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Meeting Announcements

The May Meeting will be hosted by Carolyn O’Neal. No Video Party due to Media West!

May Birthdays

May 21	Jamie Ritchey
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Editor’s Announcement

We are exchanging newsletters with the Prydonians of Prynceton as PDFs (via email). If any Several member would like a PDF instead of, or in addition to, their paper newsletter, please email me (Dee Beetem).

Message From the President

by Jamie Ritchey

Ahh. The Merry Month of May. To me, it should be the Busy Month of May. I have two family birthdays including mine, Mother's Day, the end of the school year for my high school granddaughter and the opening of the neighborhood pool which means running her back and forth for her swim team, the beginning of summer and continuation of allergy season for my customers at work, the wrap-up of the Internet Zine Sale, and MediaWest. Makes me tired just thinking about it. I hope everyone has a great summer.

Orphan Zines

by Dee Beetem

I haven't been told our final figures, but I understand our Internet Zine Sale did lot better on line than our sales in the Revelcon dealer's room-which was a disappointment for most dealers this year, I'm told.

Before we make our table decisions for next year, I'd like to ask everyone-including out-of-towners (hi, Rose!)-to send in any information you have about used zine sales. Are they still selling these days? Has the bottom suddenly dropped out? Facts are better than opinions --Erika and I will be asking the vendors at Media West, but if anyone has contacts at Eclecticon, what did they see there?

We need to know more. The Orphan Zine Sale has never been just money for us, but we can't ask people to ship us their zines unless there's a reasonably chance we can sell them.

Upcoming Events

Summer Chills at the Alley Theater

This year the plays are Wait Until Dark by Frederick Knott and Black Comedy by Peter Shaffer (tickets \$19 and up) but in late May they're also showing Witness for the Prosecution, the classic Agatha Christie play, with tickets at \$26 and up.

Witness for the Prosecution

Hubbard Stage -- May 13 - June 4, 2006

Wait Until Dark

By Frederick Knott -- June 30 - July 16

Remember the movie with Audrey Hepburn? The blinds moving up and down. . .the squeaking shoes. . .and then the knife whistling past her ear. Plot Outline: A recently blinded woman is terrorized by a trio of thugs while they search for a heroin stuffed doll they believe is in her apartment.

Performances: Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm (except Saturday July 1)
Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday at 7:30 pm (no Tuesday performance)
Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm

Black Comedy

By Peter Shaffer -- July 21 - August 6

Brindsley Miller, a young sculptor, and his daft debutante fiancé, Carol Melkett are awaiting the arrival of Georg Bamberger, a multi-millionaire art collector, to inspect -- and hopefully purchase -- Brindsley's work. A blown fuse throws the scene into total darkness and the evening begins its hilarious spiral into utter confusion, deceit and laughs.

Performances: Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm (except Saturday July 22)
Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 7:30 pm (no Monday performance)
Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm

ApolloCon 2006, June 23-25, 2006

Houston's General Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Con

DoubleTree Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport (Formerly Hyatt Regency Houston Airport--SAME HOTEL AS LAST YEAR)
15747 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Houston, TX 77032

For more information, write:

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- ❖ GOH: Peter S. Beagle
- ❖ Artist GOH: Alain Viesca
- ❖ Fan GOH: Tim Miller

❖ Filk GOH: Steve MacDonald

Panels, Art Show, Masquerade, Dealers Room, Filking, Book Exchanges, Film Screenings.

Several Unlimited will have a seller's table at ApolloCon on Saturday.

Websites of the Month

Literature-Map – the tourist map of literature

Reported by Shaista Mohammed in the ILSCIFIBOOK mailing list

<http://www.literature-map.com/>

Gotta catch 'em all!!

Enter one author's name, several other "you probably also like" names swim into view.

Titles of Harry Potter Fanfics We'd Rather Not Read

<http://www.capnwacky.com/lists/list43.html>

Harry Potter and the Uneventful Year When No One Tried to Kill Him

Harry Potter and the New Love Interest Who Happens to Have the Same Name as the 15-Year-Old Girl Writing this Fanfic

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Harry Potter and the Uncomfortable Oversexualization of Minors

Harry Potter and the Camping Weekend With Ron That Will Never Be Spoken Of Again

Harry Potter and the It Was All Only A Dream

Harry Potter and the Wand of Franchise Extension

Harry Potter and the HufflePuff Orgy

Harry Potter and the Weapons of Magic Destruction

Harry Potter and the Order of the Pizza

Hermione Granger and the Cryptofascist Misogynist Conspiracy of Hogwarts

Harry Potter and Whoever Alan Rickman's Character is are Totally Doing It

How about ANY OF THEM?

Calendar and Maps

May 12, 2006	Several Unlimited Meeting Carolyn O'Neal 114 Beverly Lane 713 667-4929
May 26-29, 2005	Media West Convention

