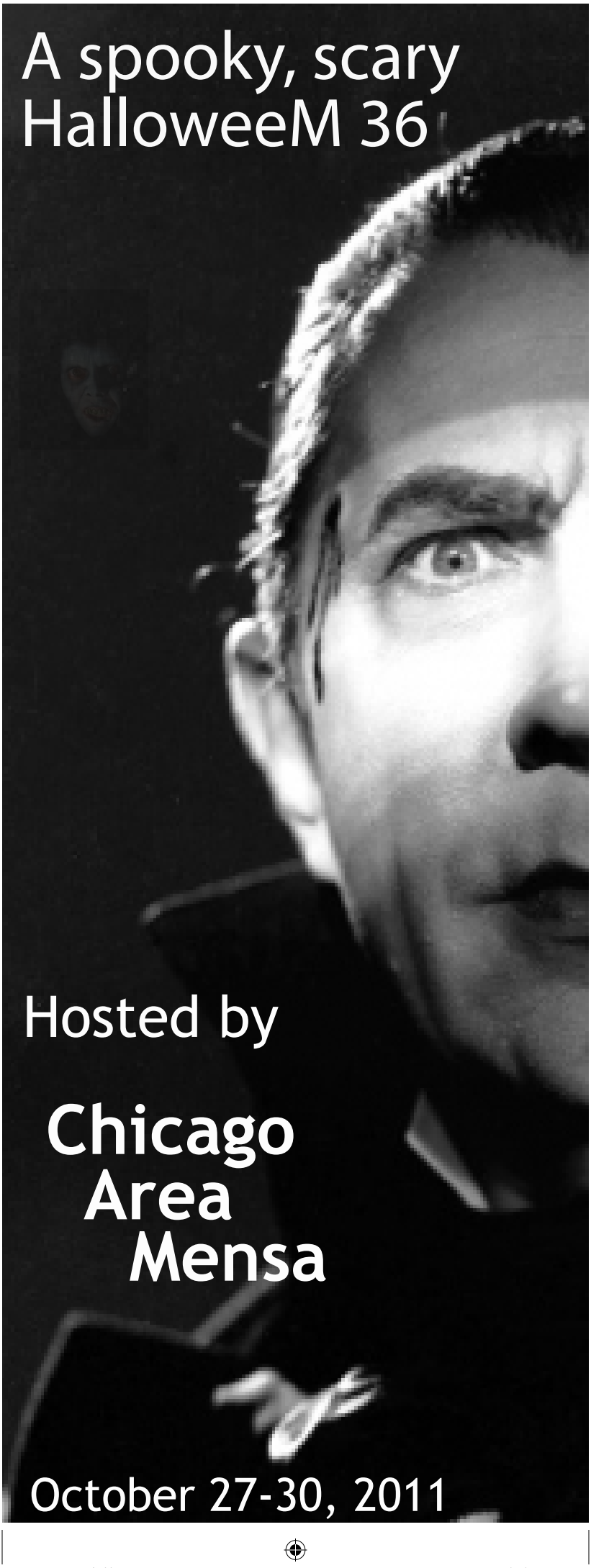

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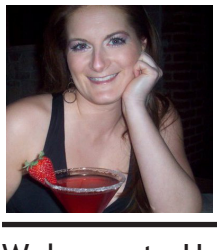
Hello, Kiddies!

Welcome to a spooky, scary HalloweeM! Be assured, we love that you resurrected yourself for another WeeM, we're creeped out by your presence, and we can't wait to drink your blood! Since Chicago Area Mensa always gives you such a zombie-rific good time, we've kept your favorite games, activities, food, programs, and other indulgences the same from last year. Enjoy, meet some new people, and have an absolutely fabulous RG. We're so glad you chose this haunting with us!

Beth Anne Demeter & JC Chupak
'WeeM Chairs





Welcome to HalloweeM 36. Once again, our famous multi-track programming offers a wide range of topics. We've got science, literature, language, technology, martial arts, genealogy, crime, booze, guns, improv, rock and roll, pop culture, baseball, Greek, travel, war, and loads more. You're bound to find something that will keep you informed or entertained. A number of our speakers are also authors, so you'll have the opportunity to buy their books, get autographs, and talk before and after programs at the author tables in the vendor area.

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Of course, there will also be tournaments, games, a kids' track, dances, costumes, books, vendors—oh, and lots of food. We've got a great group working on HalloweeM this year—and loads of programs.

As always, programming continues after dinnertime, so don't figure that dinner signals the end of the day's learning and entertainment opportunities.

Please read the guidelines and rules that follow, so everyone can get the maximum enjoyment out of the weekend, without any misunderstandings. We want you to have a great time, but we also want our speakers and volunteers to have fun.

You may find more to do than you can fit into one weekend. So, as you look over the schedule, go for your top pick, but then let us know what you'd like to see again next year, so you get a second chance. After all, we want you to keep coming back.

There is always the possibility of minor changes after the program booklet is printed, as cancellations do sometimes occur. The Program At A Glance (PAAG) chart, available in registration, will be more up to date, as it is not printed until the day HalloweeM begins. (If the PAAG disagrees with the booklet, the PAAG will have the more recent information.) If anything unexpected occurs during the weekend, information will be posted or announced as soon as we get it.

So take a little time to scan this booklet to find out all the delights we have planned for you. Then have a fabulous weekend. So glad you could join us.

Cynthia Clampitt
Program Chair

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Program Schedule Notes

Like the previous two years, there will be a hot breakfast in Hospitality on Sunday morning, instead of a Sunday brunch that costs extra. The awards ceremony will run from 10:00 to 11:00. After a brief break for those who need to check out of their rooms, Sunday programming will resume at 11:30 and continue until 3:00. So, if you're not catching a plane, don't leave; there will still be lots of programs on Sunday.

Because there are **15-minute intervals between programs**, very few programs begin on the hour. Check times carefully. And we can't stress enough the importance of checking the Program At A Glance (PAAG), issued daily, for up-to-date information with respect to error corrections, room changes, speaker cancellations, etc.

Programming doesn't stop when the sun sets, nor when the bands set up. We have several evening programs scheduled.

Before you start the festivities, please review the tips and reminders that follow. They'll help you and those around you get the most out of your HalloweeM experience.

About the Speakers: Please bear in mind that the speakers have donated their time and resources to be with us this weekend. Many of them are not Mensans and this is their first (and maybe only) exposure to the organization. Mensa's reputation depends on the actions and attitudes of each of us. If you enter or leave during a program, please do so quietly in deference to the speaker and other attendees. Show consideration, even if you disagree with a speaker.

Also, please show the speaker and your fellow audience members the respect they deserve by turning off your various hand-held electronic communication devices.

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Adults Only: Some programs contain material that is adult in nature. Admission to these events will be restricted.

Alcohol and Youth: Illinois law, hotel rules, and Chicago Area Mensa, Inc. policies are strict when it comes to underage drinking. The legal drinking age here is 21. Please do not be insulted if you are asked for proof of age. Adherence to this rule has been stressed to all Hospitality gHosts.

Parents: Even if you allow your children to consume alcoholic beverages at home, you are NOT free to do the same at HalloweeM.

