

Event Report



Virtual Postcards from Loncon 3 *Carole Parker**

Veteran VC author sends virtual postcards and photos directly from the 72nd World Science Fiction Convention in London, England.

Loncon 3, the 72nd World Science Fiction Convention took place at the ExCeL London Dockland Convention Centre in England from August 14-18 2014. This was a good way to go, since English hotels don't always have enough space to host such a large event.

The reception on Thursday evening was lively, with people attending in a mix of fine clothing, costumes, and street clothes. The events during the convention were well attended. Here are some photos showing scenes and interesting people that I encountered. I'm still trying to get the hang of emailing photos from my iPad!

The photo top right shows the Fan Village at the ExCeL Centre. At bottom center is a Tea Lady and companion at the *Doctor Who* party. She showed me a thermos with hot water, various teas to choose from, metal tea cups on her belt, plus the copper tea pot to get you just the right cup of tea. At bottom right is a villain at the *Doctor Who* party.



View of Fan Village in the ExCeL (above). Tea Lady and companion (below left). Doctor Who villain (below right).



Also at the *Doctor Who* party, Silicon Web member Kevin Roche is inside his Tiki Dalek (middle center), which always attracts a crowd. Kevin used online fundraising to help ship Tiki Dalek to London.

Groups bidding for future Worldcons were much in evidence. Worldcon members select the site two years ahead. A member of the Washington DC 2017 bid committee (top center) wears Victorian steampunk. Silicon Web member Andy Trembley (top right) is dressed as the chair of the San Jose California 2018 Worldcon bid committee.

I also spotted Silicon Web members Mette Hedin (middle right) in makeup for “Syndrome” from *The Incredibles*, and Bryan Little (bottom right). My steampunk-inspired coat (bottom center) is old drapes, dyed using the Arashi Shibori technique. I entered other dyed textiles in the art show.

Carole Parker is an amateur costumer and fabric experimenter with interests in textiles, dyeing, and wearable art. Visit her [website](#) to learn about her work.



Member of Worldcon 2017 bid committee.



Andy Trembley, Worldcon 2018 bid committee chair.



Kevin Roche inside Tiki Dalek at the *Doctor Who* party.



Mette Hedin in “Syndrome” makeup from *The Incredibles*.



Carole Parker's display panels at the Loncon 3 art show.



Carole Parker in arashi Shibori dyed coat.



Bryan Little at the convention.