

# The Lunar Crescent

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## Find Your Way

Here's a quick guide to the layout of the convention:

### Lower Level

- Art Show,
- Dealers' Rooms,
- Freebie Table
- Gaming,
- Registration

### Lobby Level

- Kids' Programming,
  - Program Rooms 1\*,2\*,5,6
  - Convention Office
  - Program Ops
- \* Rooms 1 and 2 are reversed from the way they were yesterday.

### First Floor

- Anime,
- Book Exhibit,
- Coffee House
- Movies,
- Readings
- Program Rooms 7-12

### Twelfth Floor

- Programming
- Masquerade

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- Children's Game 2 PM
  - Age 13+ Game 11 PM
- Both sessions will be in Children's Programming

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## Isaac Asimov Is Here Remembered

Stephen Baxter, British "hard sf writer", is the winner of the 2005 Isaac Asimov Memorial Award. The award is presenting to some person who, in the opinion of the Lunarians, has contributed significantly to increasing the public's knowledge and understanding of science through his/her writings and works in the fields of science fiction and science fact and by exemplifying the personal qualities, which made the late Dr. Asimov well-loved by those who knew him.

Stephen Baxter is a trained engineer with degrees in mathematics and aeroengineering. He is a winner of the Sideways Award for alternate history for *Voyage*, which involved space exploration and NASA. Other work includes *The Time Ships*, an authorized sequel to H.G. Wells' *The Time Machine*, which won the John W. Campbell and British SF awards; *Anti-Ice*, a "steampunk" novel, and the "Xeelee Sequence" novels.

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Saturday, March 18 - 7 PM

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## Masked Facts

The Masquerade line will be in the Lobby (Hotel Front Desk).

The Masquerade will start at 8:30.

## Saturday Night Party List

Susan's 25 <sup>th</sup>		
Anniversary	1116	After Masq. - 2
Con Suite	1103	9 - 2
Rave	1102	9 - ?
Montreal in '09	1025	9 - 3
Chicago in '08	1009	9 - 2
I-Con 25 <sup>th</sup>		
Anniversary	1005	After Masq. - 2
Philcon 2006	922	9 - 2

## Zombies in Selected Shorts

The showing of real 16 mm films in Room 12 continues at 9 PM with a showing of *Zombies of the Stratosphere*. The program will include extras, including cartoons and shorts.

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## The Wall Walks At 11:30

The closing time for the Lunacon Art Show will be at 11:30 Sunday morning. At this time all items with three bids will be moved to Room 7 for the Auction at 12:30.

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## You Don't Have to Be Jewish to Enjoy Samu-Rye

The Samurai Strip Poker Game will be held Sunday at noon in the Main Lobby.

## Flurry Fandom Missing At Con

It has been pointed out that this Lunacon is the first held in several years without a snowstorm (and, sometimes, a *major* snowstorm) occurring just before, during, or just after the convention. Suspicious minds blame global warming, abetted by the hot air generated at any SMOFish gathering.

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Sunday, March 19 - 11 AM

## And Thanks for All the Fish

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## Would You Like to Swing on a Star?

Quasar researcher Mike Brotherton, who literally has access to *millions* of NASA grant dollars, wants to use them to start an annual two-week workshop for science fiction writers. His idea is to help them learn science (mainly, but not exclusively, astronomy) to better the science *in* their fiction. However, he needs to show that there is interest in such a project...

If you are writer who might be interested, he asks that you fill out the survey available on his website: [www.mikebrotherton.com](http://www.mikebrotherton.com).

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## Strange But Untrue

It's not generally known, but John Donne, author of the line "No man is an island", was an accomplished classical pianist. He particularly favored the Baroque style and often transposed what he called "incorrect" pieces of music into that style, which he would play at gatherings. His friends often teased him about this, saying, "If it ain't Baroque, Donne fix it."

