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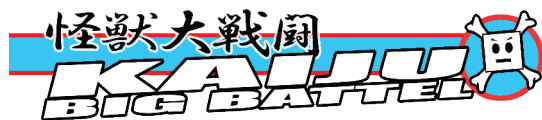
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WELCOME

A Letter from the Convention Chair



Dear Kumoricon Attendee –

Anime has proven itself to be a force, and one that no one expected to encompass such a large following. What other media can speak so loudly to all of us? Though we may be from different towns, rival schools, and diverse backgrounds, anime is our common language.

Whether you read manga, write fan fic, create AMVs, sew costumes, or draw characters all your own, it all started in the colorful images of friends and lovers, families and factions, struggling subbed or dubbed to attain something bigger than themselves on the small screen. We should all strive to become stronger and better than what we are, gaining life-long friends along the way. If we can learn anything from anime, it is this.

So while you are here, reach out to those around you. Your friends are here, with you. Maybe they traveled great distances to be here. Maybe you've only talked to them online. Maybe you have yet to meet them. The only thing that is sure is that you and they are part of a larger thing, that dialect which brought us all here.

In that language that we all can understand, let me say this. To each and every one of you, welcome to your Kumoricon.

Meg Uhde
Convention Chair
Kumoricon 2006

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...and countless volunteers...without you, this con would not have happened!

POLICIES

Intent and content: Kumoricon's purpose is to provide a fun and interactive environment for sharing enthusiasm for learning about anime and Japanese culture, and to make our convention an enjoyable experience for as many people as possible. The convention's content will be kept under or at a PG-13 rating, maximum, with the exception of designated areas restricted to age 18 and over, for which ID is checked. However, given differences in international rating structures and the disparity of cultural attitudes towards such things as violence, non-sexual nudity, profanity, and the age-appropriateness of more mature or thematic content, parental guidance is especially recommended.

Conduct and behavior of guests: In order for everyone attending Kumoricon to have an enjoyable time, all attendees need to be courteous of others, and follow the hotel and convention policies as well as all applicable laws. You are responsible for your own actions; use good judgment in your public behavior. Refrain from being disruptive or overly loud, restrict your public displays of affection, and make sure you are wearing appropriate attire for being in public. If you are doing something inappropriate in public, Kumoricon reserves the right to ask you to stop or remove yourself to a hotel room, depending on the nature of the inappropriate action. Repeat or severe offenders will be required to hand over their badges and leave the convention area. Police will be involved if necessary. It is your responsibility not to violate local, state, and federal laws.

Public display of affection: Kissing and holding hands is acceptable public affectionate behavior, regardless of the genders of persons involved; groping is not.

Exposure and attire: Indecent exposure is a crime. Guests of the convention must wear at least a non-thong style swimsuit of gender-appropriate type while in public. Attire can be deemed inappropriate at the discretion of Kumoricon personnel and the attendee can be sent to his/her room to change or told to leave the facilities. Shoes must be worn in the facilities. Costumes must fall into or under the PG-13 rating category and be covering enough not to be categorized as under-exposure, as stated above. Fetish items can be worn only so long as they do not pose a safety hazard; however, display of BDSM/bondage behavior in public areas is not acceptable.

Smoking and drinking: Smoking is not allowed anywhere in the public areas of the hotel or within ten feet of any entrance thereto. It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to consume alcohol in the State of Oregon. For those who are of age, be responsible. Drunk and disorderly conduct is against the law, and anyone behaving in a disruptive or disorderly fashion due to intoxication in the convention areas will be dealt with accordingly. Do not drink and drive.

Badges: The badge you are issued at Registration is your pass to the convention, including all its related activities. Attainment of a convention badge means you have read/accepted all convention policies and guidelines within this document. You must have your badge with you at all times, and it must be visible for you to be admitted to any convention-specific area, event, or activity. If you lose your badge, return to the Registration desk and bring photo ID. If you find a lost badge, please turn it in to the Registration desk.

Minors: Age 12 and under: All children age 12 and under must be accompanied at all times by a parent or legal guardian who is also a registered guest of Kumoricon.

Age 13 and up: All minors 13 and up must have a parent or legal/appointed guardian available at the convention site at all times while the minor is in attendance. All guardians must be age 18 or over and have parental permission from the minor's parent or legal guardian.

Curfew: Kumoricon has a curfew on all convention function space at midnight. All unaccompanied minors (ages 17 and under) in Kumoricon function space after midnight will be asked to leave. Curfew time ends at 4:00 AM. Kumoricon does not have the authority to enforce any curfew outside convention space.

Kumoricon policy differs slightly from local curfew laws. For your reference outside of the convention space, the City of Portland's Curfew law is as follows:

28.010. Curfew. It is unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 years to be in or upon any street, park or other public place between the hours specified in this Section, unless such minor is accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person 21 years of age or over and authorized by the parent or by the law to have care and custody of the minor, or unless such minor is then engaged in a school activity or lawful employment that makes it necessary to be in or upon such street, park, or other public place during the hours specified in this Section. For minors under the age of 14 years who have not begun high school, the curfew is between 9:15 p.m. and 6 a.m. of the following morning, except that on any day immediately preceding a day for which no public school is scheduled in the City, the curfew is between 10:15 p.m. and 6 a.m. of the following morning. For children 14 years of age or older who have begun high school, the curfew is between 10:15 p.m. and 6 a.m. of the following morning, except that on any day immediately preceding a day for which no public school is scheduled in the City, the curfew is between 12 midnight and 6 a.m. of the following morning.

