

# Boskone 33

## Progress Report

*Lois McMaster Bujold* Guest of Honor  
*Gary Ruddell* Official Artist  
*Bob Madle* Special Guest  
*Musical Chairs* Featured Filkers

### Welcome!

Boskone 33 will be held on February 16-18, 1996 (President's Day Weekend), at the Sheraton Tara hotel in Framingham, Mass. Registration is \$33 through January 15, 1996. Framingham is Metro West's main shopping area (including the rebuilt Natick Mall and Shopper's World). Framingham has the largest concentration of good restaurants in Massachusetts outside the center of Boston.

### Have a "Quickie"

This is Boskone's Progress report. The bright-green sheet is your "Quickie" form. Please bring this form with you to help speed up your registration. The name on your badge will be printed as it appears on the label of this Progress Report. Please write us ASAP with any corrections or send email to [s.sbarsk@genie.com](mailto:s.sbarsk@genie.com).

### Area Hours

<u>Area</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Registration	5 PM to 10:30 PM	9 AM to 10 PM	9 AM to Noon
Art Show	8 PM to 10 PM	10 AM to 10 PM	10 AM to Noon
Baby-sitting	6 PM to Midnight	10 AM to Midnight	10 AM to 4 PM
Con Suite	5 PM to Midnight	9 AM to Midnight	9 AM to 4 PM
Dragonslair	7 PM to 9 PM	10 AM to 9 PM	10 AM to 4 PM
Dealers' Room	5 PM to 9 PM	10 AM to 6 PM	10 AM to 4 PM
Information	4 PM to 9 PM	10 AM to 6 PM	10 AM to 4 PM

### Friday Highlights

**Program panels** begin at 5 PM. The **Winterfair celebration** (and Meet-the-VIPs) begins at 7:30 PM with **Opening Ceremonies** at 8 PM in the Grand Ballroom North. The **Regency Dance** (see page 2 for more info) will follow Winterfair at 10 PM in the Ballroom. Also at 10 PM we have two other interesting events: the **Trivia Contest** and the **Comics roundtable**.

### Other Major Events

In addition to the event listed above under "Friday Highlights" events, on Saturday we have our **Filk concert** by Featured Filkers Musical Chairs in the afternoon. In the evening, there will be our traditional **Boskone Banquet**. Following the banquet there will be short speeches, and the Skylark, Gaughan, and other awards will be presented. Extra seating will be provided. The awards will be followed by a special Boskone production to be announced. On Sunday, we have the **Art Show close-out and auction**, **Closing Ceremonies**, followed by a **Charity Auction** to promote literacy. Please bring something to donate to this worthy cause. Drop-off at Information.

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### The Program - Suford Lewis and Priscilla Olson

Boskone's heart is its Program, and we will have an outstanding mix of SF, Fantasy, fannish discussion, debate and diatribe. Most of the program will be in the form of panel discussions, but we'll have many program items in other formats as well. These include our Kaffeeklatsches, readings, autograph sessions, slide shows, speeches, art demonstrations and a Writer's Workshop.

**Topics.** We're still working on the program, but a few of the program items we expect to have include: an expanded (2-hour) interactive program on "Teaching with Science Fiction", "The Life and Works of Cyril M. Kornbluth", storytelling sessions, the "Retro" Hugo Awards, "Breakin' In", "The Writer as Editor", "Loved the Book/Book-cover - Hated the Book-cover/Book", "Surviving the Free-lance Jungle", and many others. Be there and see for yourself!

We are planning a lively and varied **video** program in the evenings at the Tipperary Pub.

**Edison Anniversary.** Laurie Gottlieb Edison is doing a 20th anniversary panel (Boskone 1976-Boskone 1996). Please bring your Edison jewelry/sculpture that's old/new, has special beauty/heart value/ history etc. There will be a panel of sharing stories and show and tell.

**Discussion Groups.** A discussion group is a small group of people who sit around and chat about an SF, fantasy, or fannish topic of interest to them. These groups are organized by the attendees (That's you!). We provide the space and a sign-up list at Information. If you know before the convention that you or your club would like to schedule a discussion group, please write to us. Tell us the topic and your preferred time by the end of January, and we will list your discussion group in the pocket program.

