



NFC 2024 - Ragnarök
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DECADE & DECADENCY BY ZANDER NOXQUILL

2024 is a very special year for NordicFuzzCon. This year we celebrate our 10th on-location convention! Who would have guessed that a few friends gathering together in 2013 would evolve into one of the largest and most well-loved conventions in Europe?

Like how the mighty Yggdrasil grew from a tiny acorn, so did NordicFuzzCon grow from its humble beginnings. From 172 people in 2013, NFC simply took root and grew with each subsequent year (and rather like a hermit crab, we actually outgrew several hotels!) And so, in honour of our very special 10th year, we have pulled out all the stops in order to make sure that our first decade party is well and truly spectacular!

Speaking of parties, for the first time ever, we have not one party boat, but TWO! In addition to our much-loved **Blå Båten**, we have added **Tintin** to our fleet. Take to the water and dance the night away in the spacious hall of **Blå Båten**, or if you prefer a quieter atmosphere, the cosy lounge and bar of **Tintin** will be sure to provide a favourite tipples with nary a ripple.

VALHALLA

But perhaps you need to step further away from the hotel, stretch your legs, and take in sights. Well now you can, without ever having to leave the convention! For 2024 we are delighted to unveil our new **Valhalla** pavilion! This all-new addition to our

pantheon of buildings provides our ever-growing fluffy family with a place to relax or blow off steam away from the hustle and bustle of the Clarion hotel. Laze away the hours in this sacred hall of heroes and soak up the fun – and nicest of all, if your best feet don't feel like going forwards of their own volition, take advantage of our handy-dandy shuttle to whisk you off in a whirl of wheels. You'll be quaffing beverages at either of Valhalla's comfy bars in no time!

However you choose to spend your time though, all the STEW and SOUP at NordicFuzzCon, and all of us at *What the Fuzz?!*, wish you a wonderful time, as it's really all of you fabulous furries who make a gathering a convention. *Festa pÅw!*

THE 2024 DOOR SIGN AWARD! BY LEOPHAN

It's time again for the old NFC tradition of finding the best door sign. Take a picture of your door sign, and post it to Twitter with the hashtags #NFC2024 and #NFCDoorSignAward. Remember to include your room number, so we can send someone over to take a photo for publication should you be our winner.

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WE DO IT FUR SCIENCE! (NOT CAKE!) BY ZANDER NOXQUILL

Have you ever asked yourself the question: “What makes furries tick? What is it about these lovable, huggable, oh-so-snuggable bundles of fluff that makes them so fur-iendly and energetic? Is it coffee? Is it memes? Is it cake?”

We at What the Fuzz can't tell you!

But we are pleased to tell you that there is a dedicated team of real scientists (some of whom are furries themselves) who have decided that these sorts of questions must be asked and have undertaken the task of poking their snoots into furry psychology. All puns aside, this is some serious science stuff (although we shouldn't stop having fun along the way!).

In their own words:

“We're an interdisciplinary team of real scientists, studying furries to better understand the fandom and broaden

the scientific literature on furries. We also inform the general public and mainstream media's understanding of furries, while challenging misinformation about them.

... We attend furry conventions, conduct surveys and interviews, study and analyse the collected data, and compare our results to other non-furry fandoms, other social groups, and ... present these scientific findings back to the fandom in our science talks at cons like Eurofurence and Anthrocon, at scientific conferences like ISRI (International Society for Research on Identity) in the Netherlands, and online on our various platforms.”

If you're interested in participating and furthering the knowledge of furrykind, please check the schedule for: Furscience: **Furry Fandom Identity Resolution Model**. The first panel is on **Wednesday 22 at 14:45 in Clarion: Live 6 and 7** (changes to the schedule may occur.)

Art by Neotheta



LOUNGE OF THE SHIELD-MAIDENS AT VALHALLA BY JAKY

The shield-maidens (skjaldmær) were female warriors in Norse mythology. On Wednesday, NordicFuzzCon's own brave shield-maidens will have their own meet-up at the Lady Lounge: Femme Fur Meet & Greet.

We talked to the organiser, Kalla, about the background to the event. She told us that: *“The idea was born last year when I was about to attend NFC, my first proper furcon. With less than 20% of attendees being women or other, I realised that it would require a bit of effort to connect with other femmes. To my surprise, there was no space or event for femmes, so I decided to make one. I made a bunch of new friends that I have remained in touch with.”*

She also described the format of the meet as: *“The content of the event is pretty simple: we meet up at the set room in Valhalla, do some introductory rounds as a group, then have some (mostly) unstructured socialising with a few prompt questions to jog some conversation. Last year we went out to the food court in the second hour to grab some lunch together, which is still a plan this year.”*



Kalla on Twitter/X: [@darlingsnarling](#)
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One important point that she brings up is that: *“Allowing and encouraging safe spaces for marginalized groups, such as femme furs in the furry fandom, is a first step towards building better conventions for all.”*

Kalla also adds that *“All femme identifying, presenting and/or connected folks are welcome, from cis-women to nonbinary to trans-feminine folks!”*

Additionally, Kalla would like to invite any interested femmes to the Lady Lounge group on Telegram:

[@LadyLounge](#)

The Lady Lounge will take place on Wednesday at 13:30 in Separaten in Valhalla (changes to the schedule may occur.)

ANIMALS OF MYTH



RATATOSKR

The squirrel that gossips around Yggdrasil from the branches above to the roots below.
(By [Rexam](#))



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