Weapons: No working projectile weapons are permitted in the convention area. No exceptions will be made. No live steel. No exceptions. Live steel is defined as weapons with a sharpened edge for cutting. Your kitchen steak knife is live steel. A toy sword that may be made of some type of metal but has no sharp cutting edge (e.g. more blunt than a butter knife) is not. All prop weapons must be peace-bound. Peacebonding signifies an agreement by you not to use your weapon in a manner that will present a danger to others, regardless of intent, and to not allow others to use it to do so. Drawing any weapon in a public or convention space, including the hotel parking lot, is grounds for dismissal from the convention. Also, for your protection, remember that police will always assume any drawn weapon is functional and will be used; replica guns should be best kept holstered. Any gun that is not obviously a toy may be marked by convention staff for easy identification; or disallowed within convention spaces.

Costumes: Costumes must fit under the category of appropriate attire. They must also not pose a health or safety hazard. Costumes can be deemed unacceptable by Kumoricon personnel and the attendee will be sent to change. Repeat offenders will be required to surrender their badges and leave the convention. Costumes may be deemed obstacles to proper traffic flow within the convention and be requested to be modified.

Signs and solicitation: No attendee of Kumoricon may wear or carry a sign offering paid services whether for

cash or other form of payment, offering free services, or soliciting behavior from other attendees. When in doubt, check your sign the way you would a prop weapon, with a Yojimbo or at the Operations room, to make sure it is acceptable.

Flyers: Do not put up flyers around the convention area or in hotel hallways on the walls or attach them to other surfaces. They will be removed. An appropriate area will be designated for posting flyers and information. Check at the Info table. Content of flyers must be acceptable and fall within the PG-13 limits of the convention. No flyers or other advertisements pertaining to room parties will be accepted.

Hotel: Abide by hotel policies. Realize that if you permanently stain hotel towels with makeup or hair dye, you may be charged by the hotel. (So bring your own towels.) Do not sleep in public areas of the hotel. Please refrain from making excessive noise in your rooms as this can disturb other guests of the hotel who may be trying to sleep. (Keep in mind that there are non-convention attendees who are also guests of the hotel.) Be advised that most hotels do have noise ordinances, and you may be asked to leave the hotel if found in violation.

Liability: Kumoricon, its personnel, and its affiliates, are not responsible for any damage, theft, injury or loss. Attendees of the convention are responsible for their actions as individuals, as well as for any resulting repercussions. Staff is on hand for assistance in any situation; however, any civil or medical emergencies that may occur must be handled directly by the appropriate authority.

Merchandise: You must pay for all merchandise obtained from vendors. Save your receipts as proof of payment. Be patient with crowds in the vendors' room and make sure to pay the appropriate vendors for all the things you purchase.

Harassment: Harassment of attendees will not be tolerated. Harassment can be defined as any behavior that another person finds annoying or alarming. Threats of physical violence, unwanted physical or verbal contact, or following another person around in a public area without good cause, can all be categorized as harassing behaviors. If someone tells you to leave them alone, or says "no", stop what you are doing and leave them alone. If you do not do so once warned, your actions can give them grounds to complain of harassment. If you feel harassed, or indeed in any case of use of physical aggressive force, immediately bring the matter to the attention of Kumoricon personnel who will be wearing red haori (jackets). Repeat offenders will be required to hand over their badges and leave the convention.

Appeals: To appeal a decision by Kumoricon personnel, in matters such as attire, harassment, or other behavior, which you feel to be unfair, visit the Convention Operations room. Any decision then reached by the Convention Officers present (at least two Officers), will be final.

Alteration of policies: Kumoricon reserves the right to change our policies without notice.



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GUESTS

Tiffany Grant

Best known as Asuka from **Neon Genesis Evangelion**, Tiffany was the first voice actor hired by AD Vision back in February 1994. Since then, she has voiced characters in well over 700 TV episodes, OVAs and movies including Marta in **Fullmetal Alchemist**, Laplamin in **Macross**, Shizuru in **Godannar**, Satella in **Chrono Crusade**, Kome in **Blue Seed**, Madame President in **Golden Boy**, Becky in **Gunsmith Cats**, Chocolate in **Sorcerer Hunters**, Dug Fin in **Dragon Half**, Kaorin in **Azumanga Daioh**, Altena in **Noir** and many more.



Kirk Thornton

A native Oregonian who grew up in this area and went to Aloha High School outside of Beaverton, you may know him as the voice of Jin (**Samurai Champloo**), Hiei (**Yu Yu Hakusho**), Tazuna (**Naruto**), or even Gabumon (**Digimon**). The man of many "AKAs", Kirk Thornton, is making his convention debut at Kumoricon! Kirk's impressive career started in 1972 with **Panda Kopanda**, under the name Sparky Thornton. Kirk has also worked as a voiceover for many video games including **Kingdom Hearts II** and **Resident Evil Outbreak**.



Brad DeMoss

Brad DeMoss first put music and animation together in 1989, but didn't begin competing in anime music video contests until 1997. Since that time, he has won awards at conventions all over the country, and is responsible for the first successful collaborative AMV project, "The DDR Project". Most recently, he won Best of Show at Anime Expo 2006 for "Signal to Noise". In addition, Mr. DeMoss's voice talents can be heard in **Nazca**, **Amazing Nurse Nanako**, **Neia_7**, and **Spirit of Wonder**.



Greg & Elizabeth Dean

Greg Dean has been interested in cartooning for much of his life. In elementary school, he volunteered to do a one-panel comic in the school newsletter. When he was in junior high, he began writing and illustrating parodies of popular culture icons, as well as coming up with original characters. However, he was never truly serious about comics until he started **Real Life Comics**. Elizabeth is the other side of this team. Although she and Greg hadn't met by the time the comic was created, she has quickly made herself a major role in the comic's workings. Greg and Elizabeth worked so well together as a team that they decided to get married as well.



