

Wolfe, Winchester Mystery House, Worldcon 2002

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 18 Jul 2002, 17:26

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Anyway, I decided to let the cat out of the bag and ask Gene Wolfe if he'd ever been, if he would like to go while at Worldcon, and if he would, would he rather go on the organized tour or on a separate one.

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Josh Geller — 18 Jul 2002, 17:51 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

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On the other hand, if you have a very large group, it might be advisable to make advance arrangements.

I'm taking (another) group there next week: there are only perhaps ten of us, and we will just be showing up at the gate.

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Great news that Wolfe will be at Worldcon.

I've been to Winchester House perhaps a dozen times. I'd have to say that it is one of my favorite places in the World.

Sarah Winchester was a very interesting, very learned woman.

He has been there before (D'oh!) and he recommends it. He is interested in going while at Worldcon, but as his wife would not likely be able to go (wheelchair access issues), he would probably have to go without her and cannot commit as yet.

The garden is completely accessible, and of major interest (also free). It may surprise some people to learn (although it did not surprise me) that Mrs. Winchester has several varieties of datura growing there, as well as a number of other plants with interesting reputations.

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I say we make an Urth list tour, whether or not GW himself can participate.

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