

# BOSKONE 15

## BOSKONE 15

Eight months later and you're wondering why you're hearing again about Boskone 15! It's like one of those things you can't forget. Neither could we. We intended to bring you a post-con report, and here it is.

Sit back and remember the convention. It was large last year, with 1454 in attendance. And though you knew your friends were there, after all you saw them across the corridor yesterday, you somehow aren't sure why you haven't seen them again. That happened to me several times. There were so many panels and movies that you intended to see, but somehow there wasn't enough time, and somehow you lost track. And the parties, going on into the middle of the night. Would that you could have attended all of them. Now the play, another in the RISFA tradition. Even with three showings, somehow you missed it. And wasn't there another pseudo-banquet Saturday morning? Why then wasn't it possible to wake up in time to attend? You were awake all 48 official hours of the convention, weren't you? NO???

Well, next year you'll have another chance. Boskone 16 promises to be better than ever. Maybe you'll see the things you missed this year. Perhaps, you'll find new interests matched in the new programming. Surely, you'll make and meet more friends and learn new things. This is what conventioning is all about. So, as you remember the last Boskone, look forward to the next. It too will be better than ever.

—Jill Eastlake, Chairman—



NESFA Honors

JOHN BRUNNER

artwork by OFFICIAL ARTIST

ARTHUR THOMSON

with SCIENCE SPEAKER

MARVIN MINSKY

at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel

February 17-19, 1978

## The COMMITTEE

Here are the people whose hard work (along with that of the Helpers listed elsewhere) brought you the myriad of Boskone activities:

Jill Eastlake	Chairman
Kris Benders	Banquet & Friday Party
Mike Blake	Program Planning & Manager
Jim Burrows	1st Shift Manager & Treasurer Apprentice
Dave Cantor	Registration Apprentice
Bill Carton	Films
Sue Champeny	Saturday Program Manager
Sheila D'Ammassa	Publications & Ribbons
David Dyer-Bennett	Friday Party
Don Eastlake	Instructions & Security
Ellen Franklin	Art Show Vice-Chairman
Wendy Glasser	Games
Richard Harter	Print Room
Chip Hitchcock	Placques
Gail Hormats	Discussion Groups
Kath Horne	Registration
John Houghton	2nd Shift Manager
Jim Hudson	People Mover, Tapes, & Kinetic Katalog
Suford Lewis	Art Show
Tony Lewis	NESFA Table
Craig Mathieson	Films Apprentice
Ann McCutchen	Treasurer & Committee Room
R. Terry McCutchen	Logistics
John Mitchell	Sunday Program Manager & Filksing Apprentice
Lisa Raskind	Filksing & Filksing Contest
Steve Raskind	Preregistration
Joe Ross	Filksing Contest
Bob Spence	Sound Engineering
John Spert	Logistics
David Stever	Con Suite
John Turner	3rd Shift Manager
Par Vandenberg	Committee Room
Jack Wickwire	Friday Party
JoAnn Wood	Hucksters

Sue Anderson — Mark M. Keller — Chip Hitchcock  
RISFA Players Production

### ART SHOW AWARDS

(P: =Professional, A: =Amateur, HM: =Honorable Mention, in some cases there are ties)

There were over 70 artists and over 700 pieces of art in the Art Show. The competition was fierce but here is a list of the winners:

#### Best Cartoon

P: ..... Doesn't Like to Be Called "Droid" —*Steve Stiles*  
A: ..... Bring Your Leader to Me —*Arthur Thomson*

#### Best Astronomical

P: ..... Bridge Between —*Ray Crane*  
P:HM: ..... Saturn: Exploring Titan —*Ron Miller*  
A: ..... Saturn from a Large Young Ice Crater on Rhea —*Elge*

#### Best Science Fiction

P: ..... The Man Who Counts —*Michael Whelan*  
P:HM: ..... Shockwave Rider —*Eddie Jones*  
A: ..... First Contact, from *Mote in God's Eye* —*David Egge*  
A:HM: ..... Patrol —*Dexter Dickinson*