Bakazoku

What is Bakazoku? A roaming pack of wildebeests that perform show tunes? No! Bakazoku is a comedy cosplay troupe from the Seattle/Tacoma area well known for its humor and hijinks. Founded in the late 90s by Joe Jennings, Bakazoku has entertained many thousands of con-goers with its comedy stylings and off-the-wall humor. Best known for their improv cosplay skits, they've been with Kumoricon since the beginning and love to make people laugh on and off the stage. Members include Joe Jennings, Jeremiah Rosario, Brian Boudreaux, and Lizzie Peterson.



Piano Squall

Piano Squall, the Final Fantasy-cosplaying pianist, has performed video game and anime music concerts in New York, Washington, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Missouri, Georgia, and Florida. In 2005, Piano Squall appeared as a musical guest at the anime convention Otakon, where he performed for an audience of three thousand people. Piano Squall is an active supporter of charity and donates all of the money he makes from concerts to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society—an organization fighting to end the devastating disease that killed his grandmother.



A-Key-Kyo

A-Key-Kyo is a cover band specializing in J-pop and anime cover songs. Their outstanding performance at Uwajimaya's Sakura Festival earned them a place on the Kumoricon stage. A-Key-Kyo band was founded in early 2003 in Portland, Oregon by five Japanese girls. They play Japanese pop, rock, and other genres. After two girls left, three guys joined the band. They play at several festivals featuring Japanese culture. Misa, one of the band's members, tells us, "People love us because we play Japanese songs, and our motto, 'be happy & be healthy'. I believe we are rare 'anti-drug band'. Haha!"



PROGRAMMING

Guests

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 others that are burning in your mind to the general Q&A session hosted by Greg Dean and his wife Elizabeth Dean. Why should you attend? Because "truth is funnier than fiction."

ILLUSTRATION 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, learn some basics and pick up ideas for your own art.

THE BAKAZOKU SHOW!

Who is Bakazoku? What does Bakazoku mean? Where can you buy the T-shirt? You may find out at The Bakazoku Show. Watch this amazing improv group wow you with their wit and silliness.

BAKAZOKU UNCENSORED (18+)

Find out what happens when this troop of improv gurus are allowed to do and say just about anything they want. You'll laugh, you'll cry, and then you'll stub your toe for Bakazoku.

AMVs

AMV CONTEST

Show fan-made music videos, distribute, collect, and tally ballots, determine winners. Note: Winners announced at closing ceremonies and prizes are mailed to winners if not present. Attendance to closing ceremonies not required.

AMV SHOW

Show "Best-of" collection of AMVs created within the last year.

AMV DOs AND DON'Ts

Meet our AMV Manager and others who have experience watching lots of AMVs. Find out what is clichéd, what dead dogs not to beat, and get some good ideas for future AMVs.

Cosplay

COSPLAY CONTEST

Once again it's Kumoricon's cosplay contest. What is the Cosplay Contest? It's a friendly competition aimed at getting all those creatively inclined, or just looking for fun, to dress up as a character from a manga, anime, video game, etc., and entertain an audience by showing off their costumes and improv abilities in skits and goofiness. This event is ticketed, but the good news is the tickets are free! Find them at the info both before the event. Come watch the fun!

HALL COSPLAY CONTEST

Be recognized by your loving peers and fans! While those who compete to win participate in the official cosplay contest show, this is a fan oriented contest. Going on Saturday and Sunday of the con, The Pocky Club will be taking pictures of willing participants and winners will be announced at closing ceremonies.

PLUS SIZE COSPLAY

Discussion of the special considerations for plus-size cosplayers including pattern adjustment, fabric selection and other concerns.

SEWING BASICS

Wanting to make your first costume, but not sure where to start? Intimidated by the sewing machine? Have no fear—this panel will show you the basics of how to work with the various sewing tools for costume making and provide tips on ways to build that first costume.

INTERMEDIATE COSTUME CONSTRUCTION

So you've made several costumes already but feel you need to learn more to bring your costuming to the next level? This class will include information on intermediate level costume sewing, including inserting zippers and grommets, making pockets, selecting fabrics, and tailoring.

ASK THE EXPERTS

Try to stump the experts by bringing your most challenging costume puzzlers and questions to this panel of experienced cosplayers.

JAPANESE TRADITIONAL CLOTHING

See genuine Japanese clothing up close—including a genuine late 19th century samurai outfit—and learn how they were made so you can duplicate them for your own cosplay adventures.

FROM FRILLS TO FISHNET:

A GOTHIC LOLITA HOW-TO

Break out your petticoats and eyeliner, it's time for a discussion of Gothic Lolita fashion! Learn how to make rows and rows of ruffles, a typical GothLoli headdress, and the different subtypes of the culture!

SO YOU WANT TO CROSSPLAY?

So you want to cosplay as a character that's a different gender? That's Crossplay! Tips and tricks from those who have done it before to help you achieve a realistic-looking Crossplay costume. How to alter your shape to look even more convincing!

LEATHER PROPS WORKSHOP:

A brief overview of how leather can be incorporated into Cosplay to add a sense of realism over vinyl and plastic and create items that will last for years of use. Emphasis will be on what can be done with tools available to most households. Information will be given on where and how to purchase supplies, making patterns, cutting, assembly, and finish.

RUDIMENTARY PATTERN MAKING FOR COSPLAY

Pattern Making for Cosplay. Alter a pattern or make your own from scratch. Tips on making the perfect cosplay from the start. Meant for the novice, but fun for all.