Bulletin Board: A bulletin board will be available near the registration area for posting personal messages, program changes, and other announcements.

Decorations: Every year we make a sizable investment of time and money in creating the right ambiance at HalloweeM. Please do not disturb the decorations.

Food and Beverages: HalloweeM food and beverages MUST remain in the Ravinia Ballroom. Since the games and tournament rooms are within the Ravinia Ballroom, bringing food and beverages there is permitted. However, please DO NOT take food or beverages into the other speaker rooms (e.g., Birch, Maple, etc.)



gHosts: HalloweeM is a big event. It takes a LOT of volunteers to make things run smoothly. Our volunteer staff (also known as gHosts) is always happy to accept new recruits. We need only an hour or two of your time. In exchange, you get a HalloweeM volunteer collector's pin and a warm feeling deep inside.

A break from the crowds: There is a nature walk along the river just outside the south door of the hotel. Great place for a breather.

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Hugs: To hug or not to hug, that is the question. Colored stickers signify your hugging preference: yes, no, maybe so. Pick up a sticker for your name badge at the registration desk and check the stickers that others wear. When in doubt, ask.

Late Checkout: When you check in, please let the hotel desk staff know if you need a late checkout time at the end of the weekend. Based on their expected vacancy level, they will do all they can to accommodate as many as they can.

Name Badges: Your name badge is your ticket to all the joy and wonder of HalloweeM. Please wear it at all times. With a group as large and diverse as ours, the tags are the only way we have of knowing who belongs to the RG. Anyone without a name badge should be referred to a committee member. Sorry, lost name badges cannot be replaced.

Smoking: Smoking is permitted outside the hotel only. We will do our best to ensure that the staff provides adequate waste cans and ashtrays. Thank you.

Of Special Note: Volunteer Drawing

We're not drawing pictures of volunteers or asking volunteers to draw pictures: we're holding a drawing to reward our valuable helpers this weekend. If at least one person signs up for every volunteer shift by 7:00 PM on Friday, we will hold a drawing at Sunday's awards ceremony to give away a few super-duper $50 cash prizes! You get a drawing ticket for each hour worked. As a twist, some of the less popular volunteer assignments (like the middle of the night in Hospitality) are worth more than one ticket per hour. The RG wins, our guests win, and, most importantly, you win! Help us fill up the volunteer schedule before 7:00 PM on Friday. Winners need not be present at the drawing.

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All Weekend

Hospitality Suite

Snacks and beverages are available 24 hours a day. There will be hot food for most of these meals:

Thursday Dinner 7–8:30 PM
Friday Breakfast 7:30–9:30 AM (COLD)
Friday Lunch 11 AM–1:30 PM (COLD)
Friday Dinner 6:30–8:30 PM
Saturday Breakfast 7:30–9:30 AM
Saturday Lunch 11 AM–1:30 PM
Saturday Late Snack 10:30–11:30 PM
Sunday Breakfast 7:30–10 AM

Note: No hot meal will be served Saturday evening in Hospitality, though there will be the usual snacks and beverages. If you want a real meal, there are several restaurants within walking distance, or a short hotel-shuttle ride. Please inquire at the hotel front desk, or our registration area, for a list of options.

Food will be replenished every half hour during scheduled meal times, so there will be as much food for people at the end of the line as for those at the front; selections may vary. No need to rush or panic!

WeeM Market
(Located outside the Ravinia Ballroom)

A variety of items will be on sale in our vendor areas, including fair-trade crafts, art photography, and jewelry. In addition, some of our speakers will offer their books for sale in HalloweeM's marketplace. Come get a jump on your seasonal shopping.



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'WeeM Loves Kids



Young Children (9 & under)

Once again, WeeM is offering a kids' track for your little ones. Supervised play for kids 9 and under will be offered in the Maple Room throughout the weekend. In addition to plenty of free play, games, and other crafts, kids will once again have the opportunity to make their own WeeM t-shirt, and we will dim the lights for movies in the evenings. Also, keep in mind that the kids room WILL CLOSE at various times throughout the day and overnight, meaning you'll need to pick up your children during these times. All times will be listed outside the room. Have fun!



Tweens (9-13)

We welcome tweens to participate in all of our WeeM activities, but when you need a break from the adults and want to relax with your peers, look for the tented area in a corner of the Ravinia ballroom. Tweens will meet at the beginning of WeeM to set up their own rules and will be occasionally checked on by the WeeM team. Parents are still expected to check in on their tweens from time to time.

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Games & Tournaments

Game Room Ravinia A & B

The Game Room will open Thursday evening and remain so around the clock until Sunday afternoon. We have all the games from Mind Games® 2004 and a wide selection of traditional favorites and newer "Euro-games." Please do not leave your small children in the game room— games will also be in the Children's and Tweeners' spaces.

All Weekend

Break the Curse

The spooky decorations in Hospitality hold within them the secrets to breaking a century-old curse. You will find a plea for help on the wall in Hospitality with instructions to start you on your quest. Sign out a cursed token and take your time throughout the weekend to solve the puzzles and return it to its rightful place.

Thursday

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM **Boggle Tournament**

Friday

2:00 PM- 4:00 PM **Life-Sized Kill Dr. Lucky**
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM **The Logic Cake**

Saturday

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Logic Problem Tournament
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Texas Hold'em Poker**
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM **Werewolf Tournament**

NEW! Scarecrow Contest

A "field" of empty stakes is in Hospitality waiting for you to use whatever supplies you have on hand to make a scarecrow to wow our judges! Please keep in mind that all scarecrows need to be acceptable for audiences of all ages. Judging will happen during the costume contest on Friday night. The scarecrows will be on display all weekend, so if you want any of your scarecrow parts returned, stick around to help with cleanup on Sunday. Otherwise, all items left behind will be donated to local charities.

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Book Sale

Find out what your fellow Mensans have read. Browse through donated book and non-book items, and take home some treasures. We charge 50¢ per book or 3/$1, for paperbacks; $1 each for hardcovers or 3/$2.50; and $1.00/bag on Sunday. VHS and audio cassette tapes are $1, CDs are $2, and DVDs are $3. Books on tape or CD are $2. All proceeds benefit Chicago Area Mensa's philanthropic projects.



Due to the timing for the program book preparation, any changes to the schedule will be reflected in the "Program At A Glance," which you'll receive at registration.

As always, we're starting on Thursday—with some great speakers on some very hot topics, plus the return of the pig roast.

But that is just the beginning. There are multiple Fri-Play offerings and, of course, our famous multi-track programming throughout the weekend. For gamers, there are tournaments and the 24-hour games room, and of course there will be a great kids' track, plus two dances, costume parade, 24-hour hospitality suites, book sale, and vendor area.

Do note that we have a lot of programs in the evening, so don't figure that dinner signals the end of the day's learning or entertainment opportunities.

There may be a few changes, as cancellations and late additions are always possibilities.

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, including tournaments and Hospitality food schedules, see previous pages.

