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March 16-18, 2007
The Rye Town Hilton
Rye Brook, NY

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Although this Progress Report was crafted with love and respect, it is not the end of the story.

*Visit us on the web at www.lunacon.org to get frequent updates on the convention! From tales of the inner workings to special Lunacon*50 merchandise, sold only through the website, the Lunacon website has grown.*

Online registration and payment! Lunacon Program updates! Links to other Lunacon resources and groups! Online hotel reservations! Merchandise! Downloadable goodies! Exclamation points!

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Why not drop by today?

2007, Our 50th Con

The 50th Lunacon will take place the weekend of March 16-18, 2007. Due to popular demand, a bit of luck and fortitude and a whole lot of work, Lunacon*50 will be held at the Rye Town Hilton! Lunacon 2007 will be the start of a year long celebration of the NY Science Fiction Society-the Lunarians, Inc's 50th convention.

We will once again go out of our way to provide you with the best Programming, Art Show, Dealers' Room and Masquerade possible. We have a lot to offer and there will be a lot to see. We welcome your input as always.

If you would like to become more active in Lunacon, we need volunteers to help do the pre-con setup, and post-con breakdown as well as work at events during the con. See the section on Staff for details.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact us at info@lunacon.org or at our post office box address. We're looking forward to seeing you at Lunacon 2007.

The Lunacon Committee

A WORD ABOUT OUR POLICIES

To guarantee that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time at the convention, we have the following policies in force.

Weapons

Weapons may be included as part of a hall costume with the following restrictions:

- **NO** replicas of any current or historical firearm are permitted. A phaser is acceptable; a space marine's assault rifle is not. Working bows are, unfortunately, included with the above.

- **ALL** edged weapons must be peace-bound and incapable of being drawn. This will be strictly enforced by our security staff. Staffs, canes and non-working replicas (boffers, cardboard swords, etc.), while not needing to be peace-bound, must nevertheless adhere to this rule as well.

- Weapons may **NOT** be drawn in any public area of the convention.

- Weapons may **NOT** be worn if they create a hazard to other attendees (e.g. a trip hazard) or could possibly damage fixtures belonging to the convention or hotel.

Anyone considering wearing a weapon as part of a hall costume is warned that any violation of the above rules is grounds for immediate expulsion from the convention. **When in doubt, ask us!** There are additional rules regarding weapons as part of a stage costume in the Masquerade section.

Drinking Age

The legal drinking age in the state of New York is 21; convention security and hotel staff will be enforcing this.

Parties

All parties **MUST** register with us pre-con, regardless of whether they are open or closed. Parties also **MUST** be held only in designated areas. All others will be closed down.

Please note that alcoholic beverages may not be served at open parties. Open parties serving alcohol **WILL** be closed down. Par-

ties posting flyers or other advertisements around the con will be treated as open parties and are subject to the alcohol restrictions.

Guests of Honor

We make every effort to bring to our con goers an interesting mix of notable guests from varying disciplines in the realms of science fiction, fantasy and all things relating to the genre.

Writer Guest of Honor

Christopher Moore is the author of nine novels, including the international bestseller, *Lamb*. His latest is *A Dirty Job*.

Chris was born in Toledo, Ohio and grew up in Mansfield, Ohio. His father was a highway patrolman and his mother sold major appliances at a department store. He attended Ohio State University and Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara. He moved to California when he was 19 years old and lived on the Central Coast until 2003, when he moved to Hawaii.

Before publishing his first novel, *Practical Demonkeeping* in 1992, he worked as a roofer, a grocery clerk, a hotel night auditor, and insurance broker, a waiter, a photographer, and a rock and roll DJ. Chris has drawn on all of these work experiences to create the characters in his books. When he's not writing, Chris enjoys ocean kayaking, scuba diving, photography, and sumi-e ink painting. He divides his time between Hawaii and San Francisco.

Artist Guest of Honor

Dave Seeley claims to be a victim of modern mass media and the one-second-MTV-vid-shot, hence the moniker "Image Junkie". He is far more influenced by modern day sci-fi film noir than by the legacy of science fiction illustration. He came from a traditional media art training, and began climbing into digital art-making in the mid 90's. Nowadays he's back and forth between digital camera, virtual, and traditional easel where work is finished in either pixels or paint.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Dave was suburbanized for eighteen womb-like years

before his love and propensity for math, science and art sent him off to college. After earning degrees in architecture and fine art, he practiced architecture for several years while his desire to make art was subverted into art collecting. In 1989 he tracked down Rick Berry to buy a painting, and soon afterward he began late night collaborative painting over beer and Irish whiskey. Seduced by the glamour of illustration, he derailed his career as an award-winning architect for the far more immediate gratification of image making. Though Dave no longer designs buildings, a materials fetishism, and a love of spatial atmospherics are central to his images.