CAT EARS WORKSHOP

Three, Three, Three times the fun! This year at Kumoricon we are running three cat ears workshops! Learn how to make simple cat ears to decorate and take home! Look at my exclamation points, this must be a fun panel! If they're good enough you may be asked to join Kumoricon's own catgirl army!

Dance

KUMORICON:

YOU CON-DANCE IF YOU WANT TO!

Kumoricon Dance 2006 will be an astounding mix of anime, J-pop and ii kamo (cool) music just for you! Mingle with your fellow fans and enjoy the music spun by the sexiest DJs in town:

- DJ Gino (www.thegentry.com) and
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Both have an extensive background DJing in clubs around P-town. The pumping of the beats will have you strapping on your dancing shoes on Saturday the 2nd at 9:00 pm and continue on until 2:30 am in Live Events 1. This dance is free to all Kumoricon attendees!

Listen to the tunes you love to hear and obscurities that you are bound to adore. We also highly encourage you to bring your own CDs! Enhancing the sound experience. Please loan us your favorites, or listen to our whirlwind. Either way, we will have you dancing the whole night through.

Fan Fiction/Art/Improv

Note: Most Creation Station art contests are sponsored by Copic markers. Copic markers and ink pens will be available on-site to borrow.

ART-INTO-FICS CONTEST:

Artists: Create works of visual art on-site at the Creation Station, and/or bring in works generated off-site (including on computers). Post them on the designated section of our wall. Authors: Select the visual(s) most inspiring to you. Write fanfic and/or original work inspired thereby. Post each story near the visual art that inspired it. Whichever pairing is judged to best fit each other will be awarded prizes for both artist and author!

FICS-INTO-ART CONTEST:

Authors: Create works of fanfiction or original fiction at the Creation Station, and/or bring in works generated off-site (including those you've posted on websites). Post them, and then artists inspired thereby will illustrate them for the contest. Whichever pairing is judged to best fit each other will be awarded prizes for both author and artist!

ON-SITE 'ZINE CREATION

The Fan Creation Station will produce a "Zine" on-site, highlighting our events and works created for our various contests. Drop by to help or contribute photos, essays, or creative written or visual works!

WEB COMICS

Established and aspiring web comic makers and fans will hobnob about all things Web Comic, from content and variety to process and professionalizing. Are you curious about constructing a site? Stumped about software? Our panelists can help! Fans of the art form, unsure how to get started? Our panelists can help!

STORY, STORY, DIE!

Improvisational theatre meets fanfic in this collaborative, humorously competitive game in which folks patch together a bizarre plot and dialogue. Act, cheer, propose topics and fandoms, judge, enjoy. And when players are stumped, propose the elaborate "deaths" they must act out.

SPONTANEOUS ART AND FANFIC DRABBLE CONTEST

Throughout the weekend, folks will spontaneously declare new contests, both for art and for writing, announcing themes about which folks will jot, draw, paint, compose, or mold what they can in X amount of time. Any visitor can declare a contest at any time! Cute prizes provided.

SCENES FROM A HAT

What would you propose as the opening line, theme, or quote around which to base a spontaneous fanfic? They get zany, they get daring, they become the basis for scenes from a hat: humorously competitive fanfic improv, judged by the authors themselves after reading them aloud—or acting them out.

"'CONQUEROR OF SHAMBALA' IN 5 MINUTES"—FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST MULTIMEDIA PARODY

"Conqueror of Shambala" in 5 Minutes" is the spot-on spoof of the Full Metal Alchemist movie! Come see the hilarious highlight of Sakura-Con 2006's Creation Station's programming, 10:30 pm Sunday during Fanfiction Bedtime Stories. Create your own multimedia parody and air it at Fanfic Bedtime Stories/Fanfic Theatre, for prizes!

PARODY PANEL AND CONTEST

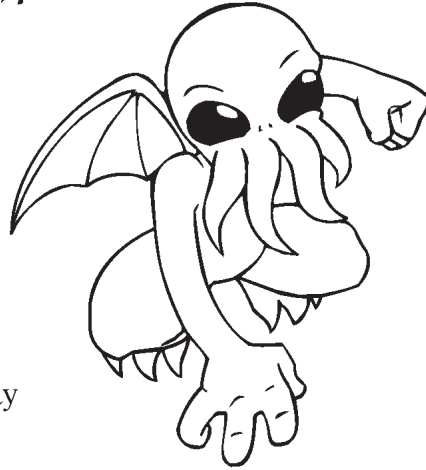
Want to hear—or create—written, acted, or multimedia parodies of anime, manga, films or games? Come learn from our experts, each a winner in a previous Kumoricon and/or Sakura-Con fanfic contest hosted by the Kumoricon_fanfiction yahoo group! If you have your own written parody, parody script, or multimedia parody, such as your own sub or dub of an anime, or your own replacement word bubbles for a manga, be sure to read it, act it out, or screen it for us at Fanfic Bedtime Stories/Fanfic Theatre for fabulous prizes.

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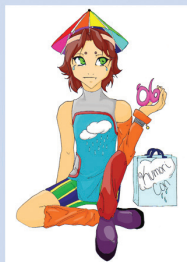
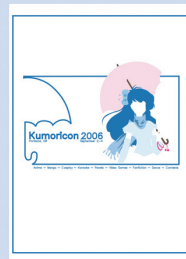
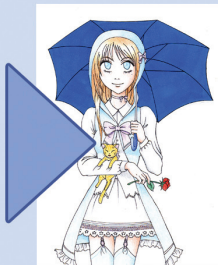
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BETA TIME:

Beta reading is a quantum leap from regular proofreading and copy editing, including feedback on character construction, dialogue, tone, plot development, and continuity with the canonic material. Authors and betas, now is your chance to meet and collaborate. Due to popular demand, authors of original fiction, as well as authors of fanfiction, are welcome and encouraged to bring their works, whether complete or still in progress, to the beta station table within the Fan Creation Station, for feedback, beta reading, and networking. Or just pull up a chair and start, or add to, your masterwork! Original fictions are now also welcome at Fanfic Bedtime Stories!

