

Lunacon 2002



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March 15th-17th, 2002
Rye Town Hilton
Rye Brook, New York

Welcome to Lunacon 2002

Sorry if this gets to you a bit late, but then again, it wouldn't be Lunacon. The 45th Lunacon will be held over the weekend of March 15-17, 2002 at the Rye Town Hilton, a.k.a. the M. C. Escher Hotel, located in scenic Rye Brook, New York slightly north of the Big Apple. This will be our 11th year at the Hilton.

We will be keeping a lot of your old favorites while trying to introduce some new and innovative programming. If you wish to make suggestions or have questions or comments, feel free to contact us at any of the addresses given in this brochure. You can direct it to a specific department, a particular person or to me.

As always, we are looking for volunteers for Lunacon 2002. This convention requires the help of many people to happen. We need people to help set up the various components of the Con, such as the Art Show and Con Suite, on Thursday night and the packing up of equipment and moving it out on Sunday afternoon. For details on how to offer your much-needed assistance, see the section on Staff. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the convention. If you have any hassles or problems, feel free to contact us immediately at lunacon@lunacon.org.

Dom Corrado, Con Chair

Guests of Honor

Lunacon has always taken pride in the guests it attracts. This year we are especially proud of our lineup.

Our Writer Guest of Honor is **Alan Dean Foster**. Alan has written a wide variety of material, including his own original fiction, novelizations for Star Trek and Star Wars, work for film, TV, and games, and a variety of non-fiction. He has collected the Galaxy Award, the Southwest Book Award for Fiction, the UPC Award, the Ignotius Award, and the Strannik Award along the way.

Our Artist Guest of Honor is **James Gurney**. James has done work for a number of clients, including book publishers, National Geographic magazine, and the US Postal Service. He is best known for his books on

Dinotopia, the land where humans and intelligent dinosaurs live together in peace and cooperation. James previewed what would become Dinotopia at Lunacon in 1991. There is now an upcoming Hallmark TV mini-series based on the books which will appear in mid-2002, so we are especially happy Jim accepted our invitation.

Our Fan Guests of Honor are **Ron and Val Ontell**. Ron and Val are transplanted New Yorkers, now living in California. Before moving, Ron was President of the New York Science Fiction Society – the Lunarians, Inc., and Val was Chair of two Lunacons. They've changed locations but not habits, and have been active in a variety of West Coast conventions and several Worldcons.

Our Special Guest of Honor is Peter Hamilton. Peter is a rising British SF author, who has gained a following in the US for his *Night's Dawn* series – *The Reality Dysfunction*, *The Neutronium Alchemist*, and *The Naked God*. Warner Aspect will be publishing his next novel in hardcover around Lunacon, and they are bringing him over for a five city publicity tour, with Lunacon as his first stop.

Programming

At each Lunacon, we try to offer to you as wide and diverse a selection of topics in our programming. We actively seek out program participants who will be of the utmost interest to you. Starting with our Guests of Honor, we try to gather together authors, artists, members of the publishing field and related media, and the scientific community as well as knowledgeable fans to entertain and enlighten you with their vast amounts of knowledge in their respective areas of expertise.

There will be panels, workshops and demonstrations covering many topics in the fields of science

Rocky Horror

Since its original release, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* has become a cult classic, and a staple of late night showings at local theaters. As a special event on Friday to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the production, Lunacon will be holding a Midnight Showing of *Rocky Horror*. If you haven't seen it before, give yourself a treat. If

Our Toastmistress is Roberta Rogow. When she isn't at work as a Children's Librarian in New Jersey, she is a published writer with four mysteries and a guide to fan slang to her credit, a master filk-singer, and a devoted long-time fan of SF and fantasy, active in local fan groups.

We're delighted to have them as our guests, and we think you'll be delighted to meet them.

fiction, fantasy, horror, gaming, science, filking, comics, costuming, art, literature, computers, along with readings, speeches and multi-media presentations. Come pick up hints on how to get your artwork seen or that story sold by meeting and talking to the pros. Once again, we'll be running our late night "*Programming After Dark*" tracks.

At press time, our Programming people were still receiving confirmations from our guests and arranging the schedule. Please check our web site at www.lunacon.org for an updated list of who we expect to attend. We'll update it as we know.

you have seen it, come as your favorite Rocky character, and help recreate the atmosphere that made the midnight show at the local theater a weekly destination for a generation of *Rocky Horror* fans.

