

Skaerbaek Fan Weekend 2015

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In almost every edition we bring to you an article related to a recent event, this addition will be no different as we take a look at the Skaerbaek Fan Weekend. The very first Skaerbaek Fan Weekend event took place not too long ago, on the 26th and 27th of September. Yes, this was indeed the first SFW. Last year, 15 days before the event, LEGO® decided not to continue organizing the event. At that moment, some AFOLS took the initiative and announced they'd continue on with the successful event. The good news is, they saved Fan Weekend.

When the new organizers announced the return of SFW at the end of last year, cottages, rooms, and Saturday dinners were quickly booked in anticipation, although the registration process didn't start until 4 months later. 380 AFOLS from 34 different LUGS and 23 different countries attended SFW this year. Nothing much about the event has changed: Same amount of exhibition space, workshops conducted by both AFOLS and LEGO employees, a LUG lounge, a LEGO shop, as well as Bricklink stores.



This event, while it provides a chance to see some amazing MOCs, is geared more to AFOL socializing. Again, take nothing away from the MOCs brought (as they are great models from all around the world), but from what we gathered, they weren't the focal point. Skaerbaek Fan Weekend is unique in that you can talk in person with people from all around the globe. Some of the various countries in attendance included people



from: Brazil, Hong Kong, Japan, and England just to name a few. The event featured a plethora of activities. There were two fan conducted workshops: one talking about Piece of Peace (conducted by Masao Hidaka), and another about GBC (conducted by Maico arts). There were also two workshops organized by LEGO® employees. Jamie Berard and Jan Beyer answered any questions from those in attendance for an hour, it was quite a fun time. The other was about LEGO Ideas, where discussion on various topics related to the program took place. On Saturday around 15:00 there was a LAN Ambassador Meeting, perhaps the largest to date. There were about 20 LAN Ambassadors present as well as the LCE team. For 2 hours discussion was had on the present and future of the Ambassador program.

Another exciting activity was the auction. This time some of the fans in attendance donated sets, keychains, parts, and even MOCs to be auctioned off, all of the proceedings will go to the events organization. Special merit should be given to both Tobias Reichling and Bruno Kurz who donated all the architecture scale models from the Euromap they did some years ago, the one which was also on display this year. There were about 60 models representing buildings and other landmarks from all across Europe that were donated. Like every year, the auction was a great time!

At the LUG lounge there was a building contest, the participants had to use pieces from Architecture sets to build something representative of their county. There were about 15 entries, all very high quality models. At the LUG lounge there were also magazines, Master Builder Academy booklets, coffee, and Minifig/polybag trading, all the essentials for a LEGO fan based event. On Monday, we were able to visit the P-Shop and after that there was a presentation and visit to the LEGO® House.



On the 24th and 25th of September, 2016, the event will return for its second installment. There will be, of course, MOCs on display, activities of all kind, and many, many AFOLS from around the globe. Hope to see you all there!

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