**Kaffeeklatsches.** Would you like a chance to have an informal discussion with some of our program participants over coffee or tea? Sign up at Information.

**Autographing.** Get an autograph from your favorite pro! Check your Pocket Program to see when and where signings will be.

**Readings.** Come hear writers read and discuss their own works. Participating writers will be listed in the pocket program — check the daily newsletter for additions and changes.

### Filksinging - Gary McGath

Filksongs are fandom's folk songs, with themes of SF, fantasy, and fandom. The Filk Program will begin with concert sets by local and visiting performers on Friday evening. On Saturday afternoon, there will be panels and workshops on filk performance, history, and current happenings, followed by the Musical Chairs concert. Saturday evening, there will be more concert sets. On Sunday will be a concert commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Challenger disaster, in a spirit of reaffirmation. There will be open filking on Friday and Saturday nights, and dead dog filking on Sunday afternoon.

### Hucksters' Room - Kurt Baty

The Hucksters' Room is where you can buy books (new, used, rare), magazines, jewelry, toys, T-shirts, buttons, cassette tapes, and countless items of interest.

### DragonsLair - Jim and Selma Burrows

The DragonsLair program will continue to have a strong arts and crafts component, with opportunities for creative play, contests, and convention-related activities such as a trip to the Art Show and Huckster's Room for those kids who are interested. Participating children must be convention members.

### Baby-Sitting - Robin and Peter Trei

Boskone will provide baby-sitting for your child (age 5 and under). To use baby-sitting services, your child must be a member of Boskone 33. There will be no additional charges. Advance registration is strongly recommended! If you have a child who will use baby-sitting, please let us know by writing us at the Boskone PO Box or use the order form at the end of this PR.

### Regency Dance - Suford Lewis

Our traditional Regency Dance will be on Friday evening from about 10 PM on. As usual, we will teach Regency period dances: contradances (dances in facing rows) and waltzes (couples ranged in a large circle). Spectators are welcome.

### Club and Bid Tables - Sharon Sbarsky

Would you like to promote your club, convention, or bid? We will have tables available for this purpose on the Promenade. Table space is limited, so please write to us in advance.

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### Art Show - Deb Geisler and Mark Hertel

The Art Show, in the Grand Tara ballroom, is where you go to see anything from large oil paintings to small ink sketches; from name badges to book covers; from finely painted eggs to quilted wall hangings. We expect to have nearly a thousand items entered, and many different prints in the Print Shop.

### Information and People Mover - Claire and Dave Anderson

Want more detailed information on local restaurants and stores? Want to pre-register for a discussion group or other event that requires sign-up? Stop by the Information table on the Grand Promenade and we'll help you out.

### Volunteers Wanted and Welcome!

Boskone needs you! Science fiction conventions run on blood, sweat and volunteers. At Boskone, People Mover allocates volunteers among the many different areas that need them. If you are willing to help, please fill out the volunteer form at Information. Those who work at least eight hours will receive one of our unique gopher's T-shirts **Important:** To work on the convention, you must sign the Legal Release Form at Information. If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must sign (but you'll only have to work 4 hours for your T-shirt).

### Registration - Joyce Carroll Grace

Register for Boskone in the back of the Shannon Room on Friday, next to Information on Saturday afternoon, and in Services from Saturday evening on. You'll get your convention material and name badge there. Everyone — committee, staff, artists, program participants, hucksters — will be handled at Registration. We will make it as painless an experience as we can! You can help: bring your quickie sheet with you. (It's the cover of this Progress Report.) If you arrive late, ask at Information about after hours registration.

If you haven't yet bought a membership and wish to do so before the convention, please fill out the form in this PR and return it to us by January 15, 1996. The cost of advance memberships is \$33. We accept Visa, MasterCard, checks and, of course (at the door *only*) cash.

The cost of **Baby-Sitting** and **DragonsLair** is included in the con membership, so all children who use these services must be convention members. There is no reduced rate for children. However, children under 10 who are with their parents at all times are considered "kids-in-tow" and need not purchase memberships (and do not receive any convention materials).

