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## HELMUTH: The Boskone Newsletter

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### GET READY FOR BOSKONE 57!

Boskone 57 is coming February 14-16, 2020! This means we are only a few months away from having some of the the most talented authors, artists, scientists, and musicians come to Boston for a weekend of fantastic discussions, demos, and performances. To help you prepare for a great convention, we've pulled together this preliminary *Helmuth* newsletter to share details for memberships, hotel reservations, art show space, dealer tables, and a quick look at our list of Guests and program participants (to date). A sneak peek at programming will be in next month's newsletter.



So, get ready for another terrific convention with 1,200 of your closest friends--all of whom love talking about books, media, art, science, and music as much as you do!

[Visit the Boskone 57 Website](#)

### FEATURED GUESTS

We are thrilled to share with you the list of Boskone 57's featured guests:

- **Guest of Honor:** Kim Stanley Robinson
- **Young Adult Fiction Guest:** Holly Black
- **Official Artist:** Eric Wilkerson
- **Music Guest:** Cheshire Moon
- **Hal Clement Science Speaker:** Jon Singer
- **NESFA Press Guest:** Jim Burns

### PARTIAL PROGRAM

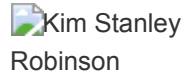
#### PARTICIPANT LIST!

We have over 150 program participants joining us at Boskone. Here is a partial list of participants who will be joining us this year:

Christine Taylor-Butler  
David B. Coe/ D.B. Jackson  
Gerald L. Coleman  
C. S. E. Cooney  
Bruce Coville  
Mary Crowell  
Bob Eggleton  
Jeffrey Ford  
Esther Friesner  
Theodora Goss  
Charlaine Harris  
Patrick Nielsen Hayden  
Teresa Nielsen Hayden  
Grady Hendrix  
Carlos Hernandez  
Nick Kaufmann  
John Kessel  
Nicole Givens Kurtz  
John Langan  
Sharon Lee  
Kelly Link  
Bracken MacLeod

### **GUEST OF HONOR: Kim Stanley Robinson**

Kim Stanley Robinson is an American science fiction writer. He is the author of more than 20 books, including the international bestselling Mars trilogy, and more recently *New York 2140*, *Aurora*, *Shaman*, *Green Earth*, and *2312*, which was a *New York Times* bestseller nominated for all seven of the major science fiction awards—a first for any book. [Read more about Stan!](#)



### **YOUNG ADULT FICTION GUEST: Holly Black**

Holly Black is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of over 30 fantasy novels for kids and teens, including *Tithe*, *The Coldest Girl in Coldtown*, *Doll Bones*, and *The Cruel Prince*. She has been a finalist for an Eisner Award, and the recipient of the Andre Norton Award, the Mythopoeic Award and a Newbery Honor. Her books have been translated into 32 languages worldwide and her series, *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, was adapted for a feature film. She currently lives in New England with her husband and son in a house with a secret door. [Read more about Holly!](#)



### **OFFICIAL ARTIST: Eric Wilkerson**

Eric Wilkerson has had an unhealthy addiction to science fiction since 1987. The genre is something he's been passionate about ever since being introduced to *Star Trek* as a child. He was captivated by the franchise's message of unity between diverse groups of people; different races, different species, all working together for a common goal. It was something that he embraced immediately because there were people on the screen that looked like him and they weren't servants, criminals or anything stereotypical. Science fiction at its best has always been a form of social commentary. [Read more about Eric!](#)



### **MUSICAL GUEST: Cheshire Moon**

The Cheshire Moon rises over the landscape, smiling down as only a trickster the size of a planet could smile. Caught in that sliver of moonlight, a guitar string, a swath of blue hair, a bow. A guitar melody drifts across the evening, along with the sweetly sinister counter melody of a careworn fiddle mingling with a voice removed from the passage of time. A trio of faces are found, smiling along with the moon above, the music beckoning you closer.... Cheshire Moon is the musical collaboration of Lizzie Crowe, Eric Coleman, and Susan Weiner. Come join in the fun! [Read more about Cheshire Moon!](#)



Jonathan McDowell  
Steve Miller  
Reiko Murakami  
Dan Novy  
Robert V.S. Redick  
Ruth Sanderson  
Karl Schroeder  
David Seeley  
Melinda Snodgrass  
Edward Stauff  
Tui Sutherland  
Michael Swanwick  
Paul Tremblay  
Martha Wells  
Walter Jon Williams  
Jane Yolen


Please visit the Boskone Program Participant page for the [full list of program participants](#) as of October 22, 2019.

