

Torcon Prizes Its Volunteers

The following volunteers were selected during the most recent prize drawings. Prizes may be picked up at the Volunteers Office in the Grenadier Room of the Crowne Plaza until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 1, or at the Volunteers Thank You Party in the Oakville Room Crowne Plaza at 9 p.m. on Monday, September 1.

Gary Agin, Krista Babstock, Mary Louise Beasley, Blaine W Beyer, Dan Bloch, Esther Breslau, Barak Brudo, Peter Card, Ewan Chrystal, David W. Clark, Alan Dashoff, John Day, Laura Domitz, Robert Eveleigh, Jacob Foitin, David Gallaher, Kevin Groocock, Shouichi Hachiya, John Hazlewood, Nicholas Hipp, Jeffrey Hulten, Sean Kennedy Ihnat, Rhodri James, Erin Jordan, Ann Jun, James F. Klein, Rick Kovalcik, Neil S. Lerner, Keith Lim, John Maisels, David McCamon, John Marshall-Potter, Kirstin Morrell, James Obermyer, Carol Pergunas, Michael Picray, Michael Riley, Mike Rimak, Juan San Miguel, Andrea Senchy, Kurt Siegel, Harold Stein, Lindalee Stuckey, Anna Vargo, Jennie Warden, Andrew Wong, Blanche A. Young.

The following volunteers have not yet picked up their prizes from the Wednesday through Friday drawings: Karen Jordan, Linda Barnes, Londa Kay Beyer, Melanie A. Howard, Yukio Kikukawa, John McKana, Bobbi Slater, Pamela Burnside, Peter Cohen, Tamie Inove, Mary Louise Klecha, Betsy Lundsten, Zev Michelson, Carrie O'Brien, Chris Schack, Karen Danylak, David Gaeddert, David Barker, Goetz, Takashi Jodai, Jon Marshall-Potter, Linda Misener, Paula Helm-Murray, Bill Parker, Elena Rozhenko, Jennifer Sigouin, Margene Bahm, Eloise Beltz Decker, Pdraig Butler, Ian Clydesdale.

Prizes at the Fenn for Fen

The following people have won prizes from H. B. Fenn and Company. Please stop by our booth (A03) in the Dealers Room to claim your prize.

Matt Laurence, Anna Maria Bortoletto, Derwin Mak, Lisa Trexler, Jan Scott, Olivier Uffron, Donna Balkan, Joey Johnson.

Fun Stuff: Shiatsu

The one problem I always have at cons is that after a day or four of running around with my dealers' room bag on my back, partying into the wee hours of the morning and sitting in panel after panel, my body mutinies on me, making me painfully aware of every single stressed and sore muscle. To reach a peaceful resolution with my mutinous muscles, I indulge myself with a lengthy session at the con's Shiatsu booth.

Shiatsu booths have become commonplace at cons in Toronto and the rest of North America in recent years. Shiatsu is a Japanese holistic therapy with roots in Japanese medicine dating back over 3,500 years. Shiatsu uses finger pressure applied to the body's key pressure points to reduce muscle tension and improve on the body's normal functions. The Shiatsu booth is in Hall B of the convention center - the fan tables area. It features Certified Shiatsu therapist Paula Creblin, the only blind Shiatsu therapist certified by the Shiatsu therapy association of Ontario.

Shiatsu sessions are available for \$1 Canadian per minute with a minimum ten minutes. Advance booking is necessary and appointments are still available for Monday. Those with pre-existing medical conditions should make sure to inform Paula before the session.

Webcomic Thanks Torcon

Local webcomic RolePlayers Anonymous thanked everyone who came to Toronto for Torcon 3.

"We hope you enjoyed your stay in our beautiful city, and received a big helping of Canadian Hospitality," wishes the Torontonion and Torcon volunteer, who is one of the site's creators. "And that you return home with many wonderful memories... preferably preserved in a souvenir book. For the love of all that is holy, get thee a souvenir book!"

A little tribute to Torcon and its patrons can be found on their website – www.roleplayersanonymous.com

Dam Write Daily

The official newsletter of Torcon 3

Monday Morning, September 1, 2003

Best Kept Secret in Fandom

A financial report from the Time Travel Worldcon was submitted to the Saturday Business Meeting along with the reports from several other Worldcons. The Business Meeting referred this report to the Business Meeting of the 1939 Worldcon for further action.

At the Sunday Business Meeting, Dave Kyle revealed what happened next.

