

## I M P U L S E

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**NEXT  
CLUB EVENT  
IS THIS WEEKEND****SUNDAY, JULY 16****MonSFFA's Summer  
Barbecue-in-the-Park****10:30AM-4:30PM****Parc Angrignon, Lasalle  
(Angrignon Metro)***All Club Members, their  
Families and Friends Invited!***Bring your Own Food and Drink;  
Club will Supply Cooking Grill.****SEE DETAILS, RIGHT**  
(please read lead item)**UPCOMING MEETINGS:****August 27** Sunday Sci-Fi Cinema  
*Matinée (early-bird programming); Living  
Forever and a Day; Future of Warfare***September 17** Report on Helsinki  
*WorldCon; Fairy Tales Endure in Modern  
Culture; Name That Theme Music (game)***October 15** Sunday Sci-Fi Cinema  
*Matinée (early-bird programming);  
Victorian Scientific Romance; Judging a  
Book by its Cover (sci-fi book cover art)***November 12**  
*Super Sci-Fi Book Sale Rises Again!  
(fund-raiser); FanCraft (workshops  
and sale)***INVITATION TO CLUB BBQ**

MonSFFA takes this opportunity to invite all of its members, their families, and friends to join us for our annual Summer Barbecue-in-the-Park, scheduled, this year, for Sunday, July 16.

The long-term forecast is calling for a warm, sunny day on the 16th, but should that change to predictions of rainy weather, note that festivities will be bumped to the following Sunday, July 23. We'll run any eleventh-hour bulletins of a postponement of the event on the club's Web site—MonSFFA.ca—the morning of the 16th, should circumstances so dictate. Check our site for news if the skies seem suspect that morning.

But we expect good weather, and so will gather at about 10:30-11:00AM under or nearby our usual stand of trees in Parc Angrignon, Lasalle (Angrignon Metro). You'll find us behind the Metro/bus station and just a short walk from the parking lot adjacent the now-shuttered "Farm", or petting zoo (see map, Events Column, left).

Bring your own food and drink; MonSFFA will supply a small cooking grill. We usually commandeer a couple of picnic tables for the day, but you may wish to cart along a folding chair of your own, or a picnic blanket, and perhaps a card or board game, ball, or Frisbee. And don't forget your sunscreen!

So do join us for a pleasant afternoon of easy conversation, refreshing drink, and tasty fare amongst the company of fannish friends!

**CLUB'S CSI FIELD  
TRIP WAS MURDER!**

Parking in the area was, certainly, murder, but on Sunday, May 14, some dozen MonSFFen convened at the Montreal Science

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**Due This Month, July:**

BENNETT, Paul  
GRAND, Jason  
McCULLOGH, Brian

**Due Next Month, August:**  
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Centre at the Old Port to take in CSI: The Experience, an “interactive learning adventure” based on the popular, long-running American television franchise. Here, our group got to play forensic detective for the afternoon, collecting “blood splatter, DNA,” and other evidence while at the same time learning a little about the science applied to investigating a crime scene!

Upon entering, we came across three separate “crime scenes,” full-sized and fully dressed “sets,” each featuring a corpse (mannequin) and a variety of clues, which we had to identify as such and make note of as we attempted to figure out who had committed murder, and how! With our evidence gathered and speculations in mind, we then moved to a variety of crime labs to see if the forensics findings supported our theories as to the guilty parties.

It was, decidedly, a most interesting experience for our group, and as much fun as grisly murder can be!

## Summertime, and the Livin' is Easy...

We again remind club members that MonSFFA moves to a more relaxed beat during the summer months as the volunteer-members who run the club are, at various times during this period, on vacation or away on weekends, and thus unavailable for club commitments. Rest assured that the club still gets done what it has to get done, only at a more leisurely pace than usual.

We thank MonSFFen for their understanding and wish all a pleasant summer.

## Dragons Featured at June Club Meeting

MonSFFA's June 4 meeting was our last before the summer break and featured dragons.

