



# PANEL ROOM SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY, 8/10/24

### 10:00 A.M. 5 TIPS TO GET STARTED WITH CROWDFUNDING COMICS

Are you interested in making comics, but just don't have the funds to cover everything? Crowdfunding your comic is an excellent way to not only cover costs like printing, but to help get yourself established within the comics community. Host John Kratky has had 6 successful campaigns since 2021. Presented by John Kratky, writer of Home Free, The Black Wall, Getting Back to Normal, & Goblet at the Black Oak.

### 11:00 A.M. THE INFATUATED, THE AWKWARD, THE DEPLORABLE – ROMANCE TROPES AND WHY WE LOVE OR HATE THEM

Explore romance tropes with authors M.R. Polish and Ashley Lavering. Why do some romance tropes work, and others don't? Why we love or hate one trope over another? Picking the right tropes can shape our favorite stories and reveal the values and true behaviors of the characters. Presented by Misty Polish (Best Selling Fantasy Romance Author) and Ashley Lavering (Paranormal/Fantasy Romance Author)

### 12:00 P.M. RETURN OF THE MUSINGS OF JEDI

A Star Wars Panel discussing the endearing and enduring qualities of Star Wars hosted by life-long Star Wars enthusiasts Mark Christensen & Hooten Fullmer. They will be discussing different eras of Star Wars in-universe history and some of the interesting inhabitants of the galaxy.

### 1:00 P.M. MARVEL TRIVIA

Fly in with your Marvel knowledge hosted by Sandra's Cosplay Asylum and H&J Comics. The game plays like Jeopardy with the top three points winners moving into round 2. Round 3 is final Jeopardy where all three contestants bet their points to try to be the top winner!

### 2:00 P.M. BUILDING THE PERFECT MAGIC SYSTEM FOR YOUR STORY

Does magic require Rules? Consequences? Fiction writers, DMs, & magic enthusiasts: join fantasy-author Amber Argyle for an engaging class on the intricacies of magic in storytelling! We'll cover: Soft vs. Hard Magical Systems, Rules and Consequences, Story Requirements & more! Presented by Amber Argyle, award-winning novelist whose work has been translated into multiple languages

### 3:00 P.M. DESIGNING COSPLAY FROM IMAGE TO COSPLAY

Join cosplayers Going Ape Cosplay and Sandra's Cosplay Asylum as they discuss tips and ideas to help take your cosplay from an image to a design – and to a completed cosplay!

### 4:00 P.M. STAR WARS TRIVIA

Jump in with your Star Wars knowledge hosted by Sandra's Cosplay Asylum and H&J Comics. The game plays like Jeopardy with the top three points winners moving into round 2. Round 3 is final Jeopardy where all three contestants bet their points to try to be the top winner! Presented by Sandra Leahy of Sandra's Cosplay Asylum

### 5:00 P.M. BLACK THUMBS: MAKING MAD MAX CARS

So you want a thrilling ride? Two Blackthumbs (mechanics) discuss what it takes to get a car ready for the Wastes. Both have had cars in the Wasteland Car Show & Armada – the largest gathering of Mad Max-style cars in the world – and are ready to talk shop with anyone who will listen. WITNESS!

### 6:00 P.M. HAUNTED LEGENDS & FUTURE DREAMS: THE STORY OF THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL

Explore the Haunted Commercial Hotel's dark history, including infamous murders and its role as "Vegas before Vegas" with live entertainment and gambling. Learn about the exciting current activities at the Commercial Fun Center and our future plans. Q&A and special swag for attendees! Presented by Dr. Chad Edwards, Owner of the Commercial Fun Center & Haunted Commercial Hotel