

## NEXT CLUB MEETING IS THIS WEEKEND

**Saturday, February 9**

**12:00PM-5:00PM**

**St-François Room (second floor)  
Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St.  
Downtown Montreal**

*MEETING THEME: In honour of Valentine's Day, wear an article of red clothing, or better yet, donate some chocolates to our snack table!*

### PROGRAMME

**12:00PM-2:00PM**

**SATURDAY SCI-FI CINEMA MATINÉE—IT'S ABOUT TIME!** (Early-Bird Programming): As time travel is on the agenda this afternoon, we offer a selection of time travel-themed movies and ask MonSFFen to choose one of them for review!

**2:00PM-3:00PM**

**A TIME TRAVELLER'S SURVIVAL GUIDE:** Tips for the rookie time-traveller on surviving in the future with no knowledge of the technology or understanding of new societal norms, and in the past while avoiding accusations of witchery or the accidental erasure of your own timeline!

**3:00PM-3:30PM**

**MID-MEETING BREAK:** Fund-raising raffle; discussion of and updates regarding club business

**3:30PM-4:30PM**

**THE MONSFFA DEBATES:** We pit debating teams against each other on a number of questions and ask our audience to decide on the winners!

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**March 9**—Mars, a 3-D Presentation (Guest Speakers); Colonizing the Solar System

**April 13**—Twilight Zone and The Outer Limits: An Appreciation (Includes Episode Screenings)

**May 11**—Primer/Demonstration of 3-D Printing; Club Group Project

## SITTING MonSFFA EXECUTIVE RETURNED TO OFFICE FOR 2019

At the club's first meeting of 2019, the club held its annual elections, supervised by acting CRO (Chief Returning Officer) Mark Burakoff, filling in for the absent Josée Bellemare who was away attending to urgent family matters.

Returned to office for another term was last year's Executive Committee: Cathy Palmer-Lister, president; Keith Braithwaite, vice-president; Sylvain St-Pierre, treasurer.

We offer them our congratulations, veterans of club operations all, and wish them well as they undertake another year at the helm.

MonSFFA elects annually a president, vice-president, 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.

## UPDATE: CLUB MEETING/ EVENTS SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMMING FOR 2019

A planning session was held at our January 19 get-together to work out the coming year's meeting and events programming schedule. As part of this exercise, we nailed down our preferred meeting dates, March through November, and have since submitted these to the Hôtel Espresso (this month's February 9 date had previously been confirmed). The hotel recently contacted us to let us know that *all* of our requested dates have been booked!

We've made a change in regards to the traditional July club barbecue and usual August meeting, swapping these, one for the other, so

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HAMMOCK, Christopher  
NOVO, Alice  
PICARD, Shawn

### Due This Month, February:

MOIR, L. E.  
RUFIANGE, Yolande

### Due Next Month, March:

HICKEY, Mark  
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that we may celebrate, to the very day, the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing with a planned presentation/panel discussion. So take note that this year, our annual barbecue-in-the-park will take place in August.

We've opted for a field trip in June; we'll be visiting the West Island's Ecomuseum, a zoological park, after which we'll take in a movie at a nearby theatre.

We remind MonSFFen that the second-floor St-François room is again this year designated our regular meeting hall; all meetings will there take place, unless otherwise indicated (occasionally, the St-François may be unavailable for one reason or another, at which times we are transferred to an alternate room).

Here, then, is our official 2019 Meeting/Events Schedule (all dates are Saturdays, unless otherwise indicated):

January 19

February 9

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 9 (Sunday): Field Trip to Ecomuseum

July 20

August 11 (Sunday): Barbecue, Parc Angrignon

September 14

October 26

November 9: Annual Sci-Fi Book Sale

December 7: Christmas Dinner/Party

## January Meeting

MonSFFA kicked off 2019 with a January 19 gathering, at which we held our annual elections of the club's Executive Committee members (last year's Executive was returned to office for another term—congratulations to Cathy Palmer-Lister, president; Keith Braithwaite, vice-president; and Sylvain St-Pierre, treasurer; see also lead item).

We moved, then, directly to an enjoyable diversion somewhat familiar to anyone who has ever played the parlour bluffing game Balderdash. We're hesitantly dubbing our version Sci-Fi Balderdash, but it's truthfully only very *slightly* kind of like Balderdash, but not really! It's just that we haven't come up with a proper name for it yet.

Players were handed a game sheet upon which each was to write a two- or three-sentence invented synopsis based solely on the title—given to everyone by game-master Danny Sichel—of an *actual* published science fiction or fantasy story. The submissions were then collected and read aloud in random order, along with an additional

summary, *the real one!* Players each hazarded a guess as to which was the genuine article. Points were awarded for correct guesses, and to any player whose outline managed to fool others into believing that it was the real synopsis.

We got in about a dozen rounds of the game—a fun way to start the year!

After the mid-meeting break, we dove into the business of planning our 2019 meeting and events programming, finalizing the selection of our preferred dates and welcoming suggestions for presentations/panels and workshops. We kicked all of these ideas around, melded some notions with others, slotted some into the schedule grid, discussed possible group projects and field trips, and eventually got things down to what we believe will be a most interesting, entertaining, and fun calendar of activities!

We also began to assign presenters and panelists to programming items and by the end of the afternoon, we had much of the year planned, with only a few vacant slots left to be filled. The folk who went out for dinner together post-meeting honed the agenda further over a hearty meal and drinks.

Among the presentations/panels our members can look forward to in the coming months are an appreciation of two of the greatest SF/F anthology series ever broadcast on TV, the original *Twilight Zone* and *Outer Limits*; a very cool 3-D slide-show on the exploration of Mars—the special glasses will be supplied—and discussion of the technological challenges faced by man regarding the colonization of this solar system, as well as the ethics of such a venture; a primer and demonstration, for hobbyists, of home 3-D printer systems; and this summer, a retrospective of the historic Apollo 11 moonshot that we have scheduled to coincide exactly with the 50th anniversary of that monumental event! All of this and more is in the pipeline for MonSFFen in 2019!

We thank Danny Sichel for running our game this afternoon, as well as everyone who pitched in to work on our 2019 programming/events schedule. We acknowledge, too, those club members who helped to plan and run this meeting, and clean up afterwards.

## MonSFFen Asked to Collect Materials for Group Project

The club has decided on a group project for 2019. We are proposing to hold a team competition in which scratchbuilt model spaceships will be fabricated over the course of three one-hour sessions beginning in May. We're calling the exercise our Utopia Planitia Shipyards Competition.

Said ships are to be made using a variety of discarded everyday household items like empty soft drink bottles, toothpaste caps and assorted lids, empty plastic food containers, drinking straws, old door hinges, nuts and washers, clothespins, that sort of thing—any small, interestingly-shaped plastic, metal, or wooden doohickeys!

Members are asked to begin collecting for this project such items as they can scavenge around the kitchen, basement, or garage. And please insure that your items are thoroughly cleaned before bringing them in.

## Briefly:

▶ Correction: last issue, in discussing possible dates for our annual Christmas Dinner/Party this year, we mistakenly identified both December 8th and 15th as Saturdays. They are, in fact, Sundays. Our celebrations will be held, as always, on a Saturday, specifically, Saturday, December 7. We regret any confusion this error may have caused.

▶ We are saddened by news of the loss of club member Josée Bellemare's beloved mother, Lise, last month at age 84, who, we are informed, passed away peacefully in her sleep. We offer our sincere sympathies to Josée and her family at this most difficult time. Know, Josée, that your friends at MonSFFA are thinking of you. We understand that a memorial service is planned for spring; no date yet announced.

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