

## HELMUTH: The Boskone Newsletter

Special edition for past and current Boskone members.

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### BOSKONE IS ALMOST HERE

With little over a week until Boskone, we are now putting the final touches on the convention.



### Online Registration Ends Sat, Feb 10th at Midnight

Online registration makes your check in process at Boskone easy! So, don't miss your chance to purchase your memberships online before the convention begins. However, if you do, onsite registration will be available.

Registration will be located in the Harbor Foyer at the top of the escalator on the left hand side of the lobby.

#### Full Weekend Rates

- [Adult](#): \$65
- [College Student](#): \$40
- [K-6 Student](#): \$25
- [7-12 Full Convention](#): \$25
- [Kids-in-Tow](#): \$0

#### Day rates are also available:

- **Adult**: Friday: \$25 Saturday: \$50 Sunday: \$20
- **College Student**: Friday: \$20 Saturday: \$40 Sunday: \$20
- **K-12 Student**: Friday: \$10 Saturday: \$20 Sunday: \$10

Visit our membership page for more information about children's memberships, press passes, and more.

### FOLLOW US ONLINE!

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Boskone Blog](#)
- [LiveJournal](#)
- [Twitpic](#)
- [Flickr](#)

Use hashtag [#boskone](#) when tweeting.

### IMPORTANT LINKS

- [Boskone Website](#)
- [Buy A Membership Program/Schedule](#)
- [Hotel: Westin Waterfront](#)
- [Convention Hours](#)

### NEW BOOKS from NESFA PRESS

*Available at Boskone!*



## Membership Search for Boskone 55

Do you think you bought a membership, but you can't remember for sure? We have an easy solution! Use the link below to search our database to see if you have a membership.

[\*\*Membership Search!\*\*](#)

[Visit the Boskone 55 Registration](#)

## THE BOSKONE PROGRAM IS ONLINE

With 350 program items and nearly 200 program participants, Boskone is bigger and better than ever. To help you to plan your convention, [the schedule is available online](#) and you can also access it on your mobile device.

## GOING MOBILE WITH THE BOSKONE SCHEDULE

The Boskone 55 schedule is available in two forms, optimized for viewing on mobile devices.

**Grenadine Event Guide** is an application available for iPhone/iPad/iOS (through iTunes) and Android (through Google Play). Grenadine is the event planning database used to produce the Boskone 55 program.



Once you have installed and launched the application, enter the code BOSKONE55 to access the correct schedule.

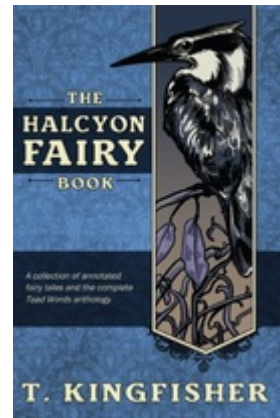
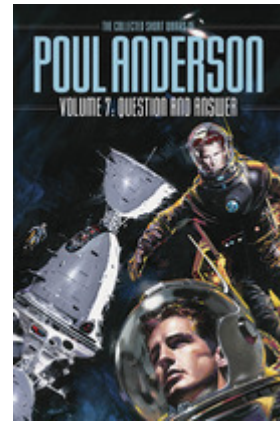
If you have downloaded the Grenadine app for a previous Boskone convention, you can access the new Boskone 55 schedule by going to Options within the app and choosing Switch Convention. Enter the code BOSKONE55 and you will see this year's schedule populate on your device.

**KonOpas** is a website that can be viewed in any browser, and it stores its data in the browser for you to view later with or without internet connectivity. Just navigate to <http://schedule.boskone.org>

## FREE FRIDAY PROGRAMMING (2:00-6:00 pm)

We're making our Friday afternoon programming free again this year until 6:00 pm. This means that you can pick up your registration materials and name badge anytime before 6:00 pm.

This year we have over 40 program items available during our free programming on Friday afternoon! Get the full rundown on our blog post "[What's on Tap for Boskone's Free Friday Afternoon Programming](#)." Some highlights include a Kaffeeklatsch with Jane Yolen, a Reading by Catherine Asaro, and Star Wars Mad Libs with Mary Robinette Kowal.



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**Available Online!**



## [View Boskone 55's Hours & Events.](#)

### DRAGONSLAIR & PROGRAMMING FOR KIDS

For our younger fans, Dragonslair hosts all kinds of fun and creative activities for children. Storytelling, sing-a-long, crafts, and readings are among our activities—Dragonslair has it all. Any child between the ages of 7 and 12 with a Boskone membership may attend, as well as kids under 10 (Kids-in-Tow) whose parents accompany them at all times.

