

FANAC Fan History Project

Update 3

Ursula K. Le Guin to Mad Three Party!

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It's Spring!!! It's cold and rainy today, but we are here to bring some fannish sunshine your way.

We have been busy since our last Fan History Update. Just this past week, we have added Ursula K. Le Guin's 1975 Worldcon Guest of Honor speech from Aussiecon to our YouTube Channel (links at the bottom) and we have completed the run of the Hugo award winning fanzine *Mad 3 Party*. Bookmark (www.fanac.org/) and click on **What's New** every week to find our most recent additions.

This is a community effort and we can only say "Thanks" for those of you who have helped us make our websites successful over the years. We've started a list of contributors on the website, if you are a contributor and don't want your name listed, please let us know.

However, if you DO want to let people know you are a contributor, we have new ribbons: "I Help Save Fan History" with our logo. Claim yours the next time you see any of us at a convention. Or we will mail you one if you don't go to many conventions. Ribbon design by Geri Sullivan (attached).

Outreach for Fan History: FANAC had a Fan History Project Table at four conventions in the last year, most recently at Boskone 54 in Boston and at HelioSphere in White Plains, NY. In addition to showcasing our history project websites, we have been showing selected fannish artifacts, including fanzines, original art, convention publications, and video and audio recordings from as far back as the 1960s. Keep an eye out for us and come say hello. Get a sticker or your contributor ribbon.

At Balticon (<http://balticon.org/wp51>) coming up we will not have a table but we are planning some FanHistorical discussions in the Fan Lounge, with historical props.

You can also follow us on Facebook (thanks to Laurie Mann). <https://www.facebook.com/fanacproject/>

FANAC Fan History Project website: In addition to *The Mad 3 Party*, we have added substantial runs of major fanzines including Peter Weston's *Speculation*, Walter Gillings' *Fantasy Review*, Benford, White et al's *Void*, Don Day's *The Fanscient (complete)* numerous issues of current zines like *MT Void*, *Opuntia*, *CyberCozen*, *Rat Sass*, TNFF publications and also special publications like the *Noreascon 3 Memory Book*. We added the issue of Joel Nydahl's *Vega* that gave rise to the term "Nydahl's disease". Seventy more zines have been added to the **Newszine Project** (<http://fanac.org/fanzines/newszines.html>) plus over 125 other zines. Coming soon will be Lee Hoffman's *Quandry*, Joe Kennedy's *Vampire*, Walt Willis' & Chuck Harris' *Hyphen* and more.

Fan History Spotlight: The first Worldcon was held in New York City in 1939. Nearly everybody knows that. Many people have heard of the First Exclusion Act in which several prominent S-F fen (including Donald A. Wollheim, Frederik Pohl, Cyril Kornbluth, and Robert A. W. Lowndes) were kicked out of the convention accused of distributing inflammatory material against the committee. The title of that pamphlet was "A Warning" dated July 2, 1939. You can find the full text of that publication at http://fanac.org/fanzines/Miscellaneous/A_Warning.html .

FANAC Fan History YouTube Channel: Please note we now have an easy to read YouTube channel address. You can find all the FANAC video materials at <https://youtube.com/c/FANACFanHistory> .

The channel is a year old now, and we have 139 subscribers and have had more than 7000 views. We have 45 pieces up, and are adding them almost weekly. Materials range from Ursula K. Le Guin's GoH speech (1975) to a credible Jon Singer imitation of a mimeograph (see the fanzine panel from 1976) to the Star Wars Q&A held at Worldcon before Star Wars was ever released. This last was Mark Hamill's first promotional appearance, and he was clearly excited. Two of our videos have had more than 1000 views, and three more

have about 500. We appreciate the great YouTube feedback too. As always, if you have audio or video material that we might use, please let us know.

FANCYCLOPEDIA 3: This is your encyclopedia, so we hope you are using it (and adding to it)! Going to Worldcon this year? Unfamiliar with Guest of Honor John-Henri Holmberg? Read about him on Fancy3. Can't remember when Westercon started? Look it up on Fancyclopedia. Don't know what Nydahl's disease is? It's all in Fancyclopedia. Write it up!

Of course there's a lot more. We've added photos, fanzines, and convention publications. We've been providing information for academic researchers and film documentaries. We've been making some changes to the website to make it easier to use. Search is now easily available on our homepage, and there are prominent direct links to the YouTube channel and Fancyclopedia. There'll be more to come.

Thanks for your interest in fan history. Those who don't know fan history may not be condemned to repeat it, but those that do know that Yngvi is a louse.

Regards...Joe Siclari

Selected links:

Fanac.org: <http://www.fanac.org>

Fancyclopedia 3: <http://fancyclopedia.org>

FANAC Fanhistory YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/c/FANACFanHistory>

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/fanacproject/>

Contributors: http://fanac.org/FANAC_Inc/fancont.html

Video

Le Guin GoH speech: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Deuas-AuzbU&feature=youtu.be>

Star Wars Q&A: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmhjvkj8_aw

Fanzines

Classic Fanzines: http://fanac.org/fanzines/Classic_Fanzines.html

Vega annish: <http://fanac.org/fanzines/Vega/Vega12-cv.html> for part 1 and

<http://fanac.org/fanzines/Vega/Vega12-53.html> for part 2

Mad 3 Party: <http://fanac.org/fanzines/Mad3Party/>

Newszine Project: <http://fanac.org/fanzines/newszines.html>

Fancyclopedia

John-Henri Holmberg: <http://fancyclopedia.org/john-henri-holmberg>

Nydahl's disease: <http://fancyclopedia.org/nydahl-s-disease>