You can see printed work in *The Workbook*, and in *SPECTRUM: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art* volumes 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, and in Ballistic's *Exposé 3 and 4*. I am one of 10 artists featured in Dick Jude's *Fantasy Art Masters* by Harper Collins (ISBN 0007137478), and I have an art monograph, *The Art of Dave Seeley*, in the works with Palace Press International. I'm also featured in the documentary film by Michael MacDonald at Roadhouse films called *Visions From the Edge: The Art of Science Fiction*.

His clients include LucasFilm, Tor Publishing, The Village Voice, Realms of Fantasy Magazine, Randomhouse / Ballantine Books, Men's Fitness Magazine, Bluespark Studios, Fox Interactive, Vivendi Universal, FCB Advertising, Boeing, Harper Collins Publishing, White Wolf Publishing, Heavy Metal Magazine, FoxAcre Press, Wizards of the Coast, Humanoids Publishing, FASA, Sony / Loews Theaters, Bantam Books, PYR press, Harcourt School Publishers, Hasbro, Wild Planet Toys, and TSR Inc.

Fan Guest of Honor

Frank Dietz was born in New Jersey, but it was in Chicago that he first encountered science fiction, in the form of Amazing Stories. He soon returned east to New York, and became an active member of ESFA, the Eastern Science Fiction Association, which met in Newark, NJ. He began his collec-

tion of sf and fantasy, which continues to this day, and started attending regional and world sf conventions. Through his fannish activities, he met his first wife, Belle. It was in her Bronx apartment that he and a small group of other fans formed the Lunarians, the group that hosts Lunacon.

After the first year, Frank was elected President of the Club and Chairman of Lunacon, positions he held for over a decade, during which time Lunacon grew from a one-day to a three-day convention. After his second marriage, to Ann, he moved to Oradell, NJ, where the Lunarians continued to hold monthly meetings for several years. He eventually turned his positions with the Lunarians and Lunacon over to other members of the Club, but continued as an active Lunarian until his family moved to Marietta, Ga., where he currently lives. He continues to attend Lunacon, and regional and world sf conventions.

Programming

Our many tracks of programming are guaranteed to keep you occupied during your convention experience. Beginning with our Guests of Honor, we endeavor to assemble a wide and diverse assemblage of leading figures in the genre, art world, publishing, related media and, of course, fandom.

There will be panels, workshops and demonstrations covering topics of interest to everyone in the areas of science fiction, fantasy, horror, art, the sciences, filking, gaming, comics, literature, costuming and computers as well as readings, speeches and multimedia presentations. The Regency Dance with Dance Master John Hertz and the Masquerade, two long standing traditions at Lunacon, will be held as usual.

Suggestions for programming items are always welcome. Send them to any of the convention addresses marked Attention: Programming.

Children's Programming

The usual fun and games plus a party on Saturday are planned. Check your Pocket Program for the schedule.

Masquerade

Saturday night at Lunacon only means one thing: Masquerade. We start off with a Young Fan Division (under 12) followed by costumers who can be at any one of these levels: Novice, Journeyman, and Craftsman/Master. They will be judged by a panel of experts in the field of costuming. Photographs will be taken and available for purchase on Sunday. Fan photography will be allowed after the Masquerade. Use of weapons of any kind must be approved by the Masquerade Director. See the weapons policy for details.

Hall Costumes

Hall costumes are openly encouraged at Lunacon and awards are given. However, nudity is NOT a costume. If your costume is a bit revealing, we ask that you cover yourself in public areas of the hotel including the lobby, hallways, restaurants, bar and the assembly areas in front of the ballrooms.

Anime

We will be continuing to present the latest in Anime along with old favorites to keep you in your seats. All Japanese language videos will either be dubbed or have running commentary by a narrator. Since this is going to press, before we have the schedule finalized, check your Pocket Program for the play list once you get to the con.

