



BOSKONE 43

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Sheraton Boston Hotel

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PROGRESS REPORT 2

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Ken MacLeod Guest of Honor

Ken MacLeod is a leading light of the current Scottish school of hard science fiction writers. His writing has been called “sly cultural commentary,” “subversive and observant,” and possessing “an uncommon degree of political awareness,” often with bright ideas and biting wit in the strong Scottish characters reflecting his home country. He writes with a loving respect for the SF greats. His latest novel is *Learning the World*.

Donato Giancola Official Artist

Donato Giancola is noted for his illustrations of science fiction and fantasy, as well as other fields of art. His SF/fantasy clients include the SciFi Channel, Lucas Arts, DC Comics, and Wizards of the Coast. He has recently exhibited at the Andrea Rosen Gallery and The New York Academy of the Sciences. His numerous awards include NESFA’s Jack Gaughan Award for Best Emerging Artist (1998).

Cory Doctorow Special Guest

There has been some discussion as to whether Cory Doctorow exists except in virtual reality on the Internet. You’ll have a chance to see him in person at Boskone 43. He is an SF writer, a web editor (www.boingboing.net), and a journalist, and is a Fellow of the Electronic Frontier Foundation. His most recent novel is *Someone Comes to Town, Someone Leaves Town*.

Steve Macdonald Featured Filker

Steve Macdonald is a double threat as a filk performer and a filk activist. His most recent CDs are *Crossroads* and *Reap the Wind*. He has won several Pegasus awards and nominations for his filk songs, including “Journey’s Done” (1995).

Cover and interior art by Donato Giancola, Boskone 43 Official Artist.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Reserve your
room now!

Boskone’s hotel is the **Sheraton Boston** in the Back Bay area of Boston, Massachusetts, located just off the Massachusetts Turnpike (exit 22, Prudential Center/Copley Square), an area overflowing with restaurants and shopping. The hotel rates per night are: single \$137, double \$147, triple \$157, quad \$167, all plus tax. (Please contact us for suite availability.) Reserve your hotel room online by going to www.nesfa.org/boskone/hotel.html and following the instructions. You can pick a room in either the party of the non-party block. Reservations can also be made by phone at 800-325-3535. If reserving by phone, specify “Boskone 2006 Party Block” or “Boskone 2006 Non-Party Block” to get the convention rate. Additional rooms may be available after the deadline, but only on a first-come first-served basis. Reservations must be cancelled by **6pm, two days before your check-in date**, or the credit card used to guarantee the room will be charged for the first night’s stay.



Deadline: Reservations must be made by 5pm EST on February 2, 2006.

Special Requests: A limited number of handicapped-access rooms and smoking rooms are 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. Please specify a party or non-party floor room at the time of reservation. If you want to reserve a suite, please contact us at b43info@boskone.org or write to us at the PO Box.

Check-in and Check-out: Check-in begins at 3pm. Check-out time is noon. A late check-out of 2pm may be available. You can avoid morning check-out lines by pre-paying as early as the night before!

REGISTRATION

Registration for Boskone will be open Friday (4pm-10pm) through Sunday in the Republic Foyer on the second floor. Check posted signs in the event of a Registration room change. Everyone—committee, staff, program participants, artists, dealers—must register there to get name badges and convention materials. We will make it as painless an experience as we can! You can help: Please remember to bring photographic identification, such as a driver's license or passport, to the Preregistration Desk. If you arrive late, ask at the Convention Office (second floor, across from the Constitution Ballroom) about after-hours registration. If you haven't yet bought a membership and wish to do so before the convention, a registration form is available at www.boskone.org/join. You may register on-line or print and mail the form to us at PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701, or you may fax it to us at 617-776-3243.



The price of an advance membership is \$43 through January 16, 2006. We accept Visa, MasterCard, checks (in US dollars drawn on a US bank), and money orders. At-con rates are: Full membership – \$52, Friday – \$16, Saturday – \$36, Sunday – \$18. We also accept cash at the con.

