

Progress Report 1

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Greetings to all our Rogues, Royals, & Renegades

Thank you for joining us at Costume-Con 40, **April 1–4, 2022!**

We have your membership in our records.

We hope this message finds you all safe and well as we get ready for our first in-person Costume-Con in two long years (if the fates are kind). It has been a trying time for our team during this pandemic as we have had to navigate the ever-changing landscape that has been costuming/cosplay and in-person social events.

Thank you for your patience and support while we continue to update our website and work on gathering information about Costume-Con 40 and what we hope you will find there during the four-day conference weekend.

Please check our website regularly for updates at costume-con40.org/whats-new/. As we update our information, we will post news there. Now on to the good news!



Hotel Information

CC40 will be held at:

**The Bethesda North
Marriott Hotel & Convention
Center**

The hotel reservations block for Costume-Con 40 is now open. The rate is \$159 per night, from Wednesday, March 30th through Monday, April 4th, 2022.

NOTE: Room Rates shown do not include 13.00% Sales and Occupancy taxes and a \$19.00 Parking Fee Per Night (subject to change).

Total room charges will include all room fees and taxes. Your parking fee will be paid upon departure. To make your reservation, please visit our Hotel information page at:

costume-con40.org/our-hotel/

A dedicated booking website has been created for our event. You can make, modify, or cancel your hotel reservations online, and take advantage of any room upgrades, amenities or other services offered by the hotel. The link for reservations is:

book.passkey.com/e/50183533

If you choose to book by phone, make sure to request the Costume-Con 40 rate. The phone numbers to make reservations are:

Reservations Toll Free:

1-877-212-5752

Reservations Local Phone:

1-301-822-9200

Once you've made your reservation, you can view photos, amenities, and more at the hotel website (www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasbn-bethesda-north-marriott-hotel-and-conference-center/)

NOTE: The Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center may not be able to accept reservation inquiries on certain non-group reservation phone numbers. Please do not use the direct line to the hotel to make your reservations.



*To all of you:
Stay safe, stay
well, and stay
costuming/
cosplaying.*

**Dragan Rose
Con-Chair**

Exhibits

It's a Costume-Con tradition to host an exhibit of notable costumes and props from past events that are related to the con theme, so of course this time it's Rogues, Royals, and Renegades. We don't limit this to recent costumes – we want to include costumes from any event during the past 50+ years! This is a curated exhibition. If you want to suggest something that you'd like to see close up, contact our exhibits coordinator, Leslie Johnston, at exhibits@costume-con40.org. For more information, go to:

[Costume-Con40.org/exhibits/](https://costume-con40.org/exhibits/)

Competitions

The rules and online registration forms (as applicable) are up for the Future Fashion Folio, Quilt Competition, and a special contest for CC40 – The Pandemic Mask Competition.

The Single Pattern Competition patterns have been announced and the registration forms will be available shortly for the CC40 competition. There will also be a special opportunity for members from CC38 to display their finished Single Pattern and Fashion Show entries (no additional entries will be accepted for

these events). Watch for these forms to go online soon.

Masquerade information and rules are also coming soon, as are the tech specs for the stage dimensions, sound, and lighting.

Information about our Doll Contest and other competitions, plus the Friday Night Social, and other opportunities to gather, are coming soon. For more information, go to:

costume-con40.org/competitions/

Programming, Workshops, and More

Aurora Celeste, Programming Coordinator, has published a request for information on the site, to solicit suggestions and panelists for CC40. Zambia our participant and program management system, will be up and running soon, and will provide us with the structure to manage the panel ideas

and participants as well as our pocket program and daily schedule of events. Thanks to everyone who has sent us suggestions so far!

For more information, go to:

costume-con40.org/programming/

Pandemic Expectations & Adjustments

We have been in talks with the hotel regarding access and limitations. As of this update, Marriott expects to be back at normal operations by Spring of 2022; however, in the interest of the health and safety of our attendees, we are presently planning on capping attendance at below capacity of the convention center. Right now the proposed cap is 500, including attendees and staff.

Masks that cover the nose and mouth (preferably N95/KN95) will be required.

