

Progress
Report

LUNACON '80

March 14—16, 1980

Writer Guest of Honor:

Larry Niven

Artist Guest of Honor:

Vincent DiFate

Science Speaker:

Dr. Rosalyn S. Yalow



Sponsored by The New York Science Fiction Society — The Lunarians, Inc.

LUNACON '80 is our twenty-third annual convention, making us one of the longest-running series of regional science fiction conventions in the world. Join with us as we continue to bring you the popular features of the past few years and add new ones that will become just as popular in the near future.

WRITER GUEST OF HONOR

Larry Niven has become an author of some renown since his first science fiction sale was made to *Worlds of If* in 1964. Considered a writer of "hard" science fiction, he has developed a considerable following, culminating in his winning of several Hugo awards, including one for his classic novel *Ringworld*, which also won the Nebula Award.

In addition to his own short stories and novels, he has a thriving collaboration with Jerry Pournelle which has so far produced novels such as *The Mote in God's Eye*, *Inferno* and *Lucifer's Hammer*. They are currently working on new stories. *The Flying Sorcerers* was another collaborative effort, this time with David Gerrold. In 1979, we saw his first collaboration with Steve Barnes, a story in *Analog* called "The Locusts". They are also currently working on new projects.

Niven was born in 1938 in Los Angeles. Currently both he and his wife, Marilyn ("Fuzzy Pink") live in Tarzana, California in a house which is decorated with many pieces of SF art.

His two newest novels, *Ringworld Engineers* and *The Patchwork Girl*, are scheduled to be released early in 1980. (A bibliography of Larry Niven's novels, collections of short stories and collaborations will appear in our program book.)

ARTIST GUEST OF HONOR

Vincent DiFate loves science fiction, as evidenced by his very successful career as an illustrator. His works grace the covers of some of the best known science fiction books around (starting with *Broke Down Engine* in 1971), as well as being a frequent cover artist for the magazines *Analog*, *Issac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, *Cinefantastique* and *Starship*. Just this past year at Seacon, the 37th World Science Fiction Convention held in Brighton, England, DiFate won the Hugo Award as the Best Professional Artist, an achievement many people felt was overdue.

In addition to his various covers and interior illustrations, DiFate writes a regular column on science fiction art called "Sketches" for Andrew Porter's fine magazine *Starship*.

SCIENCE SPEAKER

Dr. Rosalyn S. Yalow graces our convention as our Science Speaker after having been our Special Guest in 1978. She has been awarded innumerable awards, prizes and degrees, the most famous being the 1977 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. Much in demand throughout the world as a lecturer, LUNACON '80 is extremely pleased that she is able to find time in her busy schedule to appear at our convention.

PROGRAMMING

Although still in its planning stages, The LUNACON '80 program promises to offer something for all attendees. In addition to the usual Guest of Honor speeches, we are working on a discussion on the future of nuclear energy to commemorate the first anniversary of the accident at Three Mile Island.

Lucasfilms, Ltd.'s Craig Miller will be on hand to run a special slide show presentation on the continuation of the *Star Wars* saga, *The Empire Strikes Back*.

Friday night we will have our Meet the Professionals/Autograph Party, where besides being able to sit, drink and talk with one of your favorites, you will also be able to get autographs if you so desire. Friday will also feature "Insufficient Data", presented by Moshe Feder. Moshe tells us that it is a SF trivia contest in the guise of a game show. If you read a lot of science fiction, are good at remembering titles and enjoy friendly competition, then you should play "Insufficient Data." If you are interested, write to Moshe at 142-34 Booth Memorial Drive; Flushing NY 11355, or call (not collect) 212-445-7171 (9AM-5PM) or 212-445-4614 evenings, for further details.

On Saturday night we will feature a live performance of a never before seen SF satire, "2076", that you won't want to miss. It will be followed by an art auction.

The following professionals are also scheduled to participate in our program:

Jack L. Chalker
Hal Clement
Theodore Cogswell
L. Sprague de Camp (tentative)
Catherine de Camp (tentative)
Diane Duane
James Frenkel
Charles L. Grant
David Hartwell
Sharon Jarvis
Donald Kingsbury
Barry B. Longyear
Janet Morris
Milton Rothman
Robert Sheckley
Joan D. Vinge
Ted White
F. Paul Wilson

Other guests and programming items are being added even as we write this progress report.

FILMS

This year our film program will be better than ever. Already scheduled are *The Phantom Tollbooth* and a Harryhausen fantasy. In addition, there will be various other features and shorts covering science fiction, fantasy, talkies and even silents! The films will run from the end of regular programming on Friday and Saturday nights until approximately 3:30-4:00AM the next day.

REGISTRATION

Rates for membership are:

\$10.00 through February 29, 1980
\$13.00 at the door.

To register for LUNACON '80, please fill out the registration card located between pages 2 and 3 and mail it with your payment to:

LUNACON '80
P.O. BOX 204
Brooklyn, NY 11230

Please make all checks payable to "LUNACON".