The cost of Dragonslair and Babysitting 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 stay with their parents at all times are considered “kids-in-tow” who need not have memberships. (“Kids-in-tow” do not receive any convention materials.)

Transferring Memberships. Boskone does not refund memberships. However, 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 (at the PO Box or to b43info@boskone.org) to let us know of the transfer, and have your transferee bring a copy of your transfer letter to Registration. Please note that Life Memberships are not transferable.

HAL CLEMENT SCIENCE SPEAKER

In memory of our beloved friend, the late Hal Clement, NESFA brings a science speaker to Boskone each year. This Boskone's Hal Clement Memorial Speaker will be **William K. Hartmann**, planetologist, SF artist and writer. Hartmann is a distinguished planetologist specializing the Moon and Mars, a well-known astronomical artist and author of non-fiction as well as an SF novel, *Mars Underground*.

PROGRAM

The Boskone 43 Program offers panels, talks, discussions, demos, and workshops on many aspects of the science fiction and fantasy field. We include items about hard SF and fantasy, science and art, fandom and movies, literature and TV, music and comics, and heaps of related topics! The full schedule will be in the Pocket Program, and posted on the boskone.org website about a week prior to the convention.

Our special events include:

- The Friday evening Art Show reception, open to everyone
- Items spotlighting all of our guests
- Space Cowboys on Hawaiian Holiday (see page 7)

Confirmed Program participants as of January 3, 2006 are Ellen Asher, Elizabeth Bear, Beth Bernobich, Patricia Bray, Michael A. Burstein, Jeffrey A. Carver, Bruce Coville, F. Brett Cox, Susan Hanniford Crowley, Don D'Amassa, Daniel P. Dern, Cory Doctorow, Thomas A. Easton, John Farrell, Michael F. Flynn, Esther Friesner, Craig Shaw Gardner, Janice Gelb, Donato Giancola, Greer Gilman, Jess Hartley, William K. Hartmann, Daniel Hatch, Jeff Hecht, Walter H. Hunt, Elaine Isaak, MaryAnn Johanson, Robert I. Katz, James Patrick Kelly, Daniel Kimmel, Geoffrey A. Landis, Sharon Lee, Fred Lerner, Paul Levinson, Shariann Lewitt, Timothy Liebe, Ernest Lilley, Steve Macdonald, Ken MacLeod, Jim Mann, Laurie Mann, George R. R. Martin, Parris McBride, John McDaid, Clayton L. McNally, Beth Meacham, Steve Miller, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Mark L. Olson, Priscilla Olson, Margaret Organ-Kean, Chad Orzel, Joshua B. Palmatier, Sheila M. Perry, Tamora Pierce, Steven Popkes, Mike Resnick, Faye Ringel, Don Sakers, Steven Sawicki, John Scalzi, Darrell Schweitzer, Joe Siclari, Wen Spencer, Allen Steele, Edie Stern, Ian Randal Strock, Charles Stross, Mary A. Turzillo, Alicia Verlager, Jane Yolen, and Ann Tonsor Zeddies.

Anime & Video—More than “just anime”! This year we’ll be showing live action films and shorts. There won’t be a theme to our video program, but the general tenor will be extremely silly. We’ll be located in the Fairfax Room.

Autographing—Get an autograph from your favorite writer, editor, or artist. Check your Pocket Program for times and locations.

Readings—Hear writers read and discuss their own works; as before, the Pocket Program tells all...

Discussion Groups—This year, we’re setting up many individual presentations and focused discussions by a variety of our program participants. We’ll also have some space available for you to form your own last-minute groups (“Birds of a Feather”) at-con. Sign up for these at Information (or email us ahead of time at b43info@boskone.org).

Filksinging—Filksongs are fandom’s folk songs, with themes of SF, fantasy, and fannish interests. Planned items include two hours of concert sets, and NESFA Hymnal singing. Also, we’ll be hosting a sign-up theme concert on the subject of “Journeys.”

