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Newsletter of the Northwest's Premiere Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention

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Autumnal salutations from Norwescon!

MEMBERSHIPS

\$50 through December 31

You still have a few days to register at this fabulous rate!
[Download a registration form or pay for your membership online with PayPal!](#)

Next Committee Meetings:

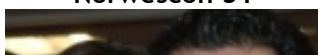
November 15, 2008

December 13, 2008

And you are invited!
Come on out, say hi and see how you can get involved!

[Click for the concom meeting schedule](#)

Award winning artist
John Picacio and his wife Traci attended
Norwescon 31



Fall is in full swing, and with it is planning for Norwescon 32!

The convention committee convened for its second meeting on October 11. We're still in the early planning stages, so we aren't able to announce any of the **exciting, innovative** and downright **awesome** ideas that the team has in the works, but we anticipate being able to make some of those announcements in November. Stay tuned!

In the mean time, we've packed the October eNewsletter with introductions, interviews, announcements and so much more.

Enjoy!

Your Norwescon 32 Planning Committee

Norwescon 32 Guest of Honor R.A. Salvatore



As one of the fantasy genre's most successful authors, R.A. Salvatore enjoys an ever-expanding and tremendously loyal following. His books regularly appear on The New York Times best-seller lists and have sold more than 10,000,000 copies. Salvatore's most recent original hardcover, The Two Swords Book III of The Hunter's Blade Trilogy (October 2004) debuted at # 1 on The Washington Post's Best Sellers list.



"Loved Norwescon. Loved the People. Love Seattle."
- John Picacio



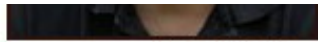
We extended the block AGAIN, but we won't be able to do it again. [Make your reservations soon!](#)
[You can even reserve your room online!](#)

The DoubleTree has gone Green! [Read about the Hilton family of hotels' commitment to sustainability.](#)

Seattle author **Richelle Mead** was spotted at Borderlands Books in San Francisco promoting the recent release of *Succubus Dreams*.



"I have lots of friends who



R.A. Salvatore

Street Journal best-seller list and at # 4 on The New York Times best-seller list. His books have been translated into numerous foreign languages including German, Italian, Finnish, Greek, Hungarian, Turkish, Croatian, Bulgarian, Yiddish, Spanish, Russian, Polish, Czech, and French.

Salvatore's first published novel, *The Crystal Shard* from TSR in 1988, became the first volume of the acclaimed *Icewind Dale Trilogy* and introduced an enormously popular character, the dark elf Drizzt Do'Urden. Since that time, Salvatore has published numerous novels for each of his signature multi-volume series including *The Dark Elf Trilogy*, *Paths of Darkness*, *The Hunter's Blades Trilogy*, and *The Cleric Quintet*.

His love affair with fantasy, and with literature in general, began during his sophomore year of college when he was given a copy of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* as a Christmas gift. [Read more...](#)



The Pirate King
(Wizards of the Coast)
Released 10/07/2008

Interview with Patrick Swenson of Fairwood Press and *Talebones Magazine*

Patrick Swenson is the owner and publisher of Fairwood Press located in Bonney Lake, Washington and he is the owner and editor of Talebones magazine which features science fiction and dark fantasy. He also organizes and administrates the Rainforest Writers' Village, a writer's retreat held each spring at Lake Quinault on Washington's Olympic Peninsula.



Patrick Swen

Thank you for talking the time with us this month! We are so pleased that you will be returning to Norwescon as a panel participant this year.

I've been going to Norwescon since 1985, back when I was a wide-eye writer just starting to submit stories. It's my hometown convention and I'm always excited to see old friends and make new ones. For the last plus years it's been host to the popular *Talebones Live!* Readings.



I understand things have been very busy over at Fairwood Press. Can you tell us about some of your recent releases?

This year has indeed been busy with seven new titles out. Earlier in the year saw the publication of a novel by Norwescon regular James C. Glass, and a story collection by Paul Melko, who had his first novel appear from Tor earlier in the year. [Read more...](#)

are coming in from out of town for Norwescon 32. Looking forward to being there again this year!"



FORUMS

Curious to know the daily buzz? The Forums are a great place to regularly interact with fellow members.

[Stop by and introduce yourself today!](#)



We were not surprised to learn that the most popular forum topic last month was [Parties](#). Want to throw a party? Click here for the [Party Rules](#) and remember to visit the [Forums](#) for the latest party announcements!

OTHER DISCUSSIONS INCLUDE:

[Announcements](#)
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**NEXT MONTH
in the Norwescon
eNewsletter:**

FEATURE ARTICLE:

Artist GoH
Todd Lockwood

INTERVIEWS:

Stephen Segal of
Weird Tales Magazine

Barb and J.C. Hendee

[Read more...](#)

Your Norwescon 32 Executive Team says hello!

The Norwescon Executive Team is comprised of the Chair, the Vice Chair and the division heads who they appoint. This team will oversee all of the planning aspects of Norwescon 32. Get to know them by [reading their bios](#) or, of course, by attending a [convention committee meeting](#). This year's Executive Team members are:

Chair - Becky Citrak
Vice Chair - Jeanine Gray Swanson
Secretary - Christy Berelman
Treasurer - Eric Webber
Business Director - Mike Orosz
Convention Services Director - Rob Stewart
Member Services Director - Charlie Knoedler
Personnel Director - Jim Sullivan
Programming Director - Sunny Jim Morgan
Publications Director - Don Glover
Special Events Director - Peggy Stewart



VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Do you know that Norwescon is run entirely by volunteers? Over 250 people generously give their time each year in order to make Norwescon the best it can be for its members and participants.

