

I M P U L S E

LE BULLETIN D'INFORMATION DE L'ASSOCIATION MONTRÉLAISE DE SCIENCE-FICTION ET DE FANTASTIQUE, L'AMonSFF

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CLUB'S SUMMER EVENTS:

2026 MonSFFA Field Trip

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Meet-Up at 12:00PM-12:30PM

Montreal Planetarium
(Main Lobby)
4801 avenue Pierre-de Coubertin.
Next to Olympic Stadium and Biodôme

2026 MonSFFA Barbecue-in-the-Park

SUNDAY, JULY 12

11:00AM-4:00PM

Parc Maisonneuve
Next to Botanical Gardens, Across Street from Olympic Stadium

Rain Date: Sunday, July 19

2026 MonSFFA Virtual Picnic (on ZOOM)

SUNDAY, JULY 26

1:00PM-4:00PM

www.MonSFFA.ca

"Fancraft" Workshops

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

1:00PM-5:00PM

Club's Nouvel Hotel Meeting Room, Downtown

JUNE 6: CLUB TO VISIT MONTREAL PLANETARIUM ON FIELD TRIP

As is the club's practice, MonSFFA will forego a regular June meeting in favour of a field trip to a museum, exhibition, or other such destination. Our 2026 Field Trip is scheduled for Saturday, June 6.

In past years, the club has visited Montreal's Biodôme, for example, and several of the city's museums to take in special exhibitions on medieval knights, dinosaurs, ILM, the art of Disney's animation studios, and aviation. We've also car-pooled to Ottawa to visit national museums in our country's Capitol.

Having collected from the membership a number of suggestions for our 2026 Field Trip, the Executive put these options before the members present at our recent May meeting. By a show-of-hands vote, the group chose the Montreal Planetarium, which this summer features "Rouge 2100!"

An interactive experience centered on Mars, Rouge 2100 offers speculation on mankind's colonization of the Red Planet in the not-too-distant future, addressing, as well, man's place in the universe, and the fragile balance that must be maintained if all species are to prosper.

"Today, the planet Mars is at the heart of exciting research, and the focus of several space programs. ... Hop aboard the interplanetary shuttle and set off on an odyssey to Mars," reads the Planetarium's promotional material for this Martian adventure. "Welcome to a fictional base atop Mount Olympus. Welcome to Mars in 2100!"

This experience offers a five-chapter journey, in as many rooms, where the first steps of humans on Mars in the year 2100 are realistically imagined. Guided by the AI "Felicity 87," travellers leave Earth for Mars to discover different aspects of life on our neighbouring planet. How could we live on Mars? How is gravity different than on Earth? What sources of energy may be tapped, and what kind of a spacesuit would be required to safely walk on the Martian surface? These are just some of the questions to be answered!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP FEES?

Check Here to See if Your Annual Membership Fees Are Due, Overdue, or Soon Due

(Note: Based on Most Recent Membership List Update; May Not Reflect Very Latest Renewals):

Fees Due Last Month, May:

BROWN, Lindsay
BURAKOFF, Mark
MACE, Isis
MOORE, Moses

Fees Due in June:

SILVERMAN, Barbara
WALLING, René

Fees Due in July:

NONE

Fees Due in August:

NONE

Standard membership is only \$35 annually. We offer a family rate of \$50. Add \$10 to either in order to enjoy our premium "Platinum" membership level. Please complete the form below, include payment (cheque or money order made out to "MonSFFA"), and mail to:

MonSFFA, c/o
29 Harold
Kirkland, Québec, Canada
H9J 1R7

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Please print legibly. Cut out form and mail as per directions.

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Complétez lisiblement. Découpez le coupon et postez tel qu'indiqué.

NAME/NOM: _____ AGE/ÂGE: _____ TEL./TEL.: _____ - _____ - _____

ADDRESS/ADRESSE: _____
No. & Street/N° et Rue Apt./App. City/Ville

Province _____ Postal Code/Code Postal _____ E-MAIL/COURRIEL: _____

INTERESTS/INTERETS: _____

Also included in the price of admission are various film presentations playing in the Planetarium's two theatres, including a celebration of Pink Floyd's spacey 1973 album *Dark Side of the Moon*!