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Thursday

4:45–5:45 PM

Surviving a Home Invasion
John Martin

Michigan A

What will you do if a violent criminal enters your home intent on stealing your property and/or doing you and your family serious bodily harm? What strategies might you employ to maximize your, and your family's, odds of survival? What can you do to minimize risk to you and others? What can you expect from law enforcement in the aftermath of such an event? Uncertain? Questions? Then attend.

6:00–7:00 PM

Getting Started in Genealogy
Grace DuMelle

Michigan B

Itching to explore your family history after watching those celebrity genealogy shows? Author and researcher Grace DuMelle will explain the top 10 principles of genealogical research, such as working backwards, talking to relatives, using the census, sharing results responsibly, and more.

National I.Q. Test
Robert Finnegan

Birch

Watch Bob Finnegan's tape of the nationally broadcast show and try to answer the wide range of questions—then compare how you did with various demographic groups.

7:00–8:30 PM

Pig Roast in Hospitality

To be more precise; roasting it elsewhere, eating it in Hospitality.



8:30–10:30 PM

Guns
Jessica Sawicki

Michigan B

Jessica will conduct a basic overview of how revolvers and semi-automatic pistols work, and how to operate them safely.

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Whisk(e)y Tasting

Matt Crawford

Willow

After three years of tasting Scotches, and supported by a poll of last year's tasters, we will now compare Scotch whisky to Irish, Bourbon, Rye, and other whiskies.

8:30–10:30 PM

Hi-Def Movie

Birch

Showing either "Tron: Legacy" or "Avatar - Extended Version."

(Catch "X-Men: First Class" Friday afternoon.)



Friday

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7:30AM–9:30AM

Simple Breakfast

Hospitality

4:00–5:00PM

Verbal Aspect Theory: Finding the Time for Greek

Madison Pierce

Michigan A

In linguistics, verbal aspect theory refers to how the speaker in a narrative views an action. Verbal aspect theory in the Greek language maintains that an author chooses a Greek tense-form in order to show how the reader should see the action in context. There is an ongoing debate about whether aspect theory is compatible with the traditional idea of tense in Greek verbs.

Madison Pierce will discuss current theory in language study. She will introduce traditional verb theory, verbal aspect theory, and enough Greek verbs to illustrate the concepts. This program should intrigue anyone who enjoys languages, but will be more fun for those with an interest in Greek.

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Clean Sweep™ Program

Helga Stephan

Michigan B

The majority of our thoughts are repeat thoughts. Many of these involve mentally updating our endless to-do list. Helga Stephan will discuss how to lessen the chatter and clear your mind so you're free to think new thoughts—allowing you to accurately assess where you are and determine where you want to go in areas that really matter.

Bizarre Sexual Practices of Animals

Bob Finnegan

Birch

Bob will use miscellaneous props to illustrate the weird and often hilarious ways animals attempt to propagate.

5:15–6:15PM

Nanotechnology & Energy

Frank Dolinar

Michigan A

Nanotechnology and related research is changing the future of energy generation, transmission, and storage. Frank Dolinar will examine recent research and discuss how such changes may affect our energy future.

Navigating the Short Sale and Foreclosure Process

Jamie Roth

Michigan B

Jamie will discuss the process of either purchasing or selling a short sale or foreclosed property in today's challenging residential real-estate market.

Films That Can Make a Difference

Vicky Edwards

Birch

Have you ever seen a film that changed the way you thought? Certain films go beyond entertainment—they have the ability to enlighten us, change our thinking about a social issue, or even move us to action. What gives films their special power to make us care?

As a film teacher, Vicky Edwards has been fortunate to see teenagers think deeply about topics from the environment and politics to bioethics and the nature of war. She'll show clips from both documentaries and fictional works of film, and lead a discussion about the movies that changed you, too.

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6:30–7:30PM

The Journey of *Mollie's War*

Cyndee Schaffer

Michigan A

What was it like to be in England while the country was under constant bombardment by unmanned German missiles? Imagine being among the first WACs to enter Normandy after the D-Day invasion. Consider the demands of serving as an informal interpreter in Paris during wartime, using only your foreign-language skills from high school. Envision a young Jewish woman in Frankfurt, Germany, on Rosh Hashanah, 1945, as she walked with other soldiers and officers to the rededication of the only standing synagogue.

Cyndee Schaffer is the co-author with her mother, Mollie Weinstein Schaffer, of *Mollie's War*, a memoir describing the life of a Jewish-American WAC enlistee. From Mollie's experiences in basic training in Daytona Beach, FL to the dramatic moment when she saw the illuminated figure of the Statue of Liberty in the midst of darkness as her ship approached the American shore in November of 1945, this program will provide a glimpse into the life of a woman in uniform during this crucial time in history.

How to Roll a Kayak (or Closed-Cockpit Canoe)

John Martin

Michigan B

Have you ever wondered how kayakers right themselves after a full inversion? Think it takes strength or speed or acrobatic skill? Would you believe it is almost entirely a psychological and body-awareness challenge? Would you believe the actual skill required is quite simple? Spend some time with expert instructor John Martin in and out of a boat, all on dry land, learning the key secrets to making this impressive skill easy and reliable.

Costumes: A Social Study

Lyriel Bradley

Birch

Costumes are a visual, wearable social message. Join professional costume designer Lyriel Bradley as she focuses on costuming for amusement, reenactment, and fandom. Drawing on multiple perspectives including fashion history, social science theory, and pop-culture influences, Lyriel will examine the symbolic and entertainment value of costume. At the end of the presentation, audience participants in costume can "walk and talk" their costume choice for the evening.

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Urban Paleontology: Fossil Hunting for Lazy People

John Takao Collier

Willow

Picture a paleontologist in the blistering sun, wiping perspiration off her brow as she spends hours laboriously pecking away at a cliff to expose a Tyrannosaurus femur. This extremely painstaking effort is great for science, but it's lousy for lazy people. "Real" fossil hunting is hot, dirty, and a heck of a lot of hard work. There's got to be an easier way.

Lazy people of Mensa, rejoice! There is an easier way. Buildings have been made from stone for as long as humans have been building them. Much of this stone was quarried from rock that is full of interesting dead things. The hard work of cutting, shaping, and installing the stone was already done by craftspeople throughout the centuries. All the resources you need to expend are a few bucks for bus fare and the time it takes to saunter down a city street and marvel at the exquisite remains of life long ago. Seldom has sloth been so magnificently rewarded!

In this talk, John Collier will discuss how to tell the difference between igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary stone (the last type contains fossils). He'll show some pretty pictures of fossils that can be found in buildings, many in the Chicago area. Lastly, John will lead a fossil hunting field trip inside the WeeM hotel itself! No pith helmets or pickaxes required.

6:30–8:30PM

Dinner

Hospitality

Head over to Hospitality for a meal, but please, no need to rush, or try to fill and balance eight plates, as food will be replenished many times.

8:00–8:30PM PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME!

Kids' Costume Parade

Michigan A/B

Children are invited to show off their costumes for prizes. Come see some little ones that are so cute, it's scary! After prizes are awarded, kids are welcome to wear their costumes to the Kid's room for movies and snacks during the Adult Costume Parade.

8:30–9:30PM PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME!