**Transferring Memberships.** We do not refund memberships. However, if you can't make it, you may transfer your membership to someone else. All membership transfers must be done in writing. Your transferee will be able to register much more quickly at the convention if you write to us in advance to let us know of the transfer and have your transferee bring a copy of the transfer letter and "Quickie Sheet" to registration. Please note that life memberships are not transferable.

### Newsletter - Priscilla Olson and Pam Fremon

To keep track of last-minute changes, check *Helmuth, Speaking for Boskone*, the convention newsletter. It features updates and changes to the program as well as lists of parties and other news. Copies of *Helmuth* will be distributed around the hotel, e.g. Art Show, Dealer's Room, etc., but you can always find copies of the most recent issue at the Information Table on the Promenade.

### Con Suite - Sue Kahn

The Con Suite is the site of the Boskone-sponsored party where fans can meet and talk over light refreshments. Located in the Shannon Room, it will be a center of activity and excitement, including readings, autographing and discussion groups.

### Magic at Boskone - Saul Jaffe

There will be two officially sanctioned Magic: The Gathering™ tournaments during Boskone (non-Convocation members welcome). One on Saturday and another on Sunday; both will run from Noon to 6 PM. Final rounds may run later. Saturday's tournament will be a Sealed Deck tourney. Cards for this tournament must be purchased at the tournament site. Sunday's tournament will be a "Type 2" tourney. As for all sanctioned tournaments, we will be following the official Convocation Rules. If you have access to the Internet, you can get a copy of the official tournament rules from the archive site at [marvin.macc.wisc.edu](ftp://marvin.macc.wisc.edu/pub/deckmaster/rules/duelists.tourney.rules) via FTP or via the Web at URL: [URL:<ftp://marvin.macc.wisc.edu/pub/deckmaster/rules/duelists.tourney.rules>](ftp://marvin.macc.wisc.edu/pub/deckmaster/rules/duelists.tourney.rules). Sign-up early for both tournaments at Information as participation is limited to the first 32 people for each tourney.

**Boskone 33 Progress Report  
Writer's Workshop**

Boskone 33 will host the highly popular private workshop organized by David Alexander Smith, where 2-3 professional writers critique work by 3-4 amateur writers.

The workshop is for serious amateur or newly professional writers who are curious about workshops, have work they want to improve, and are willing to devote a fair amount of time to it. To apply, submit up to 7500 words of fiction (a story, chapters from a novel, or an outline) by January 25, 1996. Three weeks before the con, those selected to be in the workshop will be notified and provided with a list of the other attendees, a summary of workshop procedures, and other background.

At Boskone, the workshop will run about three hours. David Alexander Smith will moderate the workshop, and the other pros will be members of the Cambridge Science Fiction Workshop, a long-running Clarion-style workshop. To apply, or for more information, send submissions directly to David A. Smith, 112 Avon Hill St., Cambridge, MA 02140.

***Dreamweaver's Dilemma* by Lois McMaster Bujold**

*Dreamweaver's Dilemma* contains previously unpublished fiction and non-fiction including a lengthy interview with Ms. Bujold. The at-con price for this year's Boskone Book is \$12.60 for the trade edition, and \$18.90 for the boxed, signed edition (tax included). (After the convention or by mail the trade edition will sell for \$18, and the boxed, \$30. Add \$2 each for shipping.) You may advance-order your copy of *Dreamweaver's Dilemma* to be picked up at con by sending your check or charge to the address at the bottom of this page.

**Boskone 33 Order Form**

(To be picked up at con!)

Dreamweaver's Dilemma by Lois McMaster Bujold		Requested No.
Trade Limited Clothbound Edition	_____ copies at \$12.60	_____
Boxed Limited Clothbound Edition	_____ copies at \$18.90	_____

(To be eaten at con!)

