

MISSION CONTROL

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GoH Q&A: AUTHOR MARTHA WELLS

Our GoH answered a few questions for Mission Control

MC. When did you decide to pursue writing and publishing fantasy fiction? What got you started?

MW. I always wanted to be a writer, as long as I can remember, and I was always a huge SF/F fan. I also read mysteries, romance, and pretty much everything else, but never felt much of an impulse to write anything that wasn't SF/F. I started going to genre workshops in college, and to SF cons, and was seriously pursuing it from that point.

MC. Some of your books are part of a series, and

some stand alone. Do you know when you start which is the case, and how?

In some cases I have (the Ile-Rien trilogy) and in some cases I haven't. With *The Cloud Roads*, I had no idea if it would sell or not, so I planned it as a stand-alone novel. But I really wanted to write more books set in that world, because I liked it so much.

MC. What relationships do you see amongst the various fantasy books in your body of work?

MW. I think I tend to write characters who are older, who have trust issues, who are looking for places to belong. I also like to write adventure stories, journeying

to strange places.

MC. You've also published official *Stargate: Atlantis* fiction. How did that come about?

MW. They were really a labor of love, because I am a huge fan of SF/F TV. When *Stargate: SG-1* first started running, my husband and I paid for Showtime just so we could watch it, then followed it when it moved to the SciFi channel. I heard about the SG media tie-ins from a friend, and decided it might be worth a shot. I ended up writing *Stargate Atlantis: Reliquary* and *Stargate Atlantis: Entanglement*. I enjoyed the experience enormously.

MC. Thank you, Martha. It's great to have you at ApolloCon as a GoH!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

*Special Art Guest Rocky Kelley
Spotlight 12pm Seattle I*

*Editor GoH Ann VanderMeer
Spotlight 2pm Seattle I*

*GoH Martha Wells Spotlight
3pm Seattle I*

*GoH Martha Wells Reading 4pm
Scottsdale*

*Fan GoH Jeanne Gomoll Spot-
light 5pm Seattle I*

*Arduino Workshop 4pm-6pm
Board Room 318*

*Beer and Books 10pm Board
Room 218*

*Saturday Night Scotch Tasting
10pm Board Room 318*

IN MEMORIUM POGO (PAM POGIANNI)

The ApolloCon community was saddened this February by the sudden and unexpected death of Pam Poggianni, better known to many as Pogo.

A passionate advocate for science fiction and an ardent ApolloCon supporter since the first event in 2004, Pogo was assistant editor of *Mission Control* in 2008 and editor for 2009, 2010, and 2011.

We dedicate this year's issues of *Mission Control* to her memory, in honor of her efforts and her love of fandom and spec fic.

STAN LOVE, PH.D

ApolloCon 2011 is delighted to announce that shuttle astronaut Stan Love will take part in programming on Saturday, June 25.

Dr. Love, a planetary scientist (and a science fiction fan) will give a

presentation on mission STS-122, during which he made two EVAs, totaling over 15 hours. Not to be missed!

Dr. Love's events:

- Shuttle Mission Presentation 11am in Seattle I

- Class M Planets Panel 1pm in Seattle II
- ApolloKids Living in Space 3pm in Board Room 317
- Autographing 4pm (across from Reg)

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Advice for Young People

Item the Second

...Specifically for an aspiring SF or fantasy artist...

"Follow your dreams and allow your style to grow and develop at your own pace."

"Also, find a good convention like ApolloCon and get involved. Where else can a person learn so much while having so much fun?"

-Rocky Kelley
Special Art Guest

OVERHEARD AT APOLLOCON

"I WANT THE FEZ.
"EVERYONE WANTS
THE FEZ."

CHECK OUT THE CON SUITE!

Rm 717 is home to the ApolloCon Con Suite this year. It's available to ALL members of the Con, and provides snacks & drinks, as well as a place to sit down & relax for a bit during your busy Con day. So come in, relax, have a drink & a snack, and enjoy yourself!
Hours: (Sat) 8am to 3am,
(Sun) 8am to 4pm.

LOST & FOUND

Lost something? Found something? Have a mad compulsion to peruse the losses of unknown others?

Lost & Found is in Ops (Room 116), which is down the hallway near the main elevators.

Found items should be turned in to Ops and Lost items may be reported/claimed at Ops.

If you realize your loss after leaving the con, email
ops.2011@apollocon.org.

As of 3am Saturday morning, the lone occupant of Lost & Found was a really nice looking red travel mug imprinted with "Los Angeles Newspaper Group," found at Registration.

A Grrr-Arrgh window cling or decal was also found in Consuite, and should make its way to Ops later in the morning.

[edit: the red cup was claimed. L&F works!]

REMINDER...

...from Programming:

Make sure you stop by Registration to pick up the revised Saturday schedule to see your favorite writer, artist, scientist or fan.

The revised schedule and the schedule on the website is the most up to date due to some necessary last minute changes.

Loyally,
Lola

PARTIES!!!

Friday was a one-party night. Thanks to DJHawz for getting your freak on!

There are multiple parties planned for Saturday night. The ones we know about for sure are:

ArmadilloCon
ConDFW
ConJour
FenCon

London in 2014
Texas in 2013

We don't have room numbers, but they are all grouped together in one spot for your party-hopping ease.

All parties are on the 7th floor, in the area about Room 766 and Room 767. Start at consuite and follow the music!

ApolloCon 2013

Help Select the
Guests of Honor!

June 2013 will be ApolloCon's 10th anniversary! Members of ApolloCon 2011 are invited to help us choose our Guests of Honor by nominating people you would like to see at ApolloCon. Ask in Ops for details.

APOLLOCON 2012 PROMOTIONAL T-SHIRT CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Jonathan Guthrie, chair of ApolloCon 2012, has announced a contest to select the ApolloCon 2012 promotional T-Shirt.

The winner of the contest will receive breakfast for two at the restaurant in the hotel hosting ApolloCon 2012.

Designs must be two-color. Sub-

mit your design as a PDF emailed to conchair.2012@apollocon.org.

Designs must be submitted by July 15, 2011.

The designs will be judged by our panel of experts on creativity, originality, suitability for reproduction on a promotional T-Shirt, and essential ApolloConishness.

PERSONAL ADS

Happy Anniversary to my loving wife Ellen for 32 years!

—Love, Mike

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Spanky: Thanks for all your support. LYMYRWKY

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RT, meet Tuesday at St. Paul's. EO