Some people assume that when you volunteer you are giving away all of your time at the convention. Not true! You only have to give

as much time as you want to and you get to choose what department you volunteer for.

The best way to get started is to drop us an email at volunteers@norwescon.net and let us know a little about you and where your interests and talents lie. Below are just a few positions that are available - first come first served so get 'em while they're hot!

Member Services

- Tier 2 Tech Support (Art Show IT)
- IT Support 3 (daytime, short shifts, computer skills required)
- Registration staff (meet everyone at the convention!)

Convention Services

- Convention Office Assistants (day and evening shifts)
- Convention Office Runners (a great opportunity for teens, too!)

Programming

- Green Room Hosts (take care of our pros and guests!)

Special Events

Authors of the *Noble Dead Saga*

HISTORY:

The Philip K. Dick Awards at Norwescon

PROGRAMMING:

Sneak Preview!

VOLUNTEERS:

We love our volunteers! Next month meet the volunteers of the year for Norwescon 31

...AND MORE!

SPREAD THE WORD

[Download a PDF](#) of the Norwescon flyer and share it with your friends or post it at your favorite bookstore and coffeehouse!

Quick Links...

- [Our Website](#)
- [News and Forums](#)
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PSST!

Do you know that there is a monthly drawing for fabulous prizes?

And do you know that you are entered into that monthly drawing simply by subscribing to this eNewsletter?

It's true!

You may be saying to yourself, "But I haven't seen any contest or fabulous prizes!?!?"

That's because the monthly drawing section is at the bottom of the eNewsletter.

- Casino Dealers (6 to 8 hours on Thursday night)
- Masquerade Stage Ninjas (managing the flow, front and back stage)
- Masquerade Den Parents (backstage contestant wrangling)
- Pre-Masquerade Lineup Control Ninjas (2 positions available)

Writers' Workshop deadline: December 14, 2008!!!



Writers' Workshop

Fairwood Writers are pleased to sponsor the [writing workshop](#) for Norwescon 32 in 2009. We accept both short stories and novel excerpts to be critiqued by professional writers during Norwescon 32 in April, 2009

Please note that the submission deadline is much earlier this year than most previous years - December 14. Please refer to [the published guidelines for information about submission requirements and deadlines](#).

The Fandance Film Festival is celebrating its 10th year Norwescon 32!



Ten years of madness, ten years of filmmaking, ten years of seeing all the latest, the greatest, the funniest, the weirdest, and the most bleeding, squealing, giant smashing, robot-ing edge entertainment still available without extensive tipping (mind you, we're not saying "no"). The Festival is a celebration of low- and no-budget cinema, brought to wondrous lurching life by amateur filmmakers from all around the Pacific Northwest.

More than just the movies, this 120-minute extravaganza of entertainment will also include the filmmakers, who will regale you with terrifying tales of their productions. Be there or be a regular right quadrilateral! [Read more...](#)

The submission deadline is March 15, 2009. [Click here for details](#).

Announcements

DEALERS ROOM - Applications being accepted through December 1, 2008. Norwescon is now accepting applications for the Dealers Room. Are you

This means that you must scroll down.

That's right. Scroll down.

More.

More.

Scroll more...

A little more...

(They really are fabulous prizes!)

Almost there...

You made it!

Good luck!

a seller of items that might be of interest to the fannish community? Books, media, games, jewelry, costumes, weaponry, clothing, art - or perhaps you have something that falls into a category of its own!

- The deadline for applications is December 1, 2008.
- The Dealers Room schedule, application and contract are post [here](#).
- Email questions to dealers@norwescon.net.

LOBBY TABLES - Table request forms are now available!

[Club Tables](#) - Norwescon offers free table space to science, science fiction, fantasy, writing, and fan organizations that are owned and operated by fans whose activities are of direct interest to the fannish community. These tables, known as "Club Tables", are located in the hotel convention lobby and at other designated areas throughout the hotel.

[Corporate Tables](#) - A limited amount of table space is made available companies wishing to promote product that are of interest to the fannish community.

- [The Lobby Table request form and policies can be found here](#) ; must be received at least 4 weeks prior to the convention.
- Email all lobby table questions to clubtables@norwescon.net.

ART SHOW - Registration is open!

The [Norwescon Art Show](#) features many of the best artists from the northwest and around the country. If you are interested in showing in this year's show, applications are now being accepted.

- Art Show policies, the registration form and a snap shot descri what to expect can be found [here](#).
- Email questions to artshow@norwescon.net.

PROGRAMMING - Panel topics will be finalized soon!

The programming department would love to hear your ideas for new panel topics! Tracks include: Art, comics, costuming, filk, fannish, gaming, goth, education, science, space, readings, family, publishing/editing, poetry, horror, literature, alt. life, midieval, media, technology, writing, science fiction, fantasy and history/myth.

- Email your suggestions to programming@norwescon.net.

Pacific Northwest Fannish Event Calendar



OCTOBER 2008

[Harmony of the Universe: The Art of Toshiro Sawanuki](#)

Museum of Flight | Now through January 4, 2009

[Literary book party at University Bookstore](#)

University Bookstore (U District) | Friday, Octob 31 | 7:00pm

[For a complete listing of events in October and November click here.](#)

Monthly

Everyone who receives this eNewsletter is entered to win these AUTOGRAPHI books!

Drawing:
OCTOBER

<p>R.A. Salvatore</p>  <p>The Pirate King (Wizards of the Coast)</p>	<p>Ken Scholes</p>  <p>Long Walks, Last Flights, and other Strange Journeys (Fairwood Press)</p>
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Winners' names will be posted with permission in the November eNewsletter
Good luck!

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