

# Fuzzy's Travelogue: Volume Seven

## The Newsletter of LAcon V: The 84<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction Convention



### Announcing Our New Guest

LAcon V is thrilled to announce a new Special Guest for our upcoming Worldcon: [Terese Mason Pierre](#). An award-winning Canadian writer and editor, her work has appeared in *Uncanny*, *Fantasy Magazine*, *Star\*Line*, Best Canadian Fantasy and Science Fiction, and elsewhere online and in print.



Nominated for Best of the Net, the Aurora Award, and the Ignyte Award, her second chapbook, *Manifest*, won a third-place Elgin Award and was shortlisted for the bpNichol Chapbook Award, for chapbooks published in Canada. In 2023, she was named a Writer's Trust Rising Star, and she is a winner of Writer's Trust Journey Prize, Canada's most prestigious award for short fiction. She has completed residencies at Island Scribe and the Banff Centre.

[Myth](#) is Terese's debut poetry collection, from House of Anansi Press, which explores family, island landscapes, love, and memory. She is also the editor of [As The Earth Dreams](#), an anthology of Black Canadian speculative short fiction.

We are proud to welcome her as a Special Guest at LAcon V.

### Spotlight On Our Guests of Honor

[Barbara Hambly's](#) latest novel [Murder in the Trembly Lands](#) has just been published. The novel features a 19th Century mystery in New Orleans. Get your copy autographed at LAcon V!

[Ronald D. Moore](#) has a [New TV Series "Star City"](#) premiering early in 2026. The spin-off of his hit Apple+ show, "For All Mankind", features the Russian cosmonaut's perspective on the space race. Hear all about it from him at LAcon V!

[Dr. Anita Sengupta](#) recently took part in the [LA Times Inspirational Women Forum and Leadership Awards](#), where she moderated the *Women Redefining Tech & Space* panel.

## **Special Hugo Award: Best Poem**

LAcon V is happy to announce a special award for 2026: **Best Poem** will be our optional additional category for the 2026 Hugo Awards.

The rules for the category are the same as were used at Seattle Worldcon 2025: “Best Poem: A science fiction or fantasy poem of any line length or word count”.

The vote to ratify the Best Poem category, thereby making it a permanent one, will be held at LAcon V.

## **LAcon V Hugo Base Design Contest**

LAcon V is asking for your input in designing the base for our Hugo Award. It is our responsibility to not only administer and award the Hugo Awards for Excellence in Science Fiction and Fantasy but also the privilege of creating a unique trophy for the award. The Hugo Award prominently features a chrome plated rocket, but the award has become unique in that most of the bases since L.A.con II (1984) have been original designs that highlight and celebrate each individual Worldcon.

To continue this tradition, we are soliciting submissions for a base design for the Hugo Awards to celebrate our theme of adventure and highlight what makes LAcon V and Southern California special as both a Worldcon and location. Several artists have indicated an interest in providing a design, but we welcome any of you who are artistically inclined to submit a plan for a possible base for this award.

If you are interested in submitting a design, please email a statement of interest, with your name and contact information to [hugobase@LAcon.org](mailto:hugobase@LAcon.org).

Submission Deadline is December 31, 2025

## **Membership Rate Increase Coming Soon**

LAcon V membership rates will increase on January 4, 2026. The rate for a Full Attending Adult will increase to \$250. The rate for First-Time Worldcon Attendees will increase to \$200.

Teen, Young Adult, Child and the Kid-in-Tow rates will remain the same.

If you prefer to pay over the next few months instead of all at once, you can still lock in the lower membership rate by signing up for our [installment plan](#).



LAcon V memberships make a great gift for friends and family!

## Virtual Memberships Available January 4th

In support of our robust online program, we will be opening Virtual Memberships on January 4th.

A Virtual Membership allows you to attend the online component of LAcon V. You will get to experience the programming that is offered online, but does not permit attending in person. It also includes a WSFS Membership for the event. We permit transferring the online portion of this membership to another person; however, the WSFS Membership portion is non-transferrable.