Reading a response signed by SaM (Sam Moskowitz), Chairman of the 1939 Worldcon, Dave said that the report was received, along with a Torcon membership list. SaM complimented 2003 fandom for having the technology to send the materials back to 1939. The '39 Worldcon Business Meeting had voted to accept the report. All attendees were then sworn to eternal secrecy, and no mention was made of the Time Travel Financial Report in any report of the '39 Worldcon because, in SaM's own words, "No time meddlers, we."

Dave Kyle had been the first to look at the Torcon membership list. Since he found his name on the list, he was assigned to deliver the response from 1939.

The fans in 1939 were amazed at the size of Torcon and guessed at the size of the room needed for all of Torcon's members to be able to attend this year's Business Meetings. SaM also said that the '39 fans had a "zillion questions" about fandom in our day, but they knew that they would have to wait for history to provide the answers.

SaM did ask if there had been a Worldcon on the moon yet, since there were "probably a lot of fans in the Lunar Patrol."

The attendees enthusiastically thanked Dave for his fortitude in carrying out his 64-year commission on their behalf.



Kaffeeklatsch Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the kaffeeklatsches: Blaine Beyer, Londa Kay Beyer, Milinda Carson, Ruie Lue Clifford, Miriam Rozian and Velta Ozols. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Sidewise Award

The Sidewise Award for Best Long Form Alternate History was a tie between Martin J. Gidron's *The Severed Wing* (Livingston Press) and Harry Turtledove's *Ruled Britannia* (NAL).

The Sidewise Award for Best Short Form Alternate History went to William Sanders's *Empire* (from *Alternate Generals II*, Baen Books).

Torcon Documentary

Elaine Smookler is documenting Torcon 3 and will be editing her material into a tape and a DVD. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, email her at ewaine@rogers.com or fill in your details on the sign-up sheet in Ops.

Ship Your Hugo

Packing materials for your new Hugo Awards are available until 2 p.m. on Monday in the Torcon 3 Volunteer Office, which is located just off the main lobby of the Crowne Plaza in the Grenadier Room.

Bag a Bag

Registration will be selling the Torcon canvas bags for \$1. People can choose either an empty bag or a bag of unknown goodies.

Saturday Party Reviews

The night got off to a slow start as we waited for the Hugos to finish so fans would get out and fill the parties to capacity, but early arrivals were rewarded by getting first dibs on the coveted Sunday/Monday programming schedule. LA and KC took vote night off, but there was no shortage of good parties to fill in the gap.

Science Fiction South Africa ran out of their fabulous South African beer in the first 20 minutes, but still had a selection of South African candies on offer, plus the cream liqueur Amarula for anyone buying one of their South African fanzines. The two 2007 bid parties continued their head to head domination of the second floor hallway, with fabulous Phread food at Columbus in 2007 and lots of Japanese treats at Japan in 2007. In keeping with Canadian content regulations, there was an Ad Astra party, and a party for the northwestern Westercon – Calgary in 2005. The Australia in 2010 crew continued their trend of throwing a party together at the last minute possible, and still hadn't gotten around to printing their own pre-support forms (borrowing from KC in 2006 this time). Just like last year, the room was packed with people eager to throw money at Stephen Boucher. In other bid news, Chicago premiered their latest Worldcon bid offering for a year as yet unspecified, with a party featuring authentic Chicago hot dogs – mustard, relish, tomatoes, onions, celery, salt and pickles, but never any ketchup!!! At the SLOF party, many of fandom's finest revealed their secret identities as librarians and munched on yummy pastries. The dapperly dressed fans from the UK once again served up a variety of Scotches to the masses at the Interaction party.

Royal York's Lucky 13

Congratulations to the courageous rationalists who built the Royal York with a 13th floor. The only other Worldcon hotel in recent memory that had a 13th floor was the Anaheim Hilton, but *it* was missing the 10th floor. The Royal York may have been built in the previous century, but it's clearly ready for this one.

Bag a Bag

Registration will be selling the Torcon canvass bags for \$1. People can choose either an empty bag or a bag with whatever is in it.

Restaurant Review

C'est What? 67 Front Street (at Church), downstairs. We have to thank the bellhop at the Renaissance at Skydome for recommending this place. They used to brew on premises but ran out of room. However, they do have 29 beers on tap, and not your normal selection. Try the Coffee Porter or AI's Cask Ale. Fifteen Scotches to choose from as well. The fare is typical Pub Grub ranging in price from \$4-15. We tried the Lamburger and buffalo burger, which were excellent. Very friendly staff and regulars, with games available to play. It's not very handicap-friendly, but the staff will help you down through the back, which is only a few steps. Smoking is permitted (no cigars or pipes), but the ventilation is superb, and we couldn't smell any smoke. It gets a bit noisy and crowded after 9 p.m., but never enough to hinder conversation. Nia, the attached club, presents various bands, including a Jazz Jam Saturdays at 4, and may have a cover. Check out their website at cestwhat.com.