(Neck gaiters, knit/spandex masks, and masks with exhaust valves are not acceptable substitutes.) As we get more guidance and information from the hotel, health department, and CDC, we will keep everyone informed and these requirements may change.

We would like to note that many of our con committee members, including the Chair and Co-Chair, work in safety and compliance (some with specializations in microbial controls). We will have a safe event.

Our Rogue's Gallery (So Far...)

Dragan Rose	Con Chair	Aurora Celeste	Programming
Dragan Rose	Co-Chair CC40	Leslie Johnston	Exhibits
Ron Robinson	Vice-Chair/Hotel Liaison	Betsy R. Marks	Registrar
Sharon Landrum	Treasurer	Publications/Website
Gaia Eirich	Assistant to Con-Chair	Nancy Shapiro ...	At-Con Registration Asst.
Dr. Karen	Main Events (Masq) Director	Sarah Elise Sexton	Social Media
James Hinsey	Fantasy/SF Masquerade	Larry Schroeder	Tech Director
TBA	Historical Masquerade Director	Dan Arango	Official Con Photography
Karen Heim	Future Fashion Folio/Show	TBA	Videography
Nora Mai	Future Fashion Folio/Show	Marianne Pease	Vendor Coordinator
Bruce Mai	Future Fashion Folio/Show	Ellen Montgomery	Accessibility
Judy "Tree" Mitchell	Single Pattern	Jamie Peddicord	Accessibility Asst
Lisa Hunt	Single Pattern Asst.	Zan Rosin	Con Suite Coordinator
Lisa Ashton	Quilt Contest	Jeanine Swick	Swag Bag
Merrily Wolf	Mask Contest Director/ Swag Bag Assistant	TBA	Tours and Excursions

Membership

Normally, the beginning of the year is when membership rates go up, but after a brief discussion with the Con-Committee, CC40 has decided to delay the rate increase (from \$75 USD to \$85 USD) until **12:01AM EDT on June 1st, 2021.**

You can still get a full membership at the \$75 USD rate. We also offer discounted memberships for students, active military, kids-in-tow, and more. We also have a Supporting membership which you can upgrade or transfer.

If you have friends who haven't yet purchased their memberships, this is a

great time to get them to buy in! Costume-Cons run with the help of volunteers and most of our competitions require participants to be paid members of the conference.

If you voted during site selection at Costume-Con 37, or you hold currently have a Supporting Membership, you can upgrade to a full attending membership with a coupon code.

Contact our Registrar, Betsy Marks, at registrar@Costume-Con40.org if you have any questions about your membership!

Become a Vendor or Sponsor!

CC40 is seeking sponsors for the Con Suite. We are also offering space to organizations who wish to sponsor the weekend's events. For more information about sponsoring time at the Con Suite or during the conference, please contact Dragan Rose at con-chair@Costume-Con40.org. Costume-Con 40 will also have the traditional vendor's room, and

opportunities to promote other events as well. The next Progress Report will have more details on becoming a Vendor or Sponsor and how to reserve space for your non-profit organization as well. For vendor information, send email to Marianne Pease, Vendor Coordinator, at vendors@Costume-Con40.org.

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Web:

Costume-Con40.org

Facebook:

@costumecon40.org

Instagram:

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(CC40)**
c/o The GCFCG
PO Box 683
Columbia, MD 21045 USA

April 1 to 4, 2022



Costume-Con40.org

Our Mission

“To put on the 40th Costume-Con, April 1 to 4, 2022, in the best possible Manner (and stay friends while doing it). We welcome cosplay and fabric artists. To hold the following events: Socials; Future Fashion Show; Historical Masquerade; Fantasy and Science Fiction Masquerade; Doll Contest; Vendors’ Room; Hall Costume and photo shoots; and host the Annual International Costumers’ Guild meeting.”

About the Greater Columbia Fantasy Costumers’ Guild (GCFCG):

The GCFCG is the founding chapter of the International Costumers’ Guild, Inc. Originally founded to support Costume-Con 3, the GCFCG welcomes costumers from all walks of life. Our members live throughout the greater metropolitan DC region.

For more information, visit our website at: gcfcg.org.

Registrar: 240-755-8105

E-mail registrar@Costume-Con40.org

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