

Atlantis Fantasyworld celebrates 35 years

Santa Cruz shop to hand out free comic books, host artists, guests

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Atlantis Fantasyworld will celebrate its 35th anniversary Saturday by hosting a celebration on Worldwide Free Comic Book Day.

"It's our 35th anniversary and we are celebrating in a big way!" Atlantis Fantasyworld owner Joe Ferrara said. "Not only are we hosting Snoopy, an international icon for over 60 years, but also the creators of the new Peanuts DVD and graphic novel, 'Happiness is a Warm Blanket, Charlie Brown.'"

Director Andy Beall, who

also worked on "Up" and "WALL-E," will sign copies of the DVD from 1-4 p.m. The animated show is the first new Peanuts special in five years.

Snoopy will be at the store from noon to 4 p.m. to promote "Happiness is a Warm Blanket, Charlie Brown," the first Peanuts graphic novel. Bob and Vicki Scott, the husband-and-wife team who created the novel, will be present from 1-4 p.m. Anyone who purchases a copy of "Happiness is a Warm Blanket, Charlie Brown," will receive a free copy of "Unseen

Peanuts," a 16-page comic book with more than 150 strips from the 1950s and '60s.

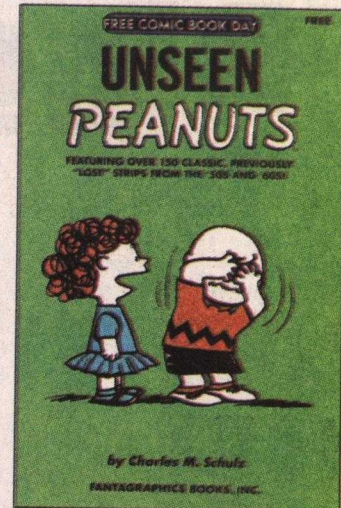
"The wide array of comic books published today ensures that readers of all ages — children, teens, and adults — can find something appropriate that will stir their imaginations," Ferrara said.

Three artists from the Edizioni Piemme Studio in Milan, Italy will also be present to sign copies of their hit series of graphic novels, Geronimo Stilton.

"Atlantis Fantasyworld is

thrilled to celebrate the 10th annual Free Comic Book Day in conjunction with our 35th Anniversary," Ferrara said. "Over the years, Free Comic Book Day has not only been a fantastic way for us to thank the community for its continued support but also helped us show new visitors the wonderful world of comics."

Free Comic Book Day will be celebrated from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Atlantis Fantasyworld, 1020 Cedar St. in Santa Cruz. Contact Ferrara at 426-0158 for information.



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"Happiness is a Warm Blanket, Charlie Brown" will be available Saturday at Atlantis Fantasyworld in DVD and graphic novel form. "Unseen Peanuts" will be handed out to those who purchase a copy of "Happiness."