Contact SLOFs

Secret Librarian(s) of Fandom (SLOF) who want contact info should email Tracey Callison at slof@folkandfairy.org, or join SLOF at the Live Journal community ("slof"). Now that this secret is out, all librarians should contact SLOF for further instructions.

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Masquerade Results

Junior

Most Tasty: A Poultry Problem

Best Superhero: The Flash

Most Dramatic: Curiosity Kills

Novice

Best Crustacean: Man from the 'Lovecraft' Dating Agency

Best Political Statement: Professor A. Boffin

Most Fannish: Captain Worldcon

Most Romantic: Flora Regina

Best Media Re-creation: Vedek Deypa

Best Literary Re-creation: Jadis, Queen of Narnia

Most Original Novice: Saucer for Sale

Most Humorous: Lord of the Fling

Most Animated (Young Fan): Ash Ketchum

Best in Class, Novice: Mike and Celia, Seeing Eye to Eye

Best Workmanship, Headpiece: Flora Regina

Best Workmanship, Beading: Jadis, Queen of Narnia

Best Workmanship, Latex work: The Man from the 'Lovecraft' Dating Agency

Best Workmanship, Handsewing: Sally

Best Workmanship, Creative Engineering: Saucer for Sale

Best Workmanship, Dyeing Technique: Redwood Fairie

Best in Class, Workmanship: Lord of the Fling

Journeyman

Best Re-creation: Angel of Death

Best Collision of Universes: Arena

Most Beautiful: Morpheus (squared)

Best Presentation: Winter is Coming

Best Journeyman: Mighty Wing Lung Puff

Best Workmanship, Wings: Angel of Death

Best Workmanship, Bead Detailing: The Faerie Godmother

Best Workmanship, Use of National Materials: Miss Torcon 3

Best Workmanship, Use of Hot Glue: Arena

Best in Class, Workmanship: Morpheus (squared) – Tie

Best in Class Workmanship: Winter is Coming – Tie

Master

Most Apocalyptic: Fire and Ice

Best Master: A Wildlife Adventure

Best Workmanship, Globe Construction: Fire and Ice

Best in Class, Master Workmanship: Trumps of Amber

Special Awards

Best in Show: Trumps of Amber

Best in Show, Workmanship: A Wildlife Adventure

Bantam Books – Songs of Ice & Fire Award: Winter Is Coming

Canada on Exhibition

Staying in town today? Visit the Canadian National Exhibition ("The Ex"), which runs daily from August 15 to September 1 (i.e., today!) The Ex is a 125-year-old tradition located on the Toronto waterfront. With hundreds of rides, games and exhibits on its midway, the Ex is among the largest annual fairs in North America. It's the kind of fair where planners can put "babes-in-arms" on their ticket pricing signs. (Babes-in-Arms are admitted free with purchase of an adult pass, by the way.) The Ex is one of the largest events in Toronto, and attracts well over a million visitors each year. Easily accessible via public transit from the downtown core, the Ex will provide visitors with days worth of fun and excitement. In addition to its midway, the Exhibition grounds house an agricultural fair, an international bazaar and hundreds of shows by local performers ranging from demonstrations of Tai Chi to Skateboarding.

Budget at least one or two days to see The Ex. Most of the events take place outdoors, although the international bazaar, food pavilion and some other events do take place in the permanent buildings on site.

It's just a few minutes street car ride from Union Station Transit Subway Station. For directions ask at our information booth or check out the website at www.theex.com.

Science and SF Research

Local fandom is fortunate to have the world-renowned Science and Science Fiction Reference Research Library here in Toronto. The Merrill Collection can be found in the Space Out Library on the third floor of the Lillian Smith Branch Library at 239 College Street. Library hours are 10-5 Monday through Friday; there are shorter hours on Saturday. Telephone: 416-393-7748.

Thanks to All

The *Dam Write Daily* wishes to thank everyone at Torcon who contributed to the newsletter, helped us produce, copy, fold, and distribute it, or just read it. We had lots of fun producing the newsletter and hope everyone else enjoyed it as well. See you next year!