LUNACON 2008



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2008 and You

The 51st Lunacon will take place the weekend of March 14-16, 2008. Thanks to the overwhelming popular response to Lunacon *50, Lunacon 2008 will be held at the Hilton Rye Town again! Lunacon 2008 will be my twentieth Lunacon and I serve as Con Chair as well as President of the New York Science Fiction Society-the Lunarians, Inc this year.

We will continue to provide you with the best Programming, Art Show, Dealers' Room and Masquerade possible. We have a lot to offer and there will be a lot to see. We welcome your input as always.

If you would like to become more active in Lunacon, we need volunteers to help do the pre-con setup and post-con breakdown as well as work at events during the con. See the section on Staff for details.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact us at LUNACONCENTRAL@AOL.COM or at our post office box address. We're looking forward to seeing you at Lunacon 2008.

Dom Corrado and the Lunacon Committee

A WORD ABOUT OUR POLICIES

To guarantee that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time at the convention, we have the following policies in force:

Weapons

Weapons may be included as part of a hall costume with the following restrictions:

- **NO** replicas of any current or historical firearm are permitted. A phaser is acceptable; a space marine's assault rifle is not. Working bows are, unfortunately, included with the above.
- **ALL** edged weapons must be peace-bound and incapable of being drawn. This will be strictly enforced by our security staff. Staffs, canes and non-working replicas (boffers, cardboard swords, etc.), while not needing to be peace-bound, must nevertheless adhere to this rule as well or they will be confiscated..
- Weapons may **NOT** be drawn in any public area of the convention.
- Weapons may **NOT** be worn if they create a hazard to other attendees (e.g. a trip hazard) or could possibly damage fixtures belonging to the convention or hotel.

Anyone considering wearing a weapon as part of a hall costume is warned that any violation of the above rules is grounds for immediate expulsion from the convention. When in doubt, ask us! There are additional rules regarding weapons as part of a stage costume in the Masquerade section.

Drinking Age

The legal drinking age in the state of New York is 21; convention security and hotel staff will be enforcing this.

Parties

All parties **MUST** register with us pre-con, regardless of whether they are open or closed. Parties also **MUST** be held only in designated areas. All others will be closed down.

Please note that alcoholic beverages may not be served at open parties. Open parties serving alcohol **WILL** be closed down. Parties posting flyers or other advertisements around the con will be treated as open parties and are subject to the alcohol restrictions.

Smoking

This is a non-smoking hotel. All function space and related areas of the hotel are thus smoke-free. No exceptions. Take it outside please.

Convention Badges

Yes, you **DO** need your "stinkin' badges!" You must be able to produce a valid badge to enter any convention activities or when requested to do so. If you are found without a badge, you will be escorted to Registration to buy one. A badge from another Con or an old Lunacon badge does not constitute a valid badge. You will be turned over to security and escorted off the premises if you are found doing this.

Lost Badges

If your badge is lost, check with Registration or Member Services to see if it has been turned in. A fee of \$5 will be charged if the badge has to be replaced. A second badge replacement costs \$10. We will not issue a third replacement.

Photography

In deference to our light-sensitive attendees, there will be NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY at Lunacon. Also, before taking someone's picture, permission to do so must be given by that person or a parent if underage.

Guests of Honor

We make every effort to bring an interesting mix of notable guests from varying disciplines in the realms of science fiction, fantasy and all things relating to the genre to our convention.

Writer Guest of Honor

Jacqueline Carey

Jacqueline Carey is the bestselling author of the critically acclaimed *Kushiel's Legacy* series of historical fantasy novels and *The Sundering* epic fantasy duology. Jacqueline enjoys doing research on a wide variety of arcane topics, and an affinity for travel has taken her from Finland to Egypt to date. She currently lives in west Michigan. Although often asked by inquiring fans, she does not, in fact, have any tattoos. Further information is available at www.JACQUELINECAREY.COM.

Artist Guest of Honor

Johnna Y. Klukas

Johnna Klukas is an award-winning artist who was a computer scientist (BS 1984) and electrical engineer (MSECE 1987) before turning to art full-

time in 1997. She is a multiple Chesley Award recipient for Best Three-Dimensional Work, and has received many awards, including Best in Show, at regional and international shows.

