

HELMOUTH

Speaking for Boskone

Friday, February 18, 2005

Volume 42, Number 1

Brought to you by Jim & Laurie Mann

Welcome!

Thanks for coming back to Boston so soon after Worldcon. We hope you enjoy the con! The Boskone Guests of Honor are Orson Scott Card, Alan Pollack and Mike Glycer; the Featured Filkers are Urban Tapestry (Debbie Ridpath Ohi, Jodi Krangle and Allison Durno), the Hal Clement Science Speaker is Alastair Reynolds and the NESFA Press Speaker is Frederik Pohl.

Does It Look Like There Are Lots of Fen Around?

Not all of them may be SF fans. We're sharing the hotel with the remnants of the Linux Conference and with a meeting of Unitarian Universalists. So you'll see more casually-dressed, 30 and 40-something folks around than usual, that's why.

In Memoriam, Jack Chalker

Longtime fan and writer Jack Chalker died on February 11 in Baltimore. There will be a panel exhibiting his work in the Art Show.

In Memoriam, F.M. Busby

Writer and fan F.M. Busby died this week. There will be an exhibit of his work in the Art Show.

Saturday Night Event!

Geri Sullivan, the Boskone committee and guests bring you Saturday Night L/i/v/e Dead, at 8:30pm in the Republic. Join the Speaker for the Dead and a cast of 10s to help select a King of the

Dead. And don't miss your chance to play "in the tail on the werewolf."

Program Changes

Cancellation due to injury: Beth Meacham. Cancellations due to family illness: Bob Devney, Jerry Weist, Bob Metzger and Ian Randal Strock.

Laurie Mann has been added to Weblogs, Invisible Villainy, Strange/Norrell: The Movie, SF Chick Flicks, and Tolkien Fandom Online and Off.

If you don't get off my screen in the next three seconds, my protagonist's cat is going to have an unfortunate accident in the airlock....



Cartoon by Debbie Ridpath Ohi (1/3rd of Urban Tapestry, Featured Filkers)

There Have Been Some Restaurant Changes Since Noreascon 4...

The most obvious bad news is that the much-beloved Marche MovenPick has closed. Yes, even the mini-version near the Sheraton entrance into the mall is gone. Further, the large Legal Seafood in the Prudential Mall is being renovated. It will be open in the future, but it's closed this weekend.

If you still want to go to Legal Seafood, and you don't want to go outside, there is a small Legal Seafood in the Copley Place Mall, past the Marriott. But there are other fine fish restaurants nearby. If you want upscale fish, Turner Fisheries in the Westin is superb. We also recommend Atlantic Fish across Boylston from the Prudential Mall. The Summer Shack, across Huntington from the Sheraton lobby on the right, has very good fish and a very informal atmosphere. So don't despair!

Recommendation from the editors: if you are looking for a good (if slightly pricey) hamburger, try Stephanie's on Newbury, at 190 Newbury Street. They specialize in "upscale comfort food."

LiveJournal Users!

Stickers are available for your badge from Lisa Hertel in the Art Show.

Smile – You Could Be on "Candid" Camera

Documentary filmmaker Michael MacDonald of Road House Films will be shooting during the convention for a film on SF art. If you're an artist or a fan and you'd like to talk to Michael about SF, call 902-448-9091 or leave him a message at Sheraton room 864.

Who Is Bob Henderson and Why Is He Stalking Orson Scott Card?

(AKA: the Inevitable Program Book Errata)

Sheila Perry has kindly pointed out that the picture on page 6 of the Program Book is not of Bob Henderson, but, rather, is a photo of our guest, Orson Scott Card, *taken* by Bob Henderson. Alan Pollack supplied the photo of himself on page 13. Alastair Reynolds supplied the photo of himself on page 22. Davey Snyder supplied the photo of George Flynn on page 25. Many thanks for the photos!

Call for Volunteers

As always, Boskone needs you to give a few hours of your time to help us run the convention. We need people to guard doors, run errands, help out with Registration and the Con Suite. We encourage volunteers to stop by the Information area on the second floor (top of the escalator).

If you work, you get a gift (such as tote bag, book, et.c.). If you work at least 16 hours, including few during either set-up or tear-down, you will earn a non-transferable membership for next year's Boskone. Be sure to track your hours!

News for Helmuth

Bring news for future Helmuths to the Information area on the second floor. Line art encouraged; digital photos can be added to the online edition. Helmuths will be distributed at the Information area, in the Independence Foyer (Registration) and in the Con Suite. Don't forget – if you don't give us news for Helmuth, we'll just have to publish photos from our recent trip to Dublin.

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Bid Party tonight

Chicago in 2008 will be holding a bid party tonight at 9:00 pm in room 1108. Come by for some Chicago-style hot dogs.