Here's a quick look at our Dragonslair highlights. Please view the [online program schedule \(using the Item Type "Childrens - Dragonslair"\)](#) for the full listing along with dates and times:

- Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter Hats
- Creating a Franken-Story
- Creature Creations
- Deconstruct an Accordion!
- Dragon Stories & Crafts with Tui Sutherland
- Drawing Aliens
- Kids Concert with Mary Ellen Wessels and Gary Ehrlich
- Kids' Art Show Tour
- Magic Show for Kids
- Marble Ways and Legos
- Model Magic: Making Monsters
- Origami for Kids
- Space Exploration for Kids

*Note: Dragonslair does not take responsibility for keeping kids from wandering off.*

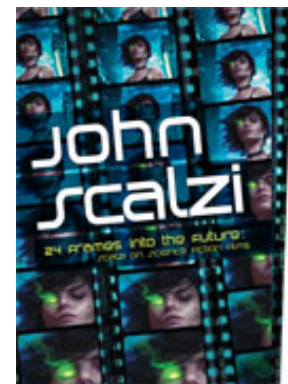
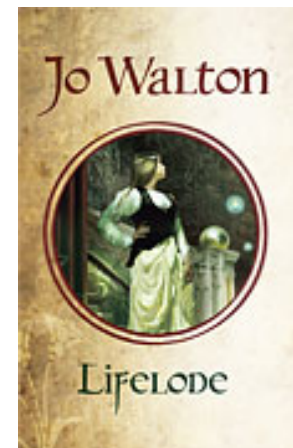
[Tamora Pierce](#), our Young Adult Fiction Guest, is also featured in a wide variety of program items for children and young adults. You can view [Tamora's full schedule](#) online. For older children and teens, be sure to [view our young adult program items](#), which include a wonderful selection of authors and artists from Jane Yolen to Bruce Coville, Christine Taylor-Butler, Tui Sutherland, and more!

### [View the text version of the Boskone 55 program.](#)

### PROGRAM UPDATES!

There are a few items of note that you should consider when creating your personalized schedule.

- **Kaffeeklatches** (including Tea with Mary) are great informal discussions with authors, publishers, and artists. However, they do require signups to participate since we only allow 10 members per item. For the schedule and signup information, please read the [Boskone Blog post about Kaffeeklatches](#).
- **Tea with Mary** is the equivalent of two Kaffeeklatches, hosted by Mary Robinette Kowal, at the same time. However, we will be serving tea



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and pastries as part of this special event courtesy of TOR Books. Please be sure to sign up in advance at Program Ops since space is limited. *Thank you, TOR!*

- **In honor of Ursula K. Le Guin** and our dearly departed friends, Mary Robinette Kowal will say a few words as part of our Opening Ceremony on Friday.
- **There will be a memory book** for Ursula K. Le Guin that you are invited to sign. It will be located in the Makers Space area in the Galleria all day on Saturday.
- **Black Science Fiction at Boskone** has never been better! We have an exceptional group of authors who are joining us this year to talk about everything from Afrofuturism to YA fiction, publishing, superheroes, and more! Check out our [blog post on black SF at Boskone](#) for more information.
- **The Boskone Book Club** will feature GHOST TALKERS by Mary Robinette Kowal on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Be sure to read the book and come ready to chat!
- **The Boskone Book Party and Tip Tree Bake Sale** returns to Boskone on Saturday evening at 6:30 pm. Featuring nearly 15 authors with new books and swag to share, the Book Party is an event not to be missed! To donate a sweet treat or to purchase one, here's the [link for more information about the Tip Tree Bake Sale!](#)
- **Event highlights** can also be found for [Friday](#) and [Saturday](#) on the blog.
- **Boskone's Late Night 2000s Dance Party** will definitely get your feet moving with Madeline and Tristan, our DJs for the evening. Music will include the best dance tunes from the 2000s!

[Visit the Boskone 55 website](#)

## THE BOSKONE BLOG AND PROMOTIONS

The Boskone Blog is the #1 way to stay connected to Boskone and keep up to date on all of our events, information, and changes. [View the Boskone Blog](#) now and subscribe to receive email updates packed with new and exciting information on a regular basis.

### Mini Interviews

This year we have a record number of program participants, and the Mini Interviews are a great way to get to know them before Boskone begins. Check out the Boskone Blog for a full listing of [Mini Interviews](#).

### Boskone Interview at Citywide Blackout

Erin Underwood and JoAnn Cox, members of our Program Team, were interviewed by Max Bowen at Citywide Blackout (WEMF Radio) about this year's Boskone. [Here's the link to listen to the interview](#). The entire podcast is great, but if you are pressed for time, the Boskone segment starts around the 35 minute marker. Enjoy!

[Find out who else is coming to Boskone!](#)

## VOLUNTEER FOR BOSKONE!

Would you like to help out? We're always looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks that include:



- Loading and unloading the truck.
- Setting up the Art Show.
- Various sit-down tasks like Registration, ConSuite, etc.

If you're interested in being a Boskone volunteer, please contact [volunteers@boskone.org](mailto:volunteers@boskone.org)

## SEE YOU IN NEXT WEEK!

We look forward to seeing you at Boskone (February 16-18, 2018)!

To learn more about the convention, please visit [Boskone's website](#) and be sure to also view our [Code of Conduct](#) and our [Access Information](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@boskone.org](mailto:info@boskone.org).

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