Johnna is a member of the American Association of Woodturners, the Association of Fantasy and Science Fiction Artists, the Maine Woodworkers Guild, and the Computer Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. She divides her time between Massachusetts and Maine. wEBSITE: HTTP://www.JYKBOXES.COM

Fan Guest of Honor

Joseph D. Siclari

Joe Siclari has been a fan since 1965, having started as an SF reader almost a decade earlier with Murray Leinster's *Forgotten Planet*. He has published over 100 fanzines, started SF clubs and conventions, chaired a Worldcon, and worked on many other conventions. Joe's current main interest is SF fan history. His latest project was co-editing, with Mike Resnick, a Hugo nominee this year for Best Related Book, *Worldcon Guest of Honor Speeches*. Since 1994, he has been Chairman of the FANAC Fan History Project which puts fanhistorical material on the internet (HTTP://FANAC.ORG). Joe is creating a library of fan publications and a museum of fannish memorabilia which has had an exhibit at every Worldcon since 1989. Joe served as the North American delegate to DUFF (Down Under Fan Fun) in 2005 and is its current US administrator.

Special Guest of Honor

Winston A. Howlett

Winston A. Howlett has co-authored two novels in Jean Lorrah's *Savage Empire* Series, and has published short stories, as well. His current efforts include being the editor and co-author of *Honor's Endgame*, an independently-published science fiction epic, which is now available at LULU.COM. With his girl friend Juanita Nesbitt, he is now co-writing *Allegiance*, a sequel to *Honor's Endgame* and the first of several 'black science fiction novels' set in the Galactic League universe. An avid costumer, Winston has made almost sixty costume presentations at science fiction and furry conventions. At present, he and Juanita Nesbitt are on Journeyman Level in international competition.

Programming

Our many tracks of programming are guaranteed to keep you occupied during your convention experience. Beginning with our Guests of Honor, we endeavor to assemble a wide and diverse assemblage of leading figures in the genre, art world, publishing, related media and, of course, fandom.

There will be panels, workshops and demonstrations covering topics of interest to everyone in the areas of science fiction, fantasy, horror, art, the sciences, filking, gaming, comics, literature, costuming and computers as well as readings, speeches and multi-media presentations. The Regency Dance with Dance Master John Hertz and the Masquerade, two long-standing traditions at Lunacon, will be held as usual Suggestions for programming items are always welcome. Send them to any of the convention addresses marked Attention: Programming or to LUNACONCENTRAL@AOL.COM.

Children's Programming

The usual fun and games plus a party on Saturday are planned. Check your Pocket Program for the schedule.

Masquerade

Saturday night at Lunacon only means one thing: Masquerade. We start off with a Young Fan Division (under 12) followed by costumers who can be at any one of these levels: Novice, Journeyman, and Craftsman/Master. They will be judged by a panel of experts in the field of costuming. Photographs will be taken and available for purchase on Sunday. Use of weapons of any kind must be approved by the Masquerade Director. See the weapons policy for details. There will also be programming items related to Masquerade during the con.

Hall Costumes

Hall costumes are openly encouraged at Lunacon and awards are given. However, nudity is **NOT** a costume. If your costume is a bit revealing, we ask that you cover yourself in public areas of the hotel including the lobby, hallways, restaurants, bar and the assembly areas in front of the ballrooms. The mundanes are not amused.

Anime

We will be continuing to present the latest in Anime along with old favorites to keep you in your seats. All Japanese language videos will either be dubbed or have running commentary by a narrator. Since this is going to press, before we have the schedule finalized, check your Pocket Program for the play list once you get to the con.

Dealers' Room

The Dealers' Room will offer an array of interesting science fiction and fantasy items at Lunacon. This will include books, leather goods, capes and costume related items, buttons, staffs, jewelry, statues, filk recordings, stones and much, much more. Anyone wishing to sell items at Lunacon can contact our Dealers' Room Maven, Devra Langsam, at DEVRA@AOL.COM and please include complete contact information with your inquiry.

Book Exhibit and Raffle

Imagine going home with a trove of books and all it cost was \$1. This can happen when you participate in our raffle. Our Book Exhibit will have a selection of the latest books in the genre plus other classics donated to the Society. All proceeds from the raffle go to the Donald A. and Elsie B. Wollheim Memorial Scholarship Fund. This provides funds to send aspiring genre writers to the Clarion and Clarion West Writers' Workshops. So buy some tickets for a worthy cause and who knows, maybe in the near future, you'll be reading and enjoying a book by someone who was a scholarship recipient.

Filk

Roberta Rogow is once again our Filk Mistress extraordinaire. We will have the usual workshops, panels and open singing. Come join us! Whether you sing along or just sit back and listen you are guaranteed a most joyous time. Play an instrument? Bring it along. Anyone interested in performing can contact Roberta at ROGOWR@AOL.COM or us at LUNACONCENTRAL@AOL.COM.