Please, no lighters, no water, and bring your own toast.

Masquerade

The Lunacon 2002 Masquerade will be held on Saturday night. It will start with a division for young fans (12 & under). These costumes can be made by the children themselves or by adults (Praise to Mommy!). A panel of experts using a system based on skill levels will judge adult costumers. These divisions are Novice, Journeyman, Craftsman and Master level. Photographs will be taken and made available for order on Sunday. Fan photographers are welcome as well.

Any costumes that include weapons of any kind have to receive prior approval of the Masquerade Director. Check the Lunacon Weapons Policy below. We openly encourage hall costumes with the following provisos. Nudity is NOT a costume and if your

costume is a bit revealing, we ask that you cover yourself in the public areas of the hotel which include the lobby, the restaurants and the bar. Panels on costuming and related topics will be included in the programming.

Masquerade registration will be done on-site only commencing sometime Friday and ending Saturday at 3 PM. Rules and entry forms should be picked up as early as possible at the Masquerade Registration table. If you require further information, an advance copy of the rules or wish to graciously volunteer your services, you can write to any of the Convention addresses marking it Attention: Masquerade or visit our Lunarian 2002 website at www.lunacon.org/masquerade.html.

Weapons Policy

NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED! We reserve the right to refuse registration to anyone with a weapon in his or her possession. Anyone caught carrying a weapon during the convention will have his/her registration revoked immediately without a refund. A weapon is considered to be anything that is classified as a weapon under New York State law, anything designed to cause bodily injury or any replica of such an object, and anything deemed by the Committee to be dangerous. This includes any type of toy weapon. The Committee reserves the right to amend this definition of a weapon and to impound weapons for the duration of

the convention. If your actions or behavior interferes with the other attendees' enjoyment of the Convention, this will result in revoking of your membership without refund. If you have any questions, feel free to ask us.

Costumers take note of the above and remember as stated earlier, permission from the Masquerade Director is required to use a weapon in your presentation. Also, if you receive permission, transportation of the weapon to and from the Masquerade requires that it be carried in an opaque container such as a paper bag or black trash sack.

Art Show & Print Shop

Lunacon has long had one of the finest science fiction and fantasy art shows on the East Coast. With Artist Guest of Honor James Gurney's *Dinotopia* being prepared as a Hallmark TV miniseries, we can't wait to see what he'll be bringing to exhibit at the con. But as regular Lunacon attendees know, Jim is one of the many fine SF and Fantasy artists who regularly attend and exhibit at Lunacon.

Along with 120 panels of original art by both professional and amateur artists, we'll have our usual large Print Shop, where you can pick up inexpensive reproductions of that original piece you can't *quite* afford.

If you want to enter your art into the show, please send us a letter at the Convention P.O. Box, marked "Attn.: Art Show". (If you've exhibited or inquired within the last three years, you're already on the list).

Animè

As before, Lunacon's Anime Video Program will feature a mix of your old favorites, current translations and the most recent releases to entertain you. All Japanese videos shown will be dubbed, subtitled in English, or have a running commentary provided by a narrator. Since we strive to get the newest videos possible, we cannot at this time provide you with what will be shown. Upon arrival at the Con, consult your Pocket Program for scheduled showings.

Book Exhibit & Raffle

Would you like to go home with a treasure trove of the latest books

by your favorite authors? You can by participating in Lunacon's Book Raffle. It features a vast selection of the latest tomes in the genres of SF and Fantasy. Publishers donate the latest books by well-known authors as well as games, software and magazine subscriptions.

Purchasing a ticket or two might send you home with the goodies, but it also goes to a worthy cause. All funds collected are donated to the Lunarians' Donald A. and Elsie B. Wollheim Memorial Scholarship Fund. This helps beginning SF and Fantasy writers residing in the NY metropolitan area attend the Clarion or Clarion West science fiction and fantasy writers' workshops by covering their fees. Gee, the person next to you could be your favorite author in a few years.