We began at noon with another edition of Sunday Sci-Fi Cinema Matinée, offering early-birds a selection of movies featuring dragons, from a vintage fantasy adventure to a kaiju classic to modern sci-fi/fantasy B-movies.

Those assembled chose what proved to be a poorly executed movie built around the high-concept idea of World War II allied fighter pilots in combat against a squadron of fire-breathing Nazi dragons! The concept piqued the interest of the MonSFFen present but unfortunately, failed to live up to their expectations, offering but a cavalcade of bad acting, inane dialogue, uninspired direction, cut-rate production design, dismal cinematography, plot holes through which one might fly a B-17 bomber, and only marginally convincing CGI dragons!

P-51 Dragon Fighter (2014) was universally panned by our group, who nevertheless enjoyed the film as a prime example of a straight-to-video, so-bad-it's-good type of movie.

More enjoyable, it was noted, were the two shorts we showed just before the movie screening: a vintage Pathé newsreel showcasing a ceremonial Chinese dragon parading through the streets of Vancouver's Chinatown district, and the classic Looney Tunes cartoon Knighty Knight, Bugs, in which Yosemite Sam's Black Knight declares, “Dragons is so stupid!”

Fernando “Fern” Novo's presentation on the dragons of Eastern mythology in particular provided the meat of the meeting. Fern related in brief some of the dragon legends of China, Japan, and Korea, projecting on screen a variety of illustrations in support of his topic. He noted that dragons in Eastern culture are generally perceived as good, whereas in Western culture, they are seen as bad.

Paula Dufour augmented Fern's commentary with her own knowledge of dragon mythology.

Fern also had on display a selection of some of the strikingly beautiful dragon-themed artwork, and a number of the collectables, he has amassed over the years.

Following the mid-meeting break, during which hand-crafted, dragon-themed raffle prizes, courtesy club president Cathy Palmer-Lister, were awarded lucky winners, we moved to a panel discussion on the valiant attributes required of the dragon slayer, and of Genre heroes in general. Cathy served as moderator, here, and the discussion included talk of mythological champions such as Hercules and Thor, comic-book superheroes like Superman and Wonder Woman, and the likes of sci-fi's Flash Gordon and Captain Kirk. The discussion ranged from a highlighting of traditional heroic traits and virtues to the elite hero to the everyman as hero to the concept of the anti-hero, and whether he/she can be classed as a true hero. The conversation crossed, at one point, from the fictional realms of SF/F into the real world and noted how fictional heroes often inspire real-life heroes, and vice versa!

We thank for their participation Cathy, and our panelists François Menard, Yves Tousignant, Joe Aspler, and Fern. We thank Fern, as well, for his presentation on the dragons of Eastern mythology, Paula Dufour for her contributions, Keith Braithwaite for hosting our dragon-themed Sunday Sci-Fi Cinema Matinée, and all those who helped to put together and run this meeting.

## MonSFFA's Sci-Fi Book Sale Set for Christmas Shopping Season!

Readers may be wondering when MonSFFA's popular Super Sci-Fi Book Sale will unfold this year. In recent years, the sale has taken place in either late Spring or early Summer, but this year, the club will hold its fifth fund-raising used SF/F book sale on Sunday, November 12, just as the Christmas shopping season begins in earnest!

We invite bargain-seeking Genre booklovers from across the city to avail themselves of the superior bargains we offer!

MonSFFA holds a sizable inventory of SF/F paperbacks and hardcovers, plus a number of specialty books, so skip Santa this year and check out the club's “Super Sci-Fi Book Sale Rises Again” in November!

Proceeds from MonSFFA's Super Sci-Fi Book Sales are to benefit the club; all monies raised are directed to MonSFFA's operating budget.

## Briefly:

► DC/Warner Bros. finally got the tone right with Wonder Woman after the odd misfire of last year's Dawn of Justice. And Kong: Skull Island is good ol' fantasy adventure in its purest form, setting up a promising shared universe with a terrific end-of-credits scene! These are the two best Genre movies of the summer, so far!

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