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"It is my business to know what other people don't know."



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Upcoming Events at a Glance

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- ⇒ **October 16:** Jerry Margolin, BSI, guest speaker; [details on Page 2](#)
- ⇒ **October 15—January 8:** The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes. Date of Club attendance as a group to be announced; [see details in sidebar on Page 6](#).
- ⇒ **October 21—23:** Watson Washington at Broadway Performance Hall; [see details on Page 2](#)
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- ⇒ **November 20:** We wrap up our 5-year study of the Canon—in publication date order—with a study of "The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place", led by SOB Margie Deck; and we'll have fun with a special question from SOB Lauran Stevens; [more coming in next month's issue!](#)

REMEMBER!!!



As previously announced, effective with THIS October 2016 issue of **Ineffable Twaddle**, standard distribution of our monthly newsletter will be **by email!** We will use your email address on file.

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Really???

Did you know: Team SOB **Melinda Michaelson, Lauren Messenger and Marcia Marcy**

earned an honourable mention in the John H. Watson Society's 5th annual, world-wide Treasure Hunt?

Kudos to these first-time contestants for their grand efforts...and for even attempting to place in this arduous quiz!

To learn more about the JHWS, head to <http://johnhwatsonssociety.com/treasure-hunt>. Maybe next year YOU can join the Team!

Attend HOUN at Lakewood Playhouse on October 9

Kicking off its 78th season, the Lakewood Community Players will perform the Playhouse Premier of "**The Hound of the Baskervilles**" from September 9 thru October 9 at the Lakewood Playhouse in Lakewood, WA's Town Centre.

The Club will attend the 2:00 p.m. performance as a group on Sunday, October 9.

Prices are \$25 (\$21 for seniors) and tickets are available by calling (253) 588-0042 between 2 and 6 p.m. weekdays.



Plans are to meet for lunch before the play, around 11:30 a.m., at the Panera Bread shop right at Lakewood Town Centre, just steps away from the theatre!

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The Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill is at 400 West Garfield



Library opens at 1:00, closes at 5:00. Come early, and catch up with your fellow SOBs!

Getting there:
From north- or southbound I-5, exit at Mercer Street and head west. Turn right on Queen Anne Avenue and head up the hill. At the 3-way stop sign at the top, turn left onto West Galer Street. At 4th Avenue, turn right. The library is one (1) block north on the northwest corner, at the cross with Garfield Street.



More on "Watson Washington"

SOB VP Kashena says Seattle Central College students have preferred access to the parking garage on the street behind (*across the street, west of*) the Broadway Performance Hall. While Friday is the lightest day for traffic, Con Chair Mimi Noyes says, if that lot isn't available, there's another possibility on Broadway, two blocks north of BPH, next to the Bonney-Watson Funeral Home.

"Watson Washington" is Upon Us!

It's time to shine the spotlight on Dr. John H. Watson! So, this year the *Sherlock Seattle* team brings you "**Watson Washington**"—a convention celebrating all things Watson, from the original ACD Canonical stories to the latest incarnations of the world's most famous doctor!

"**Watson Washington**" will be held **October 21 to 23, 2016 at the Broadway Performance Hall in Seattle, WA.** Their two Guests of Honor are Robert Ryan, author of the "Dr. Watson at War" series of novels, and Larry Albert, the voice of Imagination Theater's Dr. Watson.

Check out current plans and additional guests at: <http://www.sherlock-seattle.org/#!programming/ci94>

Basic Memberships for the weekend are now \$60; VIP memberships, \$80.

As the saying goes, many hands make light work, so *Sherlock Seattle* is looking for Staff and Volunteers to make "Watson Washington" their best convention yet!

To buy memberships or volunteer, go to: <http://www.sherlock-seattle.org>.



SOBs scheduled to be at Watson Washington—whether to work or play—include VP Kashena Konecki, Webmaster Shannon Wallace, Lauren Messenger, Ariana Maher, James & Ginie Romnes, John Longenbaugh, Margie Deck, and PFL David & Terri.

We hope to see YOU there too!!

Smiling SOB Pictures



Far left, Ann Deusenberry at the Grand Canyon!



Near left, PFL David with Marcia & Paul Naher in Kansas City.

Right, Ginie & James Romnes horse around at Butchart Gardens in Victoria, BC

A Few Words from our Veep Kashena Konecki!

