



FilKONtario 29

Ontario's Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Music Festival

April 12-14, 2019

Monte Carlo Inn & Suites, Markham, Ontario

PROGRESS REPORT # 3

Come on Home to FilKONtario!

From the ConChair

Hi all,

Welcome to our next PR.

Well as promised I checked out the Green Grotto. I also roped three work colleagues into the trip so I would have a wider base for comparison.

I will be honest. It was similar to what I expected. I felt like a very welcoming internet cafe with a strong Asian flair. The menu has very little Western influence aside from the desserts, but I found everything I had tasty and enjoyable, there was also a lot more than I expected.

The menu is available online and between the four of us we tried items that ranged from the Minced Pork w/egg, Taiwanese Crispy Chicken, Three cup Chicken and the Japanese BBQ Eel. All of us seemed to like most of our food, even the one person who wouldn't try someone of the unfamiliar side dishes liked what he did eat. (His comment was, "I'm shocked to realise how white I am!").

Note. The drinks tend to be of the Bubble tea family. Don't expect regular tea or coffee.

Since we ate there a new restaurant has opened next to the Green Grotto. I think it's called Grandma's Kitchen, or something similar. I will check it out.

We will keep you all posted.

Have a wonderful New Year and I look forward to seeing you at the con.

Regards all
Sally
Conchair, FKO29

Registration

Next deadline – **MUST be received by April 3**

See the box below for details. - Dave Hayman

Registration Rates 'til April 3, 2019

Adult	\$75 CAN/\$65 US
Youth 13-17	\$52.50 CAN/\$43 US
Child 6-12	\$37.50 CAN/\$32.50 US
Children Under 6	Free
We also take PayPal and those instructions are on the web site.	
Banquet	\$45 CAN/\$40 US Until Pre Reg closes (April 10/19)

Where we are:

Web: www.filkontario.ca

Yahoo Group: FKOFilK on yahoo

Facebook: FilKONtario
Hall of Fame

E-mail: fkoconcom@gmail.com

Transportation

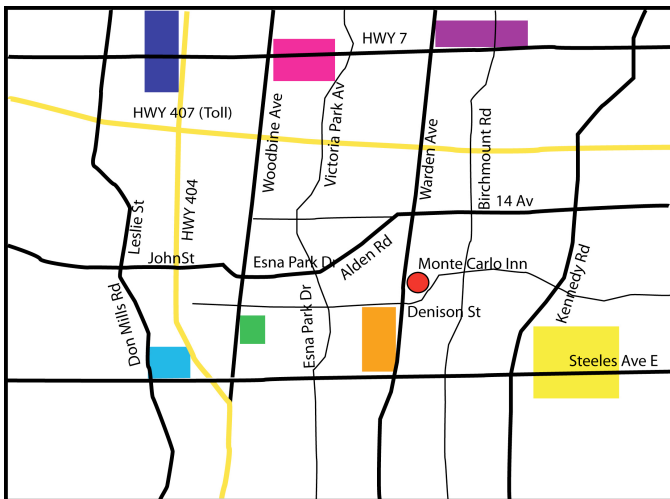
Here are the "local native guide" recommended transit directions from the airport to the hotel.

There are several bus/coach routes from the airport into the general area. This is the recommended one as it is the only one that includes a taxi rank closer to the destination. (Other routes may get to the area quicker, but after that they don't work as well)
Option One - Grab an airport taxi - regular taxis cannot pick up at the airport so you have to use the official taxi service. If you go this route, phone them and

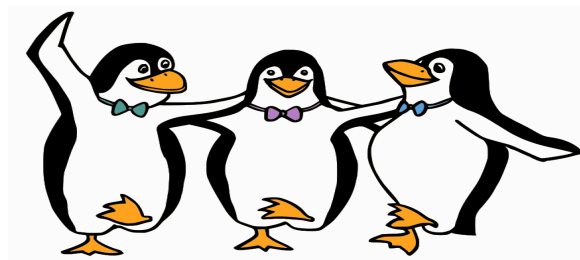
get a guaranteed flat rate. The flat rate at this point in time is \$72 plus \$15 airport fees. Phone numbers are: 416-822-2546, Toll Free : 1866-334-3753.

Option Two (recommended) - If you were not already there, take the Terminal LINK Train to Terminal 1. Free. Then find the bus terminal and take the **34** - Pearson/North York, GO Transit to Finch Station - Under \$7:00. The bus departs Terminal one at 50 minutes past every hour. When you get off the bus you should see a taxi rank right next to the busses. Grab a cab to the hotel - \$20.00 to \$25.00 depending on traffic.

Option Three - From Finch Station go down into the TTC (Toronto Transit) and up again into the TTC bus terminal. Take the 53 - Steeles Av East to Warden - \$3.25 (exact fare required). Cross Steeles and walk 15 to 20 min North on the East side till you reach the hotel.



- The Keg, Moxie's Grill & Bar, Scaddabush Italian, Jack Asters and many more
- LCBO, Longo's (Grocery's), Staples, Home Depot
- Shoppers Drugs, No Frills (Grocery's), Cora's (Breakfast), LCBO, plus more
- The Shops on Steeles Mall** - Food Basics, Shoppers Drugs, Banks, Whimpy's Diner, Tim Hortons, and a very nice Japanese.
- Frankie Tomatoto's (Italian) The Owl and Firkin Pub
- T & T Supermarket, TD Bank, Starbucks, Shoppers Drugs, Boston Pizza, plus many more smaller eating places
- Pasicic Mall - Large Asian mall - lots of stuff.