Art Show and Print Shop

Come view a most wondrous visual experience and treat to the imagination. As usual, we will have a multitude of panels of original art to tempt your wallet and checkbook, as well as tables for 3D artwork. If you have not seen any work by our Artist GOH, Johnna Y. Klukas, prepare to be amazed and awed at her creativity with wood. We will also have a Print Shop for picking up slightly less expensive copies of those originals you can't quite afford just yet. If you would like to enter your art into the show, please send us a letter or email with your mailing address, marked "Attn: Art Show." If you've exhibited or inquired within the last three years, you're already on our mailing list. **BUT PLEASE**—if you've moved recently, send us your address!

Due to the errant activities of our Art Show Goddess's old Computer, we no longer have a viable mailing list going back past 2005. If you have not participated in the last three Lunacons and wish to do so in Lunacon 2008, please send us the following contact information:

Full Name Street Address City,State, Zip Code Phone Number (Home or Cell) Email Address

Con Suite

Need to relax and rest your weary feet? Come to the Con Suite. It's a party and we'll have the usual snacks and beverages on hand. So join us to sit, talk and make new friends. On Sunday morning come for our traditional New York Style breakfast of cream cheese and bagels. Please note that if you are on a special diet, we ask that you make arrangements to accommodate your own needs. Diet soda and healthy snacks will be provided as part of the refreshments in the Con Suite. The Con Suite will be closed from 2-8 AM for cleanup.

Special Events

We have some special events in store for you this year. At Opening Ceremonies, we will be announcing our annual Dr. Isaac Asimov Award as well as introducing our Guests of Honor. Keep an eye on the website for further details.

Gaming and LARP

Gaming will have their same space as last year. We are making every effort to accommodate our attending gamers. This year Lunacon 2008 will have representatives from many major companies in attendance. Check our website for updates. Anyone wishing to run a LARP should contact us via mail or email.

Parties

When things have closed for the night and sometimes before, Lunacon has parties hosted by attendees and other genre related groups. Party floors will be announced on-site. Check the Party Board and the Newszine as well as flyers posted around the con for times and locations. Remember **ALL** parties are subject to the policies at the beginning of this report. When making your reservations, please indicate if you want a quiet floor.

Member Services

Need help, information or have a question? The Member Services table is the place to go. You can check the message boards or post a message, get travel info, drop off copy for the Newszine, or find out what you need to know. If they can't help you, they will direct you to someone who can.

Convention Newszine

This is the place to check for the latest program changes, open party listings, and any other con related information. Contributions are welcome and can be dropped off at the Lunacon Office or at the Member Services table. Copies will be available at spots throughout the con.

Lunacon Office

The operational center of the convention is also the home of Lunacon Security, Logistics and Program Ops. You may leave copy for the Newszine, look for and retrieve lost items, or contact committee personnel. You can also just drop by to tell them that you love them.

Convention Sales

Looking for a tote bag to go with your new Lunacon T-shirt? Here's the place to buy it. We also have Book Raffle Tickets and last year's Program Book for sale. All proceeds go toward helping fund future Lunacons. Con T-shirts are available from Off-World Designs in the Dealers' Room.

Other Fan Groups

A number of tables will be made available to bids, other cons and clubs for promotional purposes only (no sales). Anyone desiring to reserve a table should notify us in writing by February 15, 2008 as space is limited. This is on a first-come basis.

Staff

This entire convention is run solely by volunteers. We depend on people like you to help make Lunacon a success. Help is needed on Thursday prior to the con's opening, during the con and on Sunday for tear down and move out. Volunteers will be fed in the Staff Den, a place to get a meal and relax, and can earn a staff t-shirt or a refund depending on the hours worked. Of course, you will also get our heartfelt thanks. If interested in helping, check the appropriate box on the registration form or contact us at any of the addresses in this brochure.

Souvenir Program Book Advertising

The Lunacon 2008 Souvenir Program Book will be 8 1/2" x 11" and will feature cover art and a portfolio by Johnna Y. Klukas, our Artist Guest of Honor. It will also include photographs and articles about our Guests of Honor plus other items of interest. If you are interested in placing an advertisement, you should write or email us for a rate card.

Registration

Pre-Convention

Lunacon 2008 memberships are available at the following rates: Adult: \$40 postmarked by February 15, 2008 Children aged 6-12 as of March 14, 2008: \$20 postmarked by February 15, 2008 Children under 6 get in free when accompanied by a registered adult.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Lunacon 2008 has a Children's Programming track to entertain them. 9 Children over the age of 12 and below 18 are considered full convention members, but must provide a parental waiver relieving Lunacon 2008 of any liability if they are attending unaccompanied by an adult. See Page 14 for the form that must accompany the registration form.

