

PHILCON[®] 2000

Presents

Guest Author

Vernor Vinge

Guest Artist

Bob Walters

with
Special Guest

Poul Anderson

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Vernor Vinge is the author of the proto-Cyberpunk classic, *True Names*, one of the first stories about what we later called virtual reality, hackers, and cyberspace. He is one of those few SF writers who consistently shows himself to be genuinely ahead of the curve of technological change. One of his earliest published stories, "The Accomplice" (published in *If* April 1967) described a "new industry" of desktop animation. (A character was, incidentally, stealing computer time to animate *The Lord of the Rings*. His *The Peace War* and *Marooned in Realtime* (both Hugo finalists, along with *True Names*), showed an increasingly assured grasp of longer forms, and his Hugo and Nebula *A Fire Upon the Deep* proved him a master of intellectually-complex, wide-screen space opera. A sequel, *A Deepness in the Sky* was a Nebula nominee this year and has won the Hugo this year.

Bob Walters is a Paleontological Life Restoration Artist. A Philadelphia local, he has gained a great deal of renown for his "Dinoart". His work has appeared in more than a dozen museums, including the American Museum of Natural History and The Smithsonian, and in more than twenty books and innumerable magazines throughout the world, as well as television productions for PBS and The Discovery Channel, and electronic media such as Microsoft's Encarta™ encyclopedia. You have seen his work on book covers, and frequently in (or on the cover of) *Asimov's SF*. He also illustrated an issue of *Weird Tales*, one drawing from which won a Chesley Award for best interior illustration that year. He also illustrated *True Names* by Vernor Vinge.

Poul Anderson has been publishing SF and fantasy since the late '40's, and is one of the greatest living SF writers. He has won the Hugo Award seven times and the Nebula three times. Among his genuinely classic works are *Tau Zero*, *Three Hearts and Three Lions*, *The High Crusade*, *The Broken Sword*, the Flandry of Terra series, the Time Patrol series, and such individual shorter works as "To Truce With Kings," "The Queen of Air and Darkness," and "The Longest Voyage" (all Hugo winners). Other recent works include *The Boat of a Million Years*, *Harvest of Stars*, *The Stars Are Also Fire*, and *Starfarers*.

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EXCITING NEW STUFF

Belly Dancing Workshops & Hafla

This event will be held on Saturday. The instructors will be Cynthia Baumann, a renown teacher of middle eastern dance, and Valerie Dishong-Willeford (Miraj), she is the lovely corset maker –she and her husband are Brute Force Leather and Lace– and a consummate dancer. Tej workshops will be in the first part of the day. The Hafla in the afternoon. A hafla is a dance performance. This is sure to be a treat or all.

Regency Ball by The Elegant Arts Society

Philcon Regency Ball this year will be Friday night. Join other fans at a traditional fannish Regency Ball run by the Elegant Arts Society. These dances are inspired by the novels of Georgette Heyer and Jane Austen. Country dances and waltzes will be taught and prompted by Susan de Guardiola. No partner, No dance experience, nor special costume is needed to enjoy this style of early nineteenth-century ballroom dance We will definitely teach and dance "The Congress of Vienna"! For more information or Regency costuming suggestions, Regency Dance - Meredith Schwartz: regency@philcon.org

Children's Programming

Philcon presents its third year of Children's Programming. We will offer programming for children ages 4 to 12. Some of our past programs include story readings, games, art instruction, crafts, dragon making, a magician, and videos. If you plan to bring your children to Philcon, plan to bring them to Children's Programming. This year we are planning many exciting hours of programming for your children. We welcome your program ideas, as well as your assistance. For further information, contact Randi Millstein (kidprogram@philcon.org).

Writer's Workshop

There will be a Writers' Workshop at Philcon again this year. Here is your chance to get feedback from professional writers and editors, and your fellow readers. Word-limit: 6000. Deadline: 3 weeks before the convention.

Send ten copies of your story in correct manuscript format to

Darrell Schweitzer,
6644 Rutland St.,
Philadelphia PA 19149-2128

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NIVEN'S LAWS

By Larry Niven,
The 1984 Philcon book,
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RETURNING GREATS

Programming

We will continue to maintain its emphasis on the written literature, at the same time exploring all aspects of science fiction and the fantastic. Our goal remains to provide something to excite the imagination of all with an interest in the genre. Last year we did such panels as "It's All Bat Durston," "Media Novels as Cancer," "Racial Stereotyping in *The Phantom Menace*," "Military SF: We're Not All Warmongers," "Robert Heinlein Conquers the World," "The Political Agendas in Children's Fantasy.," among others. We are not afraid of the hard-hitting and controversial. (But hey, we also know how to be funny when the need arises.)

For this year, proposed topics include such panels as, "Harry Potter and the Golden Goose," "New Gods Tomorrow," "Farscape: Is it the next Babylon 5?," "Deconstruction, Symbolism and Plan-9 From Outer Space," "Censoring Crap?" "The Next Star Trek Series-What should come after Voyager?," "Future Blood Sports," "Robert Heinlein as a Fascist?," "Philadelphia in Science Fiction," "The Dead Human Condition," and "The Book Review from the Burning Bush".