Dealers' Room/Row

The Dealers' Room will offer the usual array of science fiction and fantasy items you've come to expect at Lunacon. This will include books, leather goods, capes and costume related items, buttons, staffs, jewelry, statues, filk recordings, stones and much, much more. Anyone wishing to sell items at Lunacon can contact us at any address in this brochure and include complete contact information with your inquiry.

Book Exhibit and Raffle

Imagine going home with a trove of books and all it cost was \$1. This can happen when you participate in our raffle. Our Book Ex-

hibit will have a selection of the latest books in the genre plus other classics donated to the Society. All proceeds from the raffle go to the Donald A. and Elsie B. Wollheim Memorial Scholarship Fund. This provides funds to sent aspiring genre writers to the Clarion Writers' Workshops. So buy some tickets for a worthy cause and who knows, maybe in the near future you'll be reading and enjoying a book by someone who was a scholarship recipient.

Filk

Roberta Rogow is once again our Filk Mistress extraordinaire. We will have the usual workshops, panels and open singing. Come join us! Whether you sing along or just sit back and listen you are guaranteed a most joyous time. Play an instrument? Bring it along. Anyone interested in performing can contact Roberta at doubler6@juno.com or us at info@lunacon.org.

Art Show and Print Shop

As usual, we will have a multitude of panels of original art to tempt your wallet and checkbook, as well as tables for 3D artwork. We will also have a Print Shop for picking up slightly less expensive copies of those originals you can't quite afford just yet. If you would like to enter your art into the show, please send us a letter or email with your mailing address, marked "Attn: Art Show." If you've exhibited or inquired within the last three years, you're already on our mailing list. BUT PLEASE—if you've moved recently, send us your address!

Con Suite

Need to relax and rest your weary feet? Come to the Con Suite. It's a party and we'll have the usual snacks and beverages on hand. So join us to sit, talk and make new friends. On Sunday morning come for our traditional New York Style breakfast of cream cheese and bagels. Please note that if you are on a special diet, we ask that you make arrangements to accommodate your own needs. Diet soda and healthy snacks will be provided as part of the refreshments in the Con Suite. The Con Suite will be closed from 2- 8 AM for clean up.

Special Events

We have some special events in store for you this year. At Opening Ceremonies, we will be presenting our annual Dr. Isaac Asimov Award. Keep an eye on the website for further details.

Gaming and LARP

After last year's marathon sessions, Gaming has been given a better space. We are expanding in response to the needs of our con goers. This year Lunacon 2007 will have representatives from many major companies in attendance. Check our website for updates. The tradition of After Midnight Gaming will continue. Anyone wishing to run a LARP should contact us via mail or email.

Parties

When things have closed for the night and sometimes before, Lunacon has parties hosted by attendees and other genre related groups. Party floors will be announced on site. Check the Party Board and the Newszine as well as flyers posted around the con for times and locations. Remember **ALL** parties are subject to the policies at the beginning of this report. When making your reservations please indicate if you want a quiet floor.

Member Services

Need help, information or have a question? The Member Services table is the place to go. You can check the message boards or post a message, get travel info, drop off copy for the Newszine, or find out what you need to know. If they can't help you, they will direct you to someone who can.

Convention Newszine

This is the place to check for the latest program changes, open party listings, and any other con related information. Contributions are welcome and can be dropped off at the Lunacon Office or at the Member Services table. Copies will be available at spots throughout the con.

Lunacon Office

The operational center of the convention is also the home of Lunacon Security and Logistics. You may leave copy for the Newszine, look for and retrieve lost items or contact committee personnel. You can also just drop by to tell them that you love them.

Convention Sales

Looking for a tote bag to go with your new Lunacon T-shirt? Here's the place to buy it. We also have Book Raffle Tickets and last year's Program Book for sale. All proceeds go toward helping fund future Lunacons.

Other Fan Groups

A number of tables will be made available to bids, other cons and clubs for promotional purposes only (no sales). Anyone desiring to reserve a table should notify us in writing by February 19, 2007 as space is limited. This is on a first come basis.

Staff

This entire convention is run only by volunteers. We depend on people like you to help make Lunacon a success. Help is needed on Thursday prior to the con's opening, during the con and on Sunday for tear down and move out. Volunteers will be fed in the Staff Den, a place to get a meal and relax, and can earn a staff t-shirt or a refund depending on the hours worked. Of course, you will also get our heartfelt thanks. If interested in helping, check the appropriate box on the registration form or contact us at any of the addresses in this brochure.

