

Albacon 2016

The NY Capital District's Science Fiction & Fantasy Convention

Best Western Albany Airport Inn, Albany, NY

March 4-6, 2016

Writer Guest of Honor

David Weber

Costuming Guest of Honor

Artist Guest of Honor

Heidi Hooper

Horror Guest of Honor

**Dawn "Kaiju-
gal" McKechnie**

**Ramsey
Campbell**

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Authors!

Artists!

Dealers of books and more!!

Art Show!!!

Interesting Programming!!!!

Saturday Night Extravaganza!!!!

ICE CREAM!!!!!!

Your Fellow Fans!!!!!!

Writer Guest of Honor

David Weber

David Weber has been writing since he was in fifth grade. Originally an advertising copywriter, he got into wargame design (StarFire), and then published his first novel, the milSF *Insurrection*, with Steve White in 1990. Baen encouraged Weber to develop a series, and Honor Harrington was born, along with the Hells' Gate and Safehold series. Fans are delighted by the "Horatio Hornblower in space" feel of the popular Honorverse, which now exceeds fifteen novels and five anthologies. Weber has published more than fifty titles, proving himself a prolific and entertaining writer. He thinks of himself as a storyteller, a master craftsman, who enjoys hearing feedback from his readers.

Costumer Guest of Honor

Dawn McKechnie

Dawn McKechnie began attending conventions in the late 1980's, as a teenager and participating in masquerades in the early 1990's. Her talent for making amazing works with the most unlikely of materials has led many of her friends to call her "MacGyver." A master costumer, she has won numerous awards for her work. In the last decade, Dawn has become more involved in organizing, judging and running events, including masquerades and CostumeCon 32 (2014). A recipient of the International Costumer's Guild's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013, she spreads ICG ideals into the Canadian anime and cosplay communities, where she is known as "Kaijugal".

Artist Guest of Honor

Heidi Hooper

Originally a metal sculptor and jeweler, Heidi Hooper entered fandom via costuming, becoming a Master Costumer in record time, including a Best Craftsmanship award at Noreascon Three. She moved on to live action roleplaying as well. In 1999, cancer surgeries limited the use of her right arm and took her ability to do metal sculpture; determined to still make art, she moved on to polymer clay and fabric dolls. She then discovered the possibilities of dryer lint (yes, dryer lint!). This medium has gained her national acclaim; in 2010, she was featured in the *Ripley's Believe It or Not* book. In 2012 and 2015, she was a finalist for the prestigious Niche Award; she won the award in 2014.

Horror Guest of Honor

Ramsey Campbell

Called Britain's greatest living horror writer, Ramsey Campbell is the recipient of numerous awards, including being designated for lifetime achievement awards from the World Horror Convention, the Horror Writers Association, the H. P. Lovecraft film festival, the International Horror Guild, and the World Fantasy Award. Influenced early on by the weird tales, Campbell soon developed his own distinctive voice. He has dabbled in science fiction and fantasy; he is also a film critic and editor. His prolific output encompasses all lengths. Many of his stories are set in the vicinity of his native Liverpool. He is proud to be a horror writer; he says he hasn't yet found the field's boundaries.

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Albacon is a gathering of fans and creators of Science Fiction, Fantasy, Games, Anime, Web Comics, and pretty much anything geek related. Going beyond literature, Albacon includes movies, games, costumes, and almost anything else you can think of. Come for one day, or all weekend. There will be panel discussions, art exhibits, dealers, interviews, films, games, readings, autographs! Plus lots of just hanging out with other people who share your interests, individual discussions, and maybe even some debates (did Han Solo really shoot first?).



Membership rates \$30 until 2/11; \$35 thereafter.

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