ARTISTS' DEN:

Draw, color, paint, fold origami, mold clay, or whatever inspires you. Supplies, including markers, ink pens, and air brushing equipment on loan from our sponsor, COPIC markers, friends, fun, and art contests available to all ages and experience levels in the Fan Creation Station!

REN'AI (ROMANCE) GAMING DISCUSSION AND DEMO:

Explore the content, process & culture of Ren'ai (Romance) gaming, dating sims, and visual novels with Scott from Okashi studios, whose English-language Ren'ai game is presently under construction. Discuss portrayals of romance in gaming and related anime and manga, and construct your own portrayals of romance in art and fictions.

SHOUNEN-AI AND SHOUJOU-AI ART, ART-INTO-FIC, FIC, AND FIC-INTO-ART CONTESTS:

Draw or paint the shounen and/or shoujo pairings of your dreams...canonic, crossover, and original character pairings all welcome. Then authors, come write fanfics or original fics around this art! Vice-versa also welcome; artists may create their works as inspired by fan or original fics produced in or brought to our room!

COPIC-SPONSORED ART CONTEST:

Copic, "the markers designed for creative people," sponsors our art contest! Use the Artists' Den supplies, supplies loaned to us by Copic, or your own. Create and post any work of anime-inspired art, and vote in the contest! Contest submissions accepted until midnight going into Monday. Prizes include Copic markers and calligraphy markers from Japan!

BETA STATION:

Come relax, read, write, beta-read (edit), network, and rehearse all things fanfic (or just relax). Writing supplies and space are available throughout the con inside the Fan Creation Station.

DOLLY MAKING WORKSHOP:

Watch, learn, and experiment with making your own soft dolly! Not quite a plushy, not quite an action figure, these dollies are soft sewn cozy friends made to resemble some of your favorite anime, manga, and gaming characters. Catgirl Rin-Rin will walk you through how she makes her adorable and charming dollies, and if you wish, you can use our materials or your own to try to create your own dolly right here in Kumoricon's Fan Creation Station! Dollies will also be for sale in the Artist Alley.

FANFIC/MANGA/WEBCOMIC CONTEST:

Please see the link with contest rules and info on the Kumoricon website!

FANFICTION BEDTIME STORIES/FANFIC THEATRE:

Folks read aloud—or cosplay—their own or others' fanfics in a gleeful, enthusiastic slumber party atmosphere, and compete for prizes! Seeking cosplayers to connect with authors and network at the Creation Station! Pajamas, blankets, plushies, toys and party favors welcome. Bedtime snacks provided (prepackaged). NOTE: After minors' curfew, explicitly adult content will be allowed and sought for "Adult Fanfic Bedtime Stories".

FANFIC 101 & 102:

What fanfic is, how to get started, genres, rules, goals, access, and beta reading. Communities, getting published, character continuity, editing tips, novellas, illustrating fics, back-stories. The kumoricon_fanfiction yahoo group, founders of the Creation Station, welcome anyone interested in fanfic, at all ages and all experience levels.

FAN FICTION FREEZE TAG:

Whip-snap wit, zany zingers, silly storylines—guffaws abounded at its debut at Sakura-Con 2006! Someone begins to tell a tall tale of a fanfic. Whenever inspired, someone else calls out from the audience, "Freeze!" and hops up to the front of the room to take their place, spinning the story in a whole new direction. You never know where it'll end up—You have to see it (or perform in it!) to believe it!

MANGA WORKSHOP:

Come for an overview of manga and its importance in the evolution of Japanese culture and anime. Learn how to find and enjoy them; how to create them; how to professionalize them.

MANGA MEET-UP:

Ever want to create a manga, mini-comic, or web-comic, but need help in drawing, coloring, conceptualizing storyboard, or writing dialog? Here's your chance to hook up with others and get to it!

MINI-MANGA CONTEST:

Prizes awarded for the best mini-manga created on site! Works may be single-person or collaborations. Sponsored by Copic makers; Copic ink pens and markers available to be borrowed.

RESTLESS SPIRIT CONTESTS:

Haunting, lyrical, compelling, inspiring, mentoring, daring, sinister, or cautionary...from the Ring to Silent Hill to Shaman King or Hikaru no Go, restless spirits abound. Convey your view on them through original art or writing, or art or writing inspired by or in collaboration with the work of others in the room.

COLORING PAGE ART CONTEST:

Create outlines that others could color or shade. Copic ink pens available to borrow. Copic coloring pages will also be available, for those who want to practice with Copic markers.

CROSSOVER DREAMS CONTEST:

You know you wanna...draw, write, or cosplay the crossovers of your dreams. Combine your favorite universes, plots, characters, core concepts. Show how they work in seamless unison, or create chaos or cascades of laughter coupling folks who'd never meet in their canons. No holds barred (PG-13). Anime and non-anime sources welcome!

CHIBI ART CONTEST:

Awwwww, soooooo cuuuuuuuute! Create your favorite chibi. Copic markers available to borrow.

Gaming

This year we will have tons of gaming goodness to fulfill your hearts desire. We have two separate rooms: One for consoles—games like DDR and Halo as well as some old time favorites—sponsored by Beve O2 Beverages—and one purely for LAN gaming thanks to our sponsors at Backspace.com

Board Games

GO - HISTORY

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.

GO - STRATEGY

Whether you know how to play or not, come and learn from the basics to some of the more intricate strategies of Go.

