



Progress Report #1 Oct 2011

Conflikt 5

January 27-29 2012

Message from the chair:

Conflikt is turning 5! Our baby is ready to go to school! (Uh....nevermind.) I can't tell you how excited I am about this year. Several things have changed from the first year – hotel, committee changes, programming options, they put me in charge (silly people). One thing that hasn't changed since year 1 is the awesome people that come to Conflikt. Some people have only made it once, others have been there every year. One of the things I love most about Conflikt is the community that comes together every year for this convention. It still makes me cry (the same happy tears I cried at year 1, though I do tend to keep it to once a con now).

This year is shaping up to be even better than the prior ones. It looks like there will be plenty of awesome concerts (some of which I know I am bouncing about having there) with a lot of variety (also a happy exciting thing), more themed circles, and of course open filk. One-shots, twofers, and band scramble aren't going anywhere (and may be growing in their own right). The Brunch has turned into a Lunch, but the CD will still be there! I know you will want to be there to see what my ~~under~~ we have come up with. I know I can't wait!

Beth Runnerwolf, Chair

NEW CON LAYOUT!

Our main event space is on the first floor this year, along with our secondary programming spaces and our dealer's room! Hopefully this will result in much less shuttling up and down the hotel tower. (The Conflikt Lunch will be on the top floor.)

FANTASTIC GUESTS!

- Guests of Honour **Bill and Brenda Sutton** were inducted into the Filking Hall of Fame in 2001! They have a collection of 5 solo Pegasus awards between them plus Brenda shares a Pegasus with her Three Weird Sisters bandmates! The Suttons founded and help run GAFilk in Atlanta! Bill is the president of Interfilk!
- Toastmonster **Brooke Lunderville** is a banjo-playing Canadian pharmacist who won the 2009 Pegasus for Best Filk Song for her travesty of a tragedy, *The Wreck of the Crash of the Easthill Mining Disaster!* She is **SUPER EXCITED** to be Conflikt's toastmonster this year!
- Interfilk is bringing **Riverfolk** to Conflikt! Becca Leathers and Chas Somdahl play a mix of filk and folk, with a little blues, country and even a few show tunes!

FANTASTIC CONCERTS!

A few of the expected new concerts this year are from Talis Kimberley, Sunnie Larsen, Mickey Phoenix, Allegra Sloman, Betsy Tinney, and of course our guests! Dancing Hands will provide ASL interpretation for some concerts! There may still be slots open when you read this – email Shawna at programming@conflikt.org to volunteer!

LA-LA-LA-LUNCH! (with BONUS CD!)

The traditional Conflikt Brunch is now a Conflikt Lunch at noon on Saturday. It's still a tasty buffet accompanied by a chance to socialize with our guests, enjoy instafilk fun, and receive an exclusive CD with tracks from our guests!

We do still have to finalize how many will be at the lunch before registration opens on Friday, limiting the tickets sold at the con. If you know you want to be at the lunch, be sure to buy a ticket beforehand! (\$30 for adults and \$20 for children 1-12.)

Don't forget **Vixy & Tony** will be Conflikt Sponsored Guests at Westercon 65!
www.westercon65.org July 5-8, 2012 in Seattle

THRILLING FUNDRAISING!

Our talented auctioneers and wenches will auction off beautiful shiniies, filk-related jokes and rarities, and just plain silly stuff to raise money for Interfilk, the filk fan fund! They make it possible for us to have an extra, amazing guest each year – this time it's Riverfolk – and they promote the frightening intermingling of filkers around the world. Bring your item donations with you to the con, and come to the auction for a fabulously fun good time with Interfilk's president, GoH Bill Sutton!

BE ON THE LUNCH CD!

What's on the CD? We ask our guests for tracks, we record a sing-a-long on Friday night, and we rely on adventurous members of Conflikt to provide! Email John at sound@conflikt.org if you would like to submit a recording! You can also suggest CD sing-a-longs by emailing programming@conflikt.org!

BE IN THE SONGBOOK!

Want to be in the Conflikt songbook? Please do! Submit your words (or words & music if you have them) to Cindy Turner at songbook@conflikt.org. All submissions welcome! Send 'em in by Dec 31.

PLUS MICROCONCERTS! CONTESTS! PANELS! WORKSHOPS! CIRCLES!

The Return of The Evil Band Scramble! The Songwriting Contest featuring another wacky hour of interesting songs written at Conflikt! Twofers and juried one-shots return as well, with staggered signups and a signup limit! Plus MANY panels, workshops, and theme circles are in the works, including a Filk and Crafting Circle! If you are interested in suggesting or leading a panel, workshop or theme circle contact Shawna at programming@conflikt.org!

HOTEL INFORMATION

Holiday Inn Seattle – SeaTac International Airport, across the street from SeaTac Airport.

Our room rate is \$99 a night for a standard room. Suites are also available for \$109 or \$119 per night. All con rooms include parking for 1 vehicle and breakfast for 2 each morning in the hotel restaurant.

(Note: The 3rd and 4th person in a room has a \$10 additional charge per person per night. Con attendees are also eligible for \$5/day parking.)

Please call the hotel directly to book your room!

Locals: (206) 428-2100 (x2220)
Toll free: (877) 5-SEATAC

Be sure to tell them you are with the Conflikt convention to get our rate. Or email Amber Kelly in the reservations department at reservations@hi-seatac.com. Don't use the website or main 1-800 number – they don't know about us!

The hotel offers free shuttles to Sea-Tac airport and the nearby Southcenter mall. SeaTac's light rail station is also nearby.



WOW! How do I sign up?

ONLINE

Register at our website with PayPal and/or credit card: www.conflikt.org

BY MAIL

Print out a registration form from the website & mail it with your cheque to:

Conflikt
PO Box 30113
Seattle, WA 98113

IN PERSON

Beth Runnerwolf will be accepting registrations in person at OVFF and Orycon.

What does Conflikt cost?

- Attending memberships are US\$50 until November 30, 2011 and include the songbook.
- Children 12 & under admitted free.
- Lunch tickets are \$30 and include the lunch CD.
- Lunch tickets for children 12 & under are \$20 and don't include a lunch CD.
- Supporting memberships are \$25 & include a songbook and a lunch CD.