



**TarValon.net at JordanCon**  
Roswell, Georgia      April 20-22, 2012

## **Introduction**

JordanCon has continued to grow each year since 2009 and is celebrating its fourth year with the theme of Car'a'Con. This year features a new hotel location, expanded programming and an impressive guest list. TarValon.net continues to support this very important event again this year, and we're sure that all participants will have a fantastic weekend!

## **Useful Links**

[JordanCon.org](http://JordanCon.org) - The official site of JordanCon, where you can get details about the convention, registration, programming, location, and more. (Please note, this replaces the AgeOfLegends.net site.)

## **Hotel Information**

The host hotel for JordanCon this year is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Atlanta – Roswell. This is a new hotel for JordanCon and promises to provide even better facilities for our use. It is located at:

1075 Holcomb Bridge Road  
Roswell, GA 30076  
Tel: +1-770-992-9600

To travel from the airport to the Roswell DoubleTree you can take the MARTA Red Line to the North Springs Station. The hotel provides a shuttle from the North Springs station, and can be requested to pick you up using the number listed above. The shuttle is available from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

Additional Hotel Information: <http://goo.gl/VLDZ8>

## **Official Ceremonies**

TarValon.net's official toast and ceremonies will take place on Friday night at 10:30 PM. We are currently planning to use the ConSuite on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the hotel for this activity. In the event that there is a problem with availability or any unpredictable issues with using this space, we will move to the back-up space generously offered by Zasha and Aria of their room.

While 10:30 should allow most members to conclude their participation in official con activities such as the charity poker tournament and the mixer, our start time will attempt to be flexible if some activities are still wrapping-up at this time. If you're not able to arrive on time to the ceremonies, we will plan to leave directions to the correct location at the ConSuite in the case that we relocate.

## TarValon.Net Contacts

If you have any issues or concerns related to TarValon.Net activities, please use the following contact information and you will be directed as needed.

Serinia, Director of Events & Conferences

Please note, that while Serinia is coordinating the TarValon.net group, she is also the director for the "World of the Wheel" programming track, and as such may not be able to respond immediately.

Serenla, Director of Membership

If Serinia is unavailable and you have an urgent question, please contact Serenla.

## JordanCon Staff (TarValon.net name listed in parentheses)

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## Rules & Regulations

- Members and guests will be held accountable for their behavior as outlined in our Constitution:  
**Article 4, Section 4 states:** *All attending a TarValon.Net function must behave in full accordance with this constitution and the Code of Conduct. Members who fail to comply may be asked to leave the event and will not be granted a refund.*  
*If disciplinary action is needed at a real life event, it may result in termination of membership. Members must act as responsible guests. This includes respecting personal property and space, as well as helping with set-up, clean-up, and costs.*
- Be respectful of personal space. Everyone is a little different, get to know someone before you touch, hug, cuddle, or otherwise invade someone else's "personal space".
- It is illegal for someone under the age of 21 to drink alcohol in Georgia. If you are underage, please take that into consideration.
- Smokers are asked to smoke only in the designated smoking area.
- No one may handle a sword or other weapon if they appear intoxicated.
- If you want to participate in an activity, please arrive on time.
- Members should be aware that we are sharing the site with other paying guests, and should behave accordingly in a respectful and courteous manner (as well as be aware of noise levels). Additionally, the staff has gone out of their way to assist us in putting this event together several times over the past months. Please thank them!
- If you have a difficulty, or need assistance, please contact an Administrator for help.
- What happens at Con stays at Con. It is nobody's business as to who slept next to whom, who got ill, who got drunk and acted silly, etc. While we can certainly share stories from Con, we do not allow the sharing of gossip. Please let people keep personal issues personal.

# JordanCon Programming Schedule

Please doublecheck all information against updates provided at the convention.

Also - please download the JordanCon 2012 app (designed & built by our very own Valorian!) for the latest event updates, a schedule planner, and lots more. Available for iPhone and Android.

