

# THE WALKING FEN

## MEDIAWEST\*CON 34 MAY 23-26, 2014

*Since we are still kicking after all these years, MediaWest\*Con 34 celebrates the Undead -- vampires, zombies, werewolves, and all the grim, ghoulish, and supernatural denizens of the not-quite-dead netherworlds. So bring Mister Pointy, your garlic necklaces, hex bags, and spellbooks... and expect one helluva good time!*

## POST-CON PROGRESS REPORT

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**MediaWest\*Con** is the definitive gathering of SF/Media fandom, held each Memorial Day Weekend in Lansing Michigan. **MediaWest\*Con** is sponsored by *T'Kuhtian Press* as a celebration of the diversity of SF/Media fandom, run by fans, for fans, and is staffed entirely by volunteers. **MediaWest\*Con** traditionally features the Art Show and Auction, Fanzine Reading Room, Fannish Videos, Masquerade, Dealers' Room, Game Room, SF/Media Fan Fund, Fan Quality Awards, a Con Suite (AKA Hospitality Suite) and a Party Suite, and many, many panels on a wide variety of topics representing many areas of interest. Programming is determined by member input and participation. Programming is intended for an adult audience; we do not censor adult themes in panel topics or in the Art Show. We have no official guests. The name **MediaWest\*Con** is a service mark of **MediaWest\*Con**.

Once again, **MediaWest\*Con 34** was held in Lansing, Michigan on Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-26, 2014. As always, programming was determined by member input and participation. Fandoms and interests represented in programming at **MW\*C 34** included *Agents of SHIELD*, *Arrow*, *Bates Motel*, *Big Bang Theory*, *Bond/Skyfall*, *Cannon vs Fanon*, *Captain America*, *Criminal Minds*, crossovers/AUs, *Doctor Who*, *Downton Abbey*, *Falling Skies*, fanzines/writing/editing, E-books, *Godzilla*, ghosts/hauntings/paranormal, *Hobbit*, internet, *Justice League*, *Magnificent 7*, *Marvel*, *Andre Norton*, *Pern*, *Person of Interest*, *Professionals*, *Sentinel*, *Shaun of the Dead*, *Sherlock/Elementary/Holmes*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Stargate: Atlantis*, *Star Trek*, *Star Wars*, *Starskey & Hutch*, *Supernatural*, *TPTB*, *UNCLE*, *Veronica Mars*, *Walking Dead*, *Wonder Woman*, *X-Men*, and much more!



Blood Drive



Buffy Shadowcast  
Art Show/Auction



Whose Line...?



Ramada



Fandoms represented in the fannish quilt are: *Longmire*, *Downton Abbey*, *Agents of SHIELD*, *Bubba Ho-Tep*, *Ancient Aliens*, *Grimm*, *Cowboys & Aliens*, *River Monsters*, *NCIS*, *Helix*, *Almost Human*; corners: *Sherlock Holmes* (BBC).

Top identifiers:

**First Place:** Kelly Wolf

**Second Place:** Grace, Carol, Lisa

**Third Place:** Erika Frensley



'Zine Reading Room



Masquerade



Dead Dog Panel

# MASQUERADE AWARDS

## Best Use of Andre's Brain Award & Best In Show

*Plan B*  
Peter Cooper



## The Undead Ringer Award

*Even The Master Can Go Bald*  
Scott Clark



## The Goodwill Quick Change Artist Award

*Rebecca Rose, Lady Buccaneer*  
Becky Wurm Clark



## The Awesome Hat & Workmanship Award

*Timey-Whimey, Wibbly-Wobbly: Alice Fell Down the Rabbit Hole*  
Sam Powell



## The Godzilla Is In a Lot of Trouble Award

*Zombi 2: Change for a Buck*  
Janice St. Clair



## The Con Crooner Award

*To All the Cons I've Gone Before*  
Bob Dawe



# 2014 Fan Quality Awards

## CASTLE

### STORY – GEN

**Murder at McDonald's** – Author: Lorraine Anderson

## DR WHO

### STORY – GEN

**The Empty Office** – Author: Susan Macdonald

## MULTI-FANDOM

### ARTIST – GEN

**Leah Rosenthal**

### STORY – GEN

**Playing Nice in the Sandbox** – Author: liketheriver

### STAND-ALONE ‘ZINE – GEN

**In Search of the Guardians** – Author: Sheila Paulson

### STAND-ALONE ‘ZINE – SLASH

**Kings** – Authors: Bast & Sekhmet

### ‘ZINE – GEN

**Cross the Gate** – Editors: JJJunky & Brate

### ‘ZINE –SLASH

**Behind the Badge** – Editor: Bast

## PIRATES OF THE CARRIBEAN

### STORY – SLASH

**Capturing Lightning** – Author: Linda McGee

## SHERLOCK (BBC)

### STAND-ALONE ‘ZINE – SLASH

**The Blue Daemon** – Author: T. M. Alexander

## SHERLOCK HOLMES

### STAND-ALONE ‘ZINE – SLASH

**A Holmesian Hoard** – Lisa Adolf

## STARGATE:ATLANTIS

### STORY – GEN

**Kryptonite** – Author: Ann Wortham & Leah Rosenthal

### ‘ZINE – GEN

**Critias 4** – Editor: Ann Wortham

## STARGATE: SG-1

### ARTIST – GEN

**Leah Rosenthal**

### STORY – GEN

**The Root of the Matter** – Author: Sheila Paulson

### STAND-ALONE ‘ZINE – GEN

**The Bizarro Coloring Book Vol. 3** – Author: Leah Rosenthal

### ‘ZINE – GEN

**Redemption 12** -- Editor: Ann Wortham

## SUPERNATURAL

### ARTIST – GEN

**Leah Rosenthal**

### STORY – GEN

**Zombie Gnomes from Hell** – Author: Wortham & Rosenthal



# MEDIAWEST\*CON DOOR DECORATING

**Best In Show**  
Room 356 -- *NCIS Land*

(No Photo)

**Best Marriage Equality & Judges; Favourite**  
142 -- *The Many Faces of My Husband Tony Stark*



**Shiniest Single Fandom**  
230 -- *Martinis by Moonlight*



**Best Interactive**  
147 -- *Fandom Graffiti*



**Best Multi-Fandom**  
248 -- *Few of Our Favorite Things*



**Most Nostalgic**  
306 -- *X-Fen: Doors of Future Past*



**Best Use of Theme**  
144 -- *Zombie-Proof Room*



**Best Humour & Fan Favourite**  
251 -- *What Do You Fear?*



**Best Narrative**  
206 -- *Plot? What Plot?*



## MW\*C 34 T'SHIRTS!



We have printed a very small run of **MW\*C 34** T-shirts which can be yours for \$15 each, post-paid (for US addresses; outside the US, please e-mail for any additional shipping)! **MW\*C 34** T-shirts feature the **MW\*C 34** logo in red and purple along with Gordon's drawing of zombified characters in B&W, all on crisp white cotton Fruit of the Loom shirts in L, XL, and XXL. Proudly declare yourself as one of the Walking Fen!

You may make payments via PayPal to [mediawestcon@aol.com](mailto:mediawestcon@aol.com), or by check payable to **MediaWest\*Con** and mailed to **MediaWest\*Con**, 200 E Thomas St, Lansing MI 48906-4047. Please include the shirt size required.

We also have some shirts and other items from past years, in limited quantities. E-mail for cost and availability.

## FANNISH VIDEO

There were no awards due to limited number of entries.

## SF/MEDIA FAN FUND

There was no ballot for Fan Fund as we received no nominations.

## ART SHOW

There were no Art Show awards as no ballots were printed.

## MISCELLANEA

I still find it hard to wrap my mind around the **MediaWest\*Con 34** Art auction. The single bid of \$500.00, for my silk Marvin Martian shirt took my breath away and buckled my knees! I believe this convention has some of the most generous and compassionate members of any Con.

I was astounded minutes after the bid by the passed hat that held more money than the shirt bid! I'm still questioning the amount I was given as payment for art sold!

I must thank-you, Lori and Gordon for keeping **MW\*C** going over 3 decades. (I know because I've never missed one yet.) Thank-you to Paula for keeping the bidding succinct, Jesse for the really cool "hat trick" and Karen for reminding me why I had to take math over in summer school.

Hugs And Kisses to Jim, my art runner partner and my husband /partner (They both kept me standing late Sunday).

To all of you in the art audience, auctioneers, runners, and those of you who stopped me in dealers or halls on your way out Monday with more folded green stuff – I offer to you all what I do best:

A thank-you to **MediaWest\*Con 34** 2014

There are Angels around me  
That actually make me blink-

Back tears of total astonishment

as I stand upon the brink

Of subtle darkness turned to light  
That I might not have known  
If not for Angels loose among  
The Con I call my own.