MAHJONG FOR BEGINNERS

This is not mahjong solitaire—this is the real thing. Learn how to play, learn how to gamble, and learn where to get a board for yourself.

RPGs

MECHA RPG

Back from 2004, Kumoricon's own custom-made mecha RPG will be back for another go in 2006! Pick your mech and blow stuff sky high in the name of justice and high explosives!

HENTAI RPG (18+)

Episode one was a grand hit last year and since you can never find more than one episode from a hentai series in the states, it's time for something drastically new! What will it be? Who knows! Come pick from a list of characters and get down and dirty.

Karaoke

KARAOKE IN JAPANESE FOR THE NEWBIE

Are you one of those people who can listen to a J-pop song only once and still mimic the words perfectly? No? Well don't worry, neither can I, and I minored in Japanese. Some people have a harder time than others picking up lyrics, particularly in another language. However, singing in Japanese is actually fairly different from speaking in Japanese. Come to this panel, and learn how to get over the awkwardness of pronunciation and rhythm when singing in the Japanese language, and also how to read Japanese karaoke lyrics without clinging to the vocal track!

OPEN MIC

Want to show off your karaoke skills in a non-competitive atmosphere? Unlike the contests, open mic will not be judged, and participants can pick songs from our ever growing song list. This is a great opportunity to practice for the contests or for anyone who is curious about karaoke and would like to try it for the first time. Check the Schedule for hours.

IDOL CONTEST

This is for serious music fans! For those who are here to perform or listen to beautiful Japanese songs. The Idol contestants are judged on vocal ability and talent.

HYBRID CONTEST

See cosplay and karaoke collide once again at Kumoricon's Hybrid Karaoke Contest. Contestants will put on skits, perform artistic acts, and go for audience appeal, all while performing songs to complement their performances. Be goofy, be serious, the point is, have fun with your music!

Live Programming

RAMEN FIRE BOWL ATTACK!

Do you think you have what it takes to survive until the finish? Can you handle the heat? Then come test your abilities. Or if you're weak, just cheer the others on.

SLIGHTLY ANIME DATING GAME

Come witness the drama, the romance...well, really just the hilarity of the Slightly Anime Dating Game. Participants compete in tests of skill—or in some cases, desperation—to be the choice of our wonderful contestants (not to be used as an actual dating service).

MEGA-COSPLAY (LARP) & NINJA DANCE-OFF

Back for a second year, the Kumoricon Mega-Cosplay shows what happens when characters from all types of anime meet and interact! Will the forces of evil continue to reign supreme, or will righteousness prevail in the 2006 Mega-Cosplay?! Find out as the Mega-Cosplay culminates in a no-steps-barred dance-off that may very well decide the fate of the universe!

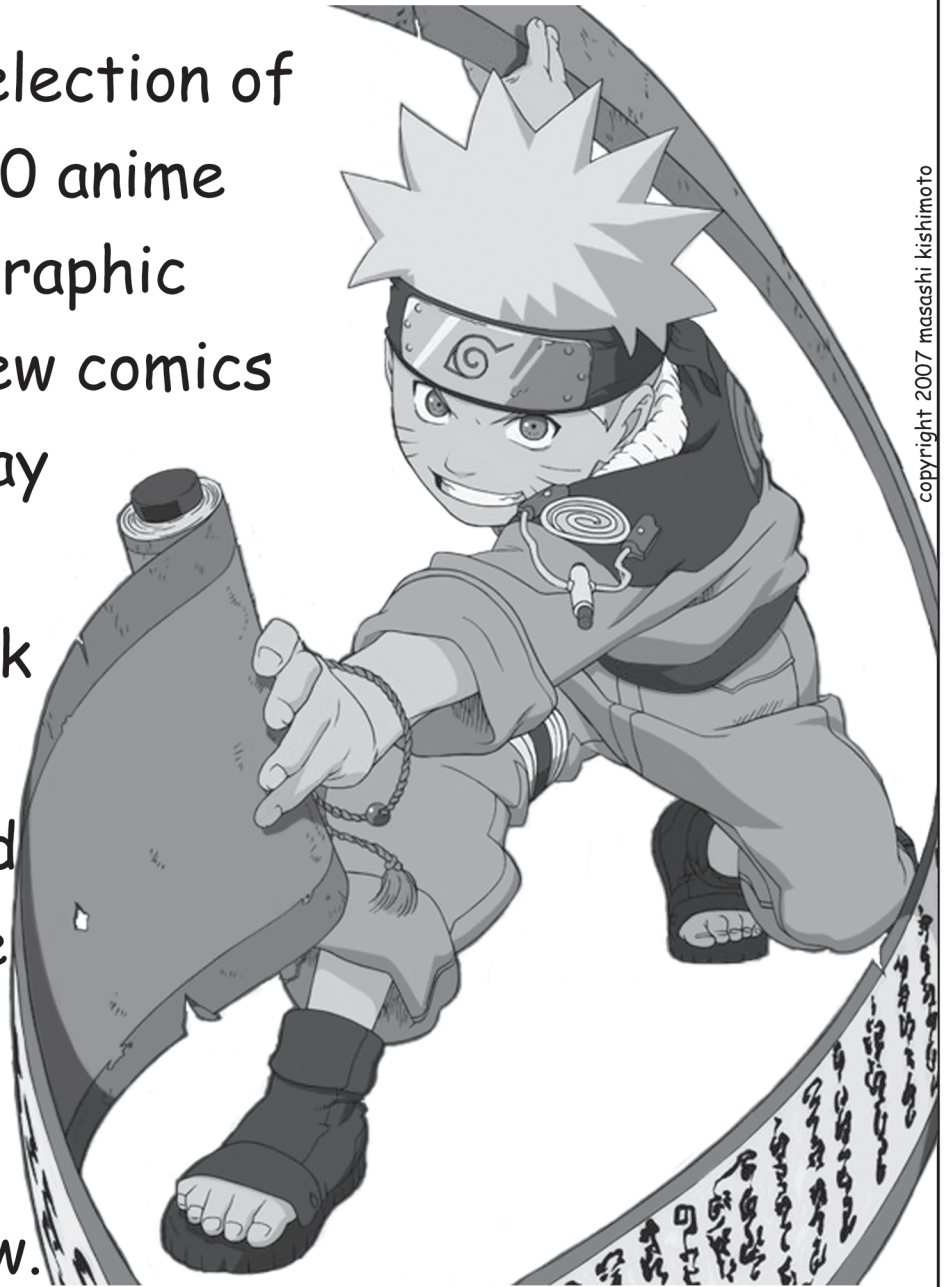
ANIME MUSIC - "NAME THAT TUNE"