#### Best Fantasy

P: ..... Archeress —*Eric Ladd*  
P:HM: ..... Stormbringer —*Michael Whelan*  
P:HM: ..... White Wolf —*Wendy Pini*  
A: ..... Wa Laum —*Linda Michaels*  
A:HM: ..... Elric of Melnibone —*Michael Moyle*

#### Best Humor

P: ..... With Friends Like These —*Michael Whelan*  
P:HM: ..... Sky Wars —*Carl Lundgren*  
A: ..... "Yeah, Yeah, I Got One . . ." —*Phil Foglio*  
A:HM: ..... Flesh Peddler —*Cortney Skinner*

#### Best Color

P: ..... Stormbringer —*Michael Whelan*  
A: ..... Ark of James Carlisle —*Larry Blamire*  
A: ..... Prince of Poets —*Hannah Shapero*

#### Best Monochrome

P: ..... Flora of Amber —*Tom Canty*  
A: ..... Lamia Couchant —*Ann Layman Chancellor*

#### Best 3-D

P: ..... Flegling Lapidopteric Dragoness —*Sean Spacher*  
A: ..... Harpy —*Matt Zimet*

#### Best Artist

P: ..... *Michael Whelan*  
A: ..... *Linda Michaels*

## SEMI-FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

### —EXPENSES—

Film Program <sup>1 2</sup> .....	\$1,441.31
Logistics & Operations .....	1,288.59
Publications .....	1,011.56
Play <sup>1</sup> .....	953.52
Costume Party <sup>1 3</sup> .....	936.79
Hotel Function Space .....	800.00
Registration <sup>1</sup> .....	627.73
Guests of Honor <sup>5</sup> , Etc. ....	622.24
Refreshments & Con Suite Parties <sup>6 7</sup> .....	565.06
Art Show <sup>1 2 7 8 9</sup> .....	499.04
Main Program & Seminars <sup>1</sup> .....	428.42
Good Will .....	300.63
Insurance .....	289.00
Guards <sup>4</sup> .....	247.75
Regency Dance <sup>1 3</sup> .....	216.97
People Mover <sup>1</sup> .....	181.84
Games <sup>1</sup> .....	160.00
Filksing <sup>1</sup> .....	80.23
Skylark Award <sup>6</sup> .....	64.92
Planning .....	48.53
Huckster Room <sup>1 2 9</sup> .....	37.09
Print Room <sup>1 2</sup> .....	30.00
Hotel Miscellaneous <sup>4 14</sup> .....	20.00
Slides, Radio Tapes, & Discussion Groups <sup>1 2 7</sup> .....	3.79
	<b>\$10,855.88</b>

### —INCOME<sup>10</sup>—

Registration .....	\$10,689.00
Art Show <sup>8</sup> .....	1,102.00
Hucksters .....	995.00
Publications .....	40.06
Miscellaneous .....	3.59
	<b>\$12,829.65</b>

less expenses .....	-10,855.88
Current pseudo net income .....	<b>\$1,973.77</b>
Bad checks <sup>11</sup> .....	-815.00
Estimated additional expenses <sup>12</sup> .....	-390.00
Estimated depreciation .....	-400.00
Estimated true net income <sup>13</sup> .....	<b>\$368.77</b>

### —NOTES—

- Includes no charge for function space, which is listed as a separate item.
- Includes no charge for depreciation (wear & tear) on NESFA owned equipment used in this activity.
- Includes hotel catering.
- Includes no charge for tips which are listed separately under good will.
- Includes no costs related to the Boskone Book.
- The con suite and rooms for some honored persons were provided by the hotel without charge.
- Boskone catered refreshments.
- Includes none of the \$12,806.00 that flowed through to the artists.
- Includes no costs related to guards or insurance which are listed as a separate items.
- Income listed here includes some bad checks.
- Due to the grossly higher than usual amount due consisting of a few hard to collect bad checks, a stricter check policy will probably be necessary next year.
- Including this post-con report.
- This ignores a significant hotel fee to which we agreed but for which the hotel appears to be disinclined to bill us.
- Most hotel engineering and miscellaneous charges are included with the activity to which they relate.

