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Norwescon eNewsletter

October 2009

Interview with Norwescon 33 Writer Guest of Honor Vernor Vinge



Norwescon 33 is proud to host [Vernor Vinge](#) as Writer Guest of Honor.

Dr. Vinge is the author of such works as "[True Names](#)" (1981), "[A Fire Upon the Deep](#)" (Hugo Award winner, 1992), "[A Deepness in the Sky](#)" (Hugo Campbell, and Prometheus Awards winner, 2000), and "Fast Times at Fairmont High" (winner Hugo Award for Best Novella, 2002). His latest novel, "[Rainbows End](#)", won

the Hugo and Locus Awards in 2007.

While a professor of [mathematical and computer sciences](#) at [San Diego State University](#) (he retired in 2000 to pursue



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[Here are a few good reasons.](#)

ConCom Meeting Dates & Times

Saturdays:
September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12
January 9
February 20
March 13

Exec Team Meeting:
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

General ConCom Meeting:
NEW START TIME
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Post Meeting Social:
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

For more information visit [Staff/Volunteers](#) at [norwescon.org](#)

Hotel Info



DoubleTree Hotel Seattle Airport
8740 Intl. Blvd.
SeaTac, Washington

Rate:
Book by March 10 to receive the convention rate of \$114.00 per night.

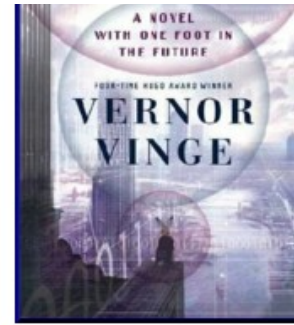
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writing full-time), Dr. Vinge explored the idea that accelerating technological change would fairly quickly result in a world qualitatively different from today, and in some ways unknowable, in his essay "[The Coming Technological Singularity.](#)" His work often deals with people exploring the boundary of this phase change.



Dr. Vinge took time this week to talk to [Raymond McCauley](#) about important philosophical questions, technology wish lists, and a glimpse of what's on his desk (including a peek at the draft for *The Children of the Sky!*) for the [Norwescon eNewsletter](#).

(Editor's Note: All links added by the interviewer.)

Norwescon: Lots of folks know you as the originator of the term "[technological singularity](#)", and some people know about your early and eerily predictive take on networked culture and security in "True Names". What don't we know about where you were especially prophetic?

Vinge: So far I'm pretty happy with the track record of Rainbows End, though the transition from "this is crazy" to "it is blasé" is happening painfully fast for that novel.

Norwescon: Do you have any spectacular misses that you want to share?

Vinge: :-) There are some extremely embarrassing miscues in my story, "[The Accomplice](#)", which is reprinted in [The Collected Stories of Vernor Vinge](#). It's a good example of a common feature of science fiction: the mixture of wildly wrong speculations with occasional bull's-eyes.

Norwescon: When can we expect Rainbows End the movie? (Or a graphic novel adaptation of "True Names"? How do you feel about your work being adapted in other mediums?

Vinge: No plans for such are on the horizon :-)
Such adaptations can be wondrous things (better than the original), but commercial, legal, artistic issues make them rare events... ([continued at norwescon.org](#))

Local Writer Spotlight: Ken Scholes

New from [Tor](#) this week is [Canticle](#) by [Ken Scholes](#), the sequel to [Lamentation](#) and book two of five in The Psalms of Isaak series.



"The sequel to Scholes's stellar debut, 2008's *Lamentation*, ingeniously fuses epic fantasy and nostalgic sci-fi."



Norwescon is run entirely by over 250 people who generously give their time each year in order to make the convention the best it can be for its members and participants.

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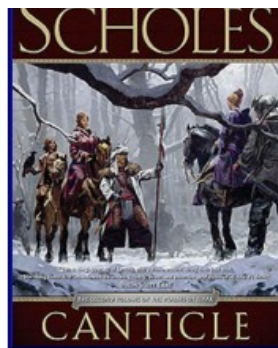
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epic fantasy and postapocalyptic science fiction. Magicked assassins kill numerous leaders from across the Named Lands and send the region into economic and political turmoil. Amid the chaos, Jin Li Tam gives birth to General Rudolfo's so sickly Jakob. As Rudolfo sets out in search of a cure, young Marsh Queen Winters ascends the throne of her people only to realize her past has been an elaborate lie; former Androfrancine Pop Petronus risks his life to bring some

semblance of peace to the realm; and Nebios ben Hebda uncovers bombshell revelations regarding the Order's 'metal men' and the history of the Old World. Abounding in prophecy myth and mystery, this grand-scale saga is a towering storytelling tour de force." - [Publishers Weekly Starred Review](#)

Originally from Washington state, Ken now makes his home in St. Helens, Oregon with his wife, Jen West Scholes, and his newborn twin daughters, Elizabeth and Rachel. When asked if we would be seeing Ken again at Norwescon, he said, "I wouldn't miss it! Spending most of my life in the Puget Sound area, Norwescon is truly my hometown con. It's one of the first cons I attended when I was trying to break in as a writer and I intend to keep it on my calendar. It's become a homecoming that I look forward to each year."



