

Fans Along the Potomac #2

A Progress Report for CORFLU NOVA The 11th Annual Fanzine Fans' Convention

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THE PARTICULARS

CORFLU NOVA (as in **N**orthern **V**irginia), will be held May 20-22, 1994, just across the Potomac from Washington, DC, in Crystal City, Virginia. The hotel is the Crystal Gateway Marriott, at 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Hotel rates are \$79 single/double (tax not included); hotel parking is \$5 per day. Make reservations by calling (703) 920-3230, and mention Corflu to get the convention rate. More information on the hotel and its environs is in our previous progress report, which should accompany this PR.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Corflu 11 memberships are \$10 supporting, \$37 attending (advance) and \$42 attending (at the convention). Attending memberships include the traditional Sunday luncheon. Since our first progress report, there have been some inquiries about a children's membership rate: pre-teenagers who accompany their parents to the convention will not be charged a membership fee and are welcome at all convention events, but **will not** be pre-paid for the Sunday luncheon. Please make checks payable to **Alexis Gilliland**, 4030 8th Street S., Arlington, Virginia 22204, USA.

THINGS PLANNED

We will maintain the traditions (if that's the right word) of previous Corflu conventions; there will be a hospitality room well-stocked with food and drink, fanzine auctions to benefit various fan causes, a fanzine sales area, and a specially-designed Corflu 11 t-shirt. Programming activities will occur on Saturday afternoon and evening (except for Sunday's luncheon), and will include fan readings, games, radio plays, and auctions.

THE LATE, GREAT FAAN AWARDS

We had originally planned on reviving the long-dormant Fanzine Activity Achievement Awards at Corflu Nova, but only six nomination ballots from our previous Progress Report were returned. We've therefore decided to eliminate the Awards for this year, with hopes that a future Corflu will once again take up the idea.

FANTHOLOGY NEWS

The *Fanthology '90* project has been placed in the capable hands of veteran fanzine publisher Mark Loney, and copies of this fanzine will be available for sale at the convention. We also expect to have copies of past fanthologies for sale, as well as fan fund trip reports and other specialty fan publications.

PLAY BALL ON THE MALL

In our first progress report, we made mention that Crystal City, Virginia, just *might* be a little too congested for the traditional Sunday afternoon softball game. That's still true, but it just so happens that the world's biggest softball field, the National Mall, is just across the river in downtown Washington, DC. The Mall is two miles end-to-end, so there's should be plenty of available places to have a game. Here's one possible setting: the Lincoln Memorial as a backdrop behind home plate, and the Washington Monument in straight-away center field. So bring your softball gloves!

This is a good place to mention that even though Washington doesn't have a major league baseball team yet, the Washington area is still a good place for professional baseball. The Baltimore Orioles are only a little over an hour's drive away from Crystal City, and there are no less than five minor league teams within a two-hour's drive. We hope to have schedule information at the convention.

SIGHTSEEING IN WASHINGTON

Washington is a great place to visit, especially in the spring before the weather turns hot and humid. The National Mall is home to the Smithsonian Museums and Galleries, and there are many historic places to visit within an easy walk, drive, or metrorail ride from the convention hotel. If you're serious about wanting to sightsee in Washington, we suggest you allow several extra days for this, and invest in a visitors guide and map. There really *is* a lot to see and do here!

OTHER CONVENTIONS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF

We deliberately scheduled Corflu Nova one weekend in advance of Washington's *other* science fiction convention, Disclave, so that determined convention-goers can attend both. This year's Disclave is the weekend of May 27-30, up the road at Tyson's Corner, Virginia. We'll have Disclave information available at Corflu, or you can send 29¢ return postage to Alexis Gilliland (address previous) for a Disclave Progress Report. As of this writing, there will even be a *third* convention, FanHistoricon, during the week between Corflu and Disclave; it will be held in Hagerstown, Maryland (about an hour's drive from Washington), and information on it will be available at Corflu.

ATTENDING AND SUPPORTING MEMBERS OF CORFLU NOVA

Harry Andruschak	Lori Gillen	Nicki Lynch	Jeff Schalles
Judy Bemis	Alexis Gilliland	Michelle Lyons	Joyce Scrivner (S)
Bill Bodden	Lee Gilliland	Joe Mayhew	Noreen Shaw (S)
Bernadette Bosky	Rob Hansen	Walter Miles	Dick Smith
Richard Brandt	Andrew Hickman	Catherine Mintz (S)	Leah Zeldes Smith
rich brown	Arthur Hlavaty	Janice Murray	Elaine Stiles
Peggy M. Burke	Gary Hunnewell	Barry Newton	Steve Stiles
Linda Bushyager	Neil Kaden (S)	Judy Newton	Erwin Strauss
Ron Bushyager	Arnie Katz	Meridel Newton	Geri Sullivan
Russell Chauvenet	Joyce Katz	Tony Parker	Suzle Tompkins (S)
Avedon Carol	Jerry Kaufman (S)	Bruce Pelz	Pat Virzi
Richard Dengrove	Irv Koch	Larry Pezzuto	Joe Wesson
Cathy Doyle	Bill Kunkel	Andy Porter	Ted White
Lise Eisenberg	Dorothy Kurtz	Neil Rest	Laurie Yates
Moshe Feder	George Laskowski (S)	Alan Rosenthal	
Don Fitch	Hope Leibowitz	Vicki Rosenzweig	(S = supporting)
George Flynn	Dick Lynch	Ron Salomon	(as of March 14)