Friday April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Gaming Great Oaks A	Workshop Great Oaks B & C	Writers Goulding A	World of the Wheel Goulding B	Potpourri Goulding C
1:00 PM	<b>MAIN: JordanCon Opening Ceremonies</b> Welcome to our fourth annual JordanCon's Opening Ceremonies Extravaganza! (Melissa Craib Dombrowski)				
2:30 PM	<b>Open Gaming</b> Open gaming to commence immediately after opening ceremonies! Bring your favorite game!	<b>The Art of Henna</b> Learn the basics of the ancient art of henna, from mixing paste to design. (Crimson Art Henna)	<b>An Hour with the Guest of Honor</b> Come spend some time with this year's JordanCon GoH. (Mary Robinette Kowal, Melissa Craib Dombrowski)	<b>Daes Dae'mar</b> A favorite trivia format returns! Come test your WoT knowledge in this team-based format. [Sign up at time of event] (Shannan Lieb, Ben Gundersen)	<b>CAGE MATCH - Fantasy vs. Sci-fi</b> Two teams dream up the baddest collection of Sci-Fi & Fantasy knowledge to pit against each other in a CAGE MATCH. Congoers vote and winners will be announced during the Social! (Tiffany Franklin)
4:00 PM		<b>Spear Fighting Tournament</b> Do you want to be the very best? Like no one ever was? Come dance the spears and test your mettle in JordanCon's first (possibly only) spear fighting competition. (Bao Pham, Ben Gundersen, Chip Moore)	<b>The Alternatives</b> A talk on the pros and cons of small press and self-publishing. (Will Kenyon)	<b>The Future of the Aiel</b> Celebrating our Car'a'con theme, we will predict where the Aiel go from here. What did Aviendha learn from Nakomi and will Nakomi herself change the fate of the Aiel? Come predict the future of the Dedicated. (Linda Taglieri, Jeffrey Daniel, Theresa Gray, Jen Halbman)	<b>Is it Fantasy or Sci-Fi?</b> A discussion of the differences between these often-linked genres and why (other) people don't take them seriously enough! (Mary Robinette Kowal, Emilie P. Bush, Michael Livingston)
5:30 PM		<b>Book Cover Production Process</b> An outline of the process, from start to finish, of how book covers are created. From communication between the art director and the artist. To gathering reference, making the painting and finishing it digitally. (Sam Weber)	<b>Shifting Language</b> Join Medieval scholar Dr. Michael Livingston and Hugo award-winning author Mary Robinette Kowal as they talk about how the English language has shifted over the centuries and how you can use that shift in fiction. (Michael Livingston, Mary Robinette Kowal)	<b>Who Lives &amp; Who Dies</b> This is it. A Memory of Light is on its way. Who do you predict will make it through the final pages? (Ted Herman, Thomas DeSimone, Jeffrey Daniel, Jen Halbman, Leigh Butler)	<b>Young Adult Literature</b> Harry Potter, Alcatraz, The Hunger Games, Twilight... why are full-grown adults reading this stuff? (Eugie Foster, Tiffany Franklin, Rachel Little)
7:00 PM	Dinner Break				
8:00 PM	<b>MAIN: JordanCon Mixer</b> Enjoy a live TWOTcast* as you mingle with the Con guests. (TWOTcast, Melissa Craib Dombrowski)		<b>Seanchan Hold 'em</b> Come try your luck at our annual poker tournament benefiting the Mayo Clinic.		<b>Friday Night TV</b> Friday Night Fantasy - A Game of Thrones!
10:00 PM	<b>MAIN: The Mixer Continues</b> Come hang out with your fellow con goers and play some RockBand.				
		<u>ConSuite (5<sup>th</sup> Floor)</u> 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM	<u>Signing Schedule (Barrington)</u> 2:30 PM - Emilie P. Bush 2:30 PM - Eugie Foster	<u>Art Show &amp; Auction (Barrington)</u> 2:30 PM - 7:00 PM	<u>Dealer Hall (Barrington)</u> 2:30 PM - 7:00 PM

