

SOME SUGGESTED DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR BOSKONE 8

Works of : Zenna Henderson, Samuel R. Delany, J.R.R. Tolkien, Cordwainer Smith, Anne McCaffery, Piers Anthony, Roger Zelazny, Charles Beaumont, Fritz Leiber, Thomas Burnett Swann, .....

SF on television

International fandom

Man and beast

Andre Norton's Witch World series

Imaginary/fantasy languages

What you would like to see done by a specific author, or see him/her write

The downfall of Heinlein

The Hugo nominees - who will they be, who will win?

Writing and personality

Provocative statements by fan

Gems discovered among Ace double novels

The role of science in sf

The role of women in sf

The sf magazines

Economics of sf publishing

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And there will be more. But we need you to participate to make it all work. There will be at least one thing for everyone, but you'll miss yours if you don't show up. This con will be sf-oriented as well as fun. So fill out the last part of the other side of this page, and send it in before the last minute rush. We've told you what we like, now you tell us. That way we'll both be happy.

BOSKONE 8 - A UNIQUE CONVENTION - COME SEE FOR YOURSELF - THE CON YOU  
HELPED PLAN \* - THE CON YOU TAKE PART IN \*\* - BOSKONE 8

\* If you send in the form on the other side

\*\* But only if you come

BOSKONE 8 will be a unique convention because all attendees will have a chance to take a real part in the activities. One of the great things about a con is the people you meet and talk to, but with more and more people coming to them, this can be difficult. We of the BOSKONE 8 Committee think we have solved this problem. On Saturday, March 13, we will introduce a new idea in programming: the informal discussion group. We have only one problem; a discussion group requires three things: a room, some interested people to do the discussing, and one or more leaders to keep it all together. We can do part of it, but you miss it all if you're not there. So, we're asking you to let us know what you like for topics, so we can plan times and places. That way if you're really into two things they won't conflict. We had some ideas for topics and they're on the other side of this page, but if you have any ideas that we left out, just write them below and send the thing in. If you'd like to lead or co-lead a group, put down what you want and we'll write back. Or if you'd like 10 or so people in your room to talk with you about something you like, again, let us know, and we'll work out something convenient with you. If you're going to pre-register, tear off the thing below, fill it out (don't forget name and address, we'd like to know who you are) and send it either to the committee address with your money and I'll get it, or directly to: Jean Berman - BOSKONE 8, c/o NESFA, P.O. Box 9, M.I.T. Branch Station, Cambridge, MA. 02139.

Also, attention all of you who like to write, we'll also be holding amateur writer's workshops for short fiction (for reasons of time, reading of novels in this group won't work, so don't try it), poetry, fan writing & editing, and some fun informal group writing sessions as well. Just bring your work with you. But before you do, why not let us know you're coming? It helps. Especially since I'm doing the scheduling. Muchly thanks, Jean Berman, (Chn., Groups Subcommittee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm coming to BOSKONE 8

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following discussion groups: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to lead/co-lead the following discussion group(s): \_\_\_\_\_

You can use my room for \_\_\_\_\_ group.

Why not a group to discuss \_\_\_\_\_

I write \_\_\_\_\_ and would like to be in a workshop/writing group.

## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

- BUS: Trailways Bus Terminal. Take Trombly Bus Lines to Andover Center. They run frequently, starting at 7:30 A M to 10 PM (except Sundays, only 5 runs). The cost is \$1.15 one way. (Write for a more detailed schedule).
- TRAIN: South Station. Subway to Park Street Station, change subway for Arlington Street Station, Walk two blocks to Trailways Bus Terminal and take the Trombly Bus. North Station. Subway to Arlington Street Station, again walk two blocks to Trailways. Back Bay Station. Six block walk to Trailways.
- PLANE: Motel Limousine from Logan Airport to the Sheraton Rolling Green is \$14.00 a trip. A taxi will cost \$18.50, flat rate from the Airport. Otherwise, there is a frequent bus which runs to the Airport Subway Station. From here, subway to Government Center Station, change for car to Arlington Street Station, walk two blocks and take the Trombly Bus from the Trailways Station to Arlington Center.

### FROM ANDOVER CENTER

- TAXI: Take a taxi or call the Boskone VIII Registration Desk at the Sheraton Rolling Green Motor Inn for a possible (but not guaranteed) ride.
- CAR: From Rte. 128 take exit 37W to Rte. 93. The Motor Inn is located at exit 31 on Rte. 93. When approaching on Rte. 495 take Rte. 93 South and exit at 31. The Sheraton Rolling Green is about 25 minutes from Downtown Boston. The parking is free.
- PHONE: If there is any problem, Call the Motor Inn at 475-5400, ask for the Boskone VIII Registration Desk.

# Creators of Creative Creations

## ENTRY FORM

The purpose of this entry form is to help us anticipate the number of Entries for the Boskone VIII program "My World And Welcome To It". As well, it will also help us to coordinate the necessary exhibition space and allow us to screen out the overenthusiastic participants with their 2700 page thesis or 27 ton granite block statues.

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RULES: Any form of expression (e.g. pictures, displays, mobiles, films, short written works, etc.) focused around Larry Niven's "Known Universe" series, ending with the novel Ring World, will be accepted. All forms must be postmarked no later than February 28, 1971 and mailed to Karen Blank, 996 Walnut St., Newton Highlands, Mass. 02161

DETACH AND SEND THE  
FOLLOWING:

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- 1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Address: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) Type of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) Approximate Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5) Illustrating which aspect of Larry Niven's "Known Universe" series (scene, character...using the term 'illustrate' broadly) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you plan to attend?                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested, but not quite ready to commit yourself, please check here \_\_\_\_\_ and fill in items #1 and #2.

Do you want your entry entered into the Art Auction (at 15% standard Commission)?                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_                      Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

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Whoever creates a work which most resembles what Larry Niven had in mind as he created his "Known Universe" or which appeals to him the most will receive an award. Just participating will allow you to receive an enlarged photograph of Larry Niven, yourself, and your entry. So, win place or draw, your ego will remain intact.