

The conference on imaginative literature, second edition

READERCON 2

November 18 - 20, 1988

Lowell Hilton, Lowell, Massachusetts

(25 miles northwest of Boston; accessible by public transportation; 508-452-1200)

Room rates (per night): \$75/single or double, \$80/twin, \$85/triple, \$90/quad (+ 9.7% tax)

Membership: \$20 now and at the door

Guest of Honor: Samuel R. Delany

Past Master: Theodore Sturgeon (in memoriam)

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... and more to come!

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Main Programming Track

Firing the Canon: The Public Perception of F and SF.
See Dick Run. See Jane Reveal Depths of the Human Condition: The Juvenile as Literature.
The Notion of Lives on Paper: Self and Science Fiction, 1929-1988.
Elfland uber Alles: Hidden Racism and Fascism in F and SF.
People I Can't Read, and Wish I Could.
Personality Crisis: Publishers, Editors, and Imprint Identities.
You've Crossed the Reality Border; Anything to Declare?
Maximum R & D: Rock 'n' Roll and SF.
Out of the Bomb Shelter, Into the Greenhouse: Writing About the Coming Ecological Crisis.
Really Heart-Rending: The Horror Novel as Literature.
How Does a Book Review Mean?
Writers' Workshops: Friend or Menace?
Hugo Gernsback, Chicken Farmer: If SF Had Never Been Ghettoized.
Who Cares: Creating Sympathetic Characters.
Unfortunately Still Too Sensitive a Topic For a Silly Title: Alternate Sexual Lifestyles in F and SF.
Is Chip Delany the Woody Allen of SF? (or, I Really Like Your Books . . . Especially the
Earlier, Simpler Ones . . .)
What About *Dhalgren*, Then?
Caviar: A Ted Sturgeon Appreciation.
plus the usual (and perhaps some unusual) GoH stuff.

Late Night Programming (8:00 PM and later; 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

The Third Kirk Poland Memorial Science Fiction and Fantasy Bad Prose Competition.
Lifestyles of the Poor and Obscure.
The Bohemian Poetry Club.
The Alternate History Tag-Team Wrestling Match Planning Session.
Bookaholics Anonymous Meeting.
~~In the Future, Everyone Will Be Obnoxious For Five Minutes.~~
plus dramatic readings of short stories by Sturgeon.

Mini-Track

Readings (fiction, poetry, and critical papers), discussion groups, workshops (including a writers' workshop led by Barry B. Longyear, and Elissa Malcohn's character creation workshop), a book auction, and our Meet the Pros(e) Reception.

Plus: If You Love X, You'll Love Y (special dinner-time discussion groups).

And a dealers' room devoted almost entirely to books and magazines. (No costume events, weapons, movies, or video. No art show for now.)

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