

THE INTERNATIONAL FORTEAN ORGANIZATION (INFO) PRESENTS
FORTFEST 2011, LO! and Behold!
May 14 & 15, 2011
56th Phenomenal Conference on Anomalous Phenomena
Days Inn Inner Harbor Room, Baltimore, MD

SATURDAY, May 14 Conference, 9:30 A.M.-6:30 P.M., MC Larry Arnold:

Dr. Bob Hieronimus, on "The Apocalypse Is Not the End of the World". Dr. Bob is an artist, radio broadcaster, symbolologist, and author of such recent titles as "The United Symbolism of America" and "Founding Fathers, Secret Societies". His groundbreaking and provocative 21st Century Radio Program airs locally on Sundays at 8 PM on WCBM 680 AM.

Dr. Stephen Braude, on "The Evidence For Life After Death", Stephen is a philosopher/para-psychologist, author of *Immortal Remains* (a look at some of the most puzzling cases), *The Gold Leaf Lady and Other Parapsychological Explanations*, a Professor of Philosophy and Chair of the Department at the University of Maryland Baltimore County and Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Scientific Exploration*.

Alvin Holm, AIA, award winning architect, founding member of the Institute of Classical Architecture and Classical America, designer of the Impressionist Galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC, on "Part 2 of the Mysteries of Empathy", "Sacred Spaces, Buildings That Sing and How We Harmonize".

Dr. William Fellows, Ph.D., NOAA physicist, engineer and inventor, Freemason and metaphysician will speak on "The Science of Crystals".

Phyllis Benjamin, journalist/artist/producer, President of The International Fortean Organization (INFO), former editor of *The INFO Journal: Science and the Unknown* and Chair of 30 years of FortFests, FortNites and FortScapes (with co-Chair **Al Rosensmyle**) on "Charles Fort Is In The Details or What You See Is What You Get".

Doug Skinner Fortean writer/artist/humorist/ on and off-Broadway performer extraordinaire (often with Bill Irwin), discusses "Sketches of Strangeness", from the John Keel Collection, a series of unpublished drawings circulated among silent contactees in 1967 (with input from Freud).

Robert Schmidt of Project Hindsight and Golden Hind Press, mathematician/philosopher/astrologer examines "The Fort-tuitous Origins of Modern Science" and suggests THE most inexplicable phenomena in recorded history.

Special Guest award winning author and executive editor of *The National Lampoon* **Larry "Ratso" Sloman** on his latest book "The Secret Life of Houdini". Was Houdini a spy killed by a secret group of cabalists?

Inductions to the Fortean Hall of Fame! Filming by videographer Dave Singer.

Plus: Optional Deli Lunch Buffet, The Phenomenal Book Sale, informal Friday in the hotel bar in the Greenery Restaurant and **SAT. ENCHANTED EVENING PARTY!**

7 pm-Midnight Saturday: Italian Buffet Dinner, cash bar, live music by Doug Skinner (including John Keel's rendition of Jadoo) and the Others, later Fortean fun and games with good conversation and song. Bring your favorite clip or ghost story for Take the Mike.

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 10 am-5pm, The Amazing Paranormal Bus Tour, Private Viewing of the Astounding Paranormal Photos of Psychic Ted Serios, Private Tour of the Extraordinary American Visionary Art Museum (AVAM), Explore the Labyrinth at the Amaranthine, See Relics of Saints and Holy Men at the Walters Museum of Art, another phenomenal motor coach trip! An astounding tour of the world's premier museum dedicated to Outsider Art, navigate the Labyrinth at the Amaranthine & view the painted floors to ceilings depicting the metaphysical journey of Man, experience the bogging collection of psychic Ted Serios and visit the holy relics at the Walters. Lunch on your own at Mr. Rain's Fun House.

*Reservations Essential, Space Very Limited For Lectures and Meals.

Registration

- () **Saturday Lecture Program, includes Friday/Saturday Night Socials**
\$99 before May 01, \$119 after May 01
- () **Student/Starving Artist rate, \$45 for Saturday Lectures and Socials**
- () **Saturday Buffet Lunch, \$22, pay by May 01 for meals**
- () **Saturday Buffet Italian Dinner, Enchanted Evening Social/Music Gala, \$33**

Fortean Paranormal, Labyrinth & AVAM Get Serious Adventure Motor Coach Tour, \$65. Tour departs Days Inn Inner Harbor Hotel 10a SHARP-returns 5p! Ask us about logistics!

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS : BOOK BY April 14! Days Inn Inner Harbor, 100 Hopkins Place, Baltimore 21201, 410-576-1000 for Reservations, ask for the FORTFEST 2011 GROUP RATE and directions.

() Friday, () Sat. () Sun.

Roommate name_____.

Hotel is 2 blocks from Inner Harbor, AVAM, near Poe's Grave!

\$109 single or double/triple accommodations plus 11% tax per night for Friday, Saturday or Sunday. (Split this amount with one or two or three roommates). Rooms offer microwave, newspaper, free wifi, heated pool, gym.

*On street and public lots (\$10 all day and overnight across from the hotel) Hotel also provides shuttle service (fee) from BWI, Reagan National and Dulles airports.

*Please let us know if you need a roommate or a ride from NYC, CT, PA, New Jersey or the Washington-Virginia area and we will connect you to fellow forteans. New Yorkers can catch the \$45 bus round trip to Baltimore or super cheap www.BoltBus.com from NYC and Newark and DC. Check SouthWest and AirTran for super cheap fares to BWI. Light Rail from BWI Airport to Convention Center 1 block from hotel, is \$1.60. Baltimore's train Penn Station is less than a mile from hotel and cabs are readily available.

Make checks or money orders for the Saturday Lecture Program, Meals and the Motor coach Tour payable to "INFO" and mail to INFO, P.O. Box 50088, Baltimore, MD 21211

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