

FANDOMEDIA 2006: HUNGER

GUEST OF HONOUR PROFILES:

MARIANNE DE PIERRES

Marianne de Pierres is the author of the award-nominated Parrish Plessis series: Nylon Angel, Code Noir and Crash Deluxe which now has its own role playing game designed by games company White Mice Worldbuilding.

Her short fiction has appeared in various anthologies and magazines. She is currently working on her next series for Orbit Books called The Sentients of Orion, and a film project for Sydney-based, Enchanter Productions, called Stalking Daylight.

In 2007 her children's fantasy novel, Citrine, will be published by ABC books in a shared world series called The Lost Shimaron. Marianne was born and bred in Western Australia (Wyalkatchem to be precise) but currently resides in Brisbane with three sons and two galahs...oh and a husband.

LYN BATTERSBY

Lyn Battersby started writing at the age of five, (her first attempt was titled Aa, Bb, Cc) but her first real publishing credit came in 2001 when her story "Divinities" was published in Antipodean SF (under the name Triffitt). "Learned Instincts" soon followed in ASIM 7, with "Cracking Up" not long after in Antipodean SF.

Her real breakout came in 2005 when her story "The Memory of Breathing" appeared in ASIM 17. The story received multiple award nominations, including The Aurealis, and won a Tin Duck at Swancon 2006. The film rights were sold earlier this year and the feature-length script is currently under construction.

Not content to sit back and enjoy her small success, she has since published "The Hanging Tree" (the first to appear with her new married name) in Borderlands 6 and "Edges" in Shadowed Realms 9. She hopes to publish many many more.

ELAINE KEMP

Elaine Kemp writes both speculative fiction and erotic romance, the romance under her pen name of Laney Cairo. She's a fangirl, has managed two science fiction bookshops, and is married to pro SF writer, Stephen Dedman.

She'll be talking about erotica a lot at Fandomedia: Hunger.

FRIDAY

TIME	STREAM A	STREAM B
16:30	MEET & GREET - Drinks in the Bar before Dinner and the Official Opening.	
17:30	DINNER	
19:00	FANDOMEDIA 2006: HUNGER OFFICIAL OPENING - Welcoming and Introduction to Guests.	
19:30	LIVE AT THE EMERALD - An hour of power! Our lovely host April Rutkay interviews our honourable guests Marianne, Lyn and Elaine. APRIL, MARIANNE, LYN, ELAINE K	OPENING THE FLOOR ON ADDICTION - Have you ever wondered what is the difference between addiction and obsession? A foray into the kind of addictions we have, what draws us in and how much time and effort we spend on them? JAMES, KENDRA, GREG
20:30	"TASTE IS THE FEMININE OF GENIUS" — A discussion of definition, interpretation and controversy surrounding this quote by Lord Edward Fitzgerald. JU, KENDRA AND SANDY	MAKING A DIFFERENCE - A Round robin discussion. Participants have a maximum of five minutes to state the three things they would do to change the world for the better. (TIMEKEEPER NEEDED)