Kaffeeklatsches/Literary Beers—Are you interested in participating in an informal discussion with one of our program participants over coffee, tea, or beer? Sign up for these at Information at the convention.

REMEMBERING ROBERT SHECKLEY

NESFA Press publishes other books besides its Boskone Books and when it publishes a book by a living author it frequently brings the author to Boskone for a launch party. This year we published *The Masque of Mañana* by Robert Sheckley to commemorate his being Guest of Honour at the Worldcon in Glasgow. Sheckley accepted the invitation to come to Boskone, but died in December. To honor his memory, we have invited **Mike Resnick**, who was instrumental in starting our program of reprinting Sheckley and co-edited the first volume, *Dimensions of Sheckley*, to come and help us celebrate Sheckley’s writing.

Pack Your Hawaiian Shirts and Muumus!



We invite you to dress for a tropical paradise Saturday night as we join the **Space Cowboys on Hawaiian Holiday**. The festivities start with a dessert luau in the Con Suite—taste what we create with pineapples, coconut, and lychees, or just stare in wonderment at it. The luau will be followed by a lively processional down to the Boskone Awards Ceremony at 9pm. The fun continues with carnival games and contests after the awards: lasso the alien, laser maze competition, hula contest, Esther Friesner’s Cheeblemancy, and more. Prizes for the best Hawaiian garb worn to the event...for curious values of “best.”

If you’d like to ~~play~~ help with the luau or games, please send email to Gerisullivan@boskone.org.

DUFF AUCTION

The Down Under Fan Fund, DUFF, sends a fandom elected representative between Australia and the United States every year. DUFF will be holding a fund-raising auction at Boskone. Joe Siclari, the 2005 American DUFF representative will be on hand to show pictures, tell lies, and confirm all the stories you’ve heard about Australian fandom. He promises not to show you where the platypus bit him nor make scatological comments about termite mounds. The auction will include strange and bizarre Aussie collectibles, fanzines, original art and prints, books and more. Please come and help us keep this fan fund going.

If you have items you might like to donate for future DUFF auctions, please bring them to Boskone—look for the DUFF Donation Drop basket or contact Joe at con or by email (jsiclari@optonline.net). Whether you donate or not, come and join us at the auction. It’s for a good fannish cause and you might find something or someone to *root* for.

EXHIBITS & SERVICES

Art Show & Print Shop

The Art Show will have about 100 4'x6' panels and a dozen tables full of SF and Fantasy artwork, most of which will be available for sale by written bid, including about a dozen panels for the Print Shop displaying prints available for immediate sale at a fixed price, an expanded area for resale of previously-



purchased art and a special exhibit of the work of Official Artist Donato Giancola. Write to us for complete rules and an entry form, or find them on our website at www.nesfa.org/boskone/artshow.html. The Art Show will be located in the Back Bay ballroom on the second floor. You are also invited to attend the Art Show Reception starting at 10pm on Friday.

Resale of Art

Like last year, Boskone will have a section of the art show for the re-sale of art. Members of the convention may sell art they own there. See www.nesfa.org/boskone/artshow.html for details.

Hucksters' Room

The Hucksters' Room (aka the Dealers' Room) will feature a wide variety of science fiction, fantasy, and genre books, jewelry, clothing, and all manner of other fun stuff. Check the Boskone web site (www.boskone.org) after January 30, 2006 for a list of dealers scheduled to attend. The Hucksters' Room will be on the second floor in the Back Bay Ballroom, sharing space with the Art Show.

Con Suite

The Con Suite will be in the Commonwealth Room on the Program floor (third floor) in the center of the convention. Everyone is welcome to stop by for soda and munchies, to meet other fans (you might want to sign up for Birds of a Feather meetings with them!), or just to relax for awhile. Children may not be left alone.

