



# Lambda Sci-Fi

## DC Area Gaylaxians

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### Pre-Pride Gaming Party and Capital Pride Parade-Viewing - Saturday, June 8th -



Come celebrate DC Pride at a Pre-Pride Gaming and Parade-Viewing Party with the folks at LSF!

**What:** A gaming party!

**When:** Saturday, June 8th; 2 PM to 11 PM. We'll start the party with a brief LSF meeting at 2 PM; and then let the games begin! We'll take a break to walk down the street and watch the Capital Pride Parade as a group.

**What to Bring:** Please bring your favorite table game (or two). Also, please bring munchies and/or soft drinks.

**Dinner:** You're on your own for dinner after the parade and before gaming resumes. There are a lot of food choices in the area. Delivery menus also available at the party.

**Where:** Home of Peter and Rob, 1425 "S" Street NW, Washington, DC. Their home is in the Mid-city (14th and "U") neighborhood between Dupont Circle and Logan Circle.

Directions (with Metro and parking advice) at:

<http://lambdascifi.org/club/PeterRob.html>

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### LSF Table at Capital Pride Festival - Sunday, June 9th -



For the 29th year in a row, LSF will host a booth at the DC Capital Pride Festival to promote LSF and queer fandom. Come join us and help to spread the word about Lambda Sci-Fi and LGBT-themed F&SF!

Feel free to drop by the LSF booth sometime during the day. As in previous years, we don't see the need to establish specific schedules for staffing the booth; we've always had lots of LSFers (both long-timers and newbies) show up and stick around. Carl and Rob will be there about 10:30 AM for setup; and they cheerfully invite anyone else who'd like to help out.

**When:** Sunday, June 9th; 10:30 AM set-up; festival Noon – 6 PM.

**Where:** Pennsylvania Ave. NW, somewhere between 4th and 7th Streets NW. (Metro: Green/Yellow lines to the Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter stop.)

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### LSF Post-DC Pride Gaming Party - Saturday, June 17th -



Continue to celebrate Capital Pride at LSF's Post-DC Pride Gaming Party with the folks at LSF!

**What:** It's a gaming party. There's plenty of room for gaming, so please bring your favorite games (cards, board, etc.).

**When:** Saturday, June 15th; 2:00 PM to ??

**What to Bring:** Bring your favorite table game (or two). Also, please bring munchies and/or soft drinks.

**Dinner:** For those who are interested, we'll order pizza. To get in on the pizza order, please bring \$10 in exact change. If you don't want pizza, you can order take-out or go forage for food. There are a lot of food choices in the Mid-city (14th and "U") Corridor. Also, delivery menus will be available at the party.

**Where:** Home of Peter and Rob, 1425 "S" Street NW, Washington, DC. Their home is in the Mid-city (14th and "U") neighborhood between Dupont Circle and Logan Circle.

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### <<<<< June 2019 LSF Meeting >>>>>

The next LSF meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 8th**, in conjunction with the Pre-Pride Gaming and Parade-Viewing Party. The meeting will be held at Peter and Rob's home, **1425 "S" Street NW, Washington, DC**. The brief meeting will begin at 2:00 PM, just prior to the party. For details, see the article above. Hope you there!

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 **The LSF Book**   
**Discussion Group**



If *you're* interested in lively discussions of F&SF books (with an emphasis on elements of interest to the LGBT community), we invite you to join the LSF Book Discussion Group. Each month, we conduct fascinating roundtable discussions of works by significant F&SF authors.

The LSF Book Discussion Group usually meets on the 4th Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 PM, at Peter & Rob's home: 1425 "S" St., NW – for directions or more details, call 202-483-6369. The next book discussion will be held on June 27.

Here are the details for the next two discussions:

**June 27** – *An Unkindness of Ghosts* by Rivers Solomon (moderator: Rob S.).

**July 25** – *Abbott* by Saladin Ahmed (graphic novel) (moderator: Rob G.).



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**Happy Pride Day  
to all the folks at  
Lambda Sci-Fi:  
DC Area Gaylaxians!**

**Minutes of the May LSF Meeting**  
taken by Scott

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Only three people in attendance. No need for a name circle this meeting!



Carl said he enjoyed the new *Hellboy* movie and that he felt it was more faithful to the “source material” than the previous two movies. He also recently binge-watched Season 1 of the HBO series *True Detective*, which involved ritualistic murders and included several “Lovecraftian” references (such as “the King in Yellow” and “Carcosa”).

Rob S. and Carl discussed an animated feature entitled *Howard Lovecraft*, which is targeted at children. (“Please, no!” said Scott.)

There was lots of banter about *Avengers: End Game*. Carl says the audience really got a kick out of Captain America and Thor’s hammer. So, did Gamora die at the end of the movie? Will Thor appear in the next *Guardians of the Galaxy* movie? Who knows? Everyone agreed that Captain America’s ass is indeed “America’s ass”.

Rob S. says he wants to see the new *Pokemon: Detective Pikachu*, with Ryan Reynolds providing the voice of Pikachu. The upcoming *Spiderman* movie is apparently set post-*Avengers: Endgame*. And everyone is anticipating *Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker*, which will be released at Holiday time.