The Scholarship Fund also receives funds from a special auction that is held at Lunacon. Items most often auctioned off are signed books, manuscripts, artwork and genre related memorabilia. Anyone wishing to donate to the auction should send the item to:

*Donald A. and Elsie B. Wollheim
Memorial Scholarship Fund
c/o NYSFS-the Lunarians, Inc.
PMB 234, 847A Second Avenue
New York, NY 10017-2945*

All donations should be mailed to the attention of the Scholarship Fund. Your contributions are tax-deductible.

Con Suite

'SF conventions are busy places, and sometimes you just want to sit down and relax. Lunacon's Con Suite is the place for this. Eat, drink, and relax, and join us Sunday morning for bagels and cream cheese.

If you have special dietary requirements, please contact our Con Suite Director via the P.O. Box so we can provide for you.

Dealers Rooms

As usual, our two Dealers' Rooms offer something for every discriminating taste. Whether you are searching for that long elusive book to complete your collection or are in search of the latest SF or Fantasy novels to add to your bookshelf, you can find it at Lunacon. A whole array of wonderful things are offered for sale such as filktapes, buttons, statues, jewelry, stuffed animals, cloaks, staffs, leather goods, stones and much, much more.

Anyone who would like to be included on future mailing lists for the Dealers' Rooms, should write us at the Convention's address or e-mail us. Please remember to give us your complete mailing address with your request.

Filksinging

A long-standing tradition at Lunacon, filksinging attracts a wide audience (just for the record, it can be done sitting too). Once again, there will be workshops and panels on the how and why of filk as well as open singing and the highly popular, bordering on the notorious, one-shots.

In the wee small hours of the morning as the parties poop and con goers head for their rooms, filk rises above this and truly shines in all its glory. Come join these merry makers of melodious song. You can sing along or short, be silly or serious or just sit back, listen and enjoy. Play an instrument? Bring it if you wish; though it's not required.

Films

Although we may not be as extensive as we'd like to be, the Lunacon Film Program is always entertaining. We endeavor to present an interesting assortment of classic and current motion pictures, as well as cartoons, throughout

the course of the convention. We have an assortment of old classics and recent hits planned. For a complete listing of the film program being presented, check at the Convention for the schedule.

Gaming

Dave and Wendy Stern welcome everyone back to Lunacon's Gaming area. The Amazing Science Fiction and Horror Trivia Game will return with demos and a live game. We are again running sanctioned Magic tournaments., including a sealed deck tournament, a booster draft, and a type 2.

This year, we have demos of a new WorldTree RPG, and a card game similar to Battlebots. We'll be running sessions of Toon, and Settlers of Katan, plus Living City and other RPGA games.

We'll also have the usual assortment of other gaming activities, with AD&D games, board games, card games, and other amusements. We'll also have a night gaming session for grownups run by Matt Lee. See our web site for updated information.

Internet Room

As before, Lunacon will have an Internet Room, where you may check your email or browse the web. We plan Internet oriented programming, and there will be help for the uninitiated. Look for surprises, and don't be shy to ask for a demo. The only stupid question is one not asked.

Junkyard Wars

Join host Bill "Crash" Yerazunis in a repeat of last year's popular contest modelled after the TV show. Join a team, and build a device out of assorted junk to solve a problem or meet a challenge. Bring yourselves and your enthusiasm and creativity. We'll provide the junk.

LARP

Lunacon again plans to have a Live Action Role Playing Game. This year, the game will be a vampire theme, based on the popular Mind's Eye Theater gaming system. Please see our web site for details on the game and how to get involved.

Radio Room

After a couple of year's hiatus, Jim Freund, host of WBAL's *Hour of the Wolf* SF radio program, returns with the Radio Room. Drawing from his extensive collection of source materials, Jim will present a variety of radio programming, from classic productions of the Golden Age to contemporary efforts. This year, we are combining Jim's efforts with our track of author readings to create a Spoken Word theme.

Regency Dance

Once again Dance Master John Hertz (Lunacon 2001's Fan Guest of Honor) will conduct Lunacon's Regency Dance. It is scheduled for Friday evening at 9 PM. Hark back to the turn of an earlier century, the time of Regency England and Napoleonic Europe. You can simply watch or actively take part. The choice is yours. No experience? John is most willing to teach you how as he helps recreate a bygone era. You can dress the part or attend in your everyday clothes. The choice is yours.