Adult Costume Parade

Michigan A/B

It's one of the many things for which we are (justly) famous: costumes. Prizes will be awarded for Best Pun, Worst Pun, Best Traditional, Best

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Under Age 18, and possibly others, as inspiration strikes the judges. Bribes for the judges are encouraged.

If you are entering the costume contest, be sure to get a boarding pass. Please SPEAK LOUDLY AND CLEARLY when you get to the microphone, so that everyone (including the judges) can hear and enjoy the description of your guise.

10:00 PM–1:00 AM

Dance!

Live Band: "Ted From Accounting"

Michigan A/B

Placid. Tranquil. Serene. These are just some of the words that have never been used to describe Ted From Accounting. Come, let their sonic stylings wash over you like a gentle tsunami. Once their music enters your earholes, you'll find that it will burrow around your brain for days like that earwig in "Night Gallery" from many years ago, and after it finally, against all odds, finds its way out, you realize that IT'S LAID EGGS! HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF EGGS! Kind of.

10:00–11:00PM

Hell's M's Meeting

Skinner

Willow

Have you ever wondered what all of those black tee shirts are all about? Attend the meeting for current and potential HELL's M's and find out. You will learn out what is going on with the party SIG. If you don't already know, you will find out what we are, how we got started, and what we do. HELL's M's: Don't forget to vote for PARTY ANIMAL on Sunday - results will be announced on Sunday.

10:00–12:00AM

Do-it-Yourself Shakespeare

Beverly Flechsig

Elm

Last year, we flirted. This year, we'll fight. Come sight-read *Henry V* in a small group led by Beverly Flechsig where you can read a part (or two) —or just listen. No tech rehearsals, no costume fittings, no ushers, no stage combat. (If you speak French and always wanted to be a princess, this is for you!)

10:00 PM–12:00 AM

Speed Meet and Greet

Herb Guggenheim

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Ravinia

Want to meet everyone at the RG? Don't know how you'll do it? Then come to Speed Meeting! You'll have brief conversations with each of the other people in the meeting room, rotating every one to two minutes. By the end of an hour, you'll know a whole lot about a whole lot of people you might not have met any other way. So maybe you won't have met everyone at the RG, but you'll have come close. You won't want to miss it!

Hi-Def Movie: "Thor"

Birch

11:00PM–12:00AM

Sing-Along

Clyde Forrester

Willow

Gather 'round for a sing-along! Folk, rock, blues, punk, show tunes—whatever you really love to sing. Feel free to bring a non-amplified instrument or just your voice. Clyde Forrester will bring an acoustic bass guitar and an electronic keyboard. Sing until you run out of songs. Of course, you may just sit and enjoy the music.

Saturday

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, including tournaments and Hospitality food schedules, see pages 7 – 9.

9:15–10:15AM

Nanotechnology & Medicine

Frank Dolinar

Michigan A

Nanotechnology and related research are already changing how the medical profession is looking at health care in general, the treatment of disease, issues of genetics, longevity, and more. Frank will examine recent research and discuss how such nanomedicine of the future may affect our lives.

Chicago's Literary Heritage

Donald G. Evans

Michigan B

Chicago has captured Nobels, Pulitzers, National Book Awards; been enshrined in The Best American Short Stories and the O. Henry Prize Stories; and had MacArthurs and Guggenheims bestowed upon it. We boast acclaimed literary writers, beloved popular writers, stage and screen writers, poets, cartoonists—like Chicago itself, our writers represent a dazzlingly impressive variety of voices.

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The Chicago Literary Hall of Fame, whose mission is to showcase our best writers, in 2010 inducted into its inaugural class Gwendolyn Brooks, Nelson Algren, Saul Bellow, Studs Terkel, Richard Wright, and Lorraine Hansberry. In November of this year, it will induct its newest class—and there are plenty more deserving candidates. In this forum, Don Evans will discuss what makes our hometown's literature so distinct and distinguished.

Evolution, Morality, and Punishment

Alex Bolyanatz

Birch

Recent research suggests that moral norms—and punishment of the violation of those norms—are an evolved feature of modern human nature. Anthropology professor Alex Bolyanatz will present an overview of some of these features of our shared humanity.

Accumulating Frequent-Flyer Miles for the Obsessive-Compulsive

Ken Levine

Willow



This presentation will be part lecture and part open discussion. The lecture will focus on flying tips (primarily on United, secondarily on American), credit cards, hotels (primarily Hilton properties) and Rewards Network dining programs. This presentation is not for everyone; you may find some of the techniques impractical or obsessive. However, if you find just one technique appealing, this program may be worth your time. Anyone with his or her own creative ideas is especially welcome and is encouraged to share those with the audience.

10:30–11:30AM

Masters of Lightning

Terry Blake,
with Matt Blake and Jerri Schwartz

Michigan A

The Masters of Lightning tell us about the technology and present video from their shows. The shows feature 2 Tesla Coils which produce 12-foot lightning bolts that create music. Terry Blake wears a specially-designed metal suit that allows direct interaction with the lightning and use of various props to perform incredible stunts.

How Open Source is Transforming the Internet. Again.

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Hal Snyder

Birch

What do devops, continuous delivery, and cloud computing have in common? Open source software is driving another sea change in distributed computing and the Internet. Join Hal Snyder as he discusses where the technology is headed next.

Advertising Is Even Stupider Than You Think

Jim Morris

Willow

In this free-wheeling, non-linear assault on the pretenses of advertising, Jim Morris doesn't just bite, but swallows whole, the hand that feeds him. If you thought you already knew all the flaws, foibles, and failings of advertising, you're as mistaken as advertising is about itself.

11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Lunch Break.

12:30–1:30 PM

Nuclear Terrorism in Chicago

James Taylor

Birch

What would happen if terrorists managed to create their own nuclear device and set it off in downtown Chicago? It's probably not what you think. James Taylor will explore the effects of one possible scenario based on data gathered from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Argonne National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Please note: This presentation was constructed from open source material and contains no classified information.

Giants in the Park: A Guide to Portrait Statues in Chicago's Lincoln Park

Krista August

Willow

Located a couple miles north of Chicago's downtown, Lincoln Park names both a neighborhood and a park—Chicago's largest urban oasis, boasting some 6 miles of lakefront. This big city playground is home to 16 vintage portrait statues. Krista August will take you on a visual guided tour of the heroes and monuments found therein, including 7 statues that are currently missing, to reveal a piece of city history through the prism of our forefathers' heroes.

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Write Your Own Poem

Herb Guggenheim

Elm

Want to come home from the RG having created something? Never written a poem before? Or have you been a secret poetry writer for years? In this stimulating and fast-paced workshop, Herb Guggenheim will give a crash course in how to write a sonnet, one of the oldest and most revered poetic forms in the English language. All you need are a pen, paper, and your imagination as you embark on this fascinating project. By the end of the workshop, you'll have a draft of a poem to take home, work on further, or share with your friends.

