

Presenting a few good reasons to come to

# Lunacon '95

at the Rye Town Hilton in Rye Brook, NY,  
from March 17th through 19, 1995:



*Writer Guest of Honor:*

**Poul Anderson**

*Artist Guest of Honor:*

**Stephen Hickman**

*Fan Guest of Honor:*

**Mike Glyer**

*Featured Filker:*

**Graham Leathers**

and that's just the beginning...

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## Our Guests

### Poul Anderson

Poul has been one of the most prolific and honored writers of science fiction and fantasy for almost fifty years. He has won the Hugo and Nebula Awards a dozen times. His writing includes the High Fantasy of *THE BROKEN SWORD* and *THREE HEARTS AND THREE LIONS*, the hard science fiction of *TAU ZERO* and *BRAIN WAVE*, the humor of *THE HIGH CRUSADE* and the Hoka stories (co-written with Gordon R. Dickson), and the unabashed space opera of the Polesotechnic League and Dominic Flandry stories. He is also a skilled translator and a noted raconteur, as likely to entertain with a stirring rendition of a Norse saga or a humorous dialect poem, as with a serious discussion of the art of building a consistent SF world. Poul is a long-time fan as well as top SF pro, and prefers the smaller conventions these days, where it is still possible to meet and talk with the fans. He was delighted to be asked to be Lunacon's Writer GOH, and we are delighted to have him. We think you will be too.

### Stephen Hickman

Steve's science fiction art has graced the covers of a number of books and magazines. While he is probably best known for the high-tech, hard-edged work he has done for the various Anne McCaffrey collaborations such as *SASSINAK*, and the Larry Niven inspired *MAN-KZIN WARS* series,

Steve has several distinct styles. Last year, when the US Postal Service issued a series of space fantasy stamps, he displayed another when he painted the original artwork used. That artwork got him a Hugo award nomination, and then the award itself at the last World SF Convention in Winnipeg. We intend to showcase a full range of Steve's talents, as well as Steve himself, at this year's Lunacon. Come and meet him and see why.

### Mike Glycer

Mike is living proof that if you do something long enough, you become quite skillful at it. In Mike's case, the "something" was fan writing and fanzine publishing, and the result was *FILE 770*, a West Coast fannish newszine that has been in publication for over 10 years. Persistence pays: his writing gained Mike a Hugo Award as Best Fanwriter, and *File 770* garnered two Hugo Awards for best fanzine. Hugo award winning seems to be a common trait among Lunacon GOH's, but that isn't why we chose him. We did it because we think he's the best at what he does, and deserving of wider appreciation. He's also a nice guy and worth meeting in person, which is another common trait among Lunacon GOH's. Come and find out for yourself.

### Graham Leathers

In his first East Coast appearance, Canadian folksinger Graham Leathers brings his sly wit and intricate guitar



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work to Lunacon. Graham is a versatile songwriter, whether singing about the introduction of Terran bheer to the universe or warning against the impending destruction of the environment. He has a solo tape "Delusions of Grandeur" in release from Dodeca Records, and appears with the Winnipeg-based band *DUST RHINOS* on their "Helter Celtic" tape. Graham is also an accomplished juggler, mime, and balloon sculptor.

These are hardly our only guests. Other program participants will include noted scientist and SF and non-fiction author Charles Pellegrino, physicist, professor, and long-time fan John Boardman, humorous Fantasy writers Esthner Friesner and Greg Costikyan, and writer/editors Josepha Sherman and Susan Schwartz. In keeping with our tradition of doing the unusual, noted writer, anthologist, and dramatist Marvin Kaye will once again bring his Open Book theatre ensemble to Lunacon for a dramatic performance.

Past Lunacons have featured appearances by Lou Aronica, Constance Ash, Jill Bauman, John Betancourt, Terry Bisson, Ginger Buchanan, Jack Chalker, Nancy Collins, Vincent DiFate, Gardner Dozois, Ron Goulart, Charles L. Grant, P.M. Griffin, David Mattingly, Paul Park, Josepha Sherman, Susan Schwartz, Darrell K. Sweet, and Sheila Williams, among others. We don't have confirmations yet for many people we expect to see, but we expect a number of those listed above and a number of others we haven't listed to grace us with their presence.

## Programming

Come and hear your favorite authors and artists talk about every subject under the sun – and over it, too. Take part in panels about the ethical implications of the newest technology or why Animaniacs is better than Beavis & Butthead – or maybe worse. If you want to know how to sell your story or artwork, editors and artists will tell you how. If you want to know what your favorite author is working on now, come to a reading of unpublished work. Cyberspace, the space program, Brooklyn in Science Fiction, and ???: no matter what interests you about science, the media, fiction, or people, someone is talking about it or them at Lunacon.

Other activities will include our Friday night "Meet the Guests" event, workshops and discussions. We will once again have a strong costume oriented track. Add in our Regency Dancing, filk-singing, and other events, and expect lots of old fashioned fun with some new twists.

## Art Show

New York is still the center of the publishing and art industry, and exhibiting at Lunacon is a must for any SF or fantasy artist. Today, Rick Sternbach does astronomical paintings for Star Trek. Twenty years ago, you could have bought one of them for \$10 at the Lunacon Art Show. Rick is in California these days, and neither he nor his art makes it to Lunacon, but a lot of other artists and artwork will. What work by talented newcomers will you be able to get for a bargain price at

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Lunacon? We can't predict that. But we can predict a superb show filled with stunning work by those well known and not so known, with something to suit almost any taste (or price range). Lunacon's Art Show will feature the work of our Artist Guest of Honor, Stephen Hickman. Lunacon's Art Show will also include our popular Print Shop, devoted to high-quality reproductions of the finest in SF artwork, providing an affordable alternative to that original painting the budget won't quite cover.

Yet another Lunacon trait is an Art Show that just gets better each year, and we don't expect this one to be an exception. Come and see what the major SF and fantasy artists of today and the 21st century are doing ... and even if you can't afford an original painting, you might walk off with an inexpensive professional print. If, on the other hand, you are a major artist, now or in twenty years, write to us for information on showing your work at Lunacon. A note marked "Attention: Art Show" will bring you the necessary forms and information.

## Dealers' Room

Have you had trouble finding your favorite magazine on the stands? Can't locate a teddy bear in wizard's robes? Been looking for that obscure first edition for far too long? You'll find them at Lunacon's Dealer's Room, along with jewelry, t-shirts, tapes, and ten thousand other items you've missed all your life. Lunacon's Dealer's Room will be diverse, well stocked, and carry something to suit almost every taste. Bring your desires to the Huckster's Room. Oh, yes, bring money, too.

If you have any questions, or wish to be included in future dealer's mailings, please write to us at Lunacon and mark it "Attention: Dealer's Room". Devra Langsam and Mary Otten, our Dealer's Room managers and long time dealer themselves, will be happy to assist you.

## Masquerade

Our Saturday night masquerade will be an opportunity for you to dazzle or be dazzled by the costuming of the past, the future, and the never-was. Imagine the spectacle of elves and Klingons rubbing shoulders with leather-clad cyberpunks. You don't have to imagine it. You can see it on Saturday night, or be part of it.

The Lunacon '95 Masquerade will be held Saturday evening in the Westchester Ballroom, and will be run on a variant of the Skill Division System, with separate divisions for entrants from first-time novices to Worldcon Masters. There will also be a division for young fans (under 13) to have their moment in the spotlight — costumes may be made by the child or by mom and dad.

Hall costumes, also known as "Clothing for an Alternate Universe", will be welcomed at Lunacon. Our anonymous judges will be roaming the convention to award ribbons for the most outstanding costumes. Winners will be asked to report to Masquerade Registration to receive special certificates and have their Polaroid snapped for posterity. A Winner's list will be posted at Masquerade Registration.

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Please note: due to convention weapons policy, any Masquerade costume involving weapons of any kind must have prior approval from the Masquerade Director. Hall costumes may not have weapons. In addition, please remember that nudity is not a costume, so kindly cover revealing costumes in the public areas of the Hotel, such as the Bar, Restaurants, and Lobby.

The Masquerade will be run once again by Susan de Guardiola and her able team of technical wizards. Our Master of Ceremonies this year will be T. J. Glenn - local New York City actor, swordsman, writer, stuntman, and Lunacon regular. (Yes, this is the second time of asking ... hopefully this year he will actually make it to the convention.) As always, we are looking for help and more costumes. Please bring us your talents in either areal! Look for the Masquerade Registration table at the convention to pick up the rules and entry forms. To request advance copies of the rules or to volunteer to help, please write to the Lunacon P.O. Box, Attention: Susan de Guardiola, Masquerade.

## Regency Ball

Fans love the past as much as the future. Our annual Friday Night Regency Dance is a treat to watch or take part in, in period costume or in street clothes. If you don't know how, the suave John Hertz and his lovely assistants will be glad to teach you. Just think how you'll wow them at the disco when you show them your "new" moves!

## Filksinging

The folk music of fandom is like fandom: it can be silly about the destruction of the world or serious about the horrors of putrid food at conventions. There are always plenty of these maniacal troubadours at Lunacon to charm you with a song and while away the hours past midnight.

## Films/Video/Anime

From Astro Boy to Kimba, the White Lion (the basis for The Lion King, but don't tell Disney we said so), Lunacon's Anime presents an entertaining mix of recent translations, old favorites, and the latest titles in the country. Skilled narrators will provide running commentary for Japanese videos neither dubbed nor subtitled in English. Expect more than Anime: Lunacon's film program always has an eclectic mix of formats and titles, with something to treat the eyes of almost any media fan.

## Radio Programming

WBAI's Jim Freund and Max Shmid will present a selection of some of the best sf from classic and contemporary radio. Jim and Max's collection ranges from stuff you've heard of but never actually heard, to stuff you've never heard of.

## Gaming

Lunacon has always had something to offer dedicated gamers, such as our past introduction of Double Exposure, which has since matured into a full



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convention of its own. This year, Lunacon continues that tradition by offering two "Living City" tournaments. They will be "Mansion of the Mad Wizard Ren" and "An Ape for Mister Mooney". The Living City games folks will be bringing in extra people to help make these games a success.

In addition to the Living City games, we'll have two gaming rooms devoted to a wide assortment of more standard gaming fare, including D&D, wargames, and other board games, with RPGA tournaments and prizes. Please contact our Games Director, Dave Stern, for further information on what will be occurring and how you can become involved.

## Book Exhibit & Raffle

Win hundreds of dollars worth of books for fifty cents. Our exhibit will feature a wide assortment of books, magazine subscriptions, games and software donated by their publishers.

All proceeds will be added to the Lunarian's Donald A. Wollheim Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund helps subsidize attendance at the Clarion SF Writer's Workshop. When you buy a raffle ticket, you not only get a chance to win, you help a fellow fan become a professional.

## Con Suite

When you're exhausted from having a good time, relax at our convention suite. Recharge yourself with a cup of

coffee, a snack, and a chat with your fellow fans.

## Parties

After the scheduled events have shut down, you can party all night at Lunacon. Ten or more open parties take place each night in hotel rooms. Please remember that open parties may not serve alcohol, and will be asked to close if they do. Also remember that New York State's legal drinking age is 21. The Hotel will be enforcing this rule.

## Weapons

You may not wear weapons at Lunacon. Weapons are permitted only at the Masquerade as part of a costume, and must be approved by the Masquerade Director. People carrying weapons at Lunacon outside of the Masquerade will have their memberships revoked with no refund. Weapons include anything that IS a weapon, anything that can be used as a weapon, and anything that looks like a weapon, including toys. If you aren't certain whether that object you just have to carry might be considered a weapon, ask us first.

## Convention Services

To assist the attendees at Lunacon, we will once again be providing an assortment of services. Our Newsletter, distributed at the convention, will keep you informed of

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convention happenings, last minute schedule changes, and other things of interest at Lunacon. If you have questions, problems, or special requirements, check at Member Services for information and assistance. The Lunacon Sales table will be there to provide Lunacon souvenirs and memorabilia, such as T-shirts, tote bags, and book raffle tickets. The convention headquarters will be the Lunacon Office. Check here for lost items, to contact a committee member, submit copy for the Newsletter, purchase child care tickets, or resolve problems Member Services can't handle.

## Keeping In Touch

You can reach Lunacon electronically by contacting our On-Line Liaison, Robert A. Rosenberg, via Compuserve at 73766 or on GENie at HAL- 9001. In addition, any messages posted in either Conventions area (SFLIT Section 21 on Compuserve or SFRT3, Category 22, Topic 10 on GENie) will reach us. We will attempt to post the latest updates on both networks.

If you are not on Compuserve or GENie, but you have access to Internet Email, you can get messages to us at [lunacon@lunacon.org](mailto:lunacon@lunacon.org). (Please don't send Internet Email to Compuserve or GENie -- use them only for Email posted from them.)

We also have some Gopher files that can be accessed by use of the Gopher address [gopher.panix.com](http://gopher.panix.com) and selecting the Lunacon Menu Item.

To reach us via Postal mail, write to

**Lunacon 1995**  
**P.O. Box 3566,**  
**Church Street Station**  
**New York, NY 10008-3566**

## Registration

A membership in Lunacon costs \$30 if you register in advance. At the door, the rate is \$40, but isn't a weekend away from it all worth it? To get an advance registration, we need to have your check by February 17th, so do register as soon as possible. Please remit your payment in U.S. funds only, and note that there is a \$20 bounced check fee.

If you're bringing the kids, children less than six years old can get in free, and children six through twelve get in at half price. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you're between 13 and seventeen years old and are attending on your own, have your parent or guardian sign the registration form.

Registration is available on-site during the following hours:

<b>Friday</b>	<b>3 - 10 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9 AM - 6 PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 AM - 1 PM</b>

For your convenience, memberships may also be purchased in advance at Science Fiction, Mysteries, and More, a science fiction and mystery bookstore located at 140 Chambers Street (off West Broadway) in lower Manhattan.

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## Child Care

For those times you want to go off and do the kids, Lunacon employs a licensed professional child care service to supervise your cherubs while you aren't around. You'll be charged \$4 an hour up to a maximum of \$50. Child care will be available at Lunacon during the following hours:

**Friday**        3 - 11 PM  
**Saturday**    10 AM - Midnight  
**Sunday**       10 AM - 4 PM

If you plan to use our child care services at Lunacon, we need to know in advance. Please tell us when you send in your registration that you will be bringing young children, including their ages and any special needs such as dietary restrictions.

## Volunteer Staff

Lunacon is run entirely by volunteers. We depend on people like you to make the convention a success. Every staff member is a volunteer. Here is your chance to give back to fandom some of the enjoyment you received from it.

Write Lunacon for the staff form (mark it Attention: Staff Director) or ask when you sign in. Lunacon staff members who work sufficient hours get a special staff T-shirt, and those who work exceptionally long hours may get membership refunds.

## Advertisements

The Lunacon '95 Program Book will feature color cover art by Steve Hickman, articles about our guests, and other items of interest. The Program Book accepts advertising from individuals and organizations involved in SF and related fields. If you wish to advertise in this year's Program Book, write to Lunacon and mark it "Attention: Program Book Advertising" for a copy of our rate card and requirements.

## Hotel

Lunacon '95 will once again take place at the Rye Town Hilton, 699 Westchester Avenue, Rye Brook, NY, located in scenic Westchester County just north of New York City. The hotel offers an indoor and outdoor pool, a health club, two restaurants, and plenty of parking. Rooms, too.

We have arranged for special room rates for Lunacon: \$87 for single occupancy, \$93 per double or twin occupancy, and \$103 for three or four-person rooms. These rates don't include taxes. The hotel accepts American Express, Visa, Mastercard, Carte Blanche, Diner's Club, and Discover cards. If you want to register now, use the form in the progress report or phone the hotel at 1-914-939-6300. Mention Lunacon for these rates. Lunacon also has a limited number of suites. If you are interested in one of these, please write Lunacon - - not the Hotel - as soon as possible.



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Under New York State law, no one under the age of 18 may be allowed to reserve a room. An exception may be made if the minor's parent, guardian, or another responsible adult accepts responsibility for all costs associated with the room, in a signed and dated letter that includes a photocopy of both sides of a major credit card.

## Directions

### From the South:

Take Route I-87 or the Saw Mill River Parkway north to I-287 East (cross Westchester Parkway) to Exit 10 (Bowman Avenue/Webb Avenue). Turn right at the second traffic light. Go three more traffic lights and turn left into the hotel entrance.

### From the North:

Take I-95 south to exit 21 (Rye). Proceed as from I-95, north, above; or

take I-87 to the Merrit Parkway or the Saw Mill River Parkway, or I-684 South to I-287 East (cross Westchester Expressway) to Exit 10. Proceed as from the North Route I-87 directions above.

### From the West

All major highways intersect with I-87. Go east on I-87/I-287 over the Tappan Zee bridge and stay on I-287 east (cross Westchester Expressway) and continue as above under 'From the South'.

### By Rail

Take Metro-North New Haven Line Local from Grand Central Station to the Rye Station. The hotel will be running a complimentary shuttle bus to and from the station, coordinated with the train schedule. If you have any questions or difficulty finding the shuttle, call the hotel at 1-914-939-6300.

A taxi from the train station to the hotel is currently about \$9.

### By Bus

Buses are available from various points in Westchester and the Bronx. For current fares and schedules, call the Westchester Department of Transportation at 1-914-2020.

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**Lunacon '95**  
**Hotel Reservation Form**  
**March 17 - 20, 1995**

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**Rye Brook, NY 10573**  
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Single: \$87       Triple (two double beds): \$103  
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 Twin (two double beds): \$93

Floor Type:  Smoking  Non-smoking  Party  Non-party

Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations will be held until 6 pm unless guaranteed for late arrival by a deposit check for the first night's stay, or by one of the following credit cards:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**Notes:**

Reservations must be received by February 24, 1995

Room rates quoted above do not include local taxes

Check-in time is 3 pm, check-out time is 1 pm.

To avoid duplication, please submit only one reservation form for rooms shared by two or more people.

Suites are available only upon written request to the Convention Committee. Any suites arranged directly are subject to cancellation.

Mail to: Lunacon '95  
Attn: Registration  
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Lunacon '95  
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Additional memberships \_\_\_\_\_

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I want to volunteer to help run Lunacon '95. I would like to work in the following areas:

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I would like more information about the New York Science Fiction Society - The Lunarians, Inc.

**Notes:**

Make your checks drawn on a U.S. bank or money order in U.S. dollars payable to Lunacon '95 or complete the above credit card information, including your signature. Do not send cash through the mail.

Please mail this form no later than February 17, 1995. Refunds will not be given, but a membership may be transferred upon receipt of a written request from the current holder of the membership.

All children, regardless of age, must be registered at the convention and must be accompanied by an adult. Please include the ages, as of March 17, 1995, of all children.



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