Chris Steinbrenner Memorial Film Festival

The late Chris Steinbrenner was the long time Director of Film for New York City independent TV station

WOR. For many years, he came to Lunacon, held a legendary cocktail party, and brought along some of his library of classic SF, Fantasy, and Horror films for the enjoyment of the fans.

To honor his memory, Lunacon is holding a memorial film festival, featuring classic films from the golden age. We'll provide a TV, VCR, and the films. You tell us what you would like to see. Maybe it's a classic you haven't seen in years. Maybe it's something you've *heard* about but have *never* seen. Whatever it is, we can probably provide it for your enjoyment.

Child Care

Lunacon has contracted with a professional service to provide child care. The rate is tentatively \$6 an hour, up to a maximum of \$60 per child.

Children will be provided with supervision, juice and healthy snacks, but not meals. Parents are asked to provide toys, diapers, etc. Child care tickets will be sold in the Convention Office. You must register in advance.

Child Care Hours:

<i>Friday</i>	4 PM to 11 PM
<i>Saturday</i>	10 AM to Midnight
<i>Sunday</i>	10 AM to 4 PM

Reminder: All children must be registered with the convention, and must at all times be under the supervision of an adult or in the Lunacon Child Care area.

Member Services

Our member services area is where drop off items for the popular Lunacon newsletter and find out what you want to know about the convention. If you have questions, comments, or problems while at the convention, stop by Member Services. If they can't help

you, they can direct you to someone who can.

Other Fan Groups

As a service to the fannish community, Lunacon is making tables available to bids, and other conventions and clubs for promotional purposes. Stop by sometime during the convention; they'll be glad to chat with you. If your group would like to set up a table at Lunacon, please drop us a note at the PO Box.

Program Book Ads

The LUNACON '02 PROGRAM BOOK will be 8 1/2" x 11", featuring a color cover by James Gurney, photos and articles about our Guests of Honor, and other items of interest. If you wish to place an advertisement in this year's Program Book, write to the Convention P. O. Box, Attn: Publications Director for a rate card.

Registration

Lunacon '02 memberships are available at the following rates:

Adult: \$36 through February 20, 2002

\$47 at the door

Children: (6-12)

\$18.50 through February 20, 2002

\$22.50 at the door

Children: (under 6) Free

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. A limited amount of baby-sitting will be available; please see the section on Child Care for information. Children over 12 and under 18 must provide a parental release form waiving any liability of

Lunacon '02 if they are attending unaccompanied.

Please fill out the enclosed Registration Form, and mail it with a check, money order or completed credit card information (including your signature) to the convention address, attn.: Registration. Make your checks drawn on a US bank or money order in US dollars payable to LUNACON '02. Do not send cash through the mail.

A receipt will be mailed to you. Please bring your receipt or identification to Lunacon to help have proper ID. For your convenience, we will also be accepting Visa and MasterCard.

Refunds will not be given, but a membership may be transferred upon receipt of a written request from the current holder of the membership.

Registration hours:

<i>Friday</i>	3:30 PM to 10 PM
<i>Saturday</i>	9 AM to 6 PM
<i>Sunday</i>	9:30 AM to ? PM

Signs posted in the hotel lobby will direct you to Lunacon Registration. If any mailing information on this progress report is inaccurate, please let us know as soon as possible. If you move during the coming year, please send us your new address so that you may continue to receive information on Lunacon. For your convenience, we now have a Change of Address form available on our web site.

Sales

The Lunacon Sales table is the place to purchase memorabilia of the convention. Buy T-shirts with color art by our Artist Guest of Honor, tote bags, and other items from the con. Don't forget to pick up some Book Raffle tickets while you are at it!

Staff

Got an hour or more to kill? Like all conventions, Lunacon depends upon the generosity and good will of unpaid volunteers. By donating one hour at least, you will not only help the con run more smoothly, but you will meet people and learn something about the con itself. Many small jobs and details go into creating the big, wonderful, organized party that is Lunacon. You can help make the con fun for all.

Afraid of missing that special event? Not to worry. Our Pocket Program can help you plan your day, so you most likely can come up with one spare hour. By donating that hour, you contribute to the overall goodwill that makes the good things happen.

When you aren't on duty, stop by the Staff Den for food and relaxation. We welcome you to contribute your time and energy, even if it is for just an hour.