12:30–2:30 PM

Martial Arts in the Movies

David Doney and John Martin

Michigan A

Learn more about the moves in the action movies you love—including *The Matrix*, *Enter the Dragon*, *The Protector*, *An Officer and a Gentleman*, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, and more. David and John will select pivotal fight scenes for discussion, analysis, and demonstration of the techniques used, explaining the basis for the Hollywood take and how the action might transpire in real life. Audience questions and resulting demonstration/discussion often comprise about half this presentation. Some violent content will be selected from these movies, so parents of attendees under 13 years of age are cautioned.

Cubbie Blues

Donald G. Evans, Rick Kaempfer, Randy Richardson, and George Rawlinson

Michigan B

Don Evans, editor of the anthology *Cubbie Blues: 100 Years of Waiting Till Next Year*, moderates a panel featuring the book's contributing writers Rick Kaempfer and Randy Richardson, and Can't Miss Press publisher George Rawlinson, who will give voice to the essence of being a Cubs fan.

1:45–2:45 PM

Dante's *Inferno*

John Wager

Birch

What could be better for HalloweeM than a tour of Dante's Inferno? Join Dr. John Wager in this tour of Dante's poem, using additional music, painting, and sculpture inspired by Dante's world. We'll explore how Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Franz Liszt, Salvador Dali, William Blake, and Auguste Rodin all used the Inferno in some of their most famous works.

John will hit the "low" points of Dante's journey, spending time on lust, gluttony, flattery, hypocrisy,

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and betrayal. Dante's ideas do not merely dwell upon life after death; they also are about what happens when we have a serious flaw and no hope of changing it. We may already feel like we're in hell. However, Dante's poem is meant to see clearly the nature of evil in order to be less bound by it. So come and have a hell of a good time!

The Mathematical Limits of Evolution and the Mathematical Basis of Intelligent Design

Neal Roys

Willow

Actual mutation data and mathematical limits harmonize to reveal that Darwinian evolution doesn't make things; instead, as author Michael Behe demonstrates, it breaks things. For example, mutations in malaria enable it to dodge drugs intended to wipe it out. But malaria's survival is not due to accidental innovation, but rather, to a weakening of the parasite.

Neal Roys will be your guide in examining the claim that Intelligent Design Theory is not based on religion, but actually relies on the mathematics of statistical hypothesis testing. The final 45 minutes will be devoted to Q&A.

Improv Workshop

Steve Duberchin

Elm

Have ever wondered if you have what it takes to be an improviser? Do you watch them on TV or on stage and wonder how they make it all work? Even if you haven't ever thought about these things until this very moment, join the cast of Crazy Shades of Blue in this experiential workshop and see what makes Improv tick! This is not a lecture where you just sit and watch; you will be up and improvising side by side with the Crazy Shade of Blue cast. One of the secrets of Improv is: Don't think, just act! And while you are in action, we'll be looking at other secrets that make Improv work by playing group "games" and "scenes". Prepare to have a lot of fun, think on your feet, and maybe learn something new through all the laughs!

3:00–4:00PM

Living in the Cloud (Digitally)

Alan Baltis

Michigan A

It's a multi-device world (smartphones, laptops, desktop computers, implants) and a rich media environment (music, videos, photos, games). We want to have access to all our data, all the time, everywhere we go. That's what The Cloud is all about. Alan Baltis will examine the technologies and standards that are making this possible, and explore how we can keep all that data we accumulate (e-mail, music, contacts,

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calendars, bookmarks) nimbly synchronized and securely updated throughout our digital lives. You'll also discover the ways in which different vendors are vying to become our providers for such services, and how that race will stratify society. Cirrusly.

3:00–5:15PM

Sexyg Fishbowl

Michael Collins & Robin Crawford

Elm

Michael and Robin lead the group in a frank discussion about human sexuality and related topics. Completely participant driven, the forum uses the "fishbowl" method to select questions asked anonymously by participants and answer them frankly and genuinely. Get answers to questions that, heretofore, you've probably been able to ask only a few people. To foster frankness and trust, no one may join 15 minutes after we begin, so please be on time. Confidentiality and discretion are a must.

House, M.D.: A Byronic Hero for Our Time

Barbara Barnett

Birch

The Co-executive editor of Blogcritics magazine and author of *Chasing Zebras: The Unofficial Guide to "House, M.D.*, Barbara Barnett will offer her insights on the top-rated medical drama and its sarcastic-yet-charming central character, Dr. Gregory House.

The Moral Dilemmas of Agriculture in a Consumerist, Capitalist Society: Food Ethics in the Twenty-First Century

Jennifer Murtoff

Willow

Jennifer Murtoff will examine some of the ethical issues surrounding the food supply in the United States, from soil to consumption. In addition to talking about the ills of the food system, Jennifer will also look at some good food stewardship practices. Come and share some practical ideas that your household implements.

4:15–5:15PM

Classic Refracting Telescopes

Mark Kuba

Michigan A

Mark Kuba's family acquired its first telescope in 1969, around the time of the Apollo 11 mission. That telescope, a Sears 60mm refractor, lay dormant for some 40 years. One night, Mark took it out and viewed a full moon and was hooked on the views he beheld.

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Since then, Mark has aquired many refractor models imported into the U.S. from Japan and Germany during the 1960s and 1970s. Well-built precison, optically excellent, long-focus refractor telescopes are rare and offered by few manufactures. Classics from the 60s and 70s featured optics that were hand-figured to bring to the viewer images that rival modern telescopes costing thousands of dollars. The aesthetics, mechanics and optical quality of these classic, affordable telescopes are from a time that has long since passed. Mark will share his knowledge of what telescopes he aquired, how he aquired them and discuss in detail the optical quality of the instruments.

If it's a cloudless night, Mark may set up a telescope outside after the sun goes down so interested folks can check out the view.

Return of the Vinyl Junkie
Mike Wolstein

Michigan B

Long-time Mensa member Mike Wolstein will share his extensive knowledge of record collecting, the care, feeding, and sources of vinyl and hi-fi equipment, and what to expect to pay for vintage records. He also will discuss some types of music that are collectible and their approximate values.

Climate Change and Renewable Energy: The Rest of the Story
Steve Goreham

Birch

Steve argues that global warming is due to natural cycles of Earth—not greenhouse gas emissions. Since climate change policies can have a major impact on each American citizen, this is a discussion not to be missed. Radio host Doug Giles has quipped, "Goreham—the antidote for Gore!"

Social Media Update: Know When To Click and When To Move On
Steve Levinthal

Willow

In today's society, if you're not participating in social media, you're not invited to as many parties, not up on the latest in people's lives, and often politically less aware. Join Steve for an interactive presentation of social media on various platforms, and learn the pitfalls of sharing too much.

5:30–7:00PM

Dinner Break

Like last year, there will be no formal banquet this year, and it should also be noted that no meal will be provided in Hospitality, though the usual snacks will be available. A list of area restaurants will be provided to those who inquire at our registration desk or in the hotel lobby.

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Kids' Pizza Party in Maple

A pizza party dinner will be provided in the Kids' Room so that parents can enjoy one of the on-site dining options available at the hotel. Please remember that parents must remain in the hotel when their children are participating in Kids' Track activities.

7:30–8:30PM

Thought-Controlled Prosthetics

Robert L. Parks

Willow

Thought-controlled prosthetics offer the possibility of replacing body parts with devices that can be controlled with the mind. Join Robert Parks to hear about the latest research developments, see the results, and watch a prosthetic arm demonstrated.

