

KUMORICON 2005

Schedule & Program Additions

Kumoricon Welcomes New Guests of Honor:

Cosplay.com

(Attendance made possible by our friends at Anime Overdose.)

Cosplay.com Q&A and Cosplay Review

Kyle and Adell of Cosplay.com will be hosting a rather informal Q&A panel at 11am right after opening ceremonies. Bring questions about the site, ask Adella about cosplay or Kyle about photography, or anything else you'd like. Kyle will be hanging out right after the panel is over to take photos, too. Look for their post-Cosplay wrap-up panel as well!

All About Bonsai

Curious about how to care for a bonsai? The art of bonsai is part aesthetics and part careful cultivation. Learn more about this unique and ancient art in this panel, hosted by the Bonsai Society of Portland. You can also view their bonsai exhibit in the art show.

Copic Workshop 1- Beginners

Copic markers are the choice for the serious American manga artist. From number of colors to quality of design, Copics stand unbeaten, and this is your chance to learn how to use them right, from the people who make them! Introductory-level art techniques.

Copic Workshop 2- Advanced

The need for traditional skills in art will never disappear; even pro digital artists have to learn with pen and paper first. This workshop offers a more advanced learning experience on how to get the best use out of your Copic markers.

"Yaoi, zowie, I think they're gay!"

Dr. Antonia Levi takes an academic look at same-gendered pairings in anime... and the American reactions. True shonen ai or yaoi fans won't want to miss a discussion of this relationship story sub genre now more popular- and more controversial- than ever.

Cowboys vs. Samurai with Dr. Levi

Heroes of the ancient east, heroes of the old west... what happens when the two traditions mix? Come and find out!

Joshua Seth's Comedy Hypnosis Show

Experience the talents of Joshua Seth that go far beyond anime voice acting. He is also an amazing magician and one of the top comedy hypnotists in the world. Watch in awe as otaku are put under his hypnotic spell... to uproariously funny results.

Brad DeMoss's AMVs

Ever wondered how to make an awesome Anime Music Video? Have a great idea, but held up by some technical aspect? You're in luck, because Brad DeMoss is a guru of AMVs. Come learn tips and tricks of AMVs, and be inspired to share Brad's love of this unique media art. Who knows? Next year's AMV Contest could feature YOU.

Role Play Games

Love RPG's? This year games will be held in the Three Sisters room, on the second floor. We've got lots of games this year including Legends of the Five Rings, a BESM magical girl game, Ironclaw, and maybe even Dominion Tank Police. Anyone is welcome to play RPG's or CCG's there the entire length of the con, and there will also be game books and dice from all sorts of games on loan to be used only in the game room Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Magical Sleeper Team K

Held over from last year, the adolescents from Magical Sleeper Team K vow to make their debut at Kumoricon 2005! Addle-brained antics and mystical hijinks will ensue as players will rescue the innocent, fight evil with the powers of love, justice, and shininess, and cause as much property damage as their superpowers (and the show's teeny tiny budget) will allow! Cuteness alone will not save them, but cuteness plus super abilities will doom evil for all eternity in the pilot game of Magical Sleeper Team K!

Cosplay Gaming Extravaganza (LARP)

Ever wanted to kill the con chair? Now you can! As your cosplay character, even! Want to see Kenshin protect the nearly dead con chair from the evil clutches of Vicious? Or do you simply want to destroy that despicable DDR game? We're throwing our own mini-con and it's up to you to decide its fate. Whether you like to cosplay or roleplay it should be a whole ton of goofiness and fun. Come in a costume, any costume!

Upstart Artists

What happens when three amateur artists with fancy-filled brains get together to do a panel? Shh! It's a surprise! Filled with fun, artwork, and tips, stop by to meet the brains behind two online manga and a webworld of art, and see for yourself.

Pocky Club

Just what is this Pocky Club? What do they do? And where the heck do I sign up? *Wouldn't you like answers to all of these questions- especially the last?* Then don't be shy-come meet them. Pocky Club- bringing joy and Pocky everywhere.

Ronime Studios Presents Exodus: Faded Spirits

The staff of the game development company are here to present their flagship effort. Come explore the world of the most exciting new RPG in the making! Meet the artists and creators. Hear what it takes to make a game into reality. Don't miss this Kumoricon first!

Cat Ears Workshop

What is more fun than dressing a catboy, or catgirl? We're not sure. But better than having one of those store-bought sets of ears is to make a pair that really suit you. Come to this workshop and actually make your own purrrfect cat ears from provided materials, with instructors there to help you along!

And because that still wasn't enough, check your schedules for these other panel topics!

Ask at info desk for more details on these events:

Go Strategy Demonstrations * Ren'AI and Visual Novel * Fanfic Discussion * Dating Sims * Music in Anime/Songfics featuring sweet wonderful treats made just for you! A feast both for the palate and for the eyes!

Real Life Comics with Greg & Elizabeth Dean

How does Greg come up with the ideas for his comics? What are Greg's influences? Does he own the Master Sword? Bring along these questions and any other questions that are burning in your mind to this general Q & A session hosted by Greg Dean and his wife, Elizabeth Dean. Why should you attend? Because "truth is funnier than fiction".

Cosplay Tips with Elizabeth Dean

Do you want to join the Cosplay Contest but don't know where to start? Come to this helpful panel hosted by Elizabeth Dean. She will answer your tough cosplay questions as well as let you know what the cosplay judges will be looking for.

Illustrator Tips with Greg Dean

Watch and learn from Greg as he makes Illustrator bow to his will and perform actions that you thought were only possible with Photoshop. Even if you know nothing about this vast program, you might pick up an art idea or two.

Toshifumi Yoshida's Dubbing Demonstration

What is it like dubbing anime? Find out with an awesome demo of the actual process, brought to you by our honored guest and anime producer.

Inuyasha Discussion with Toshifumi Yoshida

Are you a big Inuyasha fan? Can't wait for the rest of the series to be domestically released? Bring your tough Inuyasha questions, and get answers straight from its producer.

Editing and Translating Manga

Getting Japanese manga into English for hoards of rabid American otaku can't be an easy job. What's involved with editing and translating? What about writing comics, or describing pictures to an artist? A behind the scenes look at comics production with an industry professional- the editor of Happy Hustle High at Viz!

Para Para Dancing Workshop

Ever tried Para Para Paradise? Come see what it's all about: brief but interesting facts about it's history, and a dancing demo that is sure to be awesomely entertaining.

Budo Taijutsu Demonstration

Budo Taijutsu is a complete martial art that has survived from feudal times in Japan. Of its nine major schools, several are ninjutsu based. Come see this ancient art in practice, by those who still study it in the US today!

Bakazoku Presents

Who are the Bakazoku? Do you truly not know? Why, then, young student, you must come, and learn of the hilarity! And for those who haven't been under a rock during Kumoricons past, come chill and enjoy the talents of this Northwest comedy troupe.

Bakazoku - Again!

The Bakazoku are back to bring you their crazy stories of con hijinks, featuring secret tales of their experiences, on and off stage, at cons past. Sometimes the BZ's favorites can grow wilder with each retelling, making this a sure bet to entertain.

History of Go

Learn the fascinating history of the ancient game of Go. We couldn't get ghostly Heian courtiers like Sai from Hikaru no Go to host, but these folks are still experts on the game.