As reported at the SOB's August 21 Meeting

I Read of You Everywhere:

- ◆ Elizabeth Crowens's debut novel, "Silent Meridian", was released in May. Crowens has devised an alternate history novel featuring ACD and a time traveling professor, John Patrick Scott. "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is obsessed with a legendary red book. Its peculiar stories have come to life, and rumors claim that it has rewritten its own endings. Convinced that possessing this book will help him write his ever popular Sherlock Holmes stories, he takes on an unlikely partner, John Patrick Scott, known to most as a concert musician and paranormal investigator. Although in his humble opinion, Scott considers himself more of an ethereal archeologist and a time traveler professor. Together they explore lost worlds and excavate realms beyond the knowledge of historians when they go back in time to find it."
- ◆ Otto Penzler has received Bouchercon's David Thompson Special Service Award for "extraordinary efforts to develop and promote the crime fiction field." Otto presides over the Mysterious Bookshop and founded the Mysterious Press in 1975.

I See You Everywhere:

- ◆ Basil Rathbone's "The Hound of the Baskervilles" in 1939 has been released on BluRay for the first time.
- ◆ The Television Academy announced its nominations for this year's Emmy Awards in August, and "Sherlock: The Abominable Bride" won nominations in six categories: one for Benedict Cumberbatch (lead actor in a limited series or movie) and five for the program (television movie; cinematography for a limited series or movie; movie; sound editing for a limited series, movie, or special; sound mixing for a limited series or movie; and visual effects in a supporting role). The Awards, broadcast on September 18, netted only one award but it was for "Outstanding Television Movie"!
- ◆ "Just like Wimbledon, Stella Artois started from humble beginnings," is the slogan for the Belgian company's beer, and they have an amusing commercial in which Sherlock Holmes appears at: www.tinyurl.com/jpv6gu4.
- ◆ It's now official: the next season of the BBC's "Sherlock" will be broadcast in 2017 (according to the brief series 4 teaser at YouTube); www.tinyurl.com/hmq63ub. (You get a brief glimpse of Toby Jones as Culverton Smith).



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I Hear of You Everywhere:

- ◆ Scott Monty and Burt Wolder have posted their 100th "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere" podcast: It's a look back at their favorite moments, and an excellent celebration of their nine years of podcasting with a wide-ranging assortment of guests.

Sherlockiana Miscellanea:

- ◆ Trader Joe's Cookie in a Jar "It's Sedimentary, My Dear Cookie!" was the winning name of a contest to name a layered cookie recipe in a mason jar. This product comes out later this year!

Also of interest: From Facebook exchange between VP Kashena with SOB John Longenbaugh: "Sherlock Holmes: Consulting Detective" is a game I know several SOBs own, and apparently it's evolved since its first edition was published in 1981. Do you own it? Have you played it? <http://geekandsundry.com/introduction-to-sherlock-holmes-consulting-detective/?platform=hootsuite> John Longenbaugh posted: Own it, love it. Only played the first three cases, but enjoyed it. The best thing about the game is that you're competing with Sherlock Holmes, and he always gets to a solution in the minimum number of moves.



The 2nd International Sherlockian Summit is November 5!

SOB Board Member Emeritus Al Nelson has made arrangements for The 2nd International Sherlockian Summit of Societies of British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and the World—a joint meeting of Sherlockian Clubs drawing attendees from throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond—on **Saturday, November 5, 2016, Noon to 4 p.m. at the Skagit River Brewery (404 S. 3rd St, [360] 336-2884), Mt Vernon, WA.** (<http://www.skagitbrew.com>)

This will be a social event, so plan to meet many old friends and some new folks! The cost is only the price of what you eat and drink!

Our Summit location—again The Skagit River Brewery—provides a casual setting and excellent and attentive service!! As we did last year, we will order from the Pub's menu, with separate checks.

Program and entertainment to be determined, but it will be a day to remember! See our write-up of last year's event at: http://www.soundofthebaskervilles.com/2015/International_Sherlockian_Summit.pdf!

We hope to have carpooling from various Seattle-Tacoma locales for those who need rides! Please make yourselves known to Al or PFL David!!

Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ Notes PFL David:

- **Seattle's Antiquarian Book Fair** will be held at Seattle Center's Exhibition Hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, October 8 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, October 9. Tickets are \$5 for both days, purchased at the door.
- The first episode of season 5 of **CBS TV's "Elementary"** will air **October 2** at 10 p.m. on the west coast; check local listings for times in your area.