Remember, LUNACON '80 will not be mailing membership cards in advance. All membership cards must be picked up at the door.

WARGAMING ROOM

If you follow any form of media, you are aware that the interest in wargaming is increasing tremendously each year, as witnessed by the fact that a local news show interviewed a major wargames supplier concerning our government's handling of the crisis in Iran.

As one of the first conventions to allocate space for wargames, we are going to continue to provide a room for your use in playing wargames of all kinds. In addition, there will be various related panels and discussions throughout the weekend.

In order to accomplish this, we need your help. If you are a professional willing to give a speech; a game manufacturer interested in exhibiting your product; or a player, Dungeon Master or Games Master interested in playing or running a particular game, contact:

William R. Morrison
225 Vandalia Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11229

BOOK AND WARGAME EXHIBIT

A feature of LUNACON that has been growing in popularity each year is our Book and Wargame Exhibit which contains copies of current books from many publishers and a varied sample of wargames from many of the top manufacturers. We are trying to get even greater participation from the companies in each field than we have had in the past. As usual, the books and wargames in the exhibit will be raffled off to LUNACON attendees.

DEALERS' ROOM

This year, the space available for the Dealers' Room is somewhat limited. Tables are \$27.50 each and include one membership. Additional dealer memberships are available at the going convention rate at the time of purchase. Dealer memberships are necessary to get into the room at the times that the room is only open to dealers.

Tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and there is a maximum of two tables to a person or group. Reservations will *not* be accepted unless accompanied by your check, made payable to "LUNACON". Please be certain to include a mailing address and a telephone number where we may reach you. In addition, please state any special requirements that you may have.

Send all requests for tables or additional information to:

Elyse S. Rosenstein
P.O. Box 116
Parkville Station
Brooklyn, NY 11204
Attn: Lunacon Dealers' Room

Please note that tables are going fast!

STAFF

LUNACON '80 can use your help! If you would like to be a member of the LUNACON '80 staff and get some first-hand experience in the background workings of a science fiction convention, or if you already have some experience from working on other conventions and would like to put that knowledge to good use, contact:

Genevieve Dazzo
88 Van Sicklen Street
Brooklyn, NY 11223

PROGRAM BOOK

The LUNACON '80 Program Book will be of the same fine quality as we have had in the past. It will feature articles on all of our honored guests, several other short articles and a cover by Artist Guest of Honor, Vincent DiFate.

Advertising space is still available at \$50.00 a page. For a complete rate schedule and mechanical specifications, write to:

Stuart C. Hellinger
P.O. Box 561
New York, NY 10022
Attn: Lunacon Advertising

Please note that the deadline for all advertising space reservations is February 1, 1980.

THE HOTEL

LUNACON '80 will be held at The Sheraton Heights, located on Terrace Avenue, just off Route 17 and Interstate 80, in Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. The Sheraton Heights is 15 minutes from the George Washington Bridge and is approximately 20 minutes from midtown Manhattan. It is easily accessible by car and is a short walk from the Hasbrouck Heights/Williams Avenue stop of the bus lines available from New York City. There will be shuttle service between the bus stop and the hotel.

The facilities include 400 newly decorated rooms, a health club, heated swimming pool, an on-premises bank (open Saturdays) and expanded free parking. With ample convention space, The Sheraton Heights will provide everything for another comfortable and successful convention.

Room Rates:

Single	\$39.00/night
Double/Twin	\$43.00/night
Triple (Two Double Beds):	\$47.00/night
Quad (Two Double Beds):	\$51.00/night

The above rates do not include local tax. Guest rooms should be paid for at check-in time for the entire stay (standard hotel procedure). Cash, American Express, Diners Club, Carte Blanche, Visa or Master Charge are accepted. Please note: THE FIRST GUEST REGISTERING FOR A ROOM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE PAYMENT. Please make appropriate plans with those individuals with whom you will be sharing expenses.

Please use the hotel reservation card to reserve your room. If you prefer to phone in your reservation, we recommend that you call the hotel directly at 201-288-6100 and that you do *not* use the Sheraton toll-free number. This will insure that the hotel receives your reservation and that you will be charged the proper convention rate. Remember to mention LUNACON if you do call in your reservation. Rooms are reserved only until 6:00PM of the evening of the reservation unless payment for that night is guaranteed.

The Sheraton Heights has a standard check-in time of 3:00PM, but your room might be available earlier. If it is not, please be patient. Check-out time is 1:00PM with extended check-out at the discretion of the hotel. We advise you to contact the front desk if an extension will be needed.

ART SHOW

According to the preliminary results of the Noreascon Two questionnaire, the art show is one of the most wanted features of a Worldcon. We feel this also holds true for all regionals. The LUNACON Art Show has been known for its high quality for many years and this year will be no exception.

If you would like to participate in our art show and we have not been in touch with you, please note the following important information:

1. For those that have not already contacted the art show director, do so immediately. The address is below.
2. There is a maximum of 10 pieces per artist. There will be no sketch table. Sculptures are welcome.
3. There is a fee of 50c for each hung or displayed item.
4. The art show will take a 15% commission on all sales.
5. Any exceptions to any of the above must be cleared with the art show director prior to the convention.