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### **HAL CLEMENT SCIENCE SPEAKER: Jon Singer**

Jon Singer has been attending Boskone (albeit  Jon Singer somewhat irregularly) since at least 1975. He is passionate about tweaking and fixing and upcycling and making things, and he takes particular delight in combining ingredients or techniques from disparate realms. When he heard about the YInMn blue pigment and wanted to see what it looked like, he made some; but it's a bit more complicated than that — for one thing, he didn't have a hydraulic press or an easy way to get one, so he constructed a substitute. (Two, actually, because he rarely gets anything right the first time.) [Read more about Jon!](#)

### **NESFA PRESS GUEST: Jim Burns**

Due to an unforeseen emergency, Jim Burns was  Jim Burns not able to attend Boskone 56 as our Official Artist. We are delighted to have him join us in 2020 for Boskone 57 as our NESFA Press Guest. Jim Burns was born in 1948 in Cardiff, South Wales. Among his earliest influences, like so many of his generation, were the classic “Dan Dare-Pilot of the Future” comic strips created by Frank Hampson in *The Eagle* comic. At the age of eighteen he joined the Royal Air Force, indulging a passion for flying and subsequently soloing on Chipmunk and Jet Provost trainer aircraft, before leaving and opting for an artistic career. [Read more about Jim.](#)

## **Boskone 57's Featured Guests**

### **BUY YOUR BOSKONE MEMBERSHIP!**

Please review our rates listed below since we have changed our membership levels to now include a discount for active members of the military and we have expanded our Young Adult age range.

Let us know that you are coming to Boskone 57 and register to attend today.

#### **Full Weekend Rates:**

- [Adult](#): \$60
- [Active Military](#): \$50
- [Young Adult \(18-25\)](#): \$35
- [Child \(ages 5-17\)](#): \$25

*(Rates only good through 1/21/20.)*



Visit the Boskone [membership search page](#) to see if you already have a member waiting for you! Please note that it can take a few days for the online membership search to show recently purchased memberships. If

you are unsure about your membership status, please contact [registration@boskone.org](mailto:registration@boskone.org)

[Visit the Boskone Registration page for more information.](#)

## THE BOSKONE HOTEL

The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel is Boskone's convention hotel located at 425 Summer Street, Boston, MA.

Boskone's convention dates are February 14-16, 2020. For your convenience, the room block covers the convention dates PLUS the shoulder dates.



Guest Room Rates:

- \$159 plus tax (currently 14.45%) for Single/Double/Triple/Quad.
- Our block rates are good through January 21, 2020 or until the block sells out.

Guest Room – Reservation Links:

- [Non-Party Kings](#)
- [Party Kings](#)
- [Non-Party Doubles](#)
- [Party Doubles](#)

Party room blocks mean that they will be on the same floor as a party. Please email [hotel@boskone.org](mailto:hotel@boskone.org) if you will be throwing a party, wish to be next door to a particular party, or further away on the same floor.

[Visit the Boskone Hotel page for more information.](#)

## ARTISTS - REGISTER FOR THE ART SHOW

Boskone is known for one of the most exciting speculative art shows on the East Coast. Artists who are interested in showing their work can reserve space online.



Art show options currently include exhibition space, print shop space, and art resale to fans.

### Art Show Rates

The basic unit of space for flat work is the panel, which is made of pegboard (holes 1" apart) and is 4' high by 6' wide. For 3-D art, the basic unit is the table, which is 6' long by 30" deep. The available units and their prices are as follows:

- ¼ unit: \$11
- ½ unit: \$22

- 1 unit: \$44
- 2 units: \$88
- 3 units: \$132 (*returning artists only*)

For more information on how to reserve and pay for your space, please visit the Boskone 57 Art Show page to also review the [Art Show Rules](#) and the [Print Shop and Reseller Options](#).

[Visit the Boskone Art Show page for more information.](#)

## DEALERS ROOM - REGISTER FOR A TABLE

Space in the Boskone dealers room is always at a premium. If you are a bookseller, publisher, crafter, artist, or resellers of lovely odds & ends and you would like to have a table in the dealers room this year, please be sure to reserve space soon since space is limited.



The Boskone dealers room provides a varied shopping experience. Our attendees are fans of science fiction, fantasy, art, and science, and they are known as avid readers who are enthusiastic about the genre.

For more information on how to reserve and pay for your space, please visit the Boskone 57 Dealers

Room webpage to request space.

[Visit the Boskone Dealer's Room page for more information.](#)

## VOLUNTEER FOR BOSKONE!

Would you like to help out? We're always looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks that include:

- Loading and unloading the truck.
- Setting up the Art Show.
- Various sit-down tasks like registration, con suite, information desk, programming, coat check, etc.
- Pre-convention help with member sales, social media, programming, dealers' room, etc.

If you're interested in being a Boskone volunteer, please contact [volunteers@boskone.org](mailto:volunteers@boskone.org).

[Learn more about volunteering at Boskone.](#)

## SEE YOU IN FEBRUARY 2020!

We look forward to seeing you at Boskone 57! (February 14-16, 2020)

To learn more about the convention, please visit [Boskone's website](#) and be sure to also review our [Code of Conduct](#) and our [Access Information](#).

If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@boskone.org](mailto:info@boskone.org).

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