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DOOR SIGN AWARD BY LEOPHAN

It's the end of the con again, and that means it's time for the door sign award!

Our Twitter has been blowing up with your submissions, and choosing a winner was as hard as usual, but in the end Runi Nox and Jessy won with their door sign by Tayakoi. It incorporates every aspect of the theme in a beautiful way.

As a runner-ups we have Werikane and Greykas who set out to fight Jörmungandr itself with art by Una Panthera. And Daflon and Hypi braving the seas with artwork by Oggy The Fox.

Soon we will know the theme for next year, and we are sure imagination will run wild with new ideas.



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BA-BA-BA-BA-BA-BA-BAAT CAVE! BY JACY



Photos by Jacy

Did you know that there are more than 1400 species of bats in the world? And that 17 of them live in Sweden? This reporter didn't!! But at the Bat Cave meet, Joleii told lots about bats and the fascinating work with researching bats that he does. Lots of photos of cute bats were shown, from the large greater mouse-eared bat (*Myotis myotis*) to the small soprano pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pygmaeus*).

We also, through the magic of time expansion sound processing, got to hear the high frequency sounds of bats, normally outside the range of our hearing. Not only do bats use sound for echolocation, they also have song-like sounds for talking to other bats. Who knows, maybe the bat fursuiters at the panel were having their own inaudible conversations without us non-bats hearing so much as a peep.

Joleii also told us about his fascinating work of surveying areas for bats. By catching them with nets and then placing radio transmitters (falls off after 2 weeks) on their backs it is possible to map the extent of their local habitat and avoid harming it when building new structures in the area.

Identifying the specific local species of bats can be done by analyzing the sound of their social and navigational calls. Identifying species just by sound is not always possible and then it is necessary to get up close to the bats. Size, claws, face, teeth and ears are all things that Joleii use to identify the bat species.

The audience also got a giggle out of learning that real bat-nipples actually are located below the armpits of the bat-ladies.

Thank you Joleii for teaching us so much about bats!

ANIMALS OF MYTH



NIDHÖGGR

The disgraced dragon that lives in Náströnd, maliciously chewing the roots of Yggdrasil and the bodies of the dishonoured. (By Rexam)

FUZZY MINDS AND FURRY LINGO

BY ZANDER NOXQUILL

What goes on inside the furry mind? What is concocted in the fizz and crackle of the fuzzy synapses?

No, this isn't Furscience, although it does ask similar questions! This is Furry Lingo, the gameshow that delves into the fluffy minds of its contestants and rummages around. Based on the popular web-based game Wordle, contestants gathered into 2 teams of 2.

Each round consisted of our fluffy friends guessing a word on a grid, starting 5x5 (and incrementally increasing by 1 each round). Some answers were conventional, such as 'Koala' and 'Tiger', others were perhaps less so, such as 'Yeeted' and 'Furvert' (which inspired the team name in Game 3). Such sassy silliness is of course the kind of stuff that furry psychology thrives on (well, that and caffeine and memes).

The game was a calmly delightful interlude in an otherwise hectic convention.

In each consecutive game, the teams were:

Game 1

Team Orange
Team Dragon

Game 2

Team Purple Carrots
Team Lynxes

Game 3

Team Furverts
Team Watermelon



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