Test your knowledge of anime songs and soundtracks! Compete against others to quickly identify the anime series, song title, singer, or composer in this exciting game. Music across all genres and from all time periods measures both your breadth and depth of knowledge. Impress with your recognition of that obscure series, or even identify songs you haven't heard before from the series' or artists' distinctive styles.

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EGL TEA PARTY

Feel the Rococo Spirit! Activities include tea and snacks, nail decoration, and photos. Please wear your gothic and Lolita, kodona, dandy, J-rock, visual kei, etc. clothing (dress code enforced). *Gothic & Lolita—it's not a style, but fate.*

TENIMYU - PRINCE OF TENNIS MUSICALS

Join other fans of this popular sports anime as it hits the live-action stage. These musicals have enjoyed popularity in Japan, and are continuing to play to sold out crowds. If you are a fan of the anime, come and see what all the excitement is about as your favorite matches are played out on stage.

EYE-CATCH "NAME THAT TUNE"

You know those cute little eye catches before and after commercials? Well, do you think you could guess which one goes to which anime? Sounds simple—but could you do it by just hearing the jingle? Test your obscure anime knowledge and try to become the uber-otaku among your friends in this exciting contest.

Panels

PARENT'S GUIDE TO ANIME

This is a panel for all those selfless parents and guardians that come ever year, yet don't know much about anime. We'll help you understand the rating systems, where to get anime for your kids, how to supervise what they're watching, and best of all, answer your questions. Find out what is so great about anime to begin with and how you can be a part of your child's world.

MECHANIZED PROPULSION SYSTEMS

Learn about the team dedicated to building the world's first real anime-style mecha. For six years, MPS has been designing and creating their first prototype mech. Their team is composed of engineers, craftsmen, programmers, and test pilots, and continues to recruit for these roles and others. Learn what they do and how they're doing it; they will have mecha-tech demos with verbal explanations and actual mech parts on hand. Visit their website at www.MechaPS.com for more info.

COPIC WORKSHOP 1 - BEGINNERS

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

DIGITAL ART

Wonder how the pros get these smooth lines or crisp clean colors? Have you ever wanted to clean up those pencil sketches and never knew how? This panel will be a general overview and demo of popular programs and basic techniques.

YURI IN ANIME AND MANGA (18+)

Do you like Yuri? Do you even know what it is? Come find out! Learn the history of yuri and its impact on Japanese culture. A great panel for the hardcore viewer and for the novice.

AMATEUR VOICE ACTING

A group of amateur voice actors present their work and explain the process behind voice acting and creating things such as fan dubs and radio plays.

LEARNING TO SUCK: AN ARTIST'S JOURNEY

Aimee Skeers, 3-D Artist for Zombie Studios, tells the tale of her journey as an artist. From badly-drawn freshman year anime to her current job making video games, she describes the personal obstacles she's overcome and gives advice to other aspiring artists. "Realizing you suck is the first step to getting better."

SO YOU WANT TO MAKE VIDEO GAMES?

So you want to make video games, huh? Do you know what the job requirements are? Do you know where to go to school? Do you know what software to learn or where to go online for feedback? Now's your chance to learn! Aimee Skeers, 3-D Artist for Zombie Studios is here to answer as many of your gaming questions as possible. From what to practice to where to look for jobs, she's your girl. Don't miss it!

NINJA OF THE NIGHT PANEL

Come visit with the cosplay group Ninja of the Night. Meet the members: Collie, Kayla, Mandy, Jen, and Vikee, and chat about conventions, cosplay, stress, and drama.

ANIME HUNTERS PANEL

Come for a chance to meet and talk with the members of the new comedy group, Anime Hunters. Videos and skits will be presented.

JAPANESE APOCALYPSE

Japan has fallen apart many times through history and each anime that destroys Tokyo Tower reflects that. From anime like Akira and X to Wolf's Rain, and Bubblegum Crisis—learn to understand a little Japanese history and your anime more. We'll even decipher the destruction of the universe by The King of All Cosmos himself through Katamari Damacy.

FANGIRL SUPPORT GROUP!! >^~^<

Come to the fangirl/boy support group! Meet other fangirls/boys! Learn what a fangirl/boy is, squeezing techniques, glomping etiquette and form. Discussions of your fangirl/boy experience, and demonstrations! ^-^

ADULT CONTENT ANIME PANEL

This is a discussion of Hentai, Yaoi, Yuri, and other strictly adult forms of anime, and the laws in both Japan and the U.S. that influence the media.

ANIME THAT SCARRED ME FOR LIFE 2

Does some anime just hurt your head? Have you ever finished a show feeling confused, brain-fried, or in need of a little therapy? This is a "support group" for all of us who have been traumatized by our anime viewing experiences, everything from Eva, Excel, Guu, and Cat Soup, to the Utena movie, Lain, and stuff by CLAMP. If it warped your mind, we share your pain!

