

Helmouth speaking for Boskone XXVI

1, Friday edition

Welcome to Boskone XXVI!

Last year's smaller and more focused convention and our new facilities were well-received by the attendees. We are happy to return to Springfield, and hope that you will all enjoy the convention.

This year's convention will be similar to last year's, with an emphasis on written SF, SF art, and fannishness. Two changes are that most of the Committee is also hard at work preparing for Noreascon Three (the 1989 World Science Fiction Convention, to be held in Boston), and that the Marriott hotel is undergoing renovations. We are all doing our best to minimize the effects these factors have on Boskone.

If you have any questions about the convention, please talk to someone wearing a red Committee ribbon or go to Boskone Information near the Marriott Grand Ballroom or the 3rd floor of the Tara. Suggestions for improvement, and new ideas, are welcome at the traditional "gripe session" on Sunday afternoon.

Don't worry, be fannish!

-- *Claire & Dave Anderson*, Co-Chairmen

The Meet the VIP's party will be tonight from 8:30-10:30 in the Marriott Grand Ballroom. It provides a place for all members of the convention to gather together and socialize. We hope that fans will be available to talk about their fanzines or to SMOF, artists to discuss their work, and editors to hold forth on a wide variety of subjects. We've arranged to have many authors autograph their books, and we'll be setting up a special Hucksters' area where you can buy a book for someone to sign. **Don't be shy; do come and enjoy.**

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PRINT SHOP is located in the Art Show and sells artists prints. It is open when the Art show is open and during sales on Sunday. Come visit us!

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Hotel Information: The walkway between the hotels is planned to be open from 8am-3am Friday and Saturday and 9am-4pm on Sunday. (It may be closed earlier if usage is low.) The Bay State West Mall shops close at 6pm Fri & Sat and are closed all day Sun. The **Food Court** on the second floor of the Mall closes at 5:30pm Saturday. (It is rumored that some shops/food court were open a few hours later on Friday night last year.)

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A special **buffet** has been planned for your convenience by the Tara. Hours are Fri 6-9PM and Sat 5-9PM. It will be in the Jester's Court Restaurant and will be \$8.

Remember, we have **TWO Hucksters' Rooms:** the Tara Grand North, and the Marriott Springfield Room. Check them both out!

Due to a mix up by the film company, the version of *The Time Machine* we are showing is a TV version, not the George Pal version.

AUTOGRAPH SESSION FOR TIM POWERS AND JAMES GURNEY 7PM FRIDAY HAS BEEN **CANCELLED**.

They will be at the Meet the VIPs party from 8:30 to 10:30 pm Friday.

Registration Correction: it will be Saturday until 3pm in Tara King Edward, after which it will move to the Tara Balcony near Information until 6pm.

AUTOGRAPHING AREA INCORRECT IN POCKET PROGRAM! Investigation proves it will actually take place in the hallway near the door to Grand C Marriott. Film at 11!

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The following people have been added to Conventionholics Anonymous: Joel R., Seth B., Cat P.

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ChiCon V will be taking memberships and providing information in the Marriott Ballroom Foyer, Friday 6-8 pm and Saturday 10:30-12 & 2-5pm. (Kirby wants to go to some program items.) This is an unpaid political announcement of the Party Animal Party.

BOXBORO FANDOM is sponsoring a vacation swim in the Marriott pool. Come and Join us Saturday afternoon between 3pm and 5pm.

BOXBORO FANDOM is sponsoring, at Noreascon III, a multiroom, multitheme party entitled *Louis Wu's Birthday*. If you'd like to help plan and throw the event (one of the Noreascon III's extravaganzas) please attend the planning meeting in Marriott suite 909-911 at 11am Saturday morning.

FAN LOUNGE (Tara Suffolk) is open Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. If you're interested in congenial company, fanzines, talking about fandom, etc., please come by. The hours are subject to change due to recent health eccentricities on the part of the person in charge. **IF YOU CAN HELP**, please see Andi Shechter in the Fan Lounge. Hope to see you there!

The **1987 NESFA Index to Short Science Fiction** is on sale at the NESFA table in the Marriott filthy huckster room. It includes listings for all short science fiction published in 1987. This year the index includes not only magazines and original anthologies, but also reprint anthologies and single author collections. An Epitaph in Rust by GOH Tim Powers and the Boskone XXVI T-shirt by Official Artist James Gurney are also available. Check them out!

Anyone who is planning on entering the Scavenger Hunt PLEASE leave a note with your name and room number at the Information Table, Marriott, 6th floor.

FRIDAY PARTIES!!!!