Please fill out the enclosed Registration Form or download it from our website and mail it with a check, money order or completed credit card information (including your signature) to the convention address and mark it Attn: Registration. All checks and money orders **MUST** be drawn on a US bank and payable in US dollars to Lunacon 2008. **DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL!** Please note: a \$30 service charge will be collected for each bounced check. We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. We also accept PayPal. Check our website for details. A postcard will be sent to you to serve as a receipt just prior to the convention. Please bring it or photo ID that includes your address with you to facilitate moving quickly through registration.

Group Rates

Special rates are available for bona fide groups of 25 or more. Contact us for the particulars.

At the Convention

Lunacon 2008 at the door rates are as follows: Adult: \$50 Children Aged 6-12 as of March 17, 2008: \$25

Daily Rates:

Friday \$30 Saturday \$40 Sunday \$20

On-site registration will be open during the following hours:

Friday	3 PM to 10 PM
Saturday	9 AM to 6 PM
Sunday	9 AM to Noon

Registration is on the lobby level of the hotel to the right of the main entrance. If you are paying at the door, please have photo ID with your address on it with you to speed the process.

Refunds

Lunacon 2008 has a strict **NO** refund policy. However, memberships may be transferred upon receipt of a written request signed by the current holder of the membership.

Change of Address

If you move or the information on the mailing label is incorrect, please contact us at any address in this brochure (or indicate it on your mailed in registration form) so that we can make the necessary changes. Received a duplicate copy of this report? Please pass it on to a friend.

Hotel Information

The Hilton Rye Town

Lunacon 2008 will be held at the Hilton Rye Town, 699 Westchester Avenue in scenic Rye Brook, NY. The closest train station is the Rye stop on Metro-North's New Haven Line and the nearest bus stop is outside the entrance to the hotel. A shuttle will be making regular runs to the train station. A schedule will be available on our website prior to the convention.

Among the amenities the hotel has to offer are an on-site restaurants and bar areas, a health club, a pool, plenty of free parking for all congoers and guests, and, of course, comfortable rooms. The hotel is completely wireless for you to check your email on your computer. Try the lobby for the best reception.

Rooms can be set aside for Sabbath observers. Please contact us via email after you've made your reservations so we can accommodate you. The hotel accepts all major credit cards.

There are a number of restaurants and other places to eat in the area, as well as several supermarkets and other stores to supply all your needs. Delivery service to the hotel lobby only is available from most local eateries. Check with the Member Services desk or our website for information on the local area restaurants, supermarkets and fast food emporiums.

Hotel Room Rates

Room rates per night for Lunacon 2008 are \$128 (plus applicable taxes). This is for up to 4 people in a room. You may book your room by calling 914-939-6300. When booking your room, please mention Lunacon 2008 (group code LUN) to insure that you get the convention rate. When booking your room, remember to indicate your location preference: party floor or quiet floor.

You may book your room online by using the special link on our website. Please make sure you indicate location preference (party or quiet and that you are getting the Lunacon 2008 rate. (Code is LUN) If you should have any problems making your reservations, please contact us immediately so we can resolve the issue as quickly as possible. New York State law prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from renting a hotel room. An exception may be made if the minor's parent(s), guardian or another responsible adult accepts responsibility for all costs associated with the room. This is done by providing a signed and dated letter including a photocopy of both sides of a major credit card.

Suites

Suites are limited in number and **ONLY** available by booking through Lunacon 2008. Please write or email us, **NOT** the hotel. Lunacon decides the suite assignments so get your request into us as early as possible. They are on a first-come basis.

General Directions to the Hotel

By Car

From the South: Take I-95 (New Jersey Turnpike/New England Thruway) north to Exit 21, Rye. Go west on I-287 (Cross-Westchester Expressway) to Exit 10 (Bowman Avenue/Webb Avenue). Make a right at the second traffic light, then go three more traffic lights and turn left into the hotel entrance; or take I-87 (New York Thruway), or the Hutchinson River Parkway, or the Saw Mill River Parkway north to I-287 east (Cross-Westchester Expressway) to Exit 10 (Routes 120, 120A, Port Chester). Stay to the left, following the signs to Port Chester. Go under the highway and you are on Westchester Avenue. At the fourth traffic light, turn left into the hotel entrance.

