

Boskone XXV
Sheraton Tara, Monarch Place
and
Springfield Marriott
Springfield, Massachusetts
January 29-31, 1988

Guest of Honor
Official Artist
Special Speaker

Greg Bear
David Mattingly
Ellen Asher

Greg Bear is the author of *Eon*, *Blood Music* and *The Infinity Concerto*. A protean author of both hard SF and innovative fantasy, he has won 3 Nebulas and 2 Hugos.

David Mattingly is the cover artist for numerous books, including the *Heroes in Hell* series, Barbara Hambly's books, and many, many others.

Ellen Asher is a major force at the Science Fiction Book Club. As its senior editor, she is one of the most influential but least known people in SF publishing.

Special Note

After many years of taking place in Boston over President's Day Weekend, Boskone is moving to Springfield, Massachusetts, and will run over the last weekend in January 1988. For the first time, Boskone will institute a membership cap of about 2,000 attendees. As a result, memberships may not be available at the door. If you are planning on attending the next Boskone, please complete the registration form and return it to us soon.

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Springfield Information

Our convention site is in downtown Springfield, adjacent to Baystate West, a nice mall with lots of interesting stores and a wide variety of restaurants. A number of museums are only a short trip from the hotels, including the Springfield Science Museum and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Boskone XXV Activities

Boskone XXV will be more like the Boskones of 10 years ago than most recent Boskones. It will be smaller, friendlier, and more fannish. At the same time, it will still have a multi-track Program, a large Art Show and Huckster Room, and numerous other events. Our theme for the convention is "The Science Fiction Spectrum: Celebrating the Diversity of Speculative Literature."

Program will mostly be in the Marriott, while Art Show, Hucksters Room, Children's Programming, and some Discussion Groups will run in the Sheraton Tara. The Meet-the-VIPs party Friday will be a non-costume event. Evening Program (which will include a few films), Filking, and the Con Suite will run in the Marriott at night. Other activities will include Writers' and Artists' Workshops, Autographing, Authors' Readings, Babysitting, Scavenger Hunt, Trivia Bowl, Punday, and Regency Tea. Also, for the first time in many years, there will be a Boskone banquet on Saturday night.

Hotels

Hotel	Rates	Information
Sheraton Tara	Rooms, \$75-\$90 Suites, \$125	Brand new, 300-room hotel 18,000 sq. ft. health club
Marriott	Rooms, \$68 Suites, \$155-\$175	Modern, 265-room hotel Large pool/hot tub

These two hotels are connected by a skywalk.

Rules

Boskone has a strict no-weapons policy. Weapons include chains, studs, toy lasers, maces, swords, etc. If it could possibly be construed as a weapon, leave it home.

We prefer that you not wear hall costumes.

Alcohol may not be served at open parties.

No one under the age of eighteen may attend Boskone without a parent or guardian. Exceptions will be made for teenagers who have worked at Boskone in the past, and for those who are members of SF clubs, like NESFA, MITSFS, the Lunarians, etc.

After you purchase your membership, you will receive a hotel card. Hotel reservations for the convention must be made using the hotel card.

All official convention activities will close by 2AM.

Program Book Ads

Send ads (camera-ready copy only) or inquiries to Program Book Ads, c/o NESFA, Box G, MIT Branch PO, Cambridge, MA 02139-0910. Deadline for ad copy is 11/30/87. For information on ad rates, please write to us, or call Rick Katze at 617-879-1624.

Help Us Run Boskone!

We need gophers from Thursday afternoon through Monday morning, doing everything from running errands to guarding doors to helping with Program to setting up and tearing down the Art Show. Please sign up in advance by checking the "Helping to Run Boskone" box on the next page.



NESFA

New England Science Fiction Association, Inc.
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Dear Boskone 25 Member:

This is to confirm that you have a membership for Boskone 25. This flyer contains the latest information about the convention.

Hotel cards will go out early this fall. Please note that hotel reservations for Boskone 25 may only be made by using the hotel reservation card. If you will need a suite, write to us soon.

Initial response to the proposed Boskone 25 banquet has been very favorable. If you are interested in attending the banquet, drop us a post card so we can add you to the list.

If you are interested in working on the convention, or if you have any comments or questions about Boskone 25, don't hesitate to write.

Sincerely,


Jim Mann

Laurie Mann
Boskone 25 Co-Chairs

You can buy a Boskone membership until September 30 only by using this form (Photocopies will not be accepted.). This is because we want to give those with a long-standing interest in Boskone the first chance to buy a membership. This form is good for up to two memberships. (Exception: you can buy more than one additional membership for dependent children. List their names on the line provided and include the appropriate amount.)

If you have not received this form but think that you should have, write to us and let us know. We tried sending them to everyone we knew who had an interest in NESFA, had come to numerous Boskonex, or who had strong ties to the SF community. But we know we've missed some people, so let us know if you're one of them.

After September 30, if memberships are still available, we will accept copies of this form. We suggest that, if you plan to come to Boskone, you buy your membership soon.

Memberships are not directly transferable. To transfer a membership, you must write to us, telling us to whom you want to transfer your membership, before January 1, 1988. We won't accept at-the-door transfers.

In order to register you for the convention, we need to have your real name on the registration form.

Send to: Boskone 25, c/o NESFA, Box G, MIT Branch PO, Cambridge, MA 02139-0910
Make checks payable to Boskone 25—Don't send cash through the mail!

I would like _____ Boskone Memberships at \$25 each (6/15/87—12/7/87)
\$40 each at the door (if available)

Total Amount: _____ Check Enclosed.

Please charge registrations to my MasterCard VISA.

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Additional Name(s): _____

Reminder: The Additional Name(s) line allows you to buy a membership for one other person (spouse, friend, significant other, whatever). You can buy more than one additional membership only if they are for dependent children living at the same address as you.

I am interested in getting information about the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping to Run Boskone | <input type="checkbox"/> Filk Song Contest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities for children aged 5 to 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Babysitting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NESFA Short Story Contest | <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet (cost \$17-\$20) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writer's Workshop—short story sample required by December 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Hucksters and Artists: Write to us regarding rates for 1988.

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