MagiCon ... Orlando in '92, Marriott 1111, 10pm, door prize drawings at 1am.
Discon III ... DC in '92, Marriott 1011, 8pm, no door prize but they're nice

Hope you have a great con this year. Next year Boskone returns to President's Day Weekend (February 16-18, 1990), but will stay in Springfield. Memberships are for sale at the NESFA Sales Table in the Marriott Hucksters Room. Our GOH is Glen Cook, and our Official Artist is David A. Cherry.

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2, Saturday Morning edition

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Explorers Club Report:

There is a PATH from the Marriott Ballroom level to the Tara that does not require taking or waiting for ANY elevators! To do this:

1. Take the staircase down from the 6th floor to the C level. This staircase is near the Grand Ballroom.
2. Exit on C level and make a right turn to the end of the garage. There is a blinking light in the final aisle.
3. Make a left turn at the aisle. Go halfway down the aisle until you see a staircase on your right. This staircase goes down to the street, next to the skybridge. The door to the skybridge may be open, but if not, you can still go down to the street.

GOH Tim Powers will be signing and chatting by the Information Disk (3rd floor Tara) Sunday from 11am to Noon!

ASFA MEETING: 10 am Sunday, Executive Boardroom, 3rd floor Tara.

HELMUTH NEWS SCOOPS can be dropped off at either Information Booth. The deadlines are 6pm Saturday and 10am Sunday. If you are hosting a party, get the news in to us by 6 so we can put out the info! We have NOT received any cheap, sleazy rumors yet. Helminth, your Unknown Newsletter Editor, is deeply disappointed. C'mon you guys!

Many People, particularly our Guests and the Boskone Committee, supplied the Programming Crew with Good Ideas for this year's Program. I'd like to particularly thank Laurie Edison, David G. Hartwell, Franklin Hummel, Rick Hautala, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Fred Lerner, and James Gurney for their Time and Ideas.....

Laurie Mann, Boskone XXVI Lead Programmer

HAL CLEMENT, CHICON 5 GUEST OF HONOR, will be autographing from 3 to 5 in the Tara.

SATURDAY PARTIES!!!!

Nashville in '94 ... Marriott 1629, 9:23 pm
Brand new Worldcon bid!
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ICON VIII ... Marriott 808, 10pm
Egg creams! Wheel Fun!
Friends of Bill W. & Dr. Bob ... Marriott 723, 7:30 pm
NA/AA/ALANON/ACOA/OA/SLAA/and anyone else 12ing it.
(Helminth is confused.)
Consulte ... Marriott 708, 9pm to 2am
Gay Fandom "The Gaylaxians" ... Tara 837, 9pm to 2am
Smoke and alcohol free! Open to all!

How can the official Noreascon Three photographers get any reasonable pictures of the huge crowds at the Noreascon Three Registration table (next to Information in the Tara) if you don't buy memberships? Through March 15 the rates are:

\$70 attending

\$20 supporting

\$45 for children's admission

After March 15, attending will be \$80 until July 15. It will be higher at the door.

Of course, if you don't want to be photographed, you can also buy your membership at the NESFA sales table in the Marriott dealers room.

Helminth, your Unknown Newsletter Editor, is attending it's Very First Boskone. It expects to bring back a favorable report to Headquarters. You are under scrutiny as it attempts to discover just exactly what East Coast Fandom calls "fun". Be advised.

To the young man overheard complaining that Boskone isn't fun anymore since it's become a literary convention: Remember, readers are leaders.

The Great Boskone XXVI Scavenger Hunt is being Judged at 1:00 Sunday afternoon. Due to technical difficulties before the con, last minute entrants are heartily encouraged. Copies of the list will be available at the Marriott information desk (6th floor, near the ballrooms). Check it out! -- Peter Lee, Western Massachusetts Irregulars.

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Cat Pryde has joined the Fat Feminism & Fandom panel and the Why You Don't Want to Be an SF Writer panel.

Chris Morris will not be on the Why Not Charlemagne? panel.

Tappan King will not be on the True Covers panel, but will be on the Splatter Punk panel.

Tom Doherty will not be attending Boskone.

D. Alexander Smith will not be on the Newer Writers panel on Friday night.

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Change Susan Schwartz autographing session from 5pm to 3pm in the Tara.

Delete TOR Saturday 1pm.

Add Confiction (1990 Worldcon) panel Saturday, 1pm, Marriott Ballroom C.

Tarot Talk Discussion Group Saturday after programming, (10 or 11 pm), contact Sheila Oranch, Marriott 1416; in registration 12-2pm.

Sign up for discussion groups at the Tara Information Desk.

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Tinsel Town flash!

The 9:10 Saturday showing of the Time Machine has been cancelled. Instead we'll be showing The War of the Worlds (the George Pal version, really! honest!)

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The Sheraton Tara management tells us that people in the Sheraton can have their parking tickets validated this evening. They may also check out in advance this very evening, especially if you're paying cash, to avoid long lines on Sunday.

