



# WORLD HORROR CONVENTION 2004

## Press Information



The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual World Horror Convention  
Sponsored by Leprecon, Inc. an Arizona non-profit organization.

April 8-11, 2004 at the Embassy Suites Phoenix North,  
2577 W. Greenway Rd, Phoenix, AZ

World Horror Convention is THE annual event for Horror Professionals and Enthusiasts that is geared towards networking, education, and conducting business.

World Horror Convention 2004 will feature an **Art Show**, **Programming and Discussion Panels** on Horror Writing and Horror Art, **Author Readings**, a Dealer's Room, & a **Hospitality Suite**. Special events include a **Charity Auction to benefit the American Cancer Society**, **Artist Reception** with Wine & Cheese Tasting, an **Independent Film Festival**, **Writer's Workshop**, **Editor's Workshop**, **Mass Autographing** session, **Flash Fiction Contest**, **International Horror Guild Awards Ceremony**, and **World Horror Convention Grand Master Award**

### Main guests appearing at the convention:

**AUTHOR GUEST OF HONOR: Douglas Clegg** Acclaimed horror writer of *The Hour Before Dark*, *Red Angel* (as Andrew Harper), *The Priest of Blood*, *Goat Dance*, *The Infinite*, and the Bram Stoker and IHG Award winning *The Nightmare Chronicles*.

**ARTIST GUEST OF HONOR: Caniglia** An artist of strangely skewed visions of horror and the macabre. Illustrator and cover artist for many books and magazines in the genre including illustrating Douglas Clegg's *Vampyricon*.

**EDITOR GUEST OF HONOUR: Stephen Jones** Stephen has been editor & writer of more than 70 books. He has accumulated over twenty awards including Bram Stoker Awards, British Fantasy Awards, World Fantasy Awards, and IHG Awards.

**TOASTMASTER: David Morrell** Award winning author of twenty five novels of international intrigue, horror, and high-action thrillers including *Black Evening*, *First Blood*, *The Totem*, *Assumed Identity*, *Extreme Denial*, and *The Protector*.

**MEDIA GUEST OF HONOR: Dee Snider** Star, writer and producer of Dee Snider's *Strangeland*, a horror cult classic movie, Concept and Story for *Van Helsing's Curse* – a Halloween Orchestra stage show & album, singer for *Twisted Sister* Rock band, & host of *The House of Hair* radio show.

**SPECIAL GUEST: Adam Niswander** An Arizona author inspired by H.P. Lovecraft with novels such as *The Charm*, *The Serpent Slayers*, *The Repository*, *A Novel of Magik and the Occult*, and many horror short stories published in various anthologies and magazines.

**WRITER'S WORKSHOP GUEST OF HONOR: Mort Castle** Mort Castle has been writing since 1967 and writes everything from novels to poetry. He will be running the *Writer's Workshop* at this year's convention

**EDITOR'S WORKSHOP GUEST OF HONOR: Nancy Kilpatrick** Nancy Kilpatrick is the author of 13 novels, the forthcoming non-fiction book *The goth Bible: A Compendium for the Darkly Inclined* and editor of 8 anthologies, including *Gothika* (co-edited with Nancy Holder). Nancy will be hosting the **Self-Editing Horror Fiction Workshop** at this year's convention with guest editors **Don D'Auria**, **Jo Fletcher**, and **Editor GoH Stephen Jones**.

Events and activities Highlights – full schedule will be available at [www.whc2004.org](http://www.whc2004.org):

**Thursday** – Opening Ceremonies (8 pm), **Friday** – Mass Autographing (8 pm), Flash Fiction Contest (11 pm)  
**Saturday** – Spotlight Panels on main guests – Adam Niswander (10 am), Douglas Clegg (11 am), David Morrell (noon), Caniglia (1 pm), Dee Snider (2 pm), *Strangeland* Screening (3 pm), Independent Film Festival (8 pm), Horror Idol (8 pm), Artist Reception (8 pm) International Horror Guild Awards Ceremony (9 pm),  
**Sunday** – Charity Auction (10 am), Closing Ceremonies (3 pm)

Ongoing throughout the convention are the Dealer's Room, Art Show and Hospitality Suite. There will be many panels including ones such as *The Psychology of Horror*, *What's New for New Writers*, *The History of Graveyards*, *An Author's Innermost Fears*, *The Century's Best Horror*, *Murder at the WHC*, plus others. There will be many readings by participating authors each day, special presentations on new books including *The Mammoth Book of Vampires*, Publisher presentations and parties (including a *Morbid Tea Party*), a *Writer's Workshop* and an *Editor's Workshop* (the workshops are an additional fee). The *Charity Auction* to benefit *The American Cancer Society* will feature many special books donated by our guests and other rare and interesting items.

**Memberships:** Adults \$130 for the entire weekend, \$35 Daily memberships,  
Writer's and Editor's workshops are \$30 per workshop.

**Hours:** Thursday – Noon to midnight, Friday 10 am to midnight, Saturday 10 am to midnight, Sunday 10 am to 4 pm

Information: (602) 375-1777 during the convention, or (480) 945-6890 before the convention

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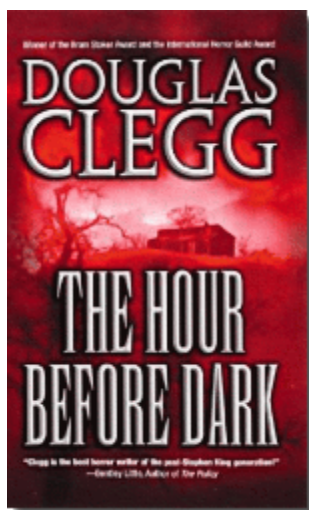
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Sample Artwork by Caniglia, our Artist Guest. →

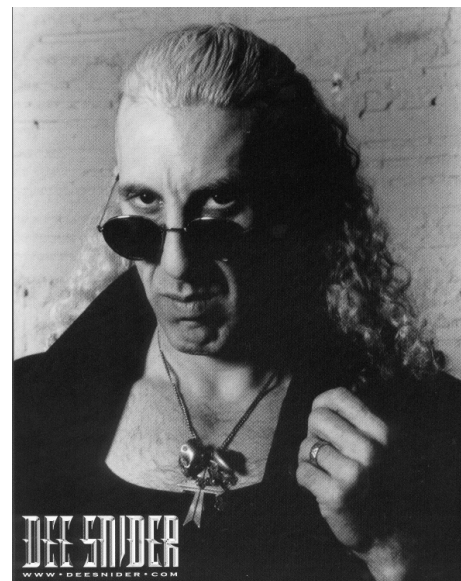
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