



A celebration of H.P. Lovecraft

NecronomiCon Providence gets under way on Wednesday, Aug. 21, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 24. Billed as a many-faceted convention exploring the life and works of pioneering horror writer H.P. Lovecraft, the "Old Gentleman of Providence," NecronomiCon organizers hope this event will bring a greater awareness of the life and legacy of this talented storyteller, born in 1890, who died in Providence 46 years later, having spent almost his entire life on Providence's East Side.

Just some of many events include:

■ An evening salon discussion with Lovecraft scholar Henry Beckwith on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Providence Art Club. Beckwith will share his insights gained from his half-century of casual study of H.P. Lovecraft. The event is free and open to the public.

■ At 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22, Mayor Angel Taveras will introduce the keynote address for NecronomiCon Providence by leading Lovecraft scholar S.T. Joshi at the First Baptist Church. The event will be followed by the opening reception of *Ars Necronomica* at 7 p.m. at both the Providence Arts Club and The Cohen Gallery. The art exhibition in two venues showcases the influences Lovecraft's work has had on artists around the world. All events are free and open to the public.

■ The launch of "The Call of Lovecraft," on Saturday, Aug. 24, a new, free Lovecraft walking tour of Providence accessible through your mobile device. Created by a team of students at Brown University, "The Call of Lovecraft" uses augmented reality to bring unique special features to life. Paul Margrave, one of its creators, claims, "This is not your average walking tour!" It is free for download at www.calloflovecraft.com and will be useable through the end of the year.

■ WaterFire Providence presents a Red Fork Embassy showcase of SteamPunk art in the Old Stone

Bank on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 2 p.m. to midnight, and Sunday, Aug. 25, from noon to 8 p.m. Performance artists, circus acts and musicians from across the U.S. will perform. Free and open to the public.

■ WaterFire Providence is republishing, "H.P. Lovecraft: New England Decadent" by Professor Emeritus Barton Levi St. Armand. First published in 1979, the book, which examines the history of Lovecraft scholarship and his roots in the decadent movement of 19th Century Europe, has been corrected and re-released for NecronomiCon Providence 2013. Copies will be available digitally and in hard copy on Amazon beginning on Aug. 24, as well as for sale at WaterFire Providence and NecronomiCon events.

According to Barnaby Evans, executive artistic director of WaterFire Providence, which is working closely with NecronomiCon, "We are proud to celebrate one of our most famous authors alongside his legions of fans from around the world."

Check out the NecronomiCon Providence website for the full convention schedule: www.necronomi-con-providence.com.



One of the few signs of iconic writer H.P. Lovecraft in his beloved hometown. The organizers of NecronomiCon hope to change that.

