Friday

3:00 PM **Pajammy Jam** — **Richmond Hall B-C**

Totally rad music to vibe with as we begin the weekend. Join in your comfy clothes, onesies, or favorite PJs.

Cosplay 101: A Beginner's Guide to Getting Started — **New Market C**

New to cosplay or looking to improve your skills? Cosplay 101 covers the basics—from choosing your first costume to essential crafting tips and convention survival hacks. Join us for a fun, beginner-friendly guide to bringing your favorite characters to life!

The Business of Being an Author — **New Market B**

Insights into the financial and marketing aspects of a writing career, from advances to royalties and more.

Hardware Wars [PG] 03:30 PM — **New Market A**

Merry Mayhem (2 hours) — **New Market Kearny's**

Come hang out with the Merry Mayhem and meet new friends at the con! We'll play some speed rounds to help you get to know others, have some raffle prizes, and have some party game tables for a more casual interaction option. Whether you are looking for a friend or a special someone, come hang out and meet your fellow congoers!

4:00 PM **Chuck Parker** — **Richmond Hall B-C**

Writing Across Genres — **New Market C**

Authors discuss the challenges and rewards of writing in multiple genres, from fantasy to crime fiction.

The Evolution of Fandoms — **New Market B**

Explore how fandoms have changed over the decades, from Star Trek to TikTok trends.

Dirty Pair TV (subtitled) [PG-13] 03:45 PM — **New Market A**

Merry Mayhem Continued — **New Market Kearny's**

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5:00 PM **Alexandra Higgins (The Platypus Princess)** — **Richmond Hall B-C**

The Rise of Nostalgia: Why We Keep Rebooting the 80's and 90's — **New Market C**

From Stranger Things to Transformers reboots, geek culture is steeped in nostalgia. This panel discusses why we're so drawn to revisiting our childhood favorites and whether reboots do justice to the originals or dilute them.

Special Effects 101: Adding the WOW Factor to Your Cosplay — **New Market B**

Get advice from cosplay artists about creating scars, burns, and alien skin textures. Perfect for cosplayers looking to elevate their designs with realistic effects.

Space Precinct [PG] 05:30 PM — **New Market A**

Children's Programming Meet and Greet — **New Market Kearny's**

Welcome to ConVivial! Our children's program will include dragons, fairies, unicorns, mermaids, and other mythical and legendary creatures. You can use your joy, imagination, and a little magic to create dragon eyes and eggs, fairy gardens, potions, swords, and wands. Mythical creature game challenges, stories, and adventures are also available. Check out the creature mystery bags to find out more about the activities for the weekend!

6:00 PM **Opening Ceremonies** — **Richmond Hall B-C**

7:00 PM **Mikey Mason** — **Richmond Hall B-C**

Famous Haunted Locations Around the World — **New Market C**

Take a virtual tour of some of the most haunted places globally, exploring their histories and the ghostly tales that make them famous.

Ultimate BlanketFort Competition — **New Market B**

Watch as teams battle gravity, time, and their own questionable engineering skills to create the most EPIC (or hilariously doomed) blanket forts ever seen. Will their forts stand tall, or will they collapse under the weight of their dreams? Either way, the dad jokes will be relentless.