7:30–8:30PM

Ovadya: Music for the Mind

M. Hurley, Linda Wolf, and Diccon Lee

Michigan A

Mensans will be happy to note that Ovadya is back for a return engagement! Ovadya welcomes attentive listeners to an extremely unusual aural journey, as musicians Hurley, Wolf, and Lee combine to fuse an utterly uncategorizable, addictive sound. Ovadya plays original neo-psychedelic, world, and jazz-influenced acoustic and rock music with Mideast/Celtic/modal textures.

Existential Themes in *The Prisoner*

Herb Guggenheim

Birch

The Prisoner is one of the strangest, most mysterious TV shows of all time. It's a skillful blend of action, adventure, surrealism, and fantasy. Just as important, *The Prisoner* explores existential themes, addressing some of the fundamental questions of human existence. Join Herb Guggenheim as he looks at existentialism and *The Prisoner*.

8:30–9:30PM

Improv Show: "Some Guy Meets Some Girl"

Steve Duberchin & the CSoB Ensemble



Michigan B

Crazy Shades of Blue is back at HalloweeM with a new show! Fresh off an almost-sold-out run at Laugh Out Loud Theater, we are proud to present our Butter's Worth award-

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winning show, a mixture of short-form and long-form improvisation.

Follow the story of some guy and some girl as they meet, fall in love, and get married. Join us as we explore the ups, downs, and diagonals of romantic relationships.

YOU cast the players! YOU decide the direction of each scene! YOU may even get a chance to be on stage!

If you're looking for a fun night out at 'WeeM, nothing beats improv!

8:30–10:30PM

The Return of Pretentious Drinking
Alan Baltis and Gary Kryvko and Their Merry Band of Pourmeisters

Hospitality

Liqueurs. The fancy stuff. Polished, cosmopolitan, perhaps even a bit snooty. The stuff you graduate to from beer and wine. You'd like to know more but, gosh, look at that price. What if that pricey potion isn't quite the palate pleaser you expected? Rejoice! As in years past, you can sample some truly amazing liqueurs—and your money's no good. Details are included in your registration package. We will supply a wide range of weird and wonderful concoctions from around the world. You can determine which you'd like to own, which should be left on the shelf, and which you should give to your arch-nemesis as a "thoughtful" gift. Obviously, you must be of legal drinking age to join us. Snobbish accents and extended pinkies optional.

Fantasy Cake Festival
Marie Porter

Hospitality

Indulge your sweet tooth at this sugar-ful spread. Desserts, sweets, chocolates, cakes, and goodies galore will delight and entice you. So, what are you waiting for? Dig in.

9:30–11:30PM

Hi-Def Movie: "Pirates of the Caribbean"
Birch

10:30–LATE

Another Dance!

Live Band: "Mike Maker and the Earthshakers"
Michigan A/B

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11:00 PM – LATE

Iron Chef Hospitality

Come test your skills at *ad hoc haute cuisine*. The competitors in the second annual Iron Chef Hospitality will have 1 hour to create a 3-course meal from whatever food they can find in hospitality supplies, including leftovers from previous meals. Some small additional ingredients may be brought in from the outside, but all preparation must take place at the event. Judges will include Marie Porter (Fantasy Cake creator), and Michael Collins (Hospitality Chair). Contact Marie or Michael if you are interested in competing or acting as a "mystery judge." If you don't feel up to being a head chef, we can try to place you on a team. Everyone is welcome as a spectator. *Allez cuisine*!

Sunday

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, including tournaments, see pages 7–9.

7:30–10:30AM

Breakfast

Hospitality

9:15–9:45AM

Nondenominational Worship

Birch

10:00–11:00AM

Awards and Announcements

Michigan A/B

Find out who did and won what. The service awards, in particular, introduce you to people who have worked, often behind the scenes, to make things happen in Chicago Area Mensa.

11:00–11:30AM

Time to check out of your hotel rooms

11:00AM–2:00PM

Stitch 'n' Bitch

Bring your needlework-to show off and to work on.

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11:30AM–12:30PM

New Madrid Earthquake Redux
James Taylor

Michigan A/B

With the effects of the catastrophic earthquake in Japan still fresh in everyone's mind, James Taylor will take you through what conceivably could happen if the United States were to suffer a 7.7M earthquake in the heart of the country, based on data gathered from the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC), U.S. Geological Survey, the Mid-America Earthquake Center, and Virginia Tech University. Please note: This presentation was constructed from open source material and contains no classified information.

Movie Quote Quiz
Bob Finnegan

Birch

Test your movie IQ! Listen to famous lines from movies and try to guess what movies they're from, and which actors are speaking the lines.

12:45PM–1:45PM

Trance and Altered States in History
Kerri-Ellen G. Kelly

Michigan A/B

Long before mesmerism and the modern origins of hypnosis, there were ways to achieve the trance state and experience altered states of consciousness. Kerri-Ellen Kelly will focus on the historical references to suggestibility, trance, altered states of consciousness, and animal magnetism in the Renaissance, Middle Ages, and even earlier.



CAM Business Meeting
Lisa Slankard, Chicago LocSec

Michigan A/B

This is the October business meeting for the Chicago-area group. All are welcome. If you've ever wanted to attend a local Mensa business meeting but haven't had the opportunity, this is your chance to see how the group operates and to meet the local officers.

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2:00PM–3:00PM

Mongolia: The Farthest Horizon
Cynthia Clampitt

Willow

Come enjoy a trip through Mongolia, from Lake Khuvsgul in the north to the Gobi in the south and across the vast expanses of the central plains, where Ghengis Khan once marshaled his Golden Horde. Cynthia Clampitt will guide you across Mongolia, where she slept in *gers* (Mongolian felt tents), drank *airag* (fermented mare's milk), collected rocks, and attended the Nadaam Games, where the "three manly sports" have been contested since the days of the great Khan. In addition, you'll learn a bit about the surprising impact of the "Pax Mongolica" on the history of food—and even take home a recipe.

Proctored Tests

Elm, overflow in Oak

Not a member yet? Here's your chance to qualify.

3:15 PM – ?

Anyone with time to spare?

Just about everywhere

Time to clean up! Please pitch in and give us a hand. Remember, all volunteering is rewarded with a collectable volunteer pin.



Thanks for coming.

Hope to see you next year.

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Presenter Biographies

Krista August

Giants in the Park: A Guide to Portrait Statues in Chicago's Lincoln Park (Sat.)

A Lincoln Park local, Krista August holds a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Northwestern University and a graduate degree in Education from DePaul University. Her art studies include classes at the Palette and Chisel, the Old Town Triangle Association, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Richeson School of Art, and the Peninsula School of Art. For three years, Krista took great pleasure in researching, composing and illustrating *Giants in the Park*, published in 2011. She works part-time for an art gallery/frame shop, Art de Triumph and Artful Framer Studios, and for a math tutoring center, Mathnasium West DePaul. As a docent for the Chicago Architecture Foundation, Krista gives walking tours of Chicago's historic and modern skyscrapers. http://www.lincolnparkstatues.com/

Barbara Barnett

House, M.D.: A Byronic Hero for Our Time (Sat.)

