

Issue 1

Friday afternoon

Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 55

"We're all bozos on this bus!"

Minicon: An evergreen tradition

It's been a while, right? It feels like it's been a while. With myriad events canceled over the last couple of years, the novel coronavirus isn't feeling so novel these days. Minicon 55 was postponed two years running, which neatly makes up for the two fall conventions counted as Minicons back in the 70s, meaning that if things had proceeded from 1968 on in an orderly one-con-per-year fashion, this would indeed have been the 55th year with a Minicon. As this is our Emerald Year, the concom has decreed that **Green** is our theme: a suitable color for vernal regrowth. Emerald 'e dice with this hopefully sage lime: while we may all be hunters for normalcy at this point, we aren't yet aqua-ite out of the forest.

Seafoam, fill foam out.

If you have thoughts on the color **green** and what it means to you, write up a note on the paper provided outside (and across from) the BBT Office in **Courtyard 4** and drop it in the Submission Box.

Masks on display:

"In April of 2020, the evidence for masks became more widely accepted. With the federal government supply depleted, manufactured masks were nowhere to be found and we needed to make our own. Sewing skills were rusty, and not everyone even knew how. Show off what you made from the days when there was no small elastic to be found, along with a note about how it was constructed. Display in the grand hallway outside the art show. Pick up your mask after Closing Ceremonies."

—Dean Gahlon

How do I get to the Consuite?

The Consuite is on the 14th floor, which the hotel has designated an Executive Lounge. On Thursday night, this made it impossible for many people to access it, though it was supposed to be accessible with any room key. (Call it an "executive dysfunction.") The Hotel Liaison has conferred with the hotel to reach this solution:

- ◆ From 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day (Fri/Sat/Sun), floor 14 will be open to all.
- ◆ After/before these hours, you will be able to access the 14th floor with your room key if you are a hotel guest.
 - If your key doesn't work, the front desk will be glad to recode it for you.
 - *If you're not a hotel guest and you want to get to the consuite between 10 and 7... hopefully you can find someone going your way and, if necessary, make a new friend?*

Want to shoot the breeze with Jo Walton?

If you'd like to sign up for Jo Walton's small group event (the event formerly known as Klatch), the sign-up is at the registration desk. The lottery drawing will be at midnight & the results will be posted on the Orchard Room door.

—Emily Stewart

Lower Atrium open for business!

You may notice that the **Lower Atrium** is marked as closed and reserved for an event. Well, guess what—that event is us! You can maneuver past the stanchions and use the space; it's cool.

Programming corrections

- Lyda Morehouse's reading has been moved up to 5 p.m. Friday instead of 5:30.
- Sharon Kahn has been added to "Recent SF Television" (5:30 Fri).
- "Papercraft! For Teens and Up" will take place 7:30–10:30 Friday night in the Autumn Room.

From the chairs:

SAD NEWS:

Due to a flare-up of a chronic health condition, our Artist Guest of Honor **Elise Matthesen** is not expected to be able to join us for Minicon 55. We wish her our best and hope she feels better soon. Most of the panels she was involved with will still exist in somewhat changed forms, with the exception of the Pendant Creation Watch Party which will probably be canceled. [The **GoH interview** will now be just an hour long and a replacement will be found to interview Jo Walton; "**Lector Elise Matthesen Reads While You Create**" will now be open craft time.] She has sent 12 planet pendants to the convention to be raffled off at Opening and Closing Ceremonies - you will find a raffle ticket in your registration packet.

STATUS OF GAMING AREAS:

We've had some questions about masks and eating in the gaming areas. The **main Gaming space** (new this year in **Terrace 4**) is not a designated eating area, in that the hotel is okay with snacking and beverages but not eating full meals there. But it does have extra air filtration and it is okay for gamers to remove masks to snack or sip a beverage, so long as they can be respectful of the needs of anyone nearby. A good rule of thumb for all gaming areas is to social distance when unmasked from anyone unless you know they're comfortable with it.

-Sharla Stremski

Hotel Restaurant schedule

Wanted to give everyone a heads up on Dover food for this upcoming weekend. Dover's Breakfast hours will remain unchanged Monday–Friday 6:30am–11:00am and Saturday–Sunday 7:00am–11:00am. We will be doing only buffet service on Saturday and Sunday. Buffet will run the entire breakfast service. [Buffet lunch is available Saturday from 11:30–1:30.] We will not be taking reservations for Easter, and will not likely be able to accommodate large groups. We will not be utilizing the lower atrium as we have in the past.

-The Hotel and Aaron Vander Giessen

A testament to soda procurement

Consuite has soft drinks! Do you know why Consuite has soft drinks? Because of program-book-uncredited Pop Top Subhead **Chris Weiss**. Fizzy plaudits to him!

A testament to free will

The Free Will Table moved upstairs yesterday. It is now back on the 1st floor where it started.

Seating change

After feedback, we've decided to do accessible and assistive seating a bit differently this year. Some of the accessible seating is near power receptacles to accommodate scooters or medical equipment that should be plugged in. PLEASE be mindful of cords and choose another path when possible.

"Assistive seating" is at the front of the room for those who need to sit close. If something can be improved, please let someone know via Discord or at the main desk and we will improve it at the next Minicon.

-Emily Stewart

Some questions you may have...

How do we set our room clocks?

Timely minds want to know.

How will the Minn-StF president be assassinated?

There are rumors that the President-For-Life is solidifying her grasp on power and that no one can take her down. Is it true??

What about the Medallion Hunt?

Hold your horses! It's happening. Watch out for a special issue Friday night with the first round of clues.

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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