MegaForce [PG] — **New Market A**

Tarot 101: The Basics — **New Market Kearny's**

8:00 PM	**The Blibbering Humdingers**	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Superhero Cinema: Past, Present, and Future A look at the evolution of superhero films and what's next for the genre.	**New Market C**
	Ultimate BlanketFort Competition Continued (ends at 8:30) Watch as teams battle gravity, time, and their own questionable engineering skills to create the most EPIC (or hilariously doomed) blanket forts ever seen. Will their forts stand tall, or will they collapse under the weight of their dreams? Either way, the dad jokes will be relentless.	**New Market B**
	Macross: Do You Remember Love? (subtitled) [PG-13] 08:45 PM	**New Market A**
	Tarot 102: Reading the Cards	**New Market Kearny's**
9:00 PM	**Hiphopmcdougal**	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Ghosts Around the Campfire: Folklore and Urban Legends Panelists share and discuss popular ghost stories, folklore, and urban legends from different cultures and regions.	**New Market C**
	Matriarchs of Fandom: Guess the Disney Movie Come play games with the Matriarchs of Fandom! The winner will take home a prize!	**New Market B**
	Macross: Do You Remember Love? continued (subtitled) [PG-13] 08:45 PM	**New Market A**
	Kink 101 (18+) Are you interested in the spicier side of the bedroom, but haven't known where to get started? Looked at information online and been lost with the acronyms and abbreviations used? This is the panel for you! Join our newbie-friendly experts as they walk you through the beginning of your journey.	**New Market Kearny's**
10:00 PM	**Open Filking - Filk and PJs** Bring yourself and any music you're feeling and come jam with entertainment guests and attendees alike.	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	The Psychology of Fear: Why We Love Ghost Stories Explore the psychological reasons behind our fascination with ghost stories and the thrill of being scared.	**New Market C**
	Werewolves in Folklore and Film A brief overview of the werewolf legends, folklore, and movies.	**New Market B**
	Macross: Do You Remember Love? continued (subtitled) [PG-13] 08:45 PM	**New Market A**
	Consent (18+) In this panel we will discuss what consent really is, how to ask for consent, and how to give someone consent. We will also discuss sensitive topics including figuring out if consent was violated and what to do if it is.	**New Market Kearny's**
11:00 PM	**Kink Meetup (18+)** ConVivial's very own Munch - A chance to connect with your fellow kinksters that are at the convention.	**New Market Kearny's**

Saturday

9:30	**LARP Combat and Mythical Monsters [9:30 AM]** Come join ORCSLARP for a live action D&D-style demonstration of a land search! Learn about our full contact medieval/fantasy foam fighting LARP based out of Hampton, Virginia. Witness an example party being selected and see them venturing forth to face monsters from our land search encounters. What dangerous creatures will our heroes face and how will they defeat them?	**New Market B**
10:00	**Between Two Nerds: an Interview with R.S. Belcher** Join us for an exclusive Guest of Honor Interview with the incredible R.S. Belcher—award-winning author of The Six-Gun Tarot, Brotherhood of the Wheel, and more! We'll dive into his writing process, worldbuilding, and the weird, wild inspirations behind his genre-bending stories. PLUS Rod has some huge news to share, and you'll be the first to hear it! Don't miss this chance to get the inside scoop, ask your burning questions, and be part of a momentous reveal!	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Dice & Drama: Running Memorable TTRPG Campaigns Dungeon Masters, Game Masters, and aspiring storytellers unite! This panel covers how to create immersive worlds, manage tricky players, and keep sessions engaging. Perfect for Dungeons & Dragons, Pathfinder, and indie TTRPG fans alike.	**New Market C**
	LARP Combat and Mythical Monsters continued Come join ORCSLARP for a live action D&D-style demonstration of a land search! Learn about our full contact medieval/fantasy foam fighting LARP based out of Hampton, Virginia. Witness an example party being selected and see them venturing forth to face monsters from our land search encounters. What dangerous creatures will our heroes face and how will they defeat them?	**New Market B**