We will also feature costuming programming covering topics for all costumers, from Novices to Masters. So expect the same, only different! For more info ,contact programming@philcon.org.

Masquerade

Once again, the Phabulous Philcon Masquerade will be held on Saturday evening, with judging according to the International Costumer's Guild Guidelines, Under direction of Sandy Swank this years current President of The Lunatic Phrynge.

Our Theme for this years Masquerade will be "Out with the Old Millennium and In With the New Millennium." As this will be the last Philcon of the Old Millennium, we wanted to create a New Year's Eve style atmosphere, so we are planning to have things a bit different this year. We would like to extend a special invitation to our fans this year to compete both historical interpretation costumes as well as historical recreations, (which will include historical Sci-Fi costumes as well), as well as our traditional Sci-Fi / Fantasy costumes. This year we welcome a staff of 2 workmanship judges, as well as our presentation judges to include our traditional Special Guest Judge. The Awards portion of this year's masquerade promises to be a real production in the spirit of the theme as we are planning the awards to be given out in the style of the Academy Awards show, with special costumed presenters announcing and giving out awards in just some of the following categories: Special awards for Best in Show this year will be given for Best Historical In Show and Best Sci-Fi / Fantasy in Show, as well as a special award as voted by the fans by ballot for Over All Fan Favorite.

To encourage the wearing of hall costumes, this year we will be issuing several awards specifically for hall costumes. Pre registration will be made available prior to the Con. All registrations must be received prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the masquerade, otherwise will not be accepted. Any questions e-mail us at masquerade@philcon.org

For more information, and pre registration contact:

Sandy Swank, Lunatic Phrynge
246 West Upsal St. Apt F303
Philadelphia, PA 19119

Art Show

The Philcon Art Show is one of the larger East Coast SF&F art shows. An artist may display and sell any original artwork whose subject is science fiction, fantasy or fannish. Items that receive five written bids will be auctioned in the voice auction on Sunday afternoon. There is also a Print Shop for photoprints and multiple copy items. Come see the art, vote for your favourite, and buy something you like!

An invitational mailing will be sent in July to all artists whose addresses are known by the Directors. If you want to receive a copy of the Art Show rules and registration form, write to us at the address below. Please include your complete mailing address, what kind of art you create, and whether your art would best be displayed on a table or panel.

Assignment of display space is ranked by postmark of request. Unclaimed spaces, if any will be recycled to the artists' waiting list at 11 AM on Saturday at Philcon.

The Art Show Directors, Joni Dashoff & Barb Higgins,
830 Barlow St., Philadelphia, PA 19116
or e-mail: artshow@philcon.org

ASFA Charity Auction

Philcon is hosting a charity auction for ASFA (Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Artists), to be held after the regular Art Show Auction on Sunday afternoon. Half of the proceeds will be donated to ASFA; half will be returned to the donating artists/owners. If you would like to donate artwork in any medium, please send a note to the Philcon Art Show mailing address and label it "ASFA Auction".

Weapons Policy

No Weapons: guns, gun replicas, swords, knives, lasers, model lasers, or anything that could be perceived as a weapon by the public will be permitted at Philcon. The Philcon Committee has the final say on what constitutes a weapon. Unfortunately, we must reserve the right to revoke the membership of anyone who refuses to comply with this policy. The only exception is for registered participants of the Masquerade, who may wear a weapon, excepting guns and operational lasers, from one-half hour before to one-half hour after the Masquerade. All Masquerade weapons must be affixed to the costume. Participants in the Costumer's Workshop may also wear weapons with the same restrictions, while in the workshop.

Wanted You, Please

Did We Mention Bribes...er...We meant Rewards :-)! Yeah Rewards We got'em. Fill in the volunteer portion of the registration form or go to the volunteer table at Philcon. Any time you can give is great. We have a raffle of special gifts for only you, the volunteers! You can donated time when you like, at what you like. Those who sign up first will be given

Gaming at Philcon 2000

Brought to you by PAGE - Philadelphia Area Gaming Enthusiasts. For its second year, PHILCON is pleased to offer Programmed Gaming events in partnership with PAGE - the Philadelphia Area Gaming Enthusiasts. And this year promises to be even better, with more events, more prizes and more surprises! All genres of gaming will be represented.

- Role-playing: Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, and Adventure, including:
Zero Legend of the 5 Rings, Bughunters, Star Trek: The Next Generation, Vampire: The Masquerade, Terminus, DC Universe, Castle Falkenstein, Masterbook, Big Eyes Small Mouth, Forge: Out of Chaos, Kobolds Ate My Baby and more!
- Card Games: Collectible and Non-Collectible, old and new, including:
Mythos, Shadowfist, Aquarius, Fluxx, Chez Geek and more!
- Miniatures: Science Fiction, Fantasy and Historical, including:
Battlefleet Gothic, Clan Wars and more!
- Board Games: From fast and fun to thought provoking, including:
Dune, Robo Rally, Settlers of Catan, Deluxe Illuminati and more!
- Strategic/Tactical: including:
Car Wars, OGRE/GEV, Zarcana, Ice Towers, Martian Chess and more!