Full Virtual Membership ages 13+ includes WSFS Membership	\$85
Upgrade from WSFS to Virtual Membership <a href="#">contact us to upgrade</a>	\$35
Child Membership Attending and/or Virtual age 6-12 at time of convention	\$50

## Programming

### **Call for Crafters, Makers, and Artists**

In the October newsletter we put out the call for crafters, makers, and artists who want to participate in panels. This month we're letting you know that in addition to those Art and Maker panels, LAcon V plans to have a large Makers Space! In this space we would love to have makers come and demo your skills and processes, showing people what you're doing and maybe even letting them try it out. Makers, artists, crafters - this space is for you! Less formal than a full workshop, but still an opportunity to show everyone what you love creating and how they can learn to do it too.

Examples of what we're looking for include (but are not limited to) 3D printing, jewelry making, paper crafts, fiber crafts, painting, and calligraphy. Our goal is to always have things happening so con attendees can just walk in and see what's happening. What's your craft? Show us how it's done!

If you are interested in participating, please contact us by emailing [artmakers@lacon.org](mailto:artmakers@lacon.org) We can't wait to see what you are creating!

### **Main Program Participant Survey is Live!**

For all of you who are interested in being a program participant, the time is now! The [Main Program Participant Survey](#) is now live! Anyone who wishes to be on the program must complete this survey by March 31, 2026. If you completed the Initial Interest Form already, you should have received an email with instructions for completing the Main Survey. If you did not receive this email, or have any questions about the survey, please reach out to us at [program@lacon.org](mailto:program@lacon.org).

## **Events**

We are pleased to inform you about an exciting new event at LAcon V. A virtual walkthrough of the Large Hadron Collider at [CERN](#) with live Q&A is planned for Friday morning of the convention, which is open to all our attendees, including our virtual attendees.

## **Facilities**

### **LAcon V Hotel Update**

We are excited to host LAcon V at the Hilton Anaheim and the Anaheim Marriott. The newly renovated Hilton Anaheim will be one of the main hubs of the convention offering sleeping, parties and programming rooms.

The Anaheim Marriott is a short distance across a pedestrian pavilion to the doors of the Hilton. Both are great options to be right in the middle of everything LAcon V has to offer.

Housing is set to open **mid-January 2026**. More information on exact dates will come as we get closer.

If you have accessibility needs, please reach out to our [Accessibility](#) team and we will make every attempt to accommodate your needs.

In the meantime, please see the individual [Hilton](#) and [Marriott](#) pages for more information on housing costs and options.

## **Getting Here: Visa Information**

LAcon V is dedicated to supporting the widest possible range of participants. Citizens from over 40 countries do not require a visa to travel to Los Angeles, including Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and most of Europe; instead, a visa waiver is provided through an application for the Electronic System for Travel Authorization program. More information may be found at the [USA.gov Visa Waiver Program and ESTA application](#).

If you are a citizen of a country that does not participate in the waiver program, you will need to [begin the process of applying for a nonimmigrant visa](#). We urge you to begin this process as early as possible, as it may take several months depending on wait times in your country. Please note that the DS-160 form is generally the only form you need to complete prior to your interview. Very rarely will you need to bring any supporting documents. If you have any specific questions, we welcome your inquiry at [Visas@lacon.org](mailto:Visas@lacon.org).

## **Accessibility**

Are you interested in information regarding the support and assistance we are offering to our members with disabilities? Please email [accessibility@lacon.org](mailto:accessibility@lacon.org). We are here to answer your questions.

## **Art Show**

The Art Show is calling on artists to enter their work. Intending to open for submissions in January 2026, the [Art Show Interest form](#) is now available for your use. Please fill it out and we will ensure you will obtain all the information you need to be part of the show.

## **Dealers Room**

Our Dealer's Room will open for booking soon. If you would like to reserve any tables, please fill out the [Dealers Room Interest form](#) so we can acquire your needs and respond to you directly so that you get exactly what you want to help you display your goods for the most impact. This will give our attendees the abilities to peruse your wares and make purchases to bring home. We want to give both you and them the best experience possible, so please provide the information that will enable us to do so.

WOW! There was a lot to share this month and this is just the beginning of our journey!  
Always remember... ***Adventure Awaits!***

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## **August 27-31, 2026**

Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim Hilton & Anaheim Marriott Hotels

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