	Dragon Arts & Crafts Welcome to dragon time! Dragons are members of mythology and folklore of many cultures. Dragon's eyes can mean power, wisdom, insight, and far-seeing. Dragon's eyes can also represent the mysteries of the universe. Would you like to make your own dragon eye? You can here with clay. Extra time? You can also create a dragon egg. Precious and rare, dragon eggs are associated with magic, power, and good fortune! Both will be ready to take home with you.	**New Market Kearny's**
11:00	**Alexandra Higgins (The Platypus Princess)**	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	World-Building 101 Panelists discuss developing immersive worlds for your stories, including geography, culture, history, and future plans.	**New Market C**
	That Corset Life Curious about wearing corsets in your costumes, out to parties, as daily wear? Come learn how to wear one proudly and safely. We'll cover important things to look for when shopping, how to choose the right size and style for you, as well as cleaning, lacing, and more. All genders & sizes encouraged to attend.	**New Market B**
	Fairy Gardens Welcome to fairy time! Fairies are present in mythology around the world. Fairies often teach us about the natural world and the importance of our environment. Fairies bring good fortune and blessings but can also be mischievous. Do you have any fairies in your garden? Fairy gardens can be indoors or out. You can attract fairies by creating a whimsical area for them to live. Using nature and recycled bits, you can use your joy and imagination to create a fairy garden to take home.	**New Market Kearny's**
Noon	**Re: The Music of Jonathan Coulton**	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Horror Unmasked: The Genre That Refuses to Die Once dismissed as niche, horror has exploded into the mainstream, becoming one of the fastest-growing and most passionate film genres. From indie innovators to box office hits, horror stands apart in its ability to evolve, connect, and terrify like no other. Join us as we explore what makes horror unique, why its fan base is so devoted, and how it's taking over the industry.	**New Market C**
	Big Build Costumes Making a big build costume requires you to really step back and take a look at all the problem solving skills you have. Join our panelists as they take you through those phases and help you avoid the pitfalls.	**New Market B**
	Beverly Hills Teens [G]	**New Market A**
	Mythical Mocktail Mixer (Pre-registration Required)	**Con Suite (475)**
1:00 PM	**NATIONALS: Ultimate BlanketFort Competition** Whether or not you made it to the preliminary competition yesterday, you're in for a treat! Winning teams from the past year at other conventions will now compete for the ultimate bragging rights! There will still be gravity-defying builds and plenty of dad jokes for all.	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Fandom and Music: Building Communities Through Sound Examine how music fandoms form and thrive and their role in supporting artists and shaping music culture.	**New Market C**
	Open Filking Bring yourself and any music you're feeling and come jam with entertainment guests and attendees alike while it's still bright and sunny outside. Pajamas optional.	**New Market B**
	Jayce & The Wheeled Warriors [G]	**New Market A**
	Mythical Creatures Science: Potions Welcome to potions time! You can make potions that relate to unicorns, mermaids, dragons, and fairies! Unicorns, with their white horse-like body and single spiralling horn, are a symbol of innocence and power. Mermaids are seen as protectors and guides of the ocean and its creatures. Dragons are fierce and powerful fire breathers and fairies have all sorts of magic! You can use your science and magic skills to make unicorn foam, mermaid slime, foaming dragon, and fizzing fairy potions. You can take your magical creations home.	**New Market Kearny's**
2:00 PM	**NATIONALS: Ultimate BlanketFort Competition Continued** Whether or not you made it to the preliminary competition yesterday, you're in for a treat! Winning teams from the past year at other conventions will now compete for the ultimate bragging rights! There will still be gravity-defying builds and plenty of dad jokes for all.	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Cosplay: From Reference to Recreation Learn how to make detailed and accurate costume recreations from character references and artwork and bring your cosplay to life!	**New Market C**

	DIY Music Production: Home Studio Essentials Setting up a home recording studio can be tricky. Get tips on getting one ready to go from experts in the field.	**New Market B**
	The Inhumanoids [G]	**New Market A**
	Fairy Godmother Story Time Welcome to story time! Fairy godmothers symbolize the possibility of positive change and the belief that dreams can come true. A fairy godmother will regale you with stories and adventures. Bring your imagination to participate!	**New Market Kearny's**
3:00 PM	**Forgotten and Underrated Fantasy and Sci-Fi Authors** Highlighting lesser-known authors who have made significant contributions to the genres but don't receive as much recognition, with discussions on their works and lasting impact.	**New Market C**
	Dungeons & Dragons: From Tabletop to Mainstream A look into the resurgence of D&D and its influence on pop culture.	**New Market B**
	Transformers: The Movie (1986) [PG-13]	**New Market A**
	Mythical Creatures Games Welcome to mythical creatures game time! How well do you know your mythical creatures? Draw a Mythical Creature - make a mythical creature to frame and take home. Mythical Creatures Match, test your knowledge of mythical creatures during a matching game. Mythical Creatures Card Game, challenge others' knowledge of mythical creatures. Also, play Pin the Tail on the Cryptid, a game of skill and daring. Are you ready to play?	**New Market Kearny's**
4:00 PM	**Dimensional Riffs**	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Self-Publishing vs. Traditional Publishing A comparison of the pros and cons of self-publishing and traditional publishing routes.	**New Market C**
	Foam, Fabric, and Fantasy: Building Your Dream Costume This panel dives into crafting techniques for stunning cosplay outfits. Learn about foam armor, fabric coloring, painting techniques, and even adding lighting into your cosplay.	**New Market B**
	Maris- The Chojo [PG] 04:30 PM	**New Market A**
	Mythical Creatures Protection DIY Welcome to mythical creatures protection time! Mythical and legendary creatures are supernatural beings, animals, or hybrids. Some creatures have the power of good and some do not. For protection, you can make a magical sword and your very own wand. The swords are made from recycled materials while the wands are made from natural resources. Both will be ready to take home with you!	**New Market Kearny's**
5:00 PM	**The Salacious Crumbles**	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Time Travel Etiquette: Do's and Don'ts of Temporal Tourism A panel discussing the hypothetical rules and etiquette of time travel, including avoiding paradoxes and blending into historical settings.	**New Market C**
	I broke up with Adobe, now what do I do? Panelists discuss digital art programs and why subscription services aren't always your best bet.	**New Market B**
	SHORT: Bring me the Head of Charlie Brown! [PG-13] 05:30 PM	**New Market A**
	The Last Unicorn [PG] 05:45 PM	**New Market A**
6:00 PM	**Boogie Knights**	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Music and Mental Health: The Power of Sound A discussion on how music can be used as a tool for mental health and emotional well-being.	**New Market C**
	From Page to Stage: Recreating Iconic Character Looks Ever wondered how to perfectly replicate a beloved character’s makeup and costume? Cosplay pros share their process for studying references and nailing every detail.	**New Market B**
	The Last Unicorn [PG] 05:45 PM	**New Market A**
7:00 PM	**Cosplay Contest** Charity Raffle Winners will be announced ahead of the exciting Cosplay Contest. Come to see if you've won and stay to admire the creativity and hard work shown by our many dedicated cosplayers!	**Richmond Hall B-C**