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Brave and Noble to Donald Ray who filled in for our Sign Shop person and sorted, organized and helped fix them up on the fly!

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9 pm, aka Pinedone, Maplecon, Cancon,
the Canadian bid, eh.

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all!

Cosmic Encounter1004
9pm, hotel unspecified

Get those Puns in for Punday Night. Applications are available at the Boskone Information Desks. The English Language is most expressive and has (reputedly) the largest vocabulary of any in the world. With such a powerful tool, we are expecting the worst from you!

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While we're at it, be sure to presupport the bidders. It helps pay for the refreshments you scarf down while they try to twist your arm.

Remember, the Great Boskone XXVI Scavenger Hunt Finals will be at 1:00 on Sunday. If none of the entrants have the items, we will award chocolate to members of the audience that understand the references. (Helminth thanks the Scavenger Hunt organizers for explaining to it that such activity is what you East Coast Fen consider "fun". Now it needs to know if this is more fun than plotting the overthrow of the Galaxy and the cursed Lensmen.)

Michael Bleiwiss needs our Help!!

"I once read a story that contained a reference to Library Science being the Foundation of All Knowledge (science?). I would appreciate it if someone could tell me the exact source of the reference. Either leave a note on the bulletin board in the Marriott, or answer in Helmath, or leave a message at the Marriott hotel desk."

Corrections to the Program Book Footnotes:

p. 30: Boskone XIX (location should have [5] and not [8]).

p. 31: Boskone XV Guest of Honor should have [8] and not [5].

Friday Night Party Reviews (by the Anonymous Party-Goer)

Not bad for a Friday, guys!

When we dropped in on the Nashville bunch, we became part of a small but earnest/ernest gathering all fannishly asking facilities questions. They were nicely fielded by the L&N fan in charge. Nice spread of consumables. I came out with a Southern accent.

I recommend both the DC in '92 and the Orlando in '92 parties. These guys are really making a run for the wire. Scope out the ideas they're tossing around right now and all the facilities info too. They've got great chow and wonderful conversation. (This reviewer loves a good bid race and is trying valiantly not to take sides!)

Helminth has decided to publish it's own cheap sleazy rumor. Drop your answers in the Helmath box at the Tara Hampden Room.



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4, Sunday Morning edition

The Art Show Awards.....

Popular Choice - Best Artist

Professional: B1-B8 James Gurney

Amateur: D13-D14 Bob Eastman

Professional Honorable Mention: D4-D5 Tom Canty; E3 Richard Bober

Guest of Honor First Choice: D-18 516-1 Rob Schouten Dreams of Tomorrow

Professional First

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|-----|--------|----------------|------------------------|
| E3 | 506-3 | Richard Bober | Skull Life |
| D4 | 406-5 | Tom Canty | Year's Best Fantasy #1 |
| A13 | 419-01 | Bob Eggleton | The Snows of Jaspre |
| E12 | 494-2 | A. C. Farley | Asimov's, Jan '89 |
| D21 | 421-1 | Mark Ferrari | The Dream |
| B2 | 400-1 | James Gurney | Waterfall City |
| B1 | 400-2 | James Gurney | Sea Monster |
| A6 | 430-6 | Jael | Counter Probe |
| C1 | 434-6 | Tom Kidd | H.M.A.S. Wyeth |
| C19 | 454-3 | Dennis Nolan | The Woods |
| 3-D | 465-14 | Barclay Shaw | Subway Love |
| D17 | 511-4 | Mark Skullenud | The Word |

Amateur First

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| C26 | 482-1 | Cassandra Boell | Witch of the Window |
| D22 | 497-2 | Dorothy Collins | Night Wings |
| C5 | 414-1 | Lori Deitrick | Celtic Tundra |
| A2 | 412-6 | Dexter Dickinson | Jump Off |
| D14 | 417-10 | Bob Eastman | First Dawn of a New Age |
| D25 | 491-3 | Jonathan Hunt | The Skraclings |
| C13 | 439-6 | Charles Lang | Attack |
| B18 | 442-1 | North Lilly | Bad to the Bone |
| A10 | 458-6 | Omar Rayyan | Dreamer |
| A8 | 483-4 | Margaret Rickard | He Rode In, Rear End Upon a Steed of Pig Jumping Jack - Puss + Boots |

Professional Honorable Mention

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|-----|--------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| A7 | 401-3 | Barb Armata | Jumping to Conclusions |
| D5 | 406-13 | Tom Canty | Silver Branch |
| C20 | 410-11 | Darlene Coltrain | Rough Maid of Flowers |
| D21 | 421-9 | Mark Ferrari | Serpent Mage |
| B7 | 400-7 | James Gurney | Soybean Products |
| D8 | 431-2 | Nicholas Jainschigg | Destroyer of Worlds |
| D8 | 432-1 | Bruce Jensen | Neuromancer, The Graphic Novel |
| D23 | 440-5 | Jody Lee | Skeen's Leap |
| B9 | 477-1 | James Warhola | Arabesques I |
| D3 | 480-2 | Janny Wurts | Taken to Task |