Meetings

Havdalah in 2854 South, 6:15pm.

Program Information

People Added to Items

Who	Item	When
Mary Kay Kare	Strange/Norell: The Movie	Sat, 3pm
Chip Hitchcock	Curse of the Giant Hogweed	Sun, 11am
Paul Levinson	Analog's 75 th Anniversary	Sun, 11am
Jordin Kare	Great SF about Scientists	Sun, 11am

Room Secret Revealed

The Theme Concert, on Sunday at noon, will be in Republic B.

Program Cancellations

Esther Friesner and Daniel Hatch have to miss their Sunday panel items.

Lost and Found

Christopher Lahay – please report to the Information/Volunteers Desk on the 2nd floor to retrieve your lost item.

Bradley Munn – see Ann Broomhead or Tim Szczesuil at Registration in Republic Foyer on the 2nd floor.

Freebies/Message Board Location

The Freebie Tables and Message Board are both up in the Con Suite in Commonwealth on the 3rd floor.

Worldcon/Bid Table Location

The sitting Worldcons and Worldcon bid tables are on the 3rd floor near the top of the stairs from the 2nd floor.

Registration Estimates

Prereg/program/life members – 850

New – 167

Friday, one day – 20

Saturday, one day (so far) – 4

Trivia for Chocolate Winners

Jordin Kare – 62

Chris Logan Edwards – 40

Mary Kay Kare – 27

Peter & Robin Trei – 24

Tim Liebe – 22

Art Henderson – 20

Elisabeth Riba – 18

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Program Corrections

George R. R. Martin is autographing on Sunday at noon.

The *Analog 75 Years* panel is actually at 12:30 on Sunday.

Happy Birthday

Sunday is Ian Osmond's birthday:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Next Shuttle Launch

NASA has announced that the next shuttle launch will be in May, with another one following in July.

DUFF

Joe Siclari (who is here) and Chris Barkley (who is not) are running for DUFF (the Down Under Fan Fund). Ballots are available in the freebie area.

Parties

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Gaylaxians, 9:00pm, 1118.

Arisia party, 9:30pm, room 1125.



"So...er...is this your first Boskone?"

Cartoon by Debbie Ridpath Ohi (1/3rd of Urban Tapestry, Featured Filkers)

Club News

The Mount Washington Science Fiction Explorers Society and Gun Club held its annual Boskone non-meeting Saturday, February 19, 2005. Members present at Boskone are Avis Crane, John Fleurant, Paul Giguere, Mark and Shirley Pitman and Paul Snook. The first and only order of business was to vote in new member Dave Hudson.

Paul Giguere was recognized for his successful efforts in Fan Procurement with the birth of his son Ezra.

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Farah Mendlesohn is changing from *Unanswerable Questions* to *Howl's Moving Castle* at 1:00pm.

Art Show Award Winners

Best Artist (popular choice)

Charles Lang

Best in Show

Alan Pollack, Kicking the Sacred Cow

Judged Awards

Rick Berry, Cyclofaun
David Deen, The Summons
Bob Eggleton, The 100 Million Mile Dragon
Marc A. Fishman, The Beast
Charles Lang, P. Allette
Margaret Organ-Kean, Big Game Animals 2.01
Alan Pollack, Permanence
Marilyn Pride, Three Nature Spirits
Dave Seeley, Falling Free
Lisa Snellings-Clark, Eat at Joe's
Luis Fernando Velasquez, Medusa #1
Kathleen Ward, Swaney's Dragon Story Horse
Abbylyn Williams, Parting

Staff Choice

David Deen, Slime Collectors

Art Show Director's Choice

Bob Eggleton, The Rising of Cthulhu
Lisa Snellings-Clark, Interference Pattern

Chairman's Choice

Rick Berry, Cyclofaun

King of the Dead Winner

Michael Burstein won with 57 votes.
Cthulu Elvis placed with 18 votes.
Marc Gordon got 5 votes.
Many others got 1 or 2 votes.

Keith DeCandido, vote validator, noted the following: Upon further review by the Florida Secretary of State, several of Mr. Burstein's ballots were disqualified:

25 had hanging chads
10 had Australian-style rakings
3 were cast by the legally dead

Other Awards

NESFA Short Story Contest winner:
M. C. DeMarco

Jack Gaughan Award: Adam Rex

E. E. Doc Smith – Skylark Award: Tamora Pierce

Fellows of NESFA: Shirley Avery, Martin Deustch, Rick Kovalcik

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Virtual Devniad

Woman to Mark Herrup:
Are you a Unitarian?
Mark: No.

Woman: Damn!

The Prudential Mall Welcomes: "Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections"

Sorry we (almost) forgot ... Large print pocket programs are available at the Info Desk.