-- Brenda & Jim Gasahl

**Thank you**, **MW\*C** attendees, for buying catnip toys in room 347. Through your patronage, \$138 was raised for Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue. -- M'jit Raindancer-Stahl

**Thanks** to everyone who came by room 350 and contributed to the Hobo Project. We raised \$116.00 to help with the vet bills of Michigan pet owners who otherwise would have to surrender their animals. Thank you VERY Much! -- Jan Keeler

From Nancy Kolar:

**Please help.** On March 23 this year my partner of 43 years died of a heart attack at breakfast. We were planning on finally getting married June 9th. Needless to say this loss pushed me to try and follow her. While I was in the hospital recovering a CAR ran into my house and ended up in the basement. The car's driver was drunk and had no insurance. While trying to figure all this out I received a final notice to pay the taxes on the house for 2012. I either pay or they will sell the house for the back taxes. I have no idea where I'll get the money from. Could you please help me save my home? Thank you for your time. <http://www.gofundme.com/a421g4>

**Do you remember (and miss!) Datazine? Universal Translator? FYI? The G.A.Z.?** Well, *Flogging Zines* is an effort to something similar ONLINE! Do you put out an amateur publication? Do you write fanfic? Check us out! No copyright infringement intended, but we want to put 'zineds in touch with fanfic writers and vice versa, plus put readers in touch with those who have great fanfic aching to be read. From Lorraine Anderson, Elaine Batterby, and Jan Keeler, concocted in a moment of madness while preparing for MW\*C and distilled in giggling meetings at the con. Check out: <http://lorrainejanderson.com/Fanzines/>

There are sections for both Gen and Slash 'zines. For 'zines published in 2014 and beyond. Please note the site rules.

## In Memoriam

**AKC CH/UKC UWP CA GRCH SFX Time Bandit, AKC CA**

September 27, 2006 -- December 28, 2014

Kahuna, our big boy, died unexpectedly the Sunday after Christmas. Lori went to call the boys inside, and thought he was just peacefully napping in the back yard.

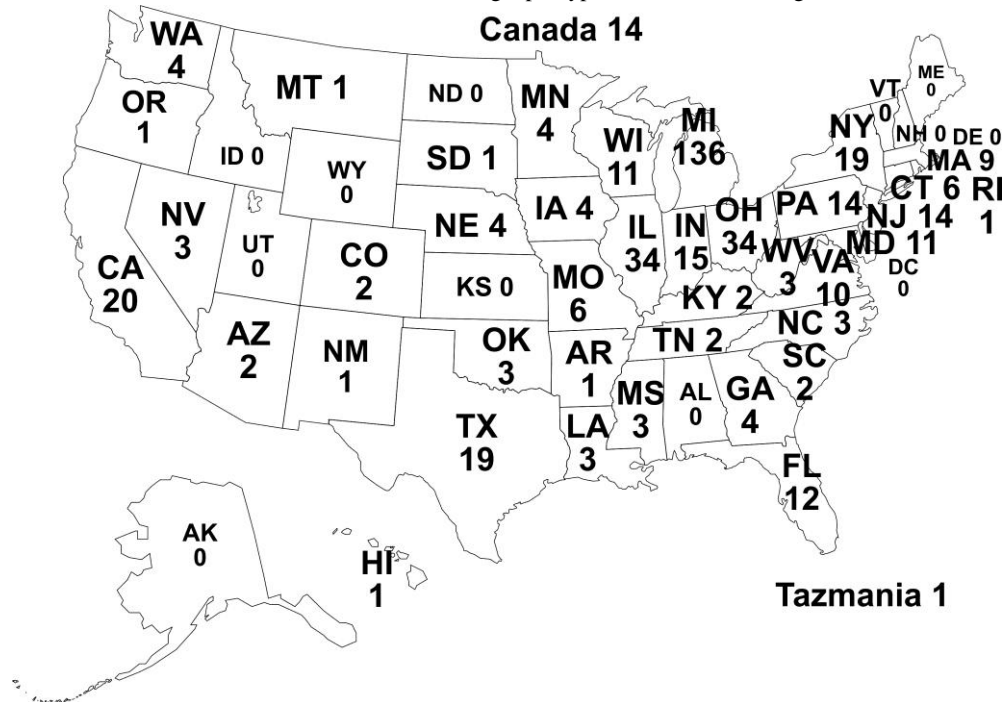
He was a friendly and gentle boy, good with people, other dogs, and patient with puppies. He was Rory's (the rescue Pity) buddy, and would sometimes groom him. He attended many MW\*Cs.

We miss him.



## MW\*C 34 MEMBERSHIP

MW\*C 34 members, not including Apocryphals and those sharing PRs



## THANKS

Thanks to all the Staff, Gofers, Art Show Auctioneers and runners, Masquerade judges, and other volunteers, as well all as those who suggest topics and participate in programming! There would be no **MediaWest\*Con** without you! Extra thanks to our retiring staffers, Alem (Door Decoration) and Ericka Kahler (Game Room) for all their hard work. And thanks to Kim Vanderlaan and Sophia Kelly Shultz for helping Lori out with the Dealers Room and Laura Keeler-Britt and others for helping with the 'Zine Room.

Thanks also to those who donated items for auction for the Fan Fund, and to those who purchased auction items for the Fan Fund or helped in other ways!