You'll have fun, and meet some very nice people. We look forward to meeting you.



Hotel Information

Lunacon '02 will take place at the Rye Town Hilton, 699 Westchester Ave., Rye Brook, NY, in Westchester County, just north of New York City. The Rye stop on Metro-North's New Haven line is the closest train station. The hotel offers two restaurants, an indoor pool, a health club, plenty of parking and, we have been told, rooms.

You may register using the link we've provided on our website, or by phoning the hotel at 1-914-939-6300. Be sure to mention Lunacon to receive our special room rates.

Special room rates (per night) for Lunacon are: **\$107** for a Single, **\$113** for a Double (one king-size bed) or Twin (two double beds), **\$125** for a Triple or Quad (two double beds); these rates do not include taxes. There are also a limited number of suites available. If you are interested in one, please write Lunacon - *not the hotel* - as soon as possible. Please contact us if you want a suite. All room rates are non-commissionable, and quoted exclusive of appropriate state and local taxes applicable at the time of the convention. In Westchester County, these taxes are currently 6 3/4 % sales tax plus a 3% room tax for all rooms.

The hotel accepts American Express, Visa, MasterCard, Carte Blanche, Diners Club and Discover cards. When registering, you may request smoking or non-smoking floors, party or non-party areas.

Under New York State law, no one under the age of 18 may rent a room. An exception may be made if an 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.

There are several places to eat in the area, and stores to supply all your needs.

Directions

By Car

From the South:

Take I-87, or the Hutchinson River Pkwy, or the Saw Mill River Pkwy north to I-287 east (Cross Westchester Expwy) to Exit 10 (Routes 120, 120A, Port Chester). Stay to the left, following the signs to Port Chester. Go under the highway and you are on Westchester Ave. At the fourth traffic light, turn left into the hotel entrance;

...or take I-95 North to Exit 21, Rye. Go on I-287 to Exit 10 ((Bowman Ave./Webb Ave.). Make a right at the second traffic light, then go three more traffic lights and turn left into the hotel entrance.

From the North:

Take I-95 south to Exit 21 (Rye, Cross Westchester Expwy). Go west on I-287 to Exit 10. Make a right at the second traffic light, then go three more traffic lights and turn left into the hotel entrance;

...or take I-87, or the Merritt Pkwy, or the Saw Mill River Pkwy, or I-684 south to I-287 east (Cross Westchester Expwy) to Exit 10 (Routes 120, 120A, Port Chester). Stay to the left, following the signs to Port Chester. Go under the highway and you are on Westchester Ave. At the fourth traffic light, turn left into the hotel entrance.

From West of the Hudson River:

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 Expwy) and continue as above under "From the South".

Via Rail

Take the Metro-North New Haven Line Local from Grand Central Station to the Rye station. The hotel will be running a complimentary shuttle service to and from the station, coordinated with the train schedule.

The #13 Westchester bus runs from the Port Chester Station and the hotel. Check with the Westchester Dept. of Transportation at 1-914-682-2020 for the latest schedules and fares.

A taxi from the train station to the hotel is currently about \$10.

Via Bus

Buses are available from various points in Westchester and the Bronx. For current fares and schedules, contact the Westchester Dept. of Transportation at 1-914-682-2020.

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Membership Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Badge Name: _____

- Is this Your first Lunacon? (*Welcome!*)
 A new address since your last Lunacon?

Please list names and addresses of all additional members, including children on a separate sheet of paper and enclose it with this registration form. Children under six will be registered free when accompanied by a paid adult.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ adult memberships at \$36 each.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ children aged 6-12 as of March 15, 2002 at \$18 each.

I would also like to register _____ children under age 6.

Payment method: Check Money Order Mastercard Visa Discover

Cardholder Signature: _____

Credit card number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Note: All checks and money orders must be in US funds and drawn on US banks. Please mail this form no later than February 22, 2002. All children, regardless of age, must be registered with the Convention and accompanied by an adult. Please include the ages as of March, of all children.

- I want to contribute to the success of Lunacon 2002! I'm volunteering to help in the following areas:

- Tell me more about the New York Science Fiction Society-the Lunarians, Inc.

Mail to: Lunacon 2002
Attn: Registration
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