	Building a Brand: Creating a YouTube Channel for Your Fandom Want to share your fandom with the world and grow a YouTube channel around your passion? This panel covers the essentials of branding, content creation, and audience engagement to help you stand out in the crowded online space. Whether you're a cosplayer, reviewer, or storyteller, learn how to turn your love for fandom into a thriving channel!	**New Market C**
	Building a Band: Collaboration in Music Musicians discuss how to form and maintain a successful music group. Topics include balancing creative input, managing gigs, and marketing to niche audiences.	**New Market B**
	Project Metalbeast [R] 07:30 PM	**New Market A**
8:00 PM	**Cosplay Contest Continued** Charity Raffle Winners will be announced ahead of the exciting Cosplay Contest. Come to see if you've won and stay to admire the creativity and hard work shown by our many dedicated cosplayers!	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Reboot or Revival? The Trend of Returning Favorites Examine the surge of TV and movie reboots, revivals, and sequels, and their reception by audiences.	**New Market C**
	Matriarchs of Fandom: John Williams and the Music of the Movies John Williams has defined the sound of Hollywood, composing scores for Star Wars, Jurassic Park, Harry Potter, and more. This panel explores how his music shapes storytelling, evokes emotion, and influences modern composers. Join us for a deep dive into his legendary career.	**New Market B**
	Project Metalbeast continued [R] 07:30 PM	**New Market A**
	Polyamory and other forms of ENM There are many types and ways to form relationships. This panel will focus on forms other than traditional monogamy. We will discuss the pros and cons of swinging, ENM, polyamory, and others. We will also discuss how to make these types of relationships work and the common pitfalls that can accrue.	**New Market Kearny's**
9:00 PM	**The Blibbering Humdingers**	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Cryptids: Myth or Real? An overview of American Cryptid legends.	**New Market C**
	Haunted Williamsburg: Legends and Lore Explore the haunted history of Colonial Williamsburg with tales of restless spirits and ghostly encounters in one of America's most historic towns. Dive into the legends and folklore specific to Williamsburg, uncovering the stories that have been passed down through generations.	**New Market B**
	Hard Ticket to Hawaii [R] 09:15 PM	**New Market A**
	How to Host a Late Night Party (18+) Do you like convention parties? Have you thought about hosting one? We'll cover the do's and don'ts, setting the mood and theme, and what makes it a success or bust.	**New Market Kearny's**
10:00 PM	**Mikey Mason**	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	The Rocky Horror Picture Show Panel: Cult to Mainstream A look at the evolution of the longest running movie ever. Note: this is NOT the movie, just a lot of geeking out about one of our cult favorites.	**New Market C**
	Ghost Hunting 101: Tools and Techniques Learn the basics of ghost hunting, including essential equipment, techniques, and safety tips from an experienced paranormal investigator.	**New Market B**
	Hard Ticket to Hawaii continued [R]	**New Market A**
	Kink and Fandom (18+) Have you noticed how embedded into Sci-Fi kink seems to be? From 'Kneel before Zod!' to damsels bound by the villains and all the latex, kink has been a part of our stories. Join us as we explore how following the white rabbit has impacted our thoughts on the more exotic side of sex.	**New Market Kearny's**
11:00 PM	**Ghosts Around the Campfire: Folklore and Urban Legends** Panelists share and discuss popular ghost stories, folklore, and urban legends from different cultures and regions.	**New Market B**
	Cartoons that Aren't for Kids (18+) Not everything that has been animated belongs on Cartoon Network and Boomerang. Some animated shows and movies were strictly for those of legal voting age. Our panel will discuss movies like Heavy Metal, Fritz the Cat, and others that you won't find on lunch boxes.	**New Market Kearny's**