\*Some content not suitable for all ages

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Saturday April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Gaming Great Oaks A	Workshop Great Oaks B & C	Writers Goulding A	World of the Wheel Goulding B	Potpourri Goulding C	
10:00 AM	<b>Open Gaming</b> Open gaming, bring your favorite games, teach your favorite games! Will last until people decide to stop playing!	<b>Literary Costuming - The Devil in the Details</b> Learn how to execute those pesky costume details, and the importance of a completing a look with accessories (hair, make-up, etc). (Heather Uribe)	<b>The Writer's Group</b> Emilie Bush discusses the role of writer's groups in 21st century publishing. (Emilie P. Bush)	<b>Robert Jordan's Redefinition of Tolkien's Fantasy</b> Michael Livingston, Professor of English from The Citadel (Robert Jordan's alma mater), presents a lecture defending fantasy literature and highlighting the ways in which Jordan is productively viewed as the American heir to the Tolkien tradition. (Michael Livingston)	<b>Mistborn Panel</b> A discussion about the four books currently making up this series. (Rachel Little, Tiffany Franklin)	
11:30 AM	<b>Dread</b> A horror RPG using a Jenga Tower for conflict resolution. Knock down the tower, and your character is offed, at my discretion.	<b>Bob and Carl, Sci-Fi Janitors</b> Join puppet internet celebrities to learn how the Sci-Fi Janitors get made. (P. Freeman)	<b>I've Seen the Future and it's E-Books</b> A discussion on ebooks and the future of publishing. (Emilie P. Bush, Will Kenyon, Peter Ahlstrom)		<b>What's Coming From Tor</b> Come get a sneak peek at forthcoming projects from Tor Books. (Paul Stevens)	
1:00 PM		<b>Molding &amp; Casting Props</b> The Engineer Guy shows how to mold and cast props with professional results. (The Engineer Guy)	<b>Keeping it Short</b> A discussion on the differences in writing short fiction and novels. (Eugie Foster, Michael Livingston)	<b>Illian's National Trivia Bee</b> Pick a question from the hat and test your individual WoT knowledge against other fans! [Sign up at time of event] (Shannan Lieb)	<b>STEAMPUNK HOUR</b> You know you love it! A discussion of Steampunk in literature and TV. (Emilie P. Bush)	
2:30 PM	<b>Open Gaming</b>	<b>In Memoriam: Darrell K. Sweet</b> Celebrating the life & works of legendary artist, Darrell K. Sweet (Sam Weber, Darrell R. Sweet, Jason Denzel)	<b>Schmoozing 101</b> Conventions offer connections to top names in the field. Can you take advantage of that without coming off like a weasel? Learn the etiquette of "working a room." (Mary Robinette Kowal)	<b>Loony Theories</b> The perennial favorite! Come share your craziest predictions while shouting down your fellow crazies! (Matt Hatch, Kristy Lussier, Sarah Nakamura, Leigh Butler, Alan Romanczuk)	<b>Baen Traveling Road Show</b> Join the Baen Traveling Road Show and see what's on tap for release in the next 12 months, then stick around for FREE BOOKS! (Toni Weisskopf)	
4:00 PM	<b>MAIN: A Memory of Light: Status Report</b> The final Wheel of Time book will be published January 8th, 2013. (Harriet McDougal, Maria Simons, Alan Romanczuk, Peter Ahlstrom, Melissa Craib Dombrowski)		<b>Publishing in the 21st Century</b> Emilie Bush presents her workshop on getting your book published. (Emilie P. Bush)		<b>History and Fantasy Hour</b> A discussion about mixing fantasy with history and keeping it accurate. (Mary Robinette Kowal, Michael Livingston)	
5:30 PM	<b>MAIN: Costume Contest</b> Show off your tailoring skills or just come to watch the parade of Seanchan, Aes Sedai, Asha'man, and more! (Harriet McDougal, Maria Simons, Linda Taglieri, Melissa Craib Dombrowski)				<b>5:00 - Costume Contest Pre-judging</b> Judges and contestants only, no spectators please.	
7:00 PM	Dinner Break					
8:30 PM	<b>MAIN: Dance the Spears</b>		<b>Magic: The Gathering Sealed</b>		<b>Saturday Night TV</b> Saturday Night Sci-Fi: FIREFLY!*	