Barbara Barnett abandoned her Ph.D. studies in Public Policy Analysis to pursue an eclectic career path in fields as diverse as public-affairs consulting, Jewish education (her passion for singing led her to train as a Cantor), magazine editing, and writing. Her widely-read blog inspired her to author the book *Chasing Zebras: The Unofficial Guide to House, M.D.*, published in September, 2010. She is currently at work on a second book while she juggles dual careers as Co-executive Editor of *Blogcritics* magazine and Director of Ritual Education for Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook, IL. http://www.barbarabarnett.com/

Alex Bolyanatz

Evolution, Morality and Punishment (Sat.)

Alex Bolyanatz, Ph.D., is a Professor of Anthropology at College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, IL. For over twenty years, he has been conducting ethnographic research among Sursurunga speakers in New Ireland, Papua New Guinea. His most recent book is *Pacific Romanticism*, a critique of particularism in anthropology. As a Primary Site Researcher with the University of Sheffield's "Culture and the Mind" program, he is engaged in projects that focus on human universals and their origins. http://www.cod.edu/people/faculty/bolyanat/

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Cynthia Clampitt

Mongolia: The Farthest Horizon (Sun.)

Cynthia Clampitt is a writer, photographer, and food historian with forty years of international travel experience. Most commonly associated with Australia (she is the author of Waltzing Australia, the award-winning narrative of her six-month solo tour of the land Down Under), Cynthia has in fact visited thirty-seven countries on six continents. Trips have run the gamut from high-end urban to tantalizingly exotic to rugged and remote. http://www.worldplate.com/

John Takao Collier

Urban Paleontology (Fri.)

John Takeo Collier has been a Mensa member for over 25 years. That doesn't make him particularly qualified to talk about Urban Paleontology, but the fact that he's obsessed with finding fossils in building stone arguably makes him more qualified than the average schmoe. In his adult life, John has mostly had a career in telecommunications software, but that doesn't make him qualified to talk about fossils either. Well, okay—he can program in "C" and "awk," so maybe he is qualified to talk about fossiliferous programming languages.

Matt Crawford

Whisk(e)y Tasting (Thu.)

Matt Crawford hasn't been drinking whisky these many years for nothing, although by putting on a tasting at 'WeeM, he comes close.

Crazy Shades of Blue

Crazy Shades of Blue (Sat.)

Steve Duberchin and his merry band of improv whizzes is back at HalloweeM with a new show! Combined CSoB has over nineteen years experience performing across the Chicago suburbs. We are delighted to be returning to HalloweeM this year, bringing laughs and fun with us!

CSoB is: Steve Duberchin, Ed Johnson, Jamie Schultz, Jeff Wagner, Jeff Quaglia, Jeremy Kossak, John Corso, Lee Furnish, Mike Olifirowicz, Sue Pontarelli, and Amy Levine.

http:// www.CrazyShadesOfBlue.com

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Grace DuMelle

Getting Started in Genealogy (Sat.)

Grace DuMelle has been a professional researcher since 1995, helping clients from all over the United States and several foreign countries. Her firm, Heartland Historical Research Service, has assisted the United States Department of Justice and Graystone Communications (parent company of The History Channel), among others. Heartland's projects have taken Grace to the Library of Congress and the National Archives as well as facilities throughout the greater Chicago area.

Since 2001, Grace has also been on staff at the Newberry Library in Chicago, one of the country's foremost genealogical libraries. Guiding beginners to discoveries about their families is something she greatly enjoys. Her experience on both sides of the reference desk—as a staffer and as a researcher—influenced the very practical, hands-on approach of her book, *Finding Your Chicago Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide to Family History Research in the City and Cook County*. It has received state, regional and national awards for instructional nonfiction, and is now in its second printing (Lake Claremont Press, Chicago.).

Grace is an alumna of Rosary College (now Dominican University) and the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research. She lectures and teaches on aspects of genealogy and house history. Media appearances include "Sunday Papers with Rick Kogan" (WGN Radio), WLS TV, WGN TV, Chicago Tribune, Chicago magazine, Ancestry magazine, the Wall Street Journal, and USA Weekend. http://www.hhrs1872.com/

Vicky Edwards

Vicky Edwards has taught high-school film classes for 15 years. She is an occasional discussion leader for her local film society and has written film reviews and features for publication.

Donald G. Evans

Chicago's Literary Heritage (Sat.); Cubbie Blues panel (Sat.)

Don Evans is the Executive Editor of the *Chicago Literary Hall of Fame*, author of the novel *Good Money After Bad*, and editor of the anthology *Cubbie Blues: 100 Years of Waiting Till Next Year*. http://www.donaldgevans.com/

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Bob Finnegan

National I.Q. Test (Thu.); Movie Quote Quiz (Sun.)

Bob Finnegan is an avid film buff with an impressive collection of documentaries and information on a wide range of topics. Favorites include illusions, animals, disasters, and especially movies and moviemaking, behind-the-scenes footage and movie star insights.

Clyde Forrester

Sing-Along (Fri.)

Clyde Forrester has been a Mensan for over 25 years. He comes from a long line of tinkerers and ne'er-do-well musicians, which led him to gravitate toward computers and music. The propensity toward tinkering has led him to delve into the mechanics of the world's languages and writing systems.

Rick Kaempfer

Cubbie Blues (Sat.)

Rick Kaempfer has written two books, the satirical novel *$everance* (ENC Press, 2007) and a how-to-guide, *The Radio Producer's Handbook* (Allworth Press, 2004). He has also contributed an essay to the Cubs anthology, *Cubbie Blues: 100 years of Waiting Till Next Year* (Can't Miss Press, 2008). In addition, Rick is the Editor-in-Chief of the Cubs website "Just One Bad Century" (http://www.justonebadcentury.com/), and contributes a weekly humor column about parenting to the NWI Times called "Father Knows Nothing." Before becoming a full-time writer, Rick was a radio producer for twenty years, producing Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Steve Dahl & Garry Meier (WLUP), and John Records Landecker (WJMK). http://www.justonebadcentury.com/, http://www.rickkaempfer.com/

Steve Levinthal

Social Media Update (Sat.)

For the past 26 years, Steve's specialty has been IT solutions and support for small businesses. Initially, his focus was on Macintosh, where he wrote reviews for MacWorld Magazine and was a contributing editor to Mac/Chicago. Steve was also the net coordinator for Fidonet in Chicago for several years, and worked for the Tribune's Chicago Online as a discussion board and chat-room facilitator. He's long been an advocate of identity protection, and knowing how much information you're sharing.

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John Martin

Surviving a Home Invasion (Thu.); How to Roll a Kayak (Fri.); Martial Arts in the Movies (Sat.)