Songwriting Contest Topic

Cosmic Hotels

Songbook Submissions

I have started receiving submissions for the songbook, and am greatly enjoying them. But there is still room for lots more, so please send them along! Your submissions enable us to provide yet another awesome songbook in pdf format for distribution to all attendees. Please send in text or pdf format, and please send lots and lots of songs – the sooner the better!

Morva Bowman

songbook@filkontario.ca

The Filk Hall of Fame

Thank you all for the wonderful nominations for the Filk Hall of Fame this year. As you read this, the file of nominees has been sent out and the jurors are weighing the evidence to select the nominees they think are suited for induction this year. Of course, all the nominees are worthy. In fact, we all contribute to our filk community in some way, even if it's just singing along in the privacy of our homes.

The Filk Hall of Fame is happy to get nominations at any time. Don't feel that it needs to be comprehensive, or flowery "Phranc Philquer writes parodies faster than anyone and they're good parodies!" is a perfectly fine snippet for a nomination. Maybe the next person will say "Frankie Filker writes great humour but their serious songs, like EXAMPLE, are just sublime" is also a snippet. Someone else mentions Frankie being supportive when they were learning to play, or first doing a one-shot. Another says they host the BEST house filks, or volunteer a bit at cons. Yes, it's nice to have more details, but right there – writing good songs, being supportive of others (and therefore the community), hosting house filks, volunteering a bit – constitute great pieces of information. Don't be shy: just let us know something about someone who makes *your* filk world better.

For more information and example see the link below:

<http://filkontario.ca/nominations/>

Website Question

We are in the process of changing and updating our website – if anyone out there has a good photo of the audience at a past FKO – that is, taken from the stage – that they would be willing to let us use for the header, please send it to us!

webster@filkontario.ca

Hotel

Full hotel information is available from PR #1 as well as on the website. **Please book your rooms as early as possible, to ensure you are able to get the FKO rate!** Feel free to use the FKO Facebook page to coordinate arrival times with other members so you can share cab expenses if desired!

Peggi Warner-Lalonde
hotel@filkontario.ca

Programming

Programming is the big thing for the next few weeks - we have some ideas from email and FaceBook comments already, but it never hurts to have more. Got an idea? Tell us. Tell us soon though, before we fill it up with just the ideas from our own twisted brains!

programming@filkontario.ca

Dealers

FilKONtario29 is fast approaching, and it's shaping up to be another fine Dealers Room! We will have books, jewelry, fabric, CDs, and lots of other cool stuff. And did I mention CDs? If you haven't yet got a table, but would like to get one, please grab the Dealer's Form from the FilKONtario website, and fill it out. For anyone purchasing a table before February 14, we have a "sweetheart deal" - we will include a business card-sized ad in our Program Book. And if you haven't got enough merchandise for a Dealers' Table - please let us know if you would like to take advantage of our Filk Bazaar. We do the selling for you, and all we ask is: a) that everything is pre-priced, and a list of all items provided to us; and b) please provide 10% of your sales to FKO, up to the cost of a Dealers' Table (which would be \$50). We're looking forward to hearing from you, and, of course seeing you soon!

Peggi Warner-Lalonde
Gabi Toth
dealers@filkontario.ca

Volunteering

Volunteers are needed for a number of positions – just let us know where you would like to help. We especially need someone to run a few hours of children's programming for a small number of children, or at a minimum to supervise the kids pizza party during the banquet on Saturday. Please contact the Penguin Wranglers, Sally and Peggi, at volunteer@filkontario.ca

Guests

Guest of Honour, Juanita Coulson!

Juanita has been part of SF/F fandom and what would come to be called "filk" since the early 1950's. Along the way she acquired a lyric-writing husband, the late, great Buck Coulson, a son – GM & history buff Bruce – lot of terrific memories, a varied bunch of songs to perform, and few awards: Filk Hall of Fame, Pegasus, and a Fanzine Hugo. She intends to keep at it until they tell her to quit.



FKO Filk Waifs

Award-winning musicians Margaret Davis and Kristoph Klover play Celtic music, Medieval music, songs of Tolkien, and more, interweaving soaring vocals with Celtic harp, octave mandolin, guitars, flute, recorders, and whistle. Their repertoire ranges from beautiful love songs and funny filk songs to intricate harp/guitar instrumentals and upbeat jigs and reels. They have been performing together since 1989 and have been guests of honor at numerous conventions in the U.S. and Europe. Margaret & Kristoph have recorded 15 CDs on the Flowinglass Music label, including their Tolkien CD *The Starlit Jewel* and their original musical *Snow White: The Mirror's Revenge*, and in 2008 they performed in the Disney movie *Bedtime Stories*. On top of all that, Kristoph is also a Filk Hall of Fame Inductee!



Interfilk Guest, Summer Russell

Summer Russell is a singer-songwriter with folk roots finding her filk wings. Her warm voice and gentle acoustic playing bring to mind the folk music wave of half a century ago. Lyrically, her themes range from myth and magic to science, nature, and the wonders of the heart. Singing for friends, old and new, always feels like coming home, and she hopes that listening will make you feel the same.