Souvenir Program Book Advertising

The Lunacon 2007 Souvenir Program Book will be 8 ½" x 11" and will feature cover art by Dave

Seeley, our Artist Guest of Honor. It will also include photographs and articles about our Guests of Honor plus other items of interest. If you are interested in placing an advertisement, you should write or email us for a rate card.

REGISTRATION

Pre-Convention

Lunacon 2007 memberships are available at the following rates:

Adult: \$40 postmarked by February 19, 2007

Children aged 6-12 as of March 17, 2007: \$20 postmarked by February 19, 2007

Children under 6 get in free when accompanied by a registered adult. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Lunacon 2007 has a Children's Programming track. Children over the age of 12 and below 18 are considered full convention members, but must provide a parental waiver relieving Lunacon 2007 of any liability if they are attending unaccompanied by an adult. See next to last page for the form that must accompany the registration form which is the last page.

Please fill out the enclosed Registration Form or download it from our website and mail it with a check, money order or completed credit card information (including your signature) to the convention address and mark it Attn: Registration. All checks and money orders **MUST** be drawn on a US bank and payable in US dollars to Lunacon 2007. **DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL!** Please note: a \$30 service charge will be collected for each bounced check. We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. A postcard will be sent to you to serve as a receipt. Please bring it or photo ID that includes your address with you to facilitate moving quickly through registration.

Group Rates

Special rates are available for bona fide groups of 25 or more. Contact us for the particulars.

At The Convention

Lunacon 2007 at the door rates areas follows:

Adult: \$50

Children Aged 6-12 as of March 17, 2007: \$25

Daily Rates:

Friday \$30

Saturday \$40

Sunday \$20

On site registration will be open during the following hours:

Friday 3 PM to 10 PM

Saturday 9 AM to 6 PM

Sunday 9 AM to Noon

Registration is on the lower level of the hotel. There is an entrance from the rear parking lot to this level. If you are paying at the door, please have photo ID with your address on it with you to speed the process.

Refunds

Lunacon 2007 has a strict **NO** refund policy. However, memberships may be transferred upon receipt of a written request from the current holder of the membership.

Change of Address

If you move or the information on the mailing label is incorrect, please contact us at any address in this brochure so that we can make the necessary changes. Received a duplicate copy of this report? Please pass it on to a friend.

Hotel Information

The Rye Town Hilton

Lunacon 2007 will be held at the Rye Town Hilton, 699 Westchester Avenue in scenic Rye Brook, NY. The closest train station is the Rye stop on Metro-North's New Haven Line and the nea bus stops outside the entrance to the hotel.

Among the amenities the hotel has to offer are an on-site restaurants and bar areas, a health club, a pool, plenty of free parking for all congoers and guests, and, of course, comfortable rooms.

(The hotel is completely wireless for you to check your email on your computer.)

Rooms can be set aside for Sabbath observers. Please contact us via email after you've made your reservations.

The hotel accepts all major credit cards.

There are a number of restaurants and other places to eat in the area, as well as sev-

eral supermarkets and other stores to supply all your needs. Delivery service to the hotel lobby only is available from most local eateries. Check with the Member Services desk or our website for information on the local area restaurants, supermarkets and fast food emporiums.

Smoking Policy

All function space is smoke-free. No exceptions.

Hotel Room Rates

Room rates per night for Lunacon 2007 are \$123 (plus applicable taxes). This is for up to 4 people in a room. You may book your room by calling 914-939-6300. When booking your room, please mention Lunacon 2007 (group code LUN) to insure that you get the convention rate. When booking your room, remember to indicate your location preference: party floor or quiet floor.

You may book your room online by using the special link on our website. Please make sure you indicate location preference (party or quiet) and that you are getting the Lunacon 2007 rate. (Code is LUN) If you should have any problems making your reservations, please contact us immediately so we can resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

New York State law prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from renting a hotel room. An exception may be made if the minor's parent(s), guardian or another responsible adult accepts responsibility for all costs associated with the room. This is done by providing a signed and dated letter including a photocopy of both sides of a major credit card.

Suites

Suites are limited in number and only available by booking through Lunacon 2007. Please write or email us, **NOT** the hotel. Lunacon decides the suite assignments so get your request into us as early as possible. They are on a first come basis.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS TO THE HOTEL

By Car

From the South: Take I-95 (New Jersey Turnpike/New England Thruway) north to Exit 21, Rye. Go west on I-287 (Cross Westchester Expressway) to Exit 10 (Bowman Avenue/Webb Avenue). 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 (New York Thruway), or the Hutchinson River Parkway, or the Saw Mill River Parkway north to I-287 east (Cross Westchester Expressway) 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 Avenue. At the fourth traffic light, turn left into the hotel entrance.