⇒ **SOB Jim Nagle tells us:** “Sherlocked USA” is heading to Los Angeles, CA, USA, taking place May 26–28, 2017 at the Marriott LAX. Only Steven Moffett and his wife, producer Sue Vertue are confirmed so far. There are supposed to be eight guests from the series “Sherlock” attending, but the others have not been named. You can pay anywhere from \$125 to \$2,995 to attend!! For more info, go to: <http://sherlocked.msgfocus.com/c/11Dly7w5DFv0Vo2S3KenPAu> or www.sherlockedusa.com

⇒ **Says SOB Sonia Fetherston,**
BSI: Want! Thought Ineffable Twaddle readers might, too! “**Basil and Dawson Sketchbook Ornament, The Great Mouse Detective, Personalizable**”, \$16.95 from Disney. To order, <https://m.disneystore.com/ornaments-season-al-home-decor-basil-and-dawson-sketchbook-ornament-the-great-mouse-detective-personalizable/mp/1408461/1000344/>



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⇒ **Thanks to SOB Margie Deck:** In [A Curious Collection of Dates: Through the Year with Sherlock Holmes](#) (\$34.95, Gasogene Books), Leah Guinn and Jamie N. Mahoney have assembled the most staggering array of research, commentary, and obscure facts ever assembled in one Holmesian volume. Curious about what curious incident occurred on your birthday? It's here. Ever wonder what Canonical event your scion society can celebrate at its next meeting? The answer's inside. Have a guess about the most significant event to happen today in Holmesian history? Look it up!

⇒ **Seen in Entertainment Weekly's Summer Double Issue 2016:** A recommendation for Kate Summerscale's new true crime book, [The Wicked Boy: The Mystery of a Victorian Child Murderer](#). “It's as engrossing as a novel, but this is the real-life story of a 13-year-old boy who stabbed his mother to death in 1895 London.”

⇒ **SOB Bill Seil tells us:**

- You can hear a “**64-Hour Playlist of Sherlock Holmes Stories, With Performances by Sir John Gielgud, Sir Ralph Richardson & Many More**” at the following link: <http://www.openculture.com/2016/06/hear-a-64-hour-playlist-of-sherlock-holmes-stories.html>
- Here is something from the Wall Street Journal (WSJ.com) that might interest you: **Journalist Ralph Gardner Jr. goes to a meeting of The Priory Scholars of NYC** and gets an earful. Read the article at: <http://on.wsj.com/2awQ7po>
- BBC One revealed the **episode titles for the first two episodes of Sherlock Season 4**, giving major hints at what Sherlock and Watson will get up to. Here's an excerpt: “*The first episode is called ‘The Six Thatchers,’ which is a reference to... ‘The Six Napoleons’...The second episode is called ‘The Lying Detective,’ which is a play on...*

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...*The Dying Detective*'...The first two episode titles match the clues of 'Thather' and 'Smith' that showrunner Steven Moffat previously teased, so the third episode...". For the full article, see: <http://www.tvguide.com/news/sherlock-season-4-episode-titles-spoilers/>. New info to us: "Sherlock returns to PBS in January 2017"!

⇒ **Thanks, Dwight Holmes:**

So you have always wanted to see Ronald Howard's Sherlock Holmes for yourself; or hear John Stanley's and Alfred Shirley's radio version.

Now you can. Here is an interesting website that a friend showed me:



www.archive.org. I went to the Classic TV section and have been watching old Holmes episodes, and there's so much more.

⇒ **Thanks to Peter Blau's "Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press":**

- The third in their series, [Echoes of Sherlock Holmes](#), edited by Laurie King and Les Klinger (\$24.95), is a fine companion to their others, [A Study in Sherlock](#) and [In the Company of Sherlock Holmes](#). [Echoes](#) is due out on October 16.

• **The MX Book of New Sherlock Holmes Stories: Part IV—**

2016 Annual (\$24.95) is the latest in the series edited by David Marcum and it's an excellent companion to the first three volumes with almost two dozen traditional pastiches, a poetic toast and a radio script. The authors, some old hands at the game and some new to it, maintain the high quality of the series and it's nice news indeed that there are more volumes to come.

• In 2008 Columbia Pictures announced they would make a **Sherlock Holmes movie with Sacha Baron Cohen as Holmes and Will Ferrell as Watson**. Nothing came of it. But now there is a chance that a movie by the name of "**Holmes and Watson**" will be made with **Will Ferrell as Holmes and John C. Reilly as Watson**. Production is planned after Thanksgiving.

• Big Chief Studios, which produced a set of licensed 1:6-scale figures showing **Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman** last year is going to issue a new set that shows them in costume from "**The Abominable Bride**"; they're due for release next March, but you can pre-order them now (£189.99 each; www.tinyurl.com/gpthl25).

• The Hillywood Show website's "**Sherlock Parody**" went viral this month, and you can view it at: www.thehillywoodshow.com, along with 63 minutes of behind-the-scenes footage and 30 minutes of Sherlock's video diary. Hilly Hindi and Hannah Hindi star as Holmes and Watson, and the parody also has cameos appearances by Steven and Louis Moffat. You can read the lyrics to

From SOB Carl T. Wirth:

Kudos to Charlie Cook!!



Got my copy of the September issue of *Ineffable Twaddle* and thought I'd pass on a comment relating to Charlie Cook's review of "Murder at Lodore Falls" (Page 1) ...AMEN! I have always found it fun to find a new pastiche, in some cases old, when I began collecting them after reading "The Seven Percent Solution" back in the '70s.