From the North: Take I-95 (New England Thruway) south to Exit 21 (Rye, Cross-Westchester Expressway). Go west on I-287 (Cross-Westchester Expressway) to Exit 10 (Bowman Avenue/Webb Avenue). Make a right at the second traffic light, then go three more traffic lights and turn left into the hotel entrance; **or** take I-87 (New York Thruway), or the Merritt Parkway, or the Saw Mill River Parkway, or I-684, or I-84 south to I-287 east (Cross-Westchester Expressway) to Exit 10 (Routes 120, 120A, Port Chester). Stay to the left, following the signs to Port Chester. Go under the highway and you are on Westchester Avenue. At the fourth traffic light, turn left into the hotel entrance.

From the North and West of the Hudson River: All major highways intersect with I-87 (New York Thruway). Go east on I-87/I-287 over the Tappan Zee Bridge and stay on I-287 east (Cross-Westchester Expressway) and continue as above under "From the South."

By Rail

Take the Metro-North New Haven Line Local from Grand Central Terminal to the Rye Station. The hotel will be running a complimentary shuttle service to and from the station, coordinated with the train schedule. A taxi from the train station to the hotel is currently about \$12.

As an alternative, take Metro-North to the Port Chester station, where a taxi will cost less than \$12. The Port Chester station is not handicap accessible on the East Bound (from New York) side. The #13 Westchester bus, exact fare only, runs from the Port Chester station past the hotel on Westchester Avenue.

By Bus

The Westchester Department of Transportation runs buses from various points in the Bronx and Westchester that connect with the #13, which runs past the hotel. Contact the Transportation Department at 914-813-7777 or at their website www.BEELINEBUS.COM.

Keeping in Touch

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By email: LUNACONCENTRAL@AOL.COM

Visit our website at www.LUNACON.ORG.

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New York Science Fiction Society - the Lunarians, Inc.

We will be holding our 51st anniversary convention this year. LUNACON*50, last year, marked our 50th year of holding conventions. We are a non-profit educational organization and one of the New York Metropolitan area's oldest science fiction and fantasy societies. We have the Donald A. and Elsie B. Wollheim Memorial Scholarship Fund that gives funds to aspiring writers the opportunity to attend the Clarion Writers' Workshops. Annually, we award the Isaac Asimov Memorial Award to someone who has contributed significantly in increasing the public's knowledge of science through his or her writings and who exemplifies the personal qualities that made Dr. Asimov so well-loved and admired. We also have the Sam Moskowitz Memorial Award for the best non-fiction work in the genre. If you would be interested in more information about the group or possibly becoming a member, please contact us at any address in this publication or check the box on the registration form.

Although this Progress Report was crafted with love and respect, it is not the end of the story.

Visit us on the web at www.lunacon.org to get frequent updates on the convention! From tales of the inner workings to special Lunacon 2008 events, the Lunacon website has grown.

Online registration and payment via PayPal! Lunacon Program updates! Links to other Lunacon resources and groups! Online hotel reservations! Downloadable goodies!

> www.lunacon.org Why not drop by today?

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Liability Waiver Form for Unaccompanied Children Ages 12-17 I waive all liability of the New York Science FictionSociety-the Lunarians, Inc., in order for my underage child

to attend Lunacon 2008 to be held March 14-16, 2008 at the Hilton Rye Town located in NY. I acknowledge that my child's age is _____and will be attending this convention unaccompanied by an adult.

Signature			
Print			

One form per unaccompanied child attending is required.

Lunacon 2008 Registration Form March 14-16, 2008 PO Box 432, Throggs Neck Station, Bronx, NY 10465

Please print legibly

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone # ()	Email	
Badge Name		

Is this 🗌 your first Lunacon? (Welcome!) 🗌 A new address since last year?

When registering more than one person, including children, from the same address, list the names and badge names on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form. If the additional members are from different addresses, follow the same procedure just including the addresses as well. All children under six will be registered free when accompanied by a paying adult. Please include their names and ages. All children, regardless of age, must be accompanied by an adult and registered with the convention.

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ adult memberships at \$40 each. Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ memberships for children aged 6-12 as of March 14, 2008 @ \$20 each (indicate ages). I would like to register _____ children under age 6.

Anyone between the ages of 12 and 18 unaccompanied by an adult must have a signed waiver form attached to this registration form or it will not be processed.

Payment Method: □ Check □ MoneyOrder □ MasterCard □ Visa □ Amex □ Discover □ PayPal (email address & purchaser's name needed)

Credit Card Number	Expiration Date/
Cardholder Signature	
PayPal #	Name

All checks and money orders must be drawn on a US bank and payable in US dollars to Lunacon 2008 or complete the credit card information and sign the form above on the specified line. We cannot process credit cards without all the required information.

□ I want to contribute to the success of Lunacon 2008 by volunteering in the following area(s):

□ Send me information about the New York Science Fiction Society-the Lunarians, Inc.

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