Our plan is to meet in the Planetarium's main lobby on June 6, between 12:00PM and 12:30PM, then purchase tickets and enter as a group around 1:00PM to enjoy an afternoon of Martian adventure, and more!

The Planetarium is located at 4801 avenue Pierre-de-Coubertin, right next to the Olympic Stadium and Biodôme in the city's East End. Viau is the nearest Metro station; the nearest paid parking lot is located at 3000 rue Viau, or you can try your luck parking on any of the surrounding streets, where permitted and available. (See also "2026 Summer Activities, Map Supplement.")

Adult admission comes in easily at less than \$30/person—there are various discounts for residents of the Greater Montreal Area, students, seniors, and families. As always, club members are responsible for their own admission charges.

Join us for a Martian adventure! Bring a friend! We look forward to seeing you at the Planetarium on Saturday, June 6!

MonSFFActivities, JULY 2026!

MonSFFA traditionally hosts its Barbecue-in-the-Park and online Virtual Picnic each year in July. Here are the details:

Barbecue-in-the-Park

This year, our annual MonSFFA Barbecue-in-the-Park is scheduled to take place on Sunday, July 12, in Parc Maisonneuve, which is located next to the Botanical Gardens complex and across the street from the Olympic Stadium, in the city's East End (major bus routes along Sherbrooke Est, Viau, or Pie IX; Metro Viau or Pie IX).

We expect to claim a picnic table or two around our usual spot, so look for us there, along one of the lines of trees separated by open field, not too far from the park's chalet, which houses convenient and well-maintained washroom facilities. (See also "2026 Summer Activities, Map Supplement.")

Bring family, bring friends; all are welcome to join us for a relaxing afternoon of fresh air and sunshine, food and refreshments, and fun with fellow sci-fi fans!

As always, individuals are responsible for bringing their own soft drinks, juices, or other libations, as well as any hotdogs, hamburgers, or chicken fillets they may wish to grill—the club will supply a gas barbecue. Folk may also contribute a snack item or two—potato chips, cookies, Timbits, apples, a vegetable plate, etc. You may also cart in your own lawn chair or picnic blanket, should you wish. Feel free, as well, to bring along an outdoor game, such as lawn darts, horseshoes, a kickball or Frisbee. And remember your sunscreen!

Should inclement weather roll in on our chosen date (Sunday, July 12), we have selected a back-up, or rain date: Sunday, July 19. That's the following Sunday, one week later, same place and time. Check the club's Website morning of for the "go, no-go" notice should rain threaten.

We look forward to seeing you all and enjoying a pleasant afternoon in the park on Sunday, July 12!

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JOIN MonSFFA ON A FIELD TRIP FROM THE EARTH TO MARS!

ROUGE 2100 A MARTIAN ADVENTURE

2026 MonSFFA FIELD TRIP

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

MONTREAL PLANETARIUM
4801 avenue Pierre-de-Coubertin
(Metro Viau; Parking, 3000 rue Viau)

Meet in Main Entrance Lobby
Between 12:00PM-12:30PM,
Enter Approximately 1:00PM

Admission Cost:
Less Than \$30/Person

Virtual Picnic

For out-of-town club members in particular, who cannot attend our Barbecue-in-the-Park, we also host a Virtual Picnic online, via ZOOM. Folk are invited to prepare and enjoy their own picnic lunch at home while taking part in our ZOOM-Chat as a means of touching base with their many MonSFFriends! The conversation is casual, the topics varied, and the camaraderie congenial!

This year's Virtual Picnic will take place on Sunday afternoon, July 26. Hailing frequencies will be open from 1:00PM to 4:00PM; all are invited to take part; we hope to connect and chat with as many of you as possible!

NO IMPULSE IN JULY!

Impulse will not publish next month, July. This issue has been designated our Summer 2026 edition. Coverage of our recent May meeting will be included in the August 2026 issue of *Impulse*, to be released prior to our scheduled August 15 "Fancraft" workshops.

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