METALLURGY OF THE JAPANESE SWORD

What are the unique aspects of the Japanese blade as a finished item? Begin with a moderately technical refresher in metallurgy, then use the vocabulary gained to describe what's -in- a Japanese sword and how it is made.

CHRISTIAN ANIME FANDOM

1. Provide a safe haven and networking opportunity for anime fans who happen to be Christian or are interested in said religion(s).
2. Discuss and compare Christian religious perspective with what is shown in anime, especially the concepts of the afterlife, ghosts, superstition, magical, conjuring, and traditional Japanese cosmology.
3. How does being a Christian affect your anime viewing and con experience?

ANIME FOR OLDER FANS

(I'm 40+) Had enough of high school shows and 16 year-old starship commanders? We explore shows in which the major characters are out of high school, and select shows which older fans may enjoy. Ways to bring older mundanes (or fans of other genres such as Sci-fi, SCA, or buck skinning) into anime.

FIREARMS IN ANIME (GUN GOOFS)

Japan heavily restricts firearm possession so unfamiliarity often breeds humorous misrepresentations of actual effects. A plastic, solid, non-functioning model may be present with consent of hotel and security, to be used as a prop for technical questions.

POCKY CLUB PANEL

Pocky Club is a group of cosplayers and anime fans dedicated to spreading Happiness, Fun, and World Peace through Pocky. Come learn more about us and our favorite Japanese snack. Random AMVs and...

Video

ASIAN CINEMA

Come see the latest and greatest live action films from countries such as Hong Kong, Japan, and Korea with films of all genres. Some even inspired by anime and video games. We've selected a good variety of films you are sure to enjoy, so come on in and check them out.

SAILOR MOON LIVE-ACTION 101

If you've never seen the 2003-2004 live-action TV show based on the popular anime/manga Bishoujo Senshi Sailor Moon, or if you're already a fan and you want to watch how it all began, then you should definitely come to this show. What we'll be doing during SMLA 101 is going through the first few episodes of the show and watching all of the main characters being introduced. This will cover the pilot episode and the intro episodes for Sailor Mercury, Sailor Mars, Sailor Jupiter, and Sailor Venus. Because of time limits we will be skipping a couple of episodes so that we can see all 5 of the senshi introductions. Be sure to bring your pajamas and a blanket because it's Kumoricon tradition for this to be a slumber party! Feel free to bring your favorite plushy to hug as the romantic tension builds and monsters attack. I'll be running episodes as long as they let us so get comfortable!

SAILOR MOON LIVE-ACTION PARTY ADVANCED

This is a marathon viewing of the Sailor Moon Live-Action TV show, "Pretty Guardian Sailor Moon" from 2003/2004 for those who have watched some of the series. This is a chance to see the special Act finale, Episode 00, and the other bonus episodes.

Photo Studio

Stop by the Photo Booth and have your cosplay pictures taken! A great chance to get a group photo shoot of cosplayers from particular anime and video games.

Rant & Rave

It's your con—own it! Good feedback or bad, we want to hear your thoughts. Stop by after closing ceremonies to tell the staff what you thought of the con.

Charity Auction

Help out a great cause, bid on some one-of-a-kind items and have a lot of fun at the Kumoricon Live Auction! Donations from a variety of local and national businesses as well as unique souvenirs will be up for bid, and all the proceeds benefit p:ear, a youth arts outreach program. Don't miss it!

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NOVA

Northern Oregon & Vancouver Anime (NOVA) is Oregon's premiere anime club without a university affiliation. NOVA started in 1991 and received State of Oregon Non-Profit status in 1993. We have many events including twice-monthly meetings where we have anime screenings, card gaming, model building, and even raffles! We have an annual NOVAcaine overnight anime screening event for members with lots of food and fun, we have a summer barbecue at a local park, and we have an annual holiday potluck during a meeting in December. You don't have to become a member to check out a couple of meetings, but annual membership is only \$15 and helps to support all of our great events! Visit our website at www.novaanime.org for our meeting schedule, directions, and current happenings.



Etherguild and Superbest

If you were at the Kumoricon meetings this year, then chances are you've seen them. The excellent people who bring us LANime.

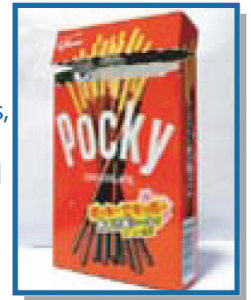


Etherguild is a LAN group in Salem, OR. We have events once during each term (as we are a school supported program). If you're an avid gamer (either PC, Xbox and/or PlayStation) feel free to sign up and stay posted on when our events will take place!

Superbest is an anime and Asian film club and a partner club with the EtherGuild which is a Salem LAN/console gaming club. We have events during the year that involve gaming, anime, film, art, etc... See them both or join up at: <http://www.thesuperbest.com>

Pocky Club

Pocky Club is a group of anime fans dedicated to spreading happiness, joy, and world peace through cosplay and Pocky! The Club functions primarily as a delivery service; we take orders from con-goers and send one of our specially trained delivery cosplayers to deliver pocky to their friends! We have a variety of flavors of Pocky available and a lot of friendly cosplayers to deliver them! We're donation-based so if you bring us a box of Pocky to deliver the service is free. We have our own Pocky as well but supplies (especially on the good flavors) are limited. This year Pocky Club has a table in Artist Alley. Come by and put in an order for us to deliver to a friend who could use some cheering up. We also have a panel right after opening ceremonies. Hope to see you there!



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