Boskone 33 Banquet		
Breast of Chicken Marsala	_____ meals at \$22.00	_____
Prime Rib of Beef au Jus	_____ meals at \$27.00	_____

Boskone 33 Pre-registration (until January 15, 1996)	_____ memberships at \$33.00	_____
	Total	_____

The above prices include all applicable taxes. Payment must accompany order. We accept checks, Visa and MasterCard. *Please don't mail cash.*

I am paying by: \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard  
Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information about: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering \_\_\_\_\_ Joining NESFA \_\_\_\_\_ Magic Tournament

I will require babysitting services for \_\_\_\_\_ children

(Please attach any additional memberships and addresses. Thank you!)

Mail to: **Boskone 33, P.O. Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0203.**

Fax to: **(617) 776-3243** (only Visa or MC on Fax orders)



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### Hotel - Gay Ellen Dennett

**Important:** All reservations must be made by **January 26, 1996**. Directions to the Tara are on Page 5. The hotel rates per night are: single or double \$89, triple or quad \$91. Phone **(508) 879-7200** for reservations. Be sure to mention Boskone to get the convention rate. Write to Boskone for information on reserving Party suites.

**Special Requests.** There are a limited number of handicapped access rooms and non-smoking rooms available, so please let the hotel know right away if you have any special needs. Likewise, rollaway beds and cribs are in short supply, so let them know if you think you'll need one. (There will be a \$10 charge for a cot.)

**Check-in and Check-out.** Check-in begins at 3pm. Check-out time is 12 noon. You may request a late check-out of 2 PM. Avoid morning check-out lines by pre-paying as early as the night before!

### Late Breaking News

Last minute information about Boskone will be available in the week preceding Boskone on our answering machine (1-617-625-2311), or for the electronically inclined, on USENET (newsgroup rec.arts.sf.announce), GENIE (SFRT3, Cat 22, Top 15), and CompuServe (SFLIT Forum, Section 21). In addition, the near final Program will be uploaded to the aforementioned services and our Web page <<http://www.panix.com/NESFA/Boskone/flyer.html>> about a week before the con.

### How to Get to Boskone

**By Car** - The Sheraton Tara, Framingham, is located at the Framingham exit (exit 12) of the Mass Pike (Interstate 90), about halfway between I-495 and Route 128 (I-95). The hotel is clearly visible (you can't miss it! - trust us!) from both the Pike and Route 9. Take the Mass Pike to the Framingham exit and bear left onto Route 9 west. Drive 150 yards to the Tara on the right. Parking is free.

**By Air** - Fly into Boston's Logan Airport or Worcester's Airport. From any terminal at Logan take the Logan Express to Framingham. (There are Logan Express buses to other destinations, so be sure you get on the right one.) The ride costs \$8 (\$5 on Saturday and Sunday) and takes 30 minutes. You pay at the Framingham end. It leaves the airport every half-hour. The bus schedule is complicated, but it's on a half-hourly schedule essentially the entire time that fans will be traveling. The Saturday schedule is hourly. The last bus leaves the airport at 11:45 PM. Call (800) 23-LOGAN at any time for details. Once you are at the Framingham terminal, use the Shuttle Bus, below, to get to the hotel. Outside of the Shuttle Bus hours, we recommend you call the hotel for a pickup, failing that we suggest you take a taxi — there is an enclosed waiting room, phones, and lists of taxi companies at the Logan Express terminal next to Shopper's World and Route 30.

**Airport Limos from Worcester or Logan.** Worcester Airport Limo (in MA (800) 660-0992, outside MA (800) 343-1369, from the Tara (508)756-4834) provides transportation from both Logan and Worcester airports to the Tara. Transportation from Logan direct to the Tara is \$17 per person, one way, and from Worcester Airport direct to the Tara is \$32 per person, one way. Another company serving Logan is Airport Express (in MA (617) 431-1000, outside MA (800) 444-1511).

**Amtrak** - Framingham has a twice-a-day Amtrak service from Boston and Springfield as well as connections from many other cities. The station is about five miles from the hotel. We recommend taking a taxi from there to the hotel (taxi cost is about \$10).

Amtrak from points west runs twice a day, seven days a week, arriving at 4:20 PM and 10:02 PM and leaving at 6:56 AM and 2:46 PM. Call (800) 872-7285 or your local Amtrak office for schedule and ticketing information.