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SATURDAY

TIME	STREAM A	STREAM B
10:00	DEAR EDITOR - An exploration of our guests' experiences with editors, the good, the bad, the in between. MARIANNE, LYN, ELAINE K	WEAVING A WELCOME MAT - How do we make conventions more welcoming and open to new people? PRK, GRANT W, MICHAEL
11:00	PHAT PHANTASY: THE MARKET MONSTERS - A discussion on popular genre fiction, and in particular the trilogies that most publishers are pushing at the moment. The ones we hate to love and the ones we love to hate. JU, PRK, MAIA	THE WAY THE BIOLOGICAL CLOCK TICKS - Asking the question from as many different angles as possible, everything from wanting a baby, or not, fatherhood, grandparenthood, genealogy, lineage, compromises and sacrifices, goals and aims. SARAH XU, CATHY, ELAINE K, SHAY
12:00	LUNCH	
13:30	SHARING INSPIRATION - Insight into creating an environment and dynamic that will stimulate your writing community. MARIANNE, ROWENA, CAROL, LEE	ACQUIRED TASTES AND CONSUMING PASSIONS - A round robin discussion. Participants have a maximum of three minutes in which to enthuse about their current or long standing shiny. TIMEKEEPER
14:30	SCIENCE IS GOLDEN -The ongoing quest to find out 'why', how things work, the reasons behind life, the universe and everything. ELAINE W, CHRIS C, MAIA	ESCAPING THE TWO HEADED MONSTER - What is it like to have a partner with a bigger reputation? How do you go about getting independent recognition? How do you support them, what about their support of you? ELAINE K, LYN
15:30	EROTICA WRITING WORKSHOP -Turning Brainstorming into Plot, or "A double climax is incredibly satisfying" A step-by-step guide to turning your great idea into a story outline. CATHY	AMBITION - What will people do to satisfy ambition. What, or whom will they sacrifice? What is the definition of the recognition, number of people, medium of recognition? LEE, ALISTAIR, KANEDA
16:30	THE BREAKING NEWS ON COMPUTER GAMING - The latest technological revolution will be in the gaming industry. Find out all the shiny details. GRANT, GREG	WHAT ARE THE WRITERS READING? - When you aren't writing, what is it that you like to read? What authors influence your work or inspire you? LYN, ELAINE, MARIANNE
17:30	BAD CASE OF LOVING YOU - Elaine Kemp launches her latest sizzling novel! ELAINE K (NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN)	PLAY TIME - Busy hands and the opportunity to chat while playing with toys. Indulge your inner child with play dough, blocks and the like! ANNA
18:30	DINNER	
20:00	VAMPIRIC HUNGER - Sucking blood as a sexual metaphor. Exploring the relationship between bloodlust, vampirism and sex. JAMES, STEPHEN G	INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF WRAETHTHRU - An introduction to the post human fantasy series created by Storm Constantine. KERRY, TORI, MAIA, LIZ
21:00	SOIREE OF SPLENDID SPEECH - Our delightful guests read to us from their collection of fiction over a couple of glasses of wine. With the talent in this room you won't want to miss the auditory bliss they can deliver. <i>(Contributions to wine very much appreciated by guests).</i> MARIANNE, LYN, ELAINE K	

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SUNDAY

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10:00	BLOOD LUST - A presentation on parasites and invertebrates. A fascinating look into hunger on a tiny, non-human scale. Everything from face-huggers to leeches as dietary aids. DRHOZ	DO WE REALLY KNOW WHO READS AUSTRALIAN SF? - Insight into the market research survey by Russell B. Farr on the readership of Australian SF. Looking at elements such as the who, what, where and why as well as thoughts on online publications, and how the information will be useful. Is short fiction purchased only by those whom write short fiction? RUSSELL, ANGELA, ALISA,
11:00	FICTION INTO FILM Turning a piece of fiction into film. What do you as the creator want from the change of medium? What expectations do you have for the resulting film? MARIANNE, LYN, GRANT	COOKING WITH COFFEE - You don't have to drink coffee to enjoy it. Tasty treats made with coffee presented by two larger than life personalities. KANEDA AND SARAH P
12:00	LUNCH	
13:30	SOYLENTS OF THE LAMBS, OR YOU ARE WHO YOU EAT - Cannibalism and zombies in SF&F and Horror throughout the various mediums. STEPHEN G, JOHN	EMPOWERING HUNGER - It's okay to be hungry, to crave something - what do you hunger for? What is irresistible to you? Does creativity require a lack of saturation? MARIANNE, JU,
14:30	READING BY CATHY CUPITT - Cathy reads an array of original fiction based on our theme 'Hunger'. Sit down, relax and enjoy another auditory experience you won't want to miss. CATHY	THE MYTH OF TRUTH LOVE? - Exploration of the 'great' love that is all encompassing, that sense of 'knowing', true love - is it really out there? STUART, ANNA
15:30	"SUPERHUNGER" SUPERHEROES AND SUPERVILLAINS - The hungers that drive them. Whether it's war on crime, greed for money, consuming of planets, the genre has long been dominated by intense passions. GREG, TORI, SHANE	THE REALITY CONSTRUCT A debate between 2 groups on the topic: "Reality TV is the enemy of quality television." Discuss. SARAH P, LYN, PRK, STEPHEN D, CATHY - MOD.
16:30	CHOOSING ONE BOOK - Escaping from a burning building, you can take ONE book - which book do you rescue and why? A round robin discussion where participants have five minutes to state and enthuse over their favourite SF&F/Speculative novel. TIMEKEEPER	WANDERLUST - What drives you to wander, what is it about travelling that fulfils you? Is there somewhere that is always 'home' to you, or do you feel anywhere is home? STEPHEN D, CHRISTOPHER, JEANETTE
17:30	FANDOMEDIA 2006: HUNGER OFFICIAL CLOSING - Thank you and Farewell!	

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