Forms and detailed information will be sent on request. To receive them, send a large (#10 business size) stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Cecilia Cosentini
34-22 214th Place
Bayside, NY 11361

Mailed art must reach Cecilia by March 6, 1980. *Do not send art without forms, or forms without art. Remember that all fees, including return postage, must be included with mailed art.* Space is on a first-come, first served basis, so contact us fast.

HOW TO GET THERE

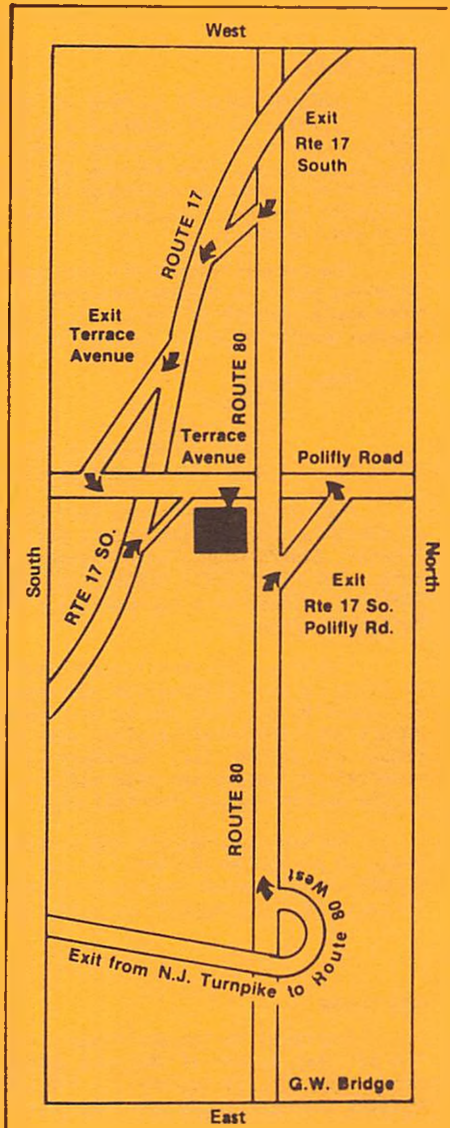
BY CAR:

From Manhattan: Take the George Washington Bridge and follow the signs to I-80 west. Use only the local lanes of I-80. Continue west on I-80 to Route 17 south/Polifly Road (Exit 648). Turn left onto Terrace Avenue and the hotel will be on your left.

From The Bronx and Points North: Take I-87 south (New York Thruway/Deegan Expressway) to I-95 west (Cross Bronx Expressway) to the George Washington Bridge. Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From Staten Island: Take I-278 west (Staten Island Expressway) over the Goethals Bridge to the New Jersey Turnpike north (I-95), to I-80 west (use only the local lanes). Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From Brooklyn and Queens: Take I-278 east (Brooklyn-Queens Expressway), crossing the Triborough Bridge, to I-87 north (Deegan Expressway), to I-95 west (Cross Bronx Expressway), to the George Washington Bridge. Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".



From Northern Long Island: Take the Northern State Parkway west (which becomes the Grand Central Parkway at the city line), crossing the Triborough Bridge, to I-87 north (Degan Expressway), to the George Washington Bridge. Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From Southern Long Island: Take the Belt Parkway to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, to I-278 west (Staten Island Expressway), over the Goethals Bridge to the New Jersey Turnpike north (I-95), to I-80 west (use only the local lanes). Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From the Northeast: Take I-95 (Connecticut Turnpike/New England Thruway/Cross Bronx Expressway) to the George Washington Bridge. Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From the South: Take the New Jersey Turnpike to I-80 west (use only the local lanes). Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From Northern New Jersey: Take the Garden State Parkway south to I-80 east (use only the local lanes), to Route 17 south, to Terrace Avenue. Turn left onto Terrace Avenue and the hotel will be a short distance on your right.

From Southern New Jersey: Take Route 17 north to I-80/Polifly Road. The hotel will be on your right.

From the West: Take I-80 east (use only the local lanes) to Route 17 south, to Terrace Avenue. Turn left onto Terrace Avenue and the hotel will be on your right.

BY MASS TRANSIT FROM NEW YORK CITY:

Intercity Bus Lines operates to Hasbrouck Heights from both the Port Authority Bus Terminal and the George Washington Bridge Bus Terminal. Currently the buses leave from the Port Authority Terminal twice an hour and from the George Washington Bridge Terminal, once an hour. The current fare is \$1.65 one-way and the traveling time is approximately 40 minutes. The actual schedules and fare for LUNACON's weekend will not be available until mid-February. For the most up-to-date information, call the Port Authority at 212-564-8484.

There will be shuttle service between the bus stop and the hotel. As soon as we can get the correct bus information, we will set up the shuttle schedule accordingly.

For a copy of the bus and shuttle schedules, or if you need further driving information, write to:

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Attn: Lunacon Directions

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your reply.



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