Sunday

9:00	**Open Filking - Filk and Coffee** Bring yourself and any music you're feeling and come jam with entertainment guests and attendees alike. This time first thing in the morning. What a great way to wake up!	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Caftans & Coffee on Memory Lane Come hang out in your favorite comfy caftan, and have coffee or Rooted Dandelion tea while talking about our favorite memories of the 70's and 80's.	**New Market B**
10:00	**Disney Sing-along** We Wish you'll "Feel the Love Tonight" in our Disney Sing-along! "Be Our Guest" by joining us and "Let it Go" by letting out your inner Disney Princess (or Prince). "Stand Out" for an hour of musical fun!	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Editing and Revising Your Manuscript Panelists discuss techniques for polishing your draft to make it publication-ready.	**New Market C**
	Board Games You've Never Heard Of (But Should Be Playing) Tired of the same old games? This panel showcases hidden gems that are perfect for game night.	**New Market B**
	Siegfried & Roy, Masters of the Impossible [G]	**New Market A**
	Mythical Creatures Paper Masks Welcome to mythical creatures mask time! Creatures, large and small, from myths and legends are both good and not. Have you ever wanted to be one of those creatures? Now is your chance! You can choose a creature and make a paper mask to transform into that creature. Take your mask with you to surprise your family and friends!	**New Market Kearny's**
11:00	**Boogie Knights**	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	The Role of Music in Pop Culture Discuss how music shapes and reflects cultural trends from rock 'n' roll to hip hop.	**New Market C**
	Quick Fixes: Con-Safe Makeup and Repair Hacks Learn how to handle cosplay emergencies like smudged makeup, ripped seams, or broken props. Perfect for staying convention-ready all day. Experts will give you a list of key items to have in your to-go bag!	**New Market B**
	Skysurfer Strike Force [G]	**New Market A**
	Mythical Creatures Ornaments Welcome to mythical creatures ornament time! Ornaments are not just for the winter holidays. Ornaments can be used all year long to decorate your personal areas. Do you love a specific mythical creature? Is a mythical creature missing from your decor? You can use plastic ornaments, foam, glue, glitter, and other bits and bobs to make an ornament of your favorite creature! Extra time? Make another ornament to give as a gift!	**New Market Kearny's**
Noon	**Hiphopmcdougal**	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	Focus and Fandom: Managing ADHD in a Hyperconnected World Balancing focus, creativity, and productivity can be challenging for anyone, but especially for those with ADHD. This panel explores how to channel your unique strengths and build systems that work for you, using fandom as inspiration.	**New Market C**
	Exploring the Multiverse: The Impact of Marvel's Phase Four Discuss how Marvel's Phase Four movies and series are expanding the MCU and changing the landscape of superhero storytelling.	**New Market B**
	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (1985) [PG]	**New Market A**
	Pipe Cleaner Pet Dragons Welcome to pet dragon time! Dragons are prevalent in many cultures and come in all shapes and sizes. Do you want your own pet dragon? You can make the dragon of your dreams using pipe cleaners and a little magic. A perfect pet, you can even take them home!	**New Market Kearny's**
1:00 PM	**The Salacious Crumbles**	**Richmond Hall B-C**
	The Evolution of the Hero's Journey Explore the hero's journey archetype from ancient myths to modern storytelling.	**New Market C**
	Cosplay Photography 101: The Good, the Bad, and the How To- Panelists discuss the basics of cosplay photography, including how to find a photographer and styles.	**New Market B**
	Inazuman 1-2 (subtitled) [PG] 01:50 PM	**New Market A**
2:00 PM	**Closing Ceremonies**	**Richmond Hall B-C**