

Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 55

"We're all bozos on this bus!"

On sides, always greener

With olive us pining to be out of our current pickle, we moss take heart in the beautiful things around us. This year, that includes the color green, a vision that, glowing through the brown plant detritus of early spring, can seem downright viridescent. (Does that count as a pun?) Here are some reader associations:

- The color Green means life, growth, the beginning of the spring/summer months.
- Counterpoint: Green = Death. During Victorian times green dye was made with arsenic. Even now it is made with nasty chemicals, and is the least "green" of all dyes.
- the color green reminds me of my dad. Green is his favorite color and the color of his old company. i come every year to Minicon with my Dad and i enjoy it very much . \o/
- A pair of ducks has graced Minicon with their presence! I spotted them [...] enjoying the bed of woodchips outside the window over the "No Lifeguard on Duty" sign. The male's head is **green**. Coincidence? I think not!

Planet pendants

Six 'planet pendants' created by GoH-in-absentia Elise Matthesen were raffled off at Opening Ceremonies, with six more winners to be named at Closing Ceremonies. (The registration department apologizes for telling some people this was not the case.) These pendants are on display in the Art Show for anyone who wants to see them! The winners, listed below, are welcome to pick them up at any time:

Vicki Oace	Mary Bertelson
Deedee Lessinger	Stephanie Bowne
Paul Robinson	Tristan Whitaker

The raffle box remains at the registration desk. Your raffle ticket is in your registration envelope; it's not too late to enter for the second drawing!

SPECIAL VOLUNTEER REQUEST:

The music room is seeking someone with experience running sound & lights to help on Sunday afternoon. See Beth or Dave in Music or Crystal in Volunteers.

Don't forget the party floor!

It's easy to miss the fact that there are parties on the third floor! Attendance was sparse last night, but people were having fun. Festivities include (but are not limited to) the following:

In room 328, Dan Myers hosts a pre-launch party of *Knight's Trials*, the third book in his yet-unpublished Forest Spirit Saga. Featuring costumes and serving Finnegan's, beef stew, hearty bread and ice cold water in wooden cups.

The **GPS party** in room 324 has an Oculus Rift! Go don a headset and hand grips and enjoy one of their immersive games, letting you:

- Man the Apollo 11 moon mission or the ISS
- Play around with light, I mean "beat sabers"
- Ride an elevator that opens into thin air
- Or many more adventures!

They also recommend checking out the organization's **charity auction** in room 228.

In room 327 tonight from 6:20-9:30 — **Death or Cake**. *This publication recommends cake.*

And again, regarding the consuite...

"The hotel did not grant everyone access to the 14th floor. If you have trouble getting the 14th floor to light up on the elevator panel, go to the front desk & they can re-program your room key card. If you do not have a room key, find a buddy!

Thanks!" — Chair

Your editor notes that this problem is most likely after 10 p.m., and has heard a rumor that the hotel is attempting to restore full 24-hour access to the consuite.

Concert review

Friday's final concert, **Loreweavers, Bards of the Modern Age**, was a rousing delight. A half-dozen strikingly dressed young fellows entertained with a seamless blend of traditional shanties and video-game-related songs tricked out to sound like traditional shanties... thus demonstrating another way to navigate the delicate juxtaposition of *nerd* and *cool*.

Backside of the BBT – Table edition!

It's almost like a newspaper up in this hizouse.

Quotes from Opening Ceremony:

"Be the change you want to see at Minicon." —Don Stremski	"I've been looking forward to being here <i>every day</i> in 2020." —Jo Walton
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The Editor's Giveaway

A square and shapely tower
alight with cheery power
Built seventeen blocks high—
What prize will it supply?

The art show has almost completely filled all its available space! Thus leading to the twin morals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Nuts to (the idea of) not having enough art! ➢ You should make time to go see some art! 	Accidental poetry Layered mitigation carefree to the wind it's hard to know what's what It's a real roll of the dice right now —N. Johnson 2022
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Corrections

We reported yesterday that Lyda Morehouse's reading was moved up to 5 from 5:30, but missed that the reading is today, not yesterday.	Jeanne Mealy was good enough to proofread yesterday's issue, but was unable to spot the one mistake added after she did: her name, misspelled in the colophon.
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Random conditionals

If you see any teens tell them there's no running by the pool. It doesn't matter if they're running or how close the pool is. <3 ERIK	"If you want a name tent as a souvenir, be sure to ask the person whose name tent it is!" -Anonymous
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Registration update

Reg totals are really weird because of covid!
Pre-reg (from over 3 years, many from 2019): 435
Friday's at-the-door: 30 But also 17 transfers
Warm body count: 304 (Friday) Total reg so far: 465.
That's many, many no-shows, kids.

What do we see? <i>I dunno—what do you see?</i> Look for eyes on the walls and the mystery may be yours to answer.	Strait-Strait 4 a.m. pulse check Gaming: 5 Bar: 8 Total: 13 Minicon!
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Is your cord missing?

We have someone's charging block and blue cord in the Bar (227).

Medallion Hunt <=CRYSTAL=>

Congratulations to everyone who has found Medallions thus far! At the time these clues were written, at 16:15 on Saturday, all the following Medallions have been found: 1 – 6, 15. This leaves 7 – 10, 20 at large & awaiting rescue. Please find them! They want to come home and you want cool Minicon Shirt(s), right? ☺

—The Cluemeister

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CLUES: ROUND 2

7. Sometimes I am set very high, sometimes I am set very low. Either way, this is the only place of its kind where you can bring a kid in tow.
8. I'm not in timeout but I stare at a wall. Where I am placed, there's no fun at all. Coming and going are what I hear, missing the con is what I fear. When some wake and when they sleep, they pass me, otherwise I see no one.
9. Have a ball, have a hall. Go where you like but don't ride your bike. Keep your hands clean before making use of the nearest offering.
10. I'm hanging near something you might want in the morning or at night, with beans or with avocado, it's just right. Good food, for a penny search, may put you in the mood.
20. No one has found me swinging to and fro. For lots of fun, kids won't have far to go.

Have an announcement, a news story, a review, a personal item, or anything else for the BBT? Drop it in the Submission Box outside the BBT Office or write to bbt@minicon55.mnstf.org.

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