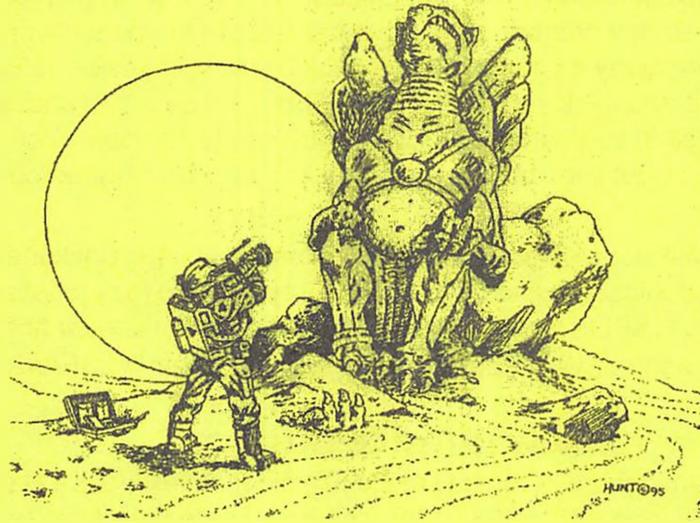
**Commuter Rail** - Framingham has frequent commuter rail trains on weekdays and every 2 hours on the weekends. Trains leave from Boston's South Station. The cost is \$3.25 one way. In Framingham, the station is about five miles from the hotel. We recommend taking a taxi to the Tara (cost is about \$10). Call MBTA Commuter Rail at (617) 722-3200 or (800) 392-6100 for schedules.

**Bus from Boston** - You can get to Framingham from Boston from Peter Pan's terminal across from South Station. The bus runs every 2 hours on Friday and less frequently on Saturday and Sunday. Call (800) 343-9999 for schedule and ticketing information. See below for Shuttle Bus information.

**Shuttle Bus** - Boskone will have a shuttle bus running between the Tara and the Logan Express and Peter Pan terminals next to Borders Bookshop. The service will run continuously, taking about 40 minutes for the loop. It will run Thursday from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, Friday from 4 PM to 10 PM, and Sunday from Noon to 7 PM. The bus will be labeled "Tara Shuttle". Outside of these times, we recommend that hotel guests call the hotel to be picked up ((508) 879-7200). Otherwise call Tommy's Taxi, phone # (508) 872-3500.

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Confirmed program participants as of December 31, 1995: Ellen Asher, A. J. Austin, Lucinda C. Brown, Lois McMaster Bujold, Michael A. Burstein, Jeff Carver, Hal Clement, Glen Cook, Bruce Coville, Kathryn Cramer, Don D'Amassa, Keith R. A. Thomas A. Easton, Laurie Eggleton, Gary Farber, F. Flynn, Esther M. Laura Anne Gilman, Nancy Hartwell, Jeff Hecht, Connie Jainschigg, Mark Keller, Thomas Kidd, Daniel Kirstein, Evelyn C. Leeper, Andrew Lerner, James D. Michael Markiewicz, Joe McKillip, Linda Melnick, Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Steve Pagel, Mike Resnick, Ryan, Don Sakers, Steven Schweitzer, Josepha Jean L. Stevenson, Jane Zeddies.



DeCandido, Debra Doyle, Gottlieb Edison, Bob Gregory Feeley, Michael Friesner, Greer Gilman, C. Hanger, David G. Hirsch, Nicholas James Patrick Kelly, Kimmel, Rosemary Mark R. Leeper, Frederick Macdonald, Bob Madle, Mayhew, Patricia A. Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Margaret Organ-Kean, Gary Ruddell, Charles Sawicki, Darrell Sherman, David A. Smith, Yolen, and Ann Tonsor

### Eyes for the Future

Do you have old and unused eyeglasses at home? Turn them in at Boskone for charity. Prescription glasses turned in will be distributed to underprivileged patients throughout Latin America by Volunteer Optometry Serving Humanity (VOSH). Look for the collection box at Boskone Registration.

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