*John Brunner's*  
**ENGLISH-ENGLISH Competition**

The following two dozen terms (in capital letters) were supplied by our Guest of Honor, John Brunner, with the following instructions:

"Here are two dozen terms that we in Britain would regard as 'Americanisms'."

"List what you consider to be the closest English-English counterparts (e.g., against CONVERTIBLE of car you'd put Drophead). Anyone who gets them all right — except, please, emigrants from the UK who are ineligible! — must have a very keen ear to nuances of language."

Two people got 20 of them right and *Noralee Barnett* was declared the winner as the other person is married to an Englishman.

ELEVATOR.....	Lift
COOKIES.....	Biscuits
CLOSET.....	Cupboard or Wardrobe
DRUGSTORE.....	Chemists
TRUNK of car.....	Boot
HARD LIQUOR.....	Spirits
MUFFLER of car.....	Silencer
THUMB TACKS.....	Drawing Pins
RUMMAGE SALE.....	Jumble Sale
DRY GOODS STORE.....	Drapers
BAND-AID.....	Elastoplast or Sticking Plaster
BOBBY PINS.....	Kirby grips or hair grips
WRENCH.....	Spanner
PITCHER.....	Jug
SUBWAY.....	Underground or Tube
FREEWAY.....	Motorway
SNEAKERS.....	Plimsoles or Gymshoes
TRAILER HOME.....	Caravan
DIVIDED HIGHWAY.....	Dual Carriageway
HARDWARE STORE.....	Ironmongers
TRAFFIC CIRCLE.....	Roundabout
OVERPASS.....	Flyover
RUTABAGA.....	Swede
RAILROAD TRACK.....	railway line or permanent way



Maleficient, John Brunner, Jill Eastlake, & Belle, Book, and Candle

**COSTUME PARTY AWARDS**

A real costume party was held Friday night with everyone mingling in the Grand Ballroom and even the mirror ball turned on. It's believed that there were only four Princess Leias in attendance. Awards were given by John Brunner, our Guest of Honor, and Jill Eastlake, Chairman, at their whim:

GoH Award:

**Maleficient**

*by Ann Layman Chanellor*

Chairman's Award:

**Belle, Book, and Candle**

*by Wendy Pini*

**HELPERS**

We could never do all the things we do at Boskone without the assistance of the small army of willing and enthusiastic fans that help during the convention. Here is a list of those who helped at Boskone 15, as near as we can reconstruct it from our records and memories:

Stephen Abrams	Wendell Ing	Gregg Palmer
Mike Alford	Jordin Kare	Stephen Parady
Blaine Atkins	Gayle Kaplan	Clarise Patton
Chris Benitz	Holly Kaplan	Don Pauley
Leon Bigbie	Rick Katze	Elizabeth Pearce
Daniel Bishop	David Keller	Cindy Pearlman
Michael Bloom	Debbie King	Filthy Pierre
Victoria Bolles	Blake Kirk	Jim Reynolds
Jerry Boyajian	Fred Knecht	Joe Ross
David Boyce	Robert Koller	Eric Rowe
Amy Brownstein	Steve Kovner	Selma
David Broadbent	Jim Lane	Mike Saler
Donna Bursey	Daniel Lamaire	Tom Schaad
Mary Burns	Richy Lary	Joyce Scrivner
Jack Cahill	David Levine	Robert Sexton
Debbie Cooke	David Lieberman	David Shank
Sean Cleary	Kathei Logue	John Sidelinger
Donie Cahill	Spencer Love	Margaret Siegmann
Joseph Ciano	Linda Michaels	Robert Simoneau
Connie Ciano	Scott Mainwaring	Richard Sims
Dick Curtis	Laurie Mann	Beverly Slayton
Jeff Del Pape	Jim Mann	Leslie Smith
William Desmond	Craig Mathieston	Lee Smoire
Mike DiGenio	Patrick Milligan	Frank Sobolewski
Sandy Dingley	Martin Minnow	Elleen Sponable
Stephen D'Alessandro	Skip Morris	Paul Starkis
Alec Enzmann	Richard Munroe	Andy Stephenson
Tony Fernando	Richard Moore	Steven Tait
Cathy Filipowicz	Deborah Muldoon	Glen Thomas
George Flynn	Peter Neilson	Marcia Troy
Carol Anne Freeman	Mike Newmar	Leslie Turek
Jim Gillys	Anne Norton	Linda von Helwig
Claire Graham	Mark Norton	Earl Wajenberg
Dorothy Godin	Paul Norton	David Wallace
John Godin	Barbara Nostrand	Charles Ward
Rich Hantz	Nick Nussbaum	Monty Wells
Beth Hatcher	Ozzie	Sue Wheeler
Jane Hawkins		Tom Whitmore
Lois Hecht		Drew Whyte
Jeff Hecht		Lee Winter
Gary Henley		
Bettina Helms		
Lorraine Therese Horne		