Now with the advent of Amazon and computer-generated printing, there are more and more of them and some are so really bad that one doesn't know if it's even worth buying them. I read one set in the 1880s with our duo calling each other "John" and "Sherlock", and I stopped right there. Another was a case set in this same time period and Holmes & Watson were working for the King of England; once I saw that, I tossed it against the wall.

It used to be that pastiche writers did their homework, and you had the feeling 90 percent of the time that Watson really wrote it and it really was lost in the battered dispatch box!

Now, not so much!

So thanks, Charlie, for the tip on "Murder at Lodore Falls".

Sorry you had to deal with it but you did a service telling the rest of us to stay away from it.

the parody at: www.tinyurl.com/hx8batx. (You can also read more about it at Sherlockology.com.)

- Steve Mason, President of the Dallas, TX scion society, has announced an interactive map, developed by his son Rusty, showing **all of the world's active geographical Sherlockian societies, with links to the websites of societies that have them**; it's readily available at The Crew of the Barque Lone Star's own website at: www.tinyurl.com/hvt37sx.
- Peggy Perdue, as curator, has the Toronto Public Library hard at work **digitizing photographs from the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection and making them available online**; you can see some of them now, and there are many more to come. Just go to: www.torontopubliclibrary.ca, search for "arthur conan doyle" and click on "images" in the left-hand column.
- Those who attended "The Misadventures of Sherlock Holmes" (the conference at the University of Minnesota in June) had a chance to see the delightful exhibition of treasures from the Sherlock Holmes Collections at the Elmer L. Anderson Library. Those who didn't attend the conference can **watch a four-minute video tour narrated by Darren Terpstra (who designed the exhibition) and Tim Johnson (curator of the collections)** at: www.tinyurl.com/hux8215
- **Sherlockian Denny Dobry, BSI** suggests collectors note listings by a new seller at eBay: wiggins221b. That's Denny, who will be offering material donated to the Baker Street Irregulars Trust, in order to help with funding the work of the Trust.



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\$20 per year brings Members the monthly newsletter “Ineffable Twaddle”, a copy of Beaten’s Christmas Annual, and the incalculable benefits of association with a group of certifiable Holmes aficionados.

Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month. Location of the meetings may vary.

Regularly scheduled additional events throughout the year include: “The Masters’ Dinner” celebrating the meeting of Holmes and Watson (March), “The Annual Wreath Throw” commemorating Holmes’ loss at Reichenbach Falls (May), “The Dr. John H. Watson Picnic” (July), and “The Will Crakes Memorial Jollification” (December). Other activities—book crawls, teas, plays and gaming events—are as announced.

To join or to renew your membership, send your check for dues—\$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only)—to the address shown at left.

Member News & Notes

SOBs attending our September 11, 2016 Meeting, presided over by PFL David Haugen were:

Shannon Wallace	Marcia Marcy
Lauren Messenger	Al Nelson
Kashena Konecki	Pat McIntosh
Margaret Nelson	Sheila Holtgrieve
Chris “Bear” Berwald	
Melinda Michaelson	

● **PFL David** started the meeting with a moment of silence for those we lost on 9/11/2001 and for those who still mourn them. We then raised a glass in honour of our PFL on this, the occasion of his 33rd anniversary as our leader! ☺ We had a report from Melinda, Lauren and Sheila on how things wrapped up on the John H. Watson Society’s annual, world-wide Treasure Hunt. Kudos go to SOBs Melinda, Lauren and Marcia—The SOB’s Team—for earning honourable mention in this arduous contest! ☺ **SOB Vivika Sundqvist**, our scheduled speaker, was unable to attend, so the rest of us spent our session discussing our upcoming events, eating, winning raffle items, eating, and discussing how we will begin our new 5-year cycle of studying the Canon in early 2017!

A Mystery Awaits!

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Footprints, splatter patterns and the powers of observation mark the journey through

“The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes”, coming to Seattle’s Pacific Science Center, October 15 through January 8.

The interactive experience combines science with history and culture to bring to life the historic underpinnings of author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s rich and vibrant stories.

Guests will learn how Sherlock Holmes, used seemingly trivial observations of clues others missed to solve some of his era’s most mysterious crimes. His practices and techniques, created in the mind of doctor-turned-author Conan Doyle, changed the way police work was conducted and remain in practice today.

The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes features original manuscripts and period artifacts, investigative tools influenced and used by Sherlock Holmes, and interactive crime-solving opportunities.

Guests will be transported into Sherlock Holmes’ London to solve a crime in a world filled with innovation and experimentation.

Tickets are now available. Prices are \$9 for the general public; \$7 for members

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<https://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/the-sherlock-holmes-exhibition/>