John Martin has been the president of Combat Arts Institute in Palatine, IL since 1987 and an instructor (ju-jutsu, Jujo-jutsu™, women's self-defense, tanjo-jutsu, baton) for over 30 years. He has trained women, law enforcement, and other special groups from the east coast to the west. John is a ju-jutsu instructor at Harper College and the University of Illinois at Chicago, Menkyo in Miyama Ryu Ju-jutsu, Mokuroku in ParaCombatives, and founder of CAI Ju-jutsu. John also has 30 years of experience canoeing and 10 of kayaking. He has paddled the Midwest, East Coast, and UK. He is British Canoe Union-Coach certified, an American Canoe Association instructor, and a wilderness guide-instructor (independently and for local adventure travel companies).

http://www.CombatArts.com, http://www.SeaKayakChicago.com/

Carol Mason Metzger

Stitch 'n' Bitch (Sun.)

Carol will try to make art out of just about anything. Her current obsession is knitting with unexpected combinations of textures and materials. She has taught knitting classes at the Hyde Park Art Center and My Sister's Knits, both in Chicago. Two of her patterns are in the soon-to-be-released book, *One-Skein Wonders*, edited by Judith Durant. http://cfmdesigns.net/

Jennifer Murtoff

The Moral Dilemmas of Agriculture in a Consumerist, Capitalist Society: Food Ethics in the Twenty-First Century (Sat.)

Jennifer Murtoff is a farmer's granddaughter who grew up in south central Pennsylvania. She watched her grandfather contribute meat, fruits and vegetables to the family's dinner table year after year. Since moving to the big city, Jennifer realized this was an experience that is becoming rarer over time. She contributes to the slow food/urban agriculture movements by cooking, buying local, doing urban chicken consulting, purchasing a CSA share every year and grousing about produce from Chile, Mexico and China whenever the occasion arises.

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Ovadya

OVADYA is an adventure in music. They have played in venues big and small, ranging from coffeehouse gigs to opening for Eric Burdon and the Animals.

M Hurley's playing, original tunes, and vocals have elicited notice from the likes of *Guitar World*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Illinois Entertainer* and other print and broadcast media, as well as various indie and major labels.

Linda Wolf has performed widely for many years, jamming with blues queen Koko Taylor and playing sax on a record with guitar legend Phil Keaggy along the way.

Diccon Lee (bass) has been with the band Compass for years, and is an accomplished guitarist, songwriter, percussionist and vocalist.

http://www.ovadya.net/

Madison Pierce

Verbal Aspect Theory: Finding the Time for Greek (Fri.)

Madison is pursuing an MDiv at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. She received her B.A. degree in Christian Studies with an emphasis in Theology from Ouachita Baptist Univ. Her interests are the Greek language and linguistics, Johannine Literature, and the Book of Hebrews, as well as spending time with her husband of three years, Curtis, and her puppy, Izzy. She enjoys singing, reading, writing and spending time outdoors. Madison currently serves as a Greek Teaching Fellow at TEDS for the 2011-2012 school year, teaching Beginning Greek to first-year seminarians. Upon graduating from Trinity, she intends to pursue a PhD in New Testament.

George Rawlinson

Cubbie Blues (Sat.)

George Rawlinson owns and operates State Street Publishing, an Elgin-based business dedicated to the integrity of the written word. He wrote *Fox Valley Veterans* (2004) and *Elgin People, Elgin Pets* (2008). He has, in addition, written more than 5,000 newspaper pieces for the Chicago Sun-Times News Group. http://www.cantmisspress.com/

Randy Richardson

Cubbie Blues (Sat.)

An attorney and former journalist,

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Randy Richardson is the author of the Wrigleyville murder mystery Lost in the Ivy (PublishAmerica, 2005). His award-winning essays on parenting and the Cubs have been anthologized in *Cubbie Blues: 100 Years of Waiting Till Next Year*, *Chicken Soup for the Father and Son Soul*, *Humor for a Boomer's Heart*, and *The Big Book of Christmas Joy*, as well as in numerous magazines and online publications including Chicago Parent magazine, Vain Magazine, SanityCentral.com, AbsoluteWrite.com, and HumorPress.com. He also serves as president of the nonprofit Chicago Writers Association.

http://www.chicagowrites.org/, http://www.lostintheivy.com/

Neal Roys

The Mathematical Limits of Evolution and the Mathematical Basis of Intelligent Design (Sat.)

Neal Roys is an instructor of AP Calc. and BC and AP Statistics courses at Stevenson H. S., Lincolnshire, IL. The 1995 Illinois recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Secondary School Mathematics Teaching, Neal is a frequent presenter at state and national mathematics conferences on the mathematics of Intelligent Design. He recently participated in a public debate with a Stevenson Biology teacher on the topic of Evolution vs. Intelligent Design.

Cyndee Schaffer

The Journey of *Mollie's War* (Fri.)

Cyndee Schaffer received a BS in Math Education from Northwestern University and an MS in Curriculum Development from DePaul University. She worked as a high school mathematics teacher in the inner city of Chicago while co-writing and editing several mathematics textbooks. Cyndee later became an IT consultant for the City Colleges of Chicago and a number of major corporations. In 2008, she began a labor of love with her then-92-year-old mother, co-writing a book based on the letters that Mollie Weinstein Schaffer sent home to her family while she served as a WAC stationed in Europe during WWII. *Mollie's War* (McFarland Publishers, 2010) is the result of this endeavor. http://www.mollieswar.com/

James Taylor

Nuclear Terrorism in Chicago (Sat.); New Madrid Earthquake Redux (Sun.)

James Taylor currently serves as a Training &

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Exercise Officer in the National Preparedness Division for FEMA Region V in Chicago. He is also a retired Fire Officer from the Manhattan, KS fire department where he was a Regional Haz-Mat Team Leader, as well as the Shift Medical Training Officer. James has over 10 years' experience as a certified Fire Services instructor and has conducted numerous training sessions on a plethora of subjects at all levels of government. He has an Associate's Degree in Hazardous Materials Management and is completing his BS in Fire Science Management. James has been a Mensa member since 2005.

Ted From Accounting

TFA is:

Paulito Mendoza (Guitar). Paulito works for a major faucet-aerator and trailer-hitch manufacturer. He has managed to keep the same birthdate for more than seven years, though not consecutively.

Dave Stapleton (Drums). Dave was drafted in the early seventies, but a fortuitous misprint on the plane ticket sent him to South Dakota instead of South Vietnam. Though he wanted to stay, the state kicked him out because he kept saying 'buffalo' when he meant 'bison.'

John Pelinski (Guitar). John doesn't work for the Detroit Department of Public Works. In fact, none of the band does. However, he is very proud of the fact that he has never lived in a city that didn't have a vowel in its name. He could not be reached to elaborate on this by press time.

Eileen Carillo (Vocals). Eileen enjoys dusting and arranging her Beanie Baby collection in her free time, and she is also an avid fictional blurb writer. Her favorite ordinal direction is southeast.

Dave Gudjonis (Bass). A staunch Republican, Dave volunteers his free time building homes for very wealthy people, in an effort to counter the works of the Liberal, entitlement-depending, wah-wah-wah people like Habitat for Humanity. And he likes Mongolian Beef.

Mike Wolstein

Return of the Vinyl Junkie (Sat.)

Mike began enjoying and collecting popular music-type records in 1960. He has been employed in electronics engineering for 40 years and has a passion for hi-fi sound and many types of music.

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