



PROGRESS REPORT 1

WESTERCON 71 WILL BE JULY 4-8, 2018 IN DENVER, COLORADO

NEWS AND UPDATES

Important news and updates for Westercon 71 (see the corresponding sections for more details):

- New host organization: Shiny Garden
 - New venue: Hyatt Regency DTC
 - New guests of honor: Andrew Mayne and Mem Morman & Kent Bloom
 - Westercon 71 will be hosted jointly with Myths & Legends Con in 2018.
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NEW HOST ORGANIZATION - SHINY GARDEN



SHINY GARDEN

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY WITH INCLUSIVE FAN EVENTS

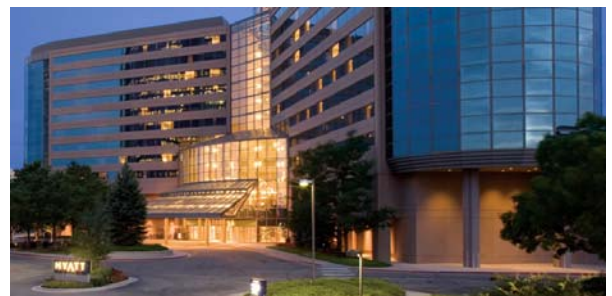
Shiny Garden is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, established in 2016 with the purpose of creating inclusive events that celebrate diversity and bring all fans together. Shiny Garden currently hosts three annual conventions in the Denver area. Myths and Legend Convention celebrates our “modern myths and legends” and draws fans from a variety of interests, including Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, and Firefly. WhimsyCon focuses on Steampunk and the craftsmanship of costuming. HexaCon centers around tabletop gaming in all incarnations, including board games, RPGs, miniatures, and train games.

For more information, visit www.shinygarden.org

VENUE CHANGE – HYATT REGENCY DTC, \$99/NIGHT AND UP

The Westin has undergone a change of ownership and management. Unfortunately, the new management at the Westin was unable to accommodate some of our Westercon traditions, such as private room parties that may serve food and alcoholic beverages.

We have secured an excellent new venue to serve as our home in 2018: the Hyatt Regency in the Denver Tech Center. We're very excited to be working with the Hyatt, as they have hosted many of our Denver-based fandom conventions in recent years, and are well versed in the unique needs of conventions and their attendees.



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For reservations, visit: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/Westercon712018>

Westercon 71 will be hosted by *Shiny Garden* in Denver, Colorado.
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NEW! GUESTS OF HONOR

FAN

NEW! – MEM MORMAN & KENT BLOOM

Mem ran her first convention in 1976 and has worked site selection, information, newsletter, registration, events, and even taken a turn as a program participant. Kent is a founding member of First Friday Fandom of Colorado Springs and is currently President of the Worldcon Heritage Organization, which collects and displays artifacts from Worldcons.



ANDREW MAYNE – NEW!

Andrew Mayne, star of A&E's Don't Trust Andrew Mayne, is a magician and novelist. He was ranked the fifth best-selling independent author of the year by Amazon UK and his Jessica Blackwood series, about a female FBI agent who pursues crimes that appear supernatural, was nominated for the ITW Award.

MAGICIAN

LITERARY

NANCY KRESS

Nancy Kress is known for her Hugo and Nebula-winning novella *Beggars in Spain*. Kress won the Nebula Award for Best Novella in 2013 for "After the Fall, Before the Fall, During the Fall", and again in 2015 for "Yesterday's Kin".



REBECCA MOESTA

Rebecca Moesta's solo work includes novels in the Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Junior Jedi Knights series, short stories, nonfiction articles, and ghost writing. With husband Kevin J. Anderson, she wrote the Crystal Doors trilogy, fourteen Young Jedi Knights novels, six movie or game novelizations, a Star Trek graphic novel, two Star Wars pop-up books, and original graphic novel Grumpy Old Monsters.

EDITOR

ARTIST

JEFF STURGEON

Jeff Sturgeon's work has graced hardback and paperback books, ebooks, magazines, CDs and album covers, and video games. His work has been displayed in the Science Fiction Hall of Fame. In a former life, Jeff was a long-time computer game artist/art director, most notably with Electronic Arts Seattle.



MARGARET DAVIS & KRISTOPH KLOVER

Margaret Davis and Kristoph Klover perform original arrangements of Celtic music from the British Isles and the Medieval and Renaissance melodies of the European courts and countrysides. Their entrancing sound features tight harmonies and is built on the interweaving of soaring vocals with Celtic harp, octave mandolin, 6- and 12-string guitars, flute, recorders, and tin whistle.

MUSIC – FOLK



NEW! MYTHS & LEGENDS CONVENTION

Westercon 71 will be hosted jointly in 2018 with Myths and Legends 6.

The Myths and Legends Convention celebrates our modern myths and legends. We believe that the only difference between stories of Hercules and Harry Potter or the fall of Troy and Mordor is time.

Hundreds of years from now, which of the stories that we obsess over today will still be told? Will they tell tales of The Doctor, a mysterious figure who always appears right where he is needed? Or will they recount the lineage of the Winchesters, and the deeds they performed? We do not know which stories will persist, but they all have the possibility of surviving the test of time.

Each year, Myths and Legends celebrates a changing selection of fandoms and builds on its unique convention traditions, including blanket forts, epic rap battles of literature, knitting circles, and make-and-take crafts and chainmaille.

For more information, visit www.malcondenver.org

NEW! BALLOT RESULTS

Denver won in the first round of voting at WesterCon 69, with the majority of votes.

Election Results		Election Details	
Denver, CO	68	Total Votes Cast	72
Granton, CA	1	Total w/ Preference	71
None of the Above	2	Needed to Elect	36
Spoiled Ballot	1		
No preference	0	Received by Mail	1

Members can vote for the location of Westercon 73 (2020) during Westercon 71.

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Attending Membership		Supporting Membership	
Adult	\$60	All ages	\$20
Child (7-12 years)	\$30		
Child (under 7)	Free		

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