Dragonslair & Babysitting

Dragonslair is Children's Programming for children from 7 to 12. We plan some fun and interesting activities. We'll probably have some readings, storytelling, games and crafts projects. We're also looking for your ideas for things you'd like to do—you can email us at kids@boskone.org. Maybe we'll create some artwork to be hung in the Art Show and maybe we'll just hang out and play. We have firm hours of operation; please see the list below. Dragonslair will close for lunch and dinner on Saturday. We reserve the right to collect a fee for children not picked up at these times. Let us know if you will be using Dragonslair. Then come and have fun!



Babysitting is for children 2½ to 6 years old, with plenty of play time, rest time, and simple crafts. The room will be closed for meals, but will provide a snack. The room will be open in the evening for quieter activities. Some crafts and toys provided may have small parts unsuitable for infants. Advance registration is requested to assist us in planning and preparation. Pre-registered children will be given preference.

Area Hours

Area	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Registration	4pm-10pm***	9:30am-6pm	9:30am-noon
Art Show*	8pm-midnight	10am-10pm	10am-noon
Con Suite	4pm-1am	9am-1am	9am-4pm
Hucksters Room	5pm-8pm	10am-6pm	10am-3pm
Information	4pm-9pm	10am-6pm	10am-3pm
Dragonslair**	7pm-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-2pm
Babysitting**	6:30pm-11pm	9:45am-11pm	9:45am-3:15pm
Gaming	4pm-midnight	10am-midnight	10am-3pm

* Art Show Sales will be from 1pm-4pm Sunday; Art Show Auction from 1:30pm-3pm Sunday.

** Both will close for meals. Babysitting will close from 12:15pm-12:45pm on Saturday and Sunday, and from 5:15pm-6:45pm on Saturday. Dragonslair will close on Saturday from noon to 1pm and from 5pm to 7pm.

*** After Registration closes, pre-registered members can pick up their badges at the Boskone Office on the 2nd floor.

Gaming

This year's Game Room will feature lots of options for players of *Magic: The Gathering*, specialized board games, and people who want to play everything from checkers to *Dungeons and Dragons*. It will be in the Fairfax Room.

Volunteers

Boskone welcomes volunteers of all kinds: from first-timers to veterans, from sitting down to weight lifting. Again this year Boskone has a membership carryover policy for those working the convention. If you work at least sixteen hours (setup and teardown count double), you will earn a non-transferable membership in Boskone 44. We will also have some interesting freebies for all volunteers and a T-shirt for those working eight hours or more. All volunteers are encouraged to use the volunteer/staff lounge for a quick snack or something cool or hot to drink; please remember to check at Information for its location.

Information

Information will be at the open windows of the Meeting Planning Office across from the Constitution Ballroom on the second floor. Information is your place to find answers to your questions. You'll also be able to pre-register for a discussion group, a kaffeeklatsch, or other event that requires sign-up, to drop off items for the convention newsletter, and to get the latest copy of *Helmuth* (Boskone's newsletter). Stop by the Information office and see what we can do for you!

The restaurant guide will be available on-line at www.boskone.org/rest-guide.

Newsletter

Helmuth, Speaking for Boskone, the convention newsletter, 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—Art Show, Hucksters' Room, Con Suite, etc. You can always find copies at Information.

Helmuth is always looking for line art. If you have any convention-related illustrations, please e-mail them to: helmuth@boskone.org.

FANAC Fan History Project

Be part of the FHP, dedicated to preserving our science fiction and fannish heritage and making this material available to the present-day fan. Check out the web page at www.fanac.org, with its fannish reference works and thousands of photographs. You may even find your own picture there!

They will be at Boskone to archive our past. They'll have a scanning station to record photos and a small display to tell you more about themselves. If you have unusual items, they'll try to photograph or record them at the convention. If you have any photos, fanzines, publications or other memorabilia that you might be interested in donating to the FHP collection, contact Joe Siclari at jsiclari@optonline.net or talk with him at the convention. All donations are tax-deductible.

