

KumoriContent

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Dates of Meetings

• January General Meeting

January 14th, 2006 12pm

Chemeketa College, Salem, Building 9, Meeting at 12pm, room available at 10am. Followed by Etherguild Event (see article.)

• February General Meeting

February 11th, 2006, 1pm

Portland Central Library, US Bank Room. Meeting at 1pm, room available at 12pm. Kumoricon Get Together to follow.

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KumoriContent Notes from the Con Chair to you

Welcome to the first issue of KumoriContent, the convention chair's newsletter to Kumoricon fans and anime lovers everywhere.

This is a chance for me to update everyone on the activities of the convention. Upcoming events, milestones and accomplishments, and ways to help out the con will be highlighted in this monthly newsletter.

The main focus is to let everyone know that even in the "down time", Kumoricon staff are preparing a fantastic convention for you.

We are diligently working to ensure that Kumoricon has a presence throughout the year, through

meetings, events, constant communication, and publicity.

As you can imagine, all of this takes a lot of staff. I'd like to thank those brave folks who have already joined up, and encourage others to make the leap into Kumoricon staff. The work is rewarding, and the perks are worth the effort.

Of course, I must have an ulterior motive as I am the evil mantis, so this newsletter will also be a small outlet for some of my personal creativity. I'd like people to be able to put a face and personality with the title of Chair, and hopefully to



I stubbed my toe and damaged my tendon in my right foot. Here I am working on the newsletter, with my foot up.

the other directors' as well.

As always, feedback is welcome, and I am available. Thanks for your interest in Kumoricon.

January General Meeting and Anime Event

FUN! With Etherguild

The January general meeting will be held in Salem at Chemeketa College. This meeting will be immediately followed by an anime event including viewing, games, DDR,

and other fun stuff. The

Etherguild is the same group that puts on LANime, a fun party for gamers and anime lovers alike.

I would like to strongly urge any staff members

or volunteers to arrive early, to help with set up of this event. This is a great chance to volunteer, and sign up for any available staff positions as well.

Sat., January 14, 12pm

P:ear and Kumoricon Partnership for Youth

Kumoricon held its first charity auction at Kumoricon 2005.

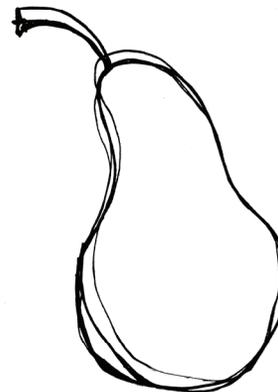
We presented a check for over \$1000 to p:ear, a nonprofit organization that benefits homeless and transitional youth. P:ear is local to Portland, and gives youth a chance to experience life as a normal kid, through artistic endeavors, trips to interesting places and events, and outdoor recreation. They also offer help in attaining a GED. The money raised at the auction is equivalent to the rent for one month for p:ear's downtown home.

Many local stores, anime related companies and some individuals

donated items for sale in this years auction. Possibly the most interesting sale was that of \$.75 selling for \$3.00. Thanks all those who donated items for sale, and to those who attended the auction as well.

This group will be the beneficiaries of the proceeds for next year's auction as well.

Please visit www.pearmentor.org to learn more about p:ear.



P:ear assists homeless and transitional youth, and is located in downtown Portland.

The New Look of www.kumoricon.org

One of the first items on the agenda this year was the overhaul of the look of our website. As those of you returning to the site have probably noticed, we have reached this goal in record time, with gorgeous results.

The site now offers greater functionality, with menus offering info on all aspects of the convention. Links

lead directly to pertinent information for attendees, staff, vendors and press. Some areas are still under construction, Stop by to see what's new.

Some things to look for as we add content: guest information, info on events,

information for vendors, etc. We also hope to have a working version of the schedule up after events are finalized in March.

Check out available staff positions and register for the convention now, by visiting the site links.

Registration, Hotel Information, and Staff Positions are all available on our beautiful new site.

IMHO

My anime/manga review

As one of the fun things I would like to do, I'd like to let people in on what Anime or Manga I have recently seen or read.

I would like to start with a great anime, Grave of the Fireflies.



An image of Seita and his sister, Setsuko.

This is a tear-jerker from the start. I have never seen so beautiful and lyrical a story.

The story takes place in war torn Japan, and follows a young boy's memories as he travels into death.

He remembers the death of his mother, and the struggle to keep his sister alive while suffering the wrath of starvation. In the end, only his memories remain.

Despite its sad plot and graphic images, this is a fantastic tale, and truly sets the standard for good anime. Not for young or sensitive viewers.