From the North: Take I-95 (New England Thruway) south to Exit 21 (Rye, Cross Westchester Expressway). Go west on I-287 (Cross Westchester Expressway) to Exit 10 (Bowman Avenue/Webb Avenue). 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 (New York Thruway), or the Merritt Parkway, or the Saw Mill River Parkway, or I-684, or I-84 south to I-287 east (Cross Westchester Expressway) 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 Avenue. At the fourth traffic light, turn left into the hotel entrance.

From the North and West of the Hudson River: All major highways intersect with I-87 (New York Thruway). 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 the Metro-North New Haven Line Local from Grand Central Terminal to the Rye Station. The hotel will be running a complimentary shuttle service to and from

the station, coordinated with the train schedule. A taxi from the train station to the hotel is currently about \$12.

As an alternative, take Metro-North to the Port Chester station, where a taxi will cost less than \$12. The Port Chester station is not handicap accessible on the East Bound (from New York) side. The #13 Westchester bus, exact fare only, runs from the Port Chester station past the hotel on Westchester Avenue.

By Bus

The Westchester Department of Transportation runs buses from various points in the Bronx and Westchester that connect with the #13, which runs past the hotel. Contact the Transportation Department at 914-813-7777 or at their website www.beelinebus.com.

Keeping in Touch

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intentionally so club members will have something to look for and complain about. Except that one. That one error, you know the one, that was the fault of the Con Chair who is typing this right now. Blame him.

New York Science Fiction Society-the Lunarians, Inc.

We will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of our convention this year. Lunacon*50 marks the start of our anniversary year. We are a non-profit educational organization and one of the New York Metropolitan area's oldest science fiction and fantasy societies. We have the **Donald A. and Elsie B. Wollheim Memorial Scholarship Fund** that gives funds to aspiring writers the opportunity to attend the Clarion Writers' Workshops. Annually, we award the **Isaac Asimov Memorial Award** to someone who has contributed significantly in increasing the public's knowledge of science through his or her writings and who exemplifies the personal qualities that made Dr. Asimov so well-loved and admired. We also have the **Sam Moskowitz Memorial Award** for the best non-fiction work in the genre. If you would be interested in more information about the group or possibly becoming a member, please contact us at any address in this publication or check the box on the registration form.

Remember

**Registration Deadline
is February 19th, 2007**

**Hotel Registration Deadline
February 13th**

See you in February at the Hilton

**Liability Waiver Form for Unaccompanied
Children Ages 12-17**

I waive all liability of the New York Science Fiction Society-the Lunarians, Inc., in order for my underage child _____ to attend Lunacon 2007 to be held March 16-18, 2007 at the _____ located in NY. I acknowledge that my child's age is _____ and will be attending this convention unaccompanied by an adult.

Signature _____

Print _____

One form per unaccompanied child attending is required.

Lunacon 2007 Registration Form

March 16-18, 2007

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Please print legibly

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (____) _____ Email _____

Badge Name _____

Is this () your first Lunacon? (Welcome!) () A new address since last year?

When registering more than one person, including children, from the same address, list the names and badge names on a **separate** sheet of paper and attach it to this form. If the additional members are from different addresses, follow the same procedure just including the addresses as well. All children under six will be registered free when accompanied by a paying adult. Please include their names and ages. All children, regardless of age, must be accompanied by an adult and registered with the convention.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ adult memberships at \$40 each.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ memberships for children aged 6-12 as of March 17, 2006

at \$20 each (indicate ages).

I would like to register _____ children under age 6.

Anyone between the ages of 12 and 18 unaccompanied by an adult must have a signed waiver form attached to this registration form or it will not be processed.

Payment Method: () Check () Money Order () MasterCard () Visa
() Amex () Discover () PayPal

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Cardholder Signature _____

All checks and money orders must be drawn on a US bank and payable in US dollars to Lunacon 2006 or complete the credit card information and sign the form above on the specified line. We cannot process credit cards without all the required information.

() I want to contribute to the success of Lunacon 2007 by volunteering in the following area(s):

() Send me information about the New York Science Fiction Society-the Lunarians, Inc.

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