Club & Bid Tables

Want to publicize your club, convention, or bid? We will have a limited number of tables available for you. Please write or email us (at b43info@boskone.org) in advance for information and reservations.

NESFA Press

This year's Boskone Book will be *Giant Lizards from Another Star* by GoH Ken MacLeod. This volume collects all of MacLeod's short fiction and a generous selection of his poetry and essays. The trade state is \$25 and the boxed state is \$40. As usual, we offer the book at a 40% discount to Boskone members. Order in advance by using the form in this booklet and sending it accompanied by payment to: Boskone 43 Advance Sales, P.O. Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701. Deadline for receipt of advance orders is February 1, 2006. Pick-up will be at the NESFA Sales table in the Huckster's Room.

LATE-BREAKING NEWS

Last-minute information about Boskone will be available in the week preceding Boskone 43 on the web at www.boskone.org. In addition, the near-final Program will be uploaded to our web site about a week before the con.

HOW TO GET TO BOSKONE

By Car—The Sheraton Boston Hotel is located at 39 Dalton St in Boston’s “Back Bay” area.

From the North: Take Interstate 93 South to exit 26A (Leverett Circle exit, now mentioning North Station and Storrow Drive) onto Storrow Drive. (Warning: The exit ramp separates from I-93 about a mile before turning off.) After you come out of a short tunnel, stay in the center lane for 1.7 miles until the Fenway exit, which will be on the left. Stay to the left in this exit; bear left at the first and second lights onto Boylston Street. At the fifth light, take a right onto Dalton Street. The hotel is at the far end of this block, on the left.

From the South: Take Interstate 93 North to exit 18 (Massachusetts Avenue). Take a right at the bottom of the long off-ramp onto Massachusetts Avenue. Continue for approximately one mile, then take a right onto Huntington Avenue. At the second light turn left onto Belvedere. The hotel is on the right.

From the West: Take Interstate 90 East (Massachusetts Pike) to exit 22 (Prudential Center/Copley Square) in the tunnel. Stay left at the fork in the exit to continue toward the Prudential Center. (Avoid the Prudential parking turnouts.) Once out of the tunnel and above ground, merge with the traffic on Huntington Avenue. At the first set of lights, take a right onto Belvedere. The hotel is on the right.

Truck friendly routes: From the north, the simplest truck route is to continue south on I-93 until you get to the Mass. Ave. exit and then follow the directions from the south. The clearance on this route is about 13'9". *Note:* Mass. Ave. from the north is not signed well in advance, but is after I-90, which is just at the end of the tunnel.

Another truck friendly option is I-93 to I-95 south (nee Route 128) in Woburn to I-90 east in Weston and then follow the directions from the west. This is longer in distance but avoids downtown Boston. The routes from the west and south, above, are truck-friendly.

A note on parking: Because Boston is major city, parking costs are very expensive close to the hotel. The garage attached to the hotel charges \$38/day (\$37/day for valet parking, which includes in/out privileges). The hotel does not own the garage, so we can’t negotiate a better rate. There are alternatives. Across Dalton St. from the hotel and uphill, past the bowling alley and the Summer Shack, is the Auditorium Garage; marked by a large, vertical PARK sign on the outside wall; operated by Pilgrim Parking, Inc. As of mid-December, prices at the Auditorium Garage were \$26/day.

Consider parking in one of the large lots at the end of the subway lines, and taking the subway in. Riverside Station (exit 22 off Route 128), on the end of the **D** branch of the Green Line, has a large open air lot where parking costs about \$4/day. Alewife station, on the Red Line, charges about \$5/day for parking for its multi-story garage lot (not suitable for tall vehicles). Alewife is a little closer to the hotel than Riverside is, but you will need to change trains at the Downtown Crossing Station for an Orange Line train going to Back Bay Station. There is also a large lot at exit 13 on Route 128 at the Amtrak station in Dedham. See directions below for “by the ‘T’.”