Everyone agreed it was nice to see Marina Sirtis on a recent episode of *Orville!*

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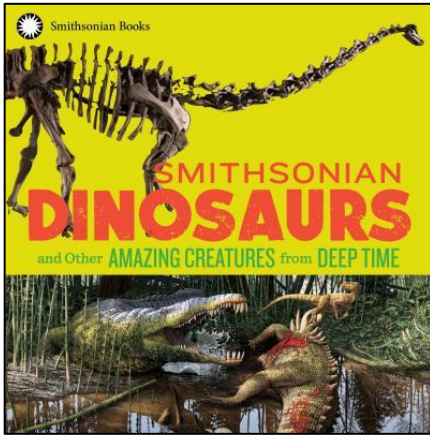


**A Different Interpretation  
of “DC Pride”**



## Dinosaurs in DC! info passed along by Carl

On June 8th, The Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History will open its new 31,000-square-foot fossil hall. The centerpiece of the new hall will be a skeleton of "the Nation's *T. rex*", which is on loan for 50 years from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



The fossil hall has been closed since 2014 for renovations, including mechanical, electrical, and infrastructure renovations as well as conservation and study of its specimens by Smithsonian scientists. The new hall is called "The David H. Koch Hall of Fossils". It will feature the *Tyrannosaurus rex* skeleton along with more than 700 specimens of dinosaurs, plants, animals, and insects – some never before displayed at the museum. Says Kirk Johnson (Sant Director of the National Museum of Natural History): "This hall will be unlike any other—it begins in the past and ends in the future. Using extraordinary fossils, compelling interactive and multimedia experiences, and the latest science, visitors will be inspired by the fascinating story of our evolving planet and the life that has inhabited it and understand the critical role they each play in determining its future."

The National Museum of Natural History is open daily from 10 AM to 5:30 PM (closed Dec. 24). Admission is free. For more information, visit its website:

<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/>



Meanwhile, summer visitors to the National Zoo can travel back millions of years at a couple of "Dino Summer" features: "Erth's Dinosaur Zoo Live" (an experiential theater production) and "DinoRoars" (an outdoor exhibit).



"DinoRoars" (June 1 to August 31) is an outdoor exhibit of six massive animatronic dinosaurs that move and roar, including a 39-foot-long, roaring *Tyrannosaurus rex*. Other creatures featured in the exhibit are: *Compsognathus*, *Dilophosaurus*, *Parasaurolophus* (and babies), *Stegosaurus* (and baby), and *Quetzalcoatlus* (and babies). Each dinosaur is fitted with electronic brains to activate and control movements and produce the sounds. Admission to the Zoo and to "DinoRoars" is free.



"Erth's Dinosaur Zoo Live" (opening June 1) is a ticketed 30-minute indoor show at the Zoo's air-conditioned Visitor Center Theater. It takes audiences on a prehistoric journey to meet a menagerie of prehistoric creatures. It features life-sized dinosaur puppets brought to life by sophisticated design, theatrical presentation, and puppet mastery. The interactive production features 19 creatures on stage, including *Triceratops*, *T-rex*, *Meganeura* (a giant Carboniferous dragonfly), *Leaellynasaura*, and *Titanosaurus*. This is part of the North American tour of "Erth's Dinosaur Zoo Live", created by Australia's Erth Visual & Physical, Inc. Shows are at 10:30 AM, 1:30 PM, and 4:30 PM, Tuesday through Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults (\$8 for children), with discounts available to FONZ members and groups of four-or-

more (the "four-asaurus" ticket pack). An exclusive photo experience with a dinosaur puppet will also be available; it's built into the "four-asaurus" ticket packs.

For more information, visit:

<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/visit/attraction/s/dinoroars>

and

<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/events/erths-dinosaur-zoo-live-show>

Meanwhile... Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's a multi-colored dinosaur skeleton on top of a DC hotel!

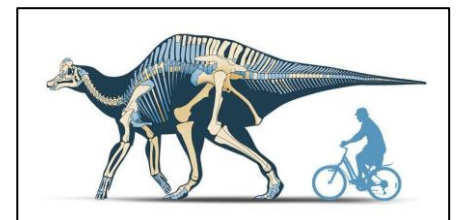


Yes, indeed, there's a 30-foot-long replica of the skeleton of a *Velafrons* ("sailed forehead") dinosaur, a species of lambeosaurid "duck-bill" from Mexico. And he's known as "Ichiro, the Dino".

Ichiro is the creation of artist Marianela Fuentes. She originally built Ichiro for display at Burning Man; and she decorated the skeletal replica with colorful designs inspired by Mexico's ancient Huichol tribe. Fuentes had joined the paleontologists who originally found the fossils on Huichol tribal land; and she describes the designs as "an altar to ancient times". Ichiro currently sits high atop the Eaton Hotel (1201 "K" St. NW), overlooking Franklin Square. Ichiro is illuminated at night (in electric purple) and is visible from several buildings along the K Street Corridor.