Amateur Honorable Mention

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| E14 | 490-7 | Bonita Atwood | Water Dance |
| D12 | 422-4 | William G. Filios | The Wakinyan and the Little Thunderbirds |
| 3-D | 442-6 | North Lilly | Physician's Cup |
| C14 | 476-3 | Dixie Walker | Babysitter |

Honorable Mention

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| D5 | 406-17 | Tom Canty | Merlyn's Booke Chapter Head # 1 |
| B6 | 400-11 | James Gurney | Awakening Spring |
| C1 | 434-4 | Tom Kidd | Apocalypse |
| D1 | 445-16 | Don Maitz | The Duel |
| D28 | 448-5 | Dean Morrissey | Druid's Blood |
| B17 | 485-1 | Dawn Wilson | The Water Bearer |

Co-Chairmen's Choice (Claire Anderson)

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| D17 | 510-1 | Milo Duke | Every Place Is the Center of the World |
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Co-Chairmen's Choice (Dave Anderson)

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| B4 | 400-4 | James Gurney | Glory Lane |
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Art Show Director's Choice (Priscilla Olson)
D5 406-4 Tom Canty The White
Raven

Art Show Director's Choice (Mark Olson)
B2 400-1 Jim Gurney Waterfall City

Art Show Staff's Choice
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C27 402-5 Bryn Barnard Farewell
Horizontal
D25 491-3 Jonathan Hunt The
Skraelings
Attack

(Honorable Mention):

C5 Lori Deitrick (Amateur)
D23 Jody Lee (Pro)

FILKSONG CONTEST WINNERS!!!

First Prize:

Duane Elms in "Computers" for
Threes Revision 1.1 and in "Media"
for Listmakers

Lee Gold in "Fantasy" for Let the
Birds Fly
and in "Fannish" for Frank Hayes
Disease.

Honorable Mention:

Allan Burrows in "Fannish" for
Breakfast.
Barbara Higgins in "Science Fiction
for Another You and I Hate Little
Kiffish Dinners.

Special Mention:

Lee Gold in "Gratuitous Violence"
for Kill the Elves.
David Weingart in "Show
Stoppers" for Show Stopper #37B
and Bored With Argo.

SkyLark Award Winner: Gene Wolfe
Jack Gaughan Award Winner: Del
Harris.
Congratulations!

ADDITION TO FILM PROGRAM:

We will rerun The Seven Faces of
Dr. Lao Sunday at 6pm. If there
is interest, we will also rerun
Rescue Party.

Boxboro Fandom would like to thank the
350+ people who shared our vacation at the
lovely Marriott beaches. Special thanks for all
who are helping us plan Louis Wu's birthday
celebration at Noreascon III. (Helminth would
like to thank Boxboro Fandom for throwing a
lovely do, but leave the sand home next time ...
uncomfortable under the carapace, don't you
know.)

Helminth has received conflicting reports on the
Team New York in '95 party last night. The
first report has it that they had an adequate
supply of ordinary munchies and soda, nothing
as grand as their Nolacon effort. Just in,
"Kudos to the Team New York '95 bid party.
Hand-cut Romanian pastrami at midnight --
yummmies!" Your choice. By the way, trying to
save on your T-shirt ink bill?

That was a wonderfully spontaneous speech Mr.
Powers. We look forward to more moments of
wild abandon from you in the future.

Apologies to the mundane who inherited the
Nashville in '94 room after they checked out
Saturday morning. A doff of the hat to Scott
Dennis who kindly traded rooms with him to
repair the, uh, situation.

Our Agents report the approximate attendance to
be 1100 pre-registered and 157 at the door.

We'd like to thank everyone involved with the
convention for their cooperation on making it enjoyable
for us. Everywhere we went we saw attendees having
fun, and we've heard of no significant problems. You
certainly took our advice of "Don't worry, be Fannish!"
We especially want to thank all of you who volunteered
as gophers -- the convention couldn't be run without your
help. Our committee and staff came through with an
excellent job despite the pressure from Noreascon Three
planning, both before and at Boskone. We had high
hopes of our guests when we invited them, and were
pleased and amazed when they were exceeded. You've all
been absolutely delightful. Finally, we want to thank
our hotels for their part in making the convention run
well. Their efforts have frequently been above and
beyond the call of duty, and we look forward to working
with them in the future. See you next year, still in
Springfield but back to our traditional date of President's
Day weekend.

Claire + Dave