By Air—If you fly into Boston’s Logan Airport, you can take a shared van service to the hotel for about \$9. See details at the airport or at www.massport.com/logan/getti_typeo_share.html—some will let you reserve on-line. A taxi ride will start with \$6.50 in fees before you leave the airport; there are no flat fees in the zone that includes the hotel so costs will vary according to the time your trip takes (~\$21–\$28).

You can also take the ‘T’ (MBTA) subway system. From any terminal take a free Massport Logan shuttle bus (#22, 33 or 55) to the Airport Station subway stop (Blue Line). Take an inbound train to Government Center and change for an inbound Green Line train. Alternatively, continue on the Blue Line to State Street Station and change for the Orange Line toward Forest Hills. Follow directions below for “By the ‘T’.”

Amtrak—The closest Amtrak stop is Back Bay Station (station code BBY), the last stop before South Station. Back Bay station is at 145 Dartmouth St. To reach the hotel, you can either take a taxi or walk (~1/2 mile). To get to the hotel by foot, cross Dartmouth St., go into the Copley Mall, then follow the signs through the Marriott Hotel, the skybridge, and the Prudential Mall to the Sheraton Hotel (all indoors).

For Amtrak information, see www.amtrak.com or call 1-800-USARAIL.

By the 'T'—There are three reasonably close subway stops: Hynes/ICA on the B, C and D branches of the Green Line, Prudential Center on the E branch of the Green Line, and Back Bay on the Orange Line. Which stop is best for you probably depends on where you are coming from and whether you mind walking outdoors. Hynes/ICA involves a slightly longer walk outside but has more frequent service and better connections. See www.mbta.com/traveling_t/schedules_subway.asp or call 617-222-3200 or 1-800-392-6100.

Walking Directions From Hynes/ICA T station to the Sheraton-Boston: Go upstairs, through the turnstiles, up more stairs, and through the doors; this is Massachusetts Ave. (the middle of a block — there aren't any street signs, but the signs inside say "to Massachusetts Ave.")

Turn left from the doors; the first light is Boylston St.

Turn left on Boylston St. (The hotel will become visible over/behind the Hynes Auditorium, ahead on the right.) The first light is Dalton St. (on your right only; on the left is Hereford).



Cross Boylston *and* Dalton, or continue on Boylston (past the fire station) until you can cross to the far side of Dalton.

Go downhill on Dalton St; cross the entrance to hotel parking and turn into the hotel driveway.

Go in any door. Hotel registration is ahead, across the lobby; the escalator on the left goes up to convention space.

At the top of the escalator, turn right. Information is across the near lobby in front of you; Registration (in Independence) is part way down the hall past the side of Information, on the right.

Commuter Rail—If coming from the south or west, take a commuter train to Back Bay Station. See the directions under Amtrak to get to the hotel.

BOSKONE BOOK ORDER FORM

(for pickup at Boskone only)

Giant Lizards from Another Star, by Ken MacLeod

[LIMIT TWO BOXED COPIES]

___ trade state @ \$15 (\$25 after Boskone) \$ _____

___ boxed state @ \$24 (\$40 after Boskone) \$ _____

I would like book # ____, ____, ____, ____

1-190 boxed state, 191-1190 trade state

Add 5% Massachusetts sales tax \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Payment must accompany order. We accept checks, money orders, Visa, and MasterCard. *Please don't mail cash. Your order must be received by February 1, 2006.*

I am paying by: ___ check/money order ___ Visa ___ MasterCard

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name on card: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Telephone: (____) _____ - _____

Advance-order books must be picked up at the NESFA Sales table in the Hucksters' Room. They will not be mailed. **Limit 2 boxed copies** of *Giant Lizards from Another Star* by advance sale. Prices increase after Boskone 43.

Mail to: Boskone 43, PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701
 Fax to: 617-776-3243 (only Visa and MasterCard on fax orders)

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