After July, Ichiro will move on to his next destination, a public venue in San Jose CA.

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**\*\* INFORMATION ABOUT LAMBDA SCI-FI: DC AREA GAYLAXIANS \*\***

**Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians** (LSF) is an organization for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and trans-gendered (GLBT) people, and their friends who are interested in science fiction, fantasy, horror and related genres in all forms (SF/F/H). LSF's primary goals are to have fun, to provide a community, and to:

- promote SF/F/H, with particular attention to materials of interest to GLBT people and their friends;
- provide forums for GLBT people and their friends to share their interest in SF/F/H;
- promote the presence of GLBT elements within SF/F/H and within fandom; and
- promote SF/F/H within the GLBT community.

Annual membership fees are \$10, for which you will receive an e-mailed copy of this monthly newsletter and a membership directory. (Hard copies of the newsletter cost an additional \$15 per year.) Newsletter submissions are always welcome.

Meetings are *usually* held on the second Sunday of each month at a private residence. However, the next Lambda Sci-Fi meeting will be held on Saturday, June 8th, at Peter and Rob's home, 1425 "S" Street NW, Washington, DC (in conjunction with a Gaming and Pride Parade Viewing Party). Hope to see you there!

Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians is an affiliate of **the Gaylactic Network**, an international organization for gay people and their friends who are interested in science-fiction and fantasy.

**\*\* Con Calendar \*\*** by Carl

July 4-7, 2019 **NASFiC 2019/WESTERCON 72/1632 MINICON**. Davis Conference Center & Hilton Garden Inn (Layton UT). Guests include: Laurell K. Hamilton, David Weber, John & Bjo Trimble, Jim Butcher, Eric Flint, Vincent Villafranca (artist & designer of the new World Fantasy Award). Membership: \$70 thru 03/31/2019 ("pricing might change after that"). On-line registration at: [registration@spikecon.org](mailto:registration@spikecon.org) Website: <https://www.spikecon.org/>

July 12-14, 2019 **SHORE LEAVE 41** (a fan-run media SF convention). Hunt Valley Inn/Delta Marriott (Hunt Valley MD). Guests: Michael Shanks (*Stargate*); Lexa Doig (*Stargate: SG-1, Andromeda*); Anson Mount (*Star Trek Discovery, Inhumans*); Nichelle Nichols (*Star Trek*); John Glover (*Shazam!, Smallville*); Ethan Peck (*Star Trek Discovery*); and more. Membership: \$95 for the weekend; per-day memberships available (deadline for registration = 7/15/2019) thereafter, registration limited to 1,500; at-the-door memberships will be higher. Website: <http://www.shore-leave.com> E-mail: [information@shore-leave.com](mailto:information@shore-leave.com)

August 15-19, 2019 **DUBLIN 2019: AN IRISH WORLDCON**. Convention Center Dublin (Dublin, Ireland). Guests of Honor include: Jocelyn Bell Burnell, Diane Duane, Steve Jackson, Ian McDonald. Current membership pricing and on-line registration: <https://dublin2019.com/join-us/> Website: [www.dublin2019.com](http://www.dublin2019.com) For general inquiries: [info@dublin2019.com](mailto:info@dublin2019.com)

August 16-18, 2019 **CONNEXIONS 2019** ("Slash, the Final Frontier" – a media convention for slash). Holiday Inn (Arlington VA). For more information, visit their website: [www.connexionssouth.com](http://www.connexionssouth.com)

Aug. 30 – Sept. 2, 2019 (Labor Day Weekend) **TCEP 26** ("Gaming A to Z"). Hampton Inn & Suites (Washington-Dulles Airport, Sterling VA). Membership: \$40 (25% discount if you register by 7/31/2019). On-line registration available at: <https://tcep-barkingmad.org> (their website).

October 18-20, 2019 **GAYLAXICON 2019**. Doubletree Hotel by Hilton Minneapolis-Park Place (Minneapolis MN). Membership: \$65 (ends 10/1/2019). On-line registration via EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gaylaxicon-2019-registration-51438596226>

Homepage: <https://www.facebook.com/MNGaylaxicon/>

October 18-20, 2019 **CAPCLAVE 2019**. Hilton Washington DC/Rockville (Rockville MD). Guests of Honor: Martha Wells, Robert J. Sawyer. Membership: \$60 through July 31; \$65 from Aug. 1 thru Sept. 30; \$70 at the door. Make checks payable to "CAPCLAVE" and send to: Capclave 2019 Registration c/o San Scheiner, 1518 North Edison Street, Arlington VA 22205-2638. Website: [www.capclave.org](http://www.capclave.org) For information: [info@capclave.org](mailto:info@capclave.org)

Nov. 8-10, 2019 **PHILCON 2019**. Crown Plaza Hotel (Cherry Hill NJ). Guests: Tim Pratt (Principal Speaker), Stephanie Pui-Mun Law (Artist GoH). Membership: \$45 through 5/31/2019 (will go up after that). On-line registration. Website: [www.philcon.org](http://www.philcon.org) Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Philcon.PSFS](https://www.facebook.com/Philcon.PSFS)