Author Events

Ken has kicked off a [west coast signing tour](#) this week with many dates in the Northwest. Stop in and say hello and, of course, look for him at Norwescon in April!

- 10/15 [Pacific Lutheran University](#), Tacoma WA
- 10/22 [St. Helens Bookshop](#), St. Helens OR
- 10/26 [University Bookstore](#), Seattle WA
- 10/27 [Powell's Books](#) - Cedar Hills Crossing, Beaverton OR
- 11/12 [Waucoma Bookstore](#), Hood River OR

For more information about Ken Scholes [visit his website](#).

Programming Update

Norwescon features over 500 hours of panel programming presented by more than 200 panelists, covering such diverse subjects as science fiction, fantasy, science, costuming, art, writing, genre media, as well as a myriad of other topics of interest to fans.



Spread the word!

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Fannish Community Calendar



Visit [News](#) at [norwescon.org](#) to view the [Fannish Community Calendar](#)

Coming up:

Spaced Out: The Final Frontier in Album Covers at EMP|SFM
Seattle, WA
(through 1/03)

Steamcon
SeaTac, WA
(10/23 - 25)

NW Media Arts
Graham Joyce
Workshop & Reading
(10/25 - 26)

[Writers' Workshop](#)

The Fairwood Writers and Norwescon 33 invite you to participate in the annual genre fiction writing workshop at Norwescon to be held on April 1-4, 2010.

The deadline for electronic submissions of short stories and novel excerpts in the science fiction, fantasy, and horror genres is December 20, 2009.

[Click here for complete rules and guidelines.](#)

[Single Pattern Contest](#)

This year's Single Pattern Contest features Simplicity pattern #2972 - a shoulder bag! Whether you sew or not, like to costume, dress in garb or just enjoy attending the convention, everyone needs a good shoulder bag. Use it for your purchases in the dealer's room, to hold your collection of swag or to carry all the things you need while attending panels!

[Click here for complete rules and guidelines.](#)



[Eleventh Annual Fandance Film Festival](#)

Forget about the tuxedo, the parachute, and the collagen injections - this is a film festival you can have fun at!

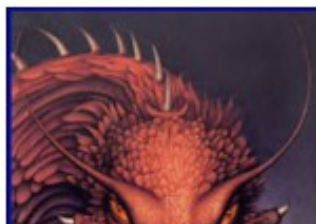
Announcing the Eleventh Annual Fandance Film festival, hosted at Norwescon 33! Eleven years of madness, eleven years of filmmaking, eleven years of seeing all the latest and the greatest and the funniest and the weirdest and the most bleeding, squealing, giant smashing roboting edge entertainment still 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.

The integral part of this is, of course, the movies. We need 'er The shorter, the better (ten minutes maximum length - no minimum length) and any genre is fine (but if you're smart, you'll realize that this is a sci-fi/fantasy type convention) but the judges reserve the right to be way grossed out by what they see. [Click here for submission rules and guidelines.](#)

Now accepting Exhibitor Applications!

[Art Show](#)

The Norwescon art show staff is thrilled to present [John Jude Palencar](#) as Norwescon 33's Artist Guest of Honor. His award winning work will be the highlighted feature of this year's art show. Along with



+
**Jeff VanderMeer
Workshop & Reading
(11/8 & 9)**

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Above - Cover to *Eldest* by Christopher Paolini, artwork by John Jude Palencar

our many great artists that we have had in the past, we are excitedly looking for new faces to bring to the show. [Click here for more information including policies, a registration form and more.](#)

Dealer's Room

Each year Norwescon provides access to some of the finest fandom related merchants who carry a vast array of collectibles, books, games, and other merchandise of interest to our membership. **Applications are due on December 1, 2009.** [Click here for more information including an application contract and hours of operation.](#)

Lobby Tables

Fan tables provide Norwescon members the opportunity to meet other fans and introduce them to your science, science fiction, costuming or fannish group, convention, convention board or writing organization. Norwescon offers Fan and Club Tables to these types of organizations and groups. Tables are located in the hotel convention lobby and at other designated areas throughout the hotel. [Click here for more information including rules and guidelines.](#)



Hotel Corner

Don't forget to [book your room](#) for the convention! Norwescon's room block at the Doubletree is already more than 60% full. The guest room rate for NWC 33 is \$114. You can find out more information & and book your reservation through the hotel page on our website, [by clicking here](#).



Also, for those interested in large suites, they can be booked through Norwescon starting on November 1 on a first come, first serve basis by sending an e-mail with your request to hotels@norwescon.org. This is the same procedure used in past years. Check out the [hotel page](#) on the website for more

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