

NEXT CLUB MEETING IS THIS WEEKEND**Sunday, February 15****1:00PM-5:00PM****St-François Room****Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St. Downtown Montreal**

MEETING THEME: In honour of Valentine's Day, club members are asked to sport on their person a decorative holiday heart and/or wear an article of red clothing! Landing party personnel are exempt as whenever they wear red, it does not often end well.

PROGRAMME**1:00PM****ALEX TOTH AT HANNA-BARBERA:**

An appreciation of the animated genre works (i.e.: Space Ghost, Birdman and the Galaxy Trio) created by cartoonist Alexander "Alex" Toth for the Hanna-Barbera studio, circa 1960s-'70s.

2:30PM**MID-MEETING BREAK:**

Brief discussion of club-related business; fund-raising raffle

2:45PM

YOU WISH!: We examine Genies, Leprechauns, and the Monkey's Paw. Note: whether wishing well or ill, maximum three wishes!

Next Month's Meeting:**SUNDAY, MARCH 22****Changes to Club's Website Underway**

We have begun making changes to our Website, some of which members will have recently noticed upon visiting the site. But ultimately, we will be abandoning our "MonSFFA.com" domain in favour of the more homegrown "MonSFFA.ca". That change hasn't yet taken place but will at the earliest opportunity.

For the moment, we continue to post updates on the existing site while at the same time preparing to launch our new site under the ".ca" suffix. There's a bit of a learning curve involved as we build the new site, so we can't nail down an exact change-over date quite yet.

We are seeking to make the new site easy to navigate, intuitive, straightforward and uncluttered for visitors, and fairly simple to maintain on our end. The software employed to create and oversee the existing site, we have learned, is expensive and of a type unfamiliar to most, if not all of us. We are therefore looking to use a simpler online system and are currently exploring such options.

Also, to avoid becoming reliant on a single Webmaster to regularly update the site, we may assign, perhaps, several people as co-Webmasters. This would permit the workload to be shared, as well.

2015 MonSFFA Executive Takes Office

Our January 18 meeting kicked off 2015's MonSFFActivities and saw the election of the club's Executive Committee for the coming year. Long-time club member Josée Bellemare

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Due This Month, February:

KRIMP, Nick
LUPIEN, Denise
LUPIEN, Leslie

Due Next Month, March:

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acted as Chief Returning Officer, overseeing electoral proceedings.

We can officially announce that veteran committee members Sylvain St-Pierre and Keith Braithwaite were both returned to office as treasurer and vice-president, respectively, while Cathy Palmer-Lister was named president, replacing the departing Berny Reischl, who has retired from organized fandom after some 25 years of involvement, the latter half of that time clocked as MonSFFA's leader. Lindsay Brown opted not to run again as the club's second vice-president (an optional post) and that position will go unfilled in 2015.

We congratulate and wish our 2015 Executive Committee the best as they begin their term of office. And, we thank both Berny and Lindsay for their service while noting our particular appreciation of Berny's many years of dedication to the club. We wish him a most tranquil and pleasant gafiation, and extend to him an open invitation to drop by a meeting or event anytime and visit.

MonSFFA elects annually a president, vice-president(s), and treasurer—who together form the Executive Committee—and charges them with the responsibility of running the club on behalf of the membership. These executives recruit advisors and appoint officers to assist them in carrying out this responsibility.

Cathy Palmer-Lister comes to the job of president with a wealth of fannish organizational experience. She has been involved with MonSFFA for many years and currently sits as editor of the club's fanzine, Warp. She held the position of chair for many years on the concom of ConCept, the MonSFFA-founded local sci-fi convention that ran for some 20 years. And, she is no stranger to the role of MonSFFA president, having occupied that post before, in the late 1990s, during the Eugenics Wars.

January Meeting

The club opened 2015 with a meeting on January 18 at which the MonSFFen present elected their Executive Committee for the coming year (see "2015 MonSFFA Executive Takes Office" for details) and planned meeting programming for the remainder of 2015. Folk contributed ideas, offered themselves as panelists, and discussed a number of the club's policies and practices with an eye to making improvements. The importance of recruitment was stressed by freshly elected president Cathy Palmer-Lister and ideas so-related were tossed about and debated. A number of folk

volunteered to help with or cover various basic tasks at future meetings.

Keith Braithwaite provided the bulk of the afternoon's programming, screening cool, fascinating, and sometimes just plain weird videos he had culled from the Web at the suggestion of fellow members. Keith had edited these together into a presentation he dubbed It Came From the Internet. These particular videos consisted largely of clips he hadn't had time to include in his like presentation back in November. He also treated the group to several trailers for upcoming genre movies.

We thank all who contributed to the planning and running of this, our first meeting of 2015.

Update: 2015 MonSFFA Meeting Dates

Our requested April 19 and May 24 meeting dates being unavailable, we have submitted the following alternate dates to the hotel: April 26 and May 31.

We await confirmation; stay tuned.

Meanwhile, it was suggested during our planning session at January's meeting that our scheduled June 14 excursion constitute a movie outing; Jurassic World opens that weekend and so we intend as a group to catch a Sunday afternoon screening at a downtown theatre and afterwards sit down over coffee to discuss the film. (Trained 'raptors! Really? *Come on!* Don't get us started!)

Finally, we erroneously listed our August meeting as scheduled for the 16th. In fact, we've booked the 23rd for our August gathering. Please correct your calendars accordingly.

Sci-Fi Quotations on Love and Romance

Love and joy are incredibly habit-forming; often a single exposure is enough to cause permanent addiction.

STAND ON ZANZIBAR (1968), JOHN BRUNNER

The more difficult it was to love the particular man beside us, the more we believed in Love, abstract and total. We were waiting, always, for the incarnation. That word, made flesh.

THE HANDMAID'S TALE (1986), MARGARET ATWOOD

Among all men—those who value beauty, money, success, prestige—those of us who value love are the most dangerous of all. More than any others, we will compromise morals, ethics, our lives, and the lives of those around us—all for the sake of love.

GRAYHEART (1996), TARA K. HARPER

Love isn't something that one throes off like an old hat.

Love clings to the soul like cockleburs to the hair.

"LOVE'S LAST FAREWELL" (1998), RICHARD A. BAMBURG

Just as men and women sometimes lie when they say they love and will return, so they sometimes lie also when they believe they will not.

"RAPUNZEL" (2000); TANITH LEE

The Klantheid was not built to dislike, or indeed to do anything but love. Love was the deep-rooted instinct of its nature, the inner strength and meaning of its existence. Deeply, passionately, it longed to love, not merely the man and woman, but all things, all humans, all life forms, all planets, all suns, all universes, all time and space.

"THE THREE" (1953); GORDON R. DICKSON

The new worlds were austere, carefully planned, sterile in their perfections. Something had been lost in the dead reaches of space, and only Earth knew love.

"LOVE, INCORPORATED" (1945), ROBERT SHECKLEY

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