\With more than 160 hours of events, the PHILCON Gaming Room has something for every taste... And all at no extra charge* (*some CCG events may require the purchase of cards from the event manager). In addition, PAGE will be moderating a series of gaming-related panels and presentations. All programmed gaming requires registration via post or E-mail or on site. A complete schedule of games with descriptions and a registration form will be mailed out in early September. If you would like to receive this information, please fill out the coupon below and return it to:

PHILCON 2000 Gaming Registration,
c/o Mark A. Santillo
2035 Rodman Street
Philadelphia, PA 19146-1359

Please send me the gaming schedule and registration form for PHILCON 2000:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State.: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

I would like to **SEE** the following games scheduled at PHILCON 2000: _____

I would like to **RUN** the following games at PHILCON 2000: (someone from PAGE will contact you promptly, or send e-mail to gaming@philcon.org) _____

About PAGE: The Philadelphia Area Gaming Enthusiasts is a membership-based organization of committed gaming hobbyists from across the Delaware Valley. Currently organized into two chapters, one located in Center City and the other in suburban Glenside PA, PAGE sponsors weekly meetings and special events for its members and guests and convention programming for the community at large.

SUPPORTING SERVICES

Registration

Philcon 2000 adult memberships are \$40 until October 25th, 2000, and \$45 at the door. No pre-reg postmarked after November 1st will be accepted. Do NOT send any registration express-mail. (The postmark date is significant). Children of age seven through twelve are half price at all times, and children under seven are free when accompanied by an adult. Baby-sitting is extra.

If you are sending in more than one membership at once, please be sure to provide the name, and address if different, of each individual so that we can send confirmation and future flyers. "Badge" names are possible, provided we also have your real name. Please make checks payable to "Philadelphia Science Fiction Society" and send to Philcon 2000 Registration, P.O. Box 8303, Philadelphia, PA 19101-8303.

Remember that pre-registering allows you to avoid the longest lines at the registration desk.

Baby-sitting

Parents and children must be pre-registered by October 25th, 2000. Baby-sitting is for children ages three months to six years old. Age determination date is Nov. 17, 2000. The fee is \$45 per child, and includes the cost of a regular child's membership; parents must spend at least two hours per child helping out in Baby-sitting.

- Hours are:
- Friday: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm; 6:00 pm to midnight.
- Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; 6:00 pm to midnight.
- Sunday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

You must pick up your child for the dinner hour on Friday and Saturday, and you must feed your children all other meals. Juice and crackers will be provided for snacks. Philcon reserves the right to refuse to provide baby-sitting services or end services to any child when we feel it is appropriate.

Party Registration- (Freebies!!!)

If your group intends to run an open party at Philcon here some stuff information. Philcon membership is required to host or attend a party. If your group intends to host an open party at Philcon, you must: contact the Party Czar in advance! There will be seed supplies for all groups hosting open parties! **(Read: free stuff)** We will also be posting a Party Board in the main convention hallway. Alcohol may not be served at any open party. Any party that does serve alcohol must be a closed/invitation. The hosts will be responsible for checking the ages of the attendees. You will be notified of suite assignments soon after. We cannot guarantee that friends will get suites next to each other, but we can try! When you contact us, please tell us:

1. The name of your group
2. The tentative day and time of your party
3. Whether you'd like a suite or not
4. The name the room will be listed under
5. If there will be additional people staying in the room
6. If you would like a suite near another friend/group



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Hotel Information

The Adam's Mark Hotel, located at City Ave. & Monument Rd., Philadelphia, PA is once again proud to host the Philcon 2000. Call the hotel, at (800) 444-ADAM or (215) 581-5000, to make your reservations and for specific driving directions and public transportation.

Reservations should be made no later than October 21, 2000.
Philcon Rates Til Oct. 1, 2000 Philcon Rates After Oct 1, 2000
Single/Double: \$101 Single/Double: \$105
Triple/Quad: \$115 Triple/Quad: \$119
Rates do NOT include taxes (6% Phila., 7% PA)

Everyone planning to stay overnight at the hotel is expected to have a room reserved. All suites are controlled by Philcon. If you'd like a suite and are not hosting a party contact liaison@philcon.org and we will be happy to accommodate your requests. Parking cost is \$5.00. If you eat at any Adam's Mark restaurant or bar your parking can be validated there. This validation does not apply to overnight guests. Any questions please e-mail the Hotel liaisons, Lisa Blanco, at liaison@philcon.org and we will be happy to help.

Roommate Matching

We don't want anyone to miss Philcon because of a tight budget. To help, we are offering to match fans who are willing to share the cost of a hotel room. If you wish to take advantage of this free service, please fill out the appropriate area of the registration form on this form.

If you're already registered, e-mail us with your request. We'll then send you contact information (e-mail if available, else phone number) of a compatible candidate when one becomes available. You contact them directly. If you agree on arrangements, let us know, and we'll take the two of you out of the pool. If not, we keep trying. We cannot guarantee success. Please act quickly. You still have to reserve your own hotel room before the deadline, once you receive a roommate.

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