# BOSKONE 15

## *The SKYLARK*

The Skylark Award is given by vote of NESFA's members each year, in honor of Doc. E. E. Smith, to the person who best exemplifies the qualities that made Doc so well beloved by all who knew him. The year the recipient was

*Spider Robinson*

and the award was, as is becoming traditional, presented by last year's winner, *Jack Gaughan*.

## *Changes of Address*

Please notify us if you move and want to get future Boskone mailings. It will help if you indicate that the change is for Boskone and send it to the NESFA PO Box.

We have sent out packets with the Boskone 15 Program Book and other materials to all pre-registered members who did not attend according to our records. If you were one of these and have not gotten a Program Book in the mail, please write to us. The following packets were bounced by the Post Office:

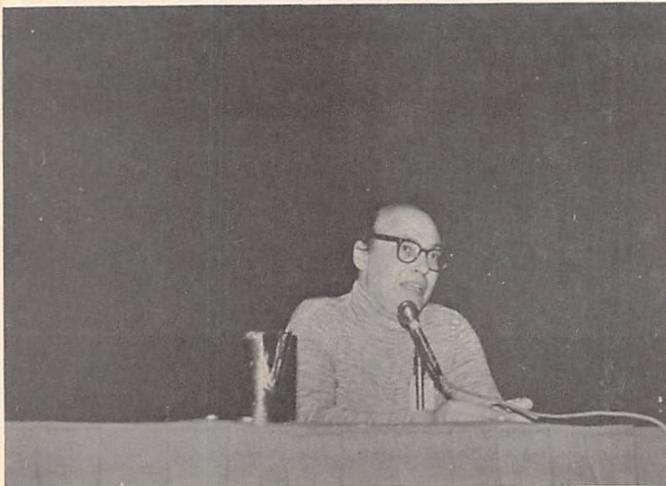
Barbara Bohre (MA), David Martin (GA), & Dick Tobin (MA)

## *ATTENDANCE*

Boskone 15 was the biggest ever in attendance. By Saturday morning, there were 939 people there out of 1330 registered (includes advance registrations by mail). By Sunday morning, it was 1412 attending out of 1550 registered and the final total figures were 1454 attendance and 1574 registration.

## *BOSKONE 16*

Yes, there will be another one next year. Although all is not settled, it is expected to be February 16-18, 1979, at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel. We will be privileged to have *Frank Herbert* as Guest of Honor and *Mike Symes* as Official Artist.



Marvin Minsky

## *QUESTIONNAIRES*

We would like to thank all of you who took the trouble to fill in Boskone questionnaires. Every one was read by the Chairman and several members of both the Boskone 15 Committee and the Boskone 16 Committee. We will adopt some of the ideas you gave us in the questionnaires and have thought about all the criticisms with a view to improving the convention. It's still not too late to send one in and influence Boskone 16.



John Brunner and Frank Herbert