### IMPULSE

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### MonSFFA'S SUMMER EVENTS SCHEDULE:

#### **SUMMER BBQ**

### **Sunday, July 14, 10:00AM**

MonSFFA hosts its annual Summer BBQ in Parc Maisonneuve on Sunday, July 14! (Metro Viau or Pie-IX)

At about 10:00AM, we will stake out a spot and begin gathering under the shade of trees not too far from the park's Chalet, near the parking lot (see map, next page).

Bring your own picnic lunch; MonSFFA will supply a cooking grill.

See "Summer BBQ," center column, for all the details.

#### e-PICNIC & SIG (ART)

# Sunday, July 28, 1:00PM on ZOOM (www.MonSFFA.ca)

MonSFFA will host an online "e-Picnic" on ZOOM Sunday, July 28, at 1:00PM! As part of this e-Picnic, we will host a

Special Interest Group (SIG) for Art! See "e-Picnic 2024" and "Special Interest Group (Art)," next page, for full details.

## **REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE RESUMES SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

**1:00PM-5:00PM**, Le Nouvel Hotel, 1740 Boul. René-Lévesque O (corner St-Mathieu), "Salle Maisonneuve" ... and simultaneously on ZOOM!

#### **SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS:**

- Saturday, September 14
- Saturday, October 19 (Book Sale! Opens to Public 12:00PM)
- Saturday, November 23 (Read this whole issue for complete information on the club's summer events!)

# MonSFFActivities FOR JULY 2024!

This issue of Impulse is devoted to outlining the club's planned events for July. So, mark these Sundays in your calendars, folks! MonSFFA's Summer BBQ 2024 is scheduled for Sunday, July 14, with an online "e-Picnic" to follow two weeks later, on Sunday, July 28!

#### **SUMMER BBQ**

MonSFFen and their families, as well as friends of the club, are invited to gather at about 10:00AM in Parc Maisonneuve on Sunday, July 14, for the club's 2024 Summer BBQ.

Parc Maisonneuve, easily accessible by Metro (Viau, Pie-IX) or bus, is located in the city's East End, adjacent the Botanical Gardens and the Olympic Stadium. Parking is available on site, or on nearby streets.



### YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP FEES?

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the club's normal operation for more than three years! During this period, our regular in-person meetings were suspended, and the payment of annual fees were deferred. The club has now begun again collecting those annual membership fees, this in order to return to a positive cash flow situation, and so cover the monthly costs of renewed operations.

Standard membership remains only \$25 annually. We offer a family rate of \$40. Add \$10 to either of these to enjoy our premium "Platinum" membership level. Please complete the form below, include payment (cheque or money order made out to "MonSFFA"), and mail to:

MonSFFA, c/o 29 Harold Kirkland, Québec, Canada H9J 1R7

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Our intention is to claim a picnic spot somewhere along one of the park's lines of trees, not too far from the Chalet and parking lot; our "Preferred Picnic Area" is indicated on the map (below). Look for us within roughly that area.

So, do join MonSFFA for a relaxing day in the park! Friends, fun, food, and fire, the latter provided by the club's new propane barbecue, which we'll have on site for those who may wish to grill up a couple of burgers, sausages, and such! Bring your own refreshments, snacks, and any meats you may wish to barbecue.

Be assured that *proper* washroom facilities are located a short stroll away in the park's Chalet.

**Note:** Should the weather prove inclement on the 14th, the event will be shifted one week forward, to Sunday, July 21. If necessary, we will post a notice on the club's Website (<a href="www.MonSFFA.ca">www.MonSFFA.ca</a>) of any change in the schedule by no later than 9:00AM, Sunday morning, the 14th.

#### e-PICNIC 2024

We will also host an "e-Picnic" via ZOOM (<a href="www.MonSFFA.ca">www.MonSFFA.ca</a>) on Sunday, July 28, beginning at 1:00PM—have your favourite summer snacks and libations on hand! In addition to enjoying, with friends online, an afternoon of casual conversation on any and all topics SF/F and fannish, we'll have opportunity to view an album of photographs snapped by those MonSFFen who took part in our Field Trip to the Montreal Biodome last month.

Plus, we'll invite folk to "show-and-tell" regarding any cool sci-fi destinations or events they've enjoyed on vacation during this first half of summer—share your experiences, and any photos, with the group!

#### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (ART)

And, as part of our e-Picnic, we'll take the opportunity to hold our very *first* meeting of the club's Special Interest Group (SIG) for Art. Host Keith Braithwaite will give a talk/workshop on "How to Create Sci-Fi Art Without Knowing How to Draw!" Club members interested in science fiction and fantasy art, and the production of same are encouraged to join this collective!

#### POPULAR MonSFFA BOOK SALE RETURNS THIS FALL!

Post-pandemic, the club is re-launching its popular SF/F used book sale! The sale will take place at Le Nouvel Hotel, MonSFFA's downtown meeting locale, on Saturday afternoon, **October 19, 2024**! Open to the public from noon to 3:30PM.

Astounding prices on thousands of *amazing stories* by SF/F authors from <u>Asimov to Zelazny!</u> Enjoy "**Bulk Book Bargains**"—the more you buy, the more you save!

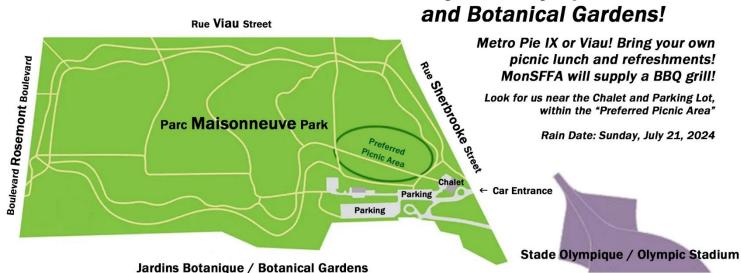
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(Cash-only sales, please.)

## MonSFFA's SUMMER BBQ

# **SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024, 10:00AM**

## Parc Maisonneuve, Montreal Adjacent Olympic Stadium and Botanical Gardens!



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