



# Goat Droppings

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## Welcome to *Goat Droppings*!



Welcome to the Phandemonium e-newsletter, *Goat Droppings*! Yes, we've taken our Capricon daily 'zine and will now be bringing it to you quarterly via email and web, so you can keep up-to-date year-round with the Phandemonium and Capricon community.

We hope you enjoy this new production, and welcome your comments! Feel free to email us at [goatdroppings@capricon.org](mailto:goatdroppings@capricon.org).

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**Capricon 27 is February 8-11, 2007! Check us out at [www.capricon.org](http://www.capricon.org)!**

## Capricon 27 (High Fantasy) Progress Report #1

Come Find The Magic! Join us February 8—11, 2007 for Capricon 27, a celebration of High Fantasy! Four days of Quests, Tourneys, Revelry, and Fellowship.

Experience Our Awesome Art show, our Diverse Dealers' Room and our Acclaimed Consuite. Be Inspired and Edified by our Panels and Presentations. Lose yourself in our Fine Film Program and Expand your Horizons in our Anime room. Sing the night away in our Filk Circles.

Our Guests are rare finds in and of themselves. **Lois McMaster Bujold**, our Author Guest of Honor, has been known for her Hugo and Nebula Award winning adventures of Miles Vorkosigan and the Dendarii Mercenaries. Her recent works, set in the land of Chalion, have featured gods, quests, visions, prophecies, romance and intrigue. **Erin McKee** was Artist Guest of Honor at Capricon once before, but she's so good we just had to have her back. Her elegant and amazing artwork has graced book covers, musical albums, renaissance faires, convention art shows, and the walls of many fans. **Cat Faber**, our Fan Guest of Honor, is a musician of rare talent. She plays a number of instruments, sings beautifully and writes songs of Fantasy and Science Fiction that will stir your soul.

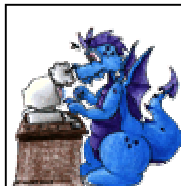
We want your ideas! What would you like to see? Is there a topic you'd like covered? What can you teach us? Send your suggestions to [programming@capricon.org](mailto:programming@capricon.org). We'd love to hear from you.

While you're at it, have you considered volunteering for a few gopher hours? There's lots of neat stuff that needs to be done (yeah, and some boring stuff, too) and it's a great way to see the convention from the inside. Hey, you've been enjoying conventions for a while now. Spend a little time paying it forward.

Keep an eye on our website, [www.capricon.org](http://www.capricon.org) for new and exciting developments. If you have been to Cap before you'll find all the things you love and keep coming back for. If you've never been, this is the year to take the leap of faith and find your heart's delight. Or, at least, a really fun weekend.

*Gretchen*

Gretchen Roper  
Chair, Capricon 27



Keep in touch with the Phandemonium and Capricon community all year long!

[www.capricon.org/forums](http://www.capricon.org/forums)



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## Phandemonium Book Club



We are really excited to report that our Book-club has now been meeting for almost 2 years!

We meet at Borders Books & Music, 1700 Maple Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 (Phone: 847-733-8852). We meet upstairs in the café. Look for the Capricon t-shirts! (If we aren't there, look across the street in The Rhythm Room.)

Our July meeting will be on Sunday, July 9, at 7pm, and we will be reading Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler. Our September meeting is Sunday, September 17, at 7pm, and we will be reading Neuromancer by William Gibson.

If you have any questions, double check the Phandemonium website ([www.phandemonium.org](http://www.phandemonium.org)), or Capricon forums ([www.capricon.org/forums](http://www.capricon.org/forums)). You can also contact [bookclub@capricon.org](mailto:bookclub@capricon.org). Hope to see you soon!

## Phandemonium Movie Night

We're really close to having our Movie Night return! Please watch the Phandemonium website ([www.phandemonium.org](http://www.phandemonium.org)) and the Forums on the Capricon website ([www.capricon.org/forums](http://www.capricon.org/forums)) for details. There may also be opportunities to attend free prescreenings of new movies—keep an eye on the Forums for these announcements!

## Phandemonium: Who Are We?

Phandemonium is the parent corporation for Capricon, and if you attended Capricon, you're a member of Phandemonium. Our Board of Directors is made up of six Elected Members (2 retire and 2 new are elected each year), the current Capricon chair, the appointed Treasurer, and appointed Secretary. The current Board of Directors are:

Peter Heltzer (President)	Vicki Ortega (Treasurer)
Bernadette Burke	Gretchen Roper (Capricon 27 Chair)
Tim Dinan	Tere de la Torre
Richard "Pan" France	Leane Verhulst (Secretary)
Helen Montgomery	

Please learn more about us and how you can be involved by visiting our New and Improved website: [www.phandemonium.org](http://www.phandemonium.org)

## Out of CON-text

"So you're sweating in the shape of an H?" - Marah Searle-Kovacevic

"Is sparkle kosher?" - Jim Murray

"When weirds collide..." - Geri Sullivan

"Show us your udders." - Jim Murray

Members of Phandemonium,

Phandemonium is excited to bring you news of Capricon 27, our Book Club, and the return of Movie Night.

In addition to those activities this summer, the Board of Directors of Phandemonium is seeking qualified individuals to apply to be the Chairperson of Capricon in 2008! This is a chance for you as a member of the Capricon fannish community to get involved at a high level.

*Have you ever said, "If I ran this convention....?"*

The process involved in bidding for Chair of Capricon is as follows:

- 1) Prepare a written report of why you want to chair Capricon 28. Include such things as who you are and the experience you have. How will you make Capricon 28 a unique experience for the attendees? How might your theme/focus/concept be carried out in various departments, such as programming, special events, gaming, films, etc.? Who would be some of your possible Guests of Honor? Then email your proposal to [boardpresident@phandemonium.org](mailto:boardpresident@phandemonium.org) by August 31st, 2006.
- 2) Be prepared to meet with the Phandemonium Board of Directors to discuss your proposal and address any questions the Board might have.
- 3) Shortly after the presentations, the Phandemonium Board will meet to review and vote on all the proposals made. You will be notified of the results. If you are chosen as the Chair, you will be given further instructions at that time.

Some general qualifications are as follows, however these are more guidelines than set in stone requirements:

- \* Potential Chairs should have a minimum of 5 years of convention attending experience, preferably at multiple conventions in different cities.
- \* Chairs should have served on at least three concons as a department head, and have run at least two different departments.
- \* One guideline that is written in stone per Phandemonium by-laws, is that a Chair may not concurrently hold a position equivalent to Chair or Board member of a similar Science Fiction corporation or convention.

Running a convention is tons o' fun, a great experience, and a way to meet some awesome people and get to know them really well over the course of a year. It's a challenge, and not something everyone should try, but if you've ever said "I could run it better if given the chance" well... here's your chance!

For those of you who've attended Capricon in the past and are members of Phandemonium, we hope that you will rise to the occasion and become part of the community that brings you the fabulous, four-day, fun-filled experience that is Capricon! We look forward to hearing from you. And for those of you who haven't attended Capricon in the past we hope to see you in February.

Sincerely,

Peter Heltzer  
President of the Board, Phandemonium, Inc.