10:00 PM	Enjoy our annual silent auction benefiting the Mayo Clinic, while Aradani Studios lights up our dance floor. Hosted by toastmaster Melissa Craib Dombrowski.		Come try your luck at our annual Magic game. There will be both amateur and experienced brackets. There will be an associated fee for participation depending on the number of players.			
11:30 PM						
Kaffeeklatsch (Boardroom) 10:00 AM - An hour with Mary Robinette Kowal 11:30 AM - An hour with Maria Simons & Alan Romanczuk 1:00 PM - An hour with Harriet McDougal & Wilson Grooms		Signing Schedule (Barrington) 11:30 AM - Harriet McDougal 1:00 PM - Mary Robinette Kowal 10:00 AM - Sam Weber		Art Show & Auction (Barrington) 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Bidding ends at 5:00 PM		Dealer Hall (Barrington) 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  ConSuite (5 <sup>th</sup> Floor) 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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10:00 AM	<b>Open Gaming</b> Open gaming, bring your favorite games, teach your favorite games! Will last until people decide to stop playing!	<b>Stitch and Bloody Buttered Onions</b> An informal workshop session. Bring works in progress for feedback or come to share your knowledge. (Heather Uribe)	<b>The Business</b> Our industry professionals talk about what goes on in the publishing world. (Eugie Foster, Emilie P. Bush, Mary Robinette Kowal, Paul Stevens)	<b>Breakfast &amp; Books Featuring Verin</b> In Honor of Verin's own very special books, we'll start this session of Breakfast & Books with a review of Verin's life's work. (Linda Taglieri, Maria Simons, Jen Halbman)	<b>Vampires in Literature</b> Whether they glitter, breathe or are just plain scary, we love them! A discussion of vampires in classic, YA and urban fantasy. (Tiffany Franklin, Kristy Lussier)
11:30 AM		<b>Enhancing Male and Female WOT Costumes</b> So you have a WOT costume and want to embroider or trim it? Learn how decoration can vary by nation, gender, rank, materials, personal style and even skill level. (Linda Taglieri)	<b>Selling Yourself</b> A discussion on marketing your self through both traditional media and Social media. (Will Kenyon, Peter Ahlstrom)	<b>The Last Theory Panel Ever</b> This time we mean it. (Matt Hatch, Thomas DeSimone, Melissa Craib Dombrowski, Jeffrey Daniel, Leigh Butler)	<b>At The Intersection of Puppetry and Science Fiction</b> What can the fiction world learn from puppetry? (Mary Robinette Kowal)
1:00 PM		<b>Costuming in Any Era</b> Come join us as we talk about what makes truly spectacular costuming from Steampunk to whatever time you might imagine! (Penny Dreadful Productions)	<b>Folklore and Fairytales</b> Incorporating myth and tradition into fiction. (Eugie Foster, Michael Livingston)	<b>Betrayers of Hope</b> What traitors are yet to be revealed? Is Sorilea a darkfriend? Is King Roedran really Demanded? What is Lanfear's play? Who remains hidden in the shadows? (Ted Herman, Erin McDermott, Linda Taglieri, Theresa Gray)	<b>Urban Fantasy-Land</b> A discussion about the genre that seems to be overtaking the Fantasy shelves at the bookstore! (Tiffany Franklin)
2:30 PM		<b>BarCamp Panel</b> Contents to be announced at the convention. (You)	<b>Publishing Idol</b> Come practice pitching your book to our Industry Professionals and get critical feedback and tips on winning over a publisher. (Mary Robinette Kowal, Paul Stevens, Peter Ahlstrom)	<b>Now Enter the Ogier</b> Will the Ogier open the Book of Translation and enter another world, or will they enter the fight against the shadow? (Linda Taglieri, Maria Simons)	<b>The Way of Kings</b> Epic Fantasy done Sanderson's way. (Rachel Little)
4:00 PM		<b>Feedback &amp; Leavetakings</b> Come tell us what you liked this year and what you'd like to see next year. (JordanCon Staff)			<b>What SHOULD we be reading?</b> An hour dedicated to little known and new authors, small print circulations, and anything else we haven't addressed this weekend! (Tiffany Franklin)

Kaffeeklatsch (Boardroom)  
 2:30 PM - An hour with Sam Weber

ConSuite (5<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Art Show (Barrington)  
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Dealer Hall (Barrington)  
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM