamy Stitches* | *Nightwing Whitehead, Moderator, Angela Bowen, Frederick Rivard and Zachary Kessin* discuss sewing for your steamy cosplay.

PanelSUB4 (1.5h) 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM | *Boyfriend's Guide to Steampunk Outfitting* | *See description of panel on Saturday at 11:00 AM*

PanelSUA5 (1h) 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM | *The Town of Iron Toys: Mechanical Banks* | *Richard Franklin Donohue*, Cromwell Historian, discusses the Mechanical Banks of the J & E Stevens Company and shows the collection of these mechanized banks that enjoys widespread popularity by collectors, lovers of toys and those who appreciate history.

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PANELS AND WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

This chronological schedule is just for the panels and workshops, there is also live music, splendid teapot racing, fashion shows and delicious teas happening throughout the weekend.

Check out the schedule by scanning the QR Code above or go to oddballnewt.com

Saturday Feb. 4, Panels/Workshops

PanelSA1 (1h) 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | *Let's Talk: History of Communication* | Join Chelsey Knyff, MA in History and MS in Library Science, from 501(c)(3) B.Historical, to touch and see original industrial age equipment used to communicate. See old typewriters, phones, switchboards and other such original artifacts from the 19th century to early 20th century, and learn about the incredible innovations in communication technology that helped inspire some of the steampunk themes and fads today.

PanelSB1 (1.5h) 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM | *Boyfriend's Guide to Steampunk Outfitting* | James Worthington aka Scott Lyon, with Frederick Rivard, Jon Little, Wendell Theif & Richard Ponchak will be discussing the recently published monograph, "The Boyfriend's Guide to Steampunk Outfitting". This panel draws on experts in Victorian era men's fashions, historical clothing construction, weapon and prop making, and design and sourcing. We are here to make it easy to get started in place where everything's different from the weekday world. We'll have plenty of examples to look at, and we'll answer all your questions. **This panel is also happening on Sunday PanelSUB4 (1.5h) 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

PanelSA2 (1.25h) 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM | *Heroine's Journey* | Gail Carriger knows most readers and writers have heard of the mythic Hero's Journey. There is also a Heroine's Journey, which New York Times best-selling author Gail Carriger uses in her genre-blending fiction. The Heroine's Journey is everywhere, offering a second fictional framework to enhance reading and writing.

WorkshopSC1 (1.5h) 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM | *Create a Fae Artifact Workshop* | Kolleen Kilduff of *Design By Night* presents The Fae Collection; archaeological evidence that your Grandmother's fairytales were real. In true Victorian fashion, enjoy the art of pseudo taxidermy without hurting a single soul! Create a bell jar habitat to preserve the remains of a fairy creature. Build a mystic environment for your very own magical creature using moss, wings, gears, cogs and so much more. Join us in bringing their wonderful personalities back to life in a lovely miniature scene. All materials provided. COST \$15

PanelSB2 (1h) 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM | *Museum of Natural and Other Curiosities* | Sally Whipple, Historian, presents a strangely intriguing PowerPoint presentation on the true cabinet of curiosities that is Connecticut's Museum of Natural and Other Curiosities.

PanelSA3 (2h) 1:15 PM - 3:15 PM | *Transformations: ZombiePunk Apocalypse* | Tyler Green, SFX artist and Season 6 Finalist & All Star semi-finalist of SyFy's FACE OFF will explore the prosthetic aesthetic of make up transformation, modeled by Sophia Reid.

PanelSB3 (1h) 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | *Druid's Deadly Darlings* | Madame Datura (Renee Fleury) presents a history of botanical poisoning: Poison is women's work. We've all heard the saying, right? Well, it isn't without its truth. Historically, many professional poisoners were women! Horticulturalist & druid, Madame Datura (Renee Fleury) invites you to sit for a spell. Encounter history's femme fatales, explore a few key species of poisonous plants, and learn a little about the Victorian shade of green that was to die for. *Live plants on display!

WorkshopSC2 (1.5h) 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM | *Make a Master "Teas"* | *Painting with Tea Workshop* | Faith Satterfield The human condition has limited us to two possibilities: to either drink tea or to make art. Now, artist Faith Satterfield has turned the world upside down by creating art with tea. Join her for a truly unique experience. Cost \$30

PanelSB4 (1h) 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM | *The Land of Steamy Habits: Connecticut History* | Michael Carroll, Ruth Brown, & Richard Franklin Donohue discuss Connecticut's history, quirky toys and strange burial laws.

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PanelSB5 (1h) 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM | *The Finishing Schools Series, 10th anniversary of Etiquette and Espionage* | Gail Carriger's first book, *Etiquette & Espionage*, part of her New York Times best-selling *Finishing School* series, is celebrating its 10th Anniversary. The story follows teenage Sophronia as she attends a finishing school that teaches manners and spycraft, all while floating in a dirigible.

PanelSA5 (1h) 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM | *Making New look Old Again* | *The Art of thrifting & turning new clothes into steampunk* | Linda-Jeanne LeCoursaire, Allisyn Pentleton, Jessica Baradel, Shandra Gitana will be divulging their secrets and giving you tips on how to thrift. They are some of the thriftiest dressed fashionistas around!

PanelSB6 (1h) 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM | *Bring on the Bad Guys: Villains & why we love them* | Moderated by Joseph Kennedy, Esther Wallace, Thom Truelove, Ebony McMillan, and Jessica Lucci will talk about some of the greatest characters in fiction and culture are villains and we will explore while we love them and why they love to write villains.

PanelSA6 (1h) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | *The Unmentionables* | *Underpinnings & Undergarments of the Victorian Era* | Chelsey Knyff, MA in History and MS in Library Science from 501(c)(3) B.Historical, will take you on a journey under the clothes of the typical Victorian woman. Learn about the history of bloomers, crotchless trousers, corsets, chemises, stockings, and more, all with original examples and some reproductions you can try on.

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PanelSB8 (1h) 8:15 PM - 9:15 PM | *Cane Combat* | Professor Mark P. Donnelly will demonstrate Cane Combat fighting with normal (not weaponized) canes and umbrellas.

PanelSA8 (45m) 8:15 PM - 9:00 PM | *Late Night Contemplates* | Van Love will lead an evening chat. Will we talk absinthe, how to poison your lover, your steampunk character development, your favorite parts of the festival so far? Come find out for yourself.

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