## Art Show Winners

### Best in Show:

David Mattingly; "The Wizard Convention"

### Popular Choice - Best Professional - 1<sup>st</sup> Place:

Tom Kidd

### Popular Choice - Best Professional - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:

Stephen Hickman

### Popular Choice - Best Amateur - 1<sup>st</sup> Place:

Laura Kovalcin

### Popular Choice - Best Amateur - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:

Karen Tellersen

### Writer Guest of Honor Choice:

Sarah Clemens; *Magnus and Loki: Birdwatching*"

### Artist Guest of Honor's Choice:

Stephen Hickman; "The Sea of Vaynu"

### Fan Guest of Honor's Choice:

Butch Honeck; "Ornithopter"

### Costumer Guest of Honor Choice:

Diane Kovalcin; "Caging Chaos"

### Chairman's Choice:

David Mattingly; "Wizard World"

### Director's Choice:

Karl Kofoid; "Center of the Cyclone"

### Staff Choice - Best 2D:

Stephen Hickman; "Dragon"

### Staff Choice - Best 3D:

Heidi Hooper; "Holly Avila"

## Judges' Choices

Donato Giancola; *Body of Work*

Freidrich Haas; "White Witch"

Stephen Hickman; "Wizard of Karres"

Beth Hoffman; "Mermaid Mirror"

Heidi Hooper; "Professor Fish and his School"

Tom Kidd; "Robin of the Green"

Laura Kovalcin; "Into the Web"

David Mattingly; *Body of Work*

Wendy Mitchell; "Maleva the Gypsy"

Thomas Nackid; "Can the Indendents Survive t Retail Grants?"

William O'Connor; "Zephyr's Tomb"

Christina Yoder; "Nosferatu"

Stephen Youll; "The Serpent's Gate"



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### **Masquerade Winners**

#### Young Fan

Alex Nackid; "Lunar Olympics"  
Christina DiDonato; "The Sendings"  
Victoria White and Isabella Pizzo; "Cinderella and Prince Rafia – Best New Dance Craze"  
Ruth Ferree; "The Night Fairy"  
Emma Neckid; "Fantasy Fashion Model"  
Molly DeSmedt; "Princess of Night"  
Most Beautiful – Hanna DeSmedt; "Timkerbell"  
Unbearably Cute – Isabella Pizzo and Victoria White; "Fairy and Beast Master"  
\$1.98 Grand Prize – Michele and Sara Weinstein; "Love is for the Birds"

#### Best Novice

James Shallcross and Zachary Bayer; "Careless Talk Costs Lives"

#### Best Journeyman

Daniell Ackley McPhail; "Ebony Jewelwing"

#### Best Craftsman

Best Re-Creation:  
Caitlin Dick; "The New Scream Team Member"  
Most Humorous:  
Kim Kindya, Victoria McManus, Elizabeth Glover, Amy Goldschlager, and Alexandra Honigsberg; "Everybody Loves Alexander"

#### Best Master:

Carol Salemi; "The Seventh Curse"

#### The Captain Morgan Award:

Marty Gear; "Old Bilge"

#### Judge's Choice:

Stephanie Carrig, Liz Reifman, Carin Whitehawk, and Sharon Sbarsky; "Inspiration"

#### BIS Re-Creation:

Ricky and Karen Dick; "Elder Harlequin"

#### BIS Original:

Hani Sallam; "Ex Machina Power Suit"

### Workmanship Awards

#### Young Fan:

Alex Nackid; "Lunar Olympics" for his backpack construction  
Christina DiDonato; "The Sending" for fabric painting  
Victoria White; "Princess Rafia" for flower making

#### Novice:

MiriCat; "MacGuyver Bondage Sex Kitten" for use of duct tape

#### BIS Journeyman:

Hani Sallam; "Ex Machina Power Armor" for mechanical workmanship

#### Craftsman:

Kim Kindy; "Everybody Loves Alexander" for fabric paint  
Shanti Fader; "Everybody Loves Alexander" for minimization gear

#### Master:

Stephanie Carrig; "Inspiration" for the headpiece  
Carol Salemi; "The Seventh Curse" for make-up  
Zoe Morrow; "~~The Green Woman~~@Celtic Circuits.com" for the leaves and her hairpiece

#### BIS:

Karen and Ricky Dick; "Elder Harlequin" for pieced spandex and fiberglass

## **Lunacon 50**

"The Gold Standard"

March 16-18, 2007

The Hasbrouck Heights Hilton

**Writer GoH: Christopher Moore**

**Artist GoH: Dave Seeley**

**Fan GoH: Frank Dietz**

**Adult Membership:**

**\$25 Today Only**

**\$30 before July 5, 2006**