

READ ME FIRST!

Intro

Welcome to READERCON! A number of things have happened since we put the Program Book to bed, and we'll tell you about them, but first we'd like to tell you about....

What you'll find in this package

[NOTE: We have made up 400 full membership kits, allowing for 150-or-so at-door memberships, which is probably optimistic. If it turns out to have been pessimistic, and you're joining after we've run out of the full kits, you can ignore the first couple of paragraphs in this section.]

The first thing you probably want to know is why there are two Program Books here, ours and someone else's. It turns out that a convention called Disclave had our Writer Guest of Honor (Gene Wolfe) as their Guest of Honor just last month. In the course of doing so, they produced a Program Book that contained a not-yet-published Wolfe short story and another appreciation (by agent Virginia Kidd), both items that we felt complemented very well what we had to say on the matter. So when Joe Mayhew (this year's Disclave chairman) offered to ship us some, we jumped at the chance. Thanks, Joe!

You will also find an issue of a magazine called Last Wave included. This is a magazine that features innovative and unusual fiction that will interest those whose tastes go beyond the obvious and predictable. It's on temporary hiatus, but plans to return on an occasional basis sometime later this year. Our thanks to editor Scott Edelman for providing these.

There are also some handouts in here. Most important is the Program Schedule, which has final info on who will be doing what, where, and when. In addition, we have our Exit Poll, a flyer for Readercon 2, and a restaurant guide (depending on our schedule, that item may be at Information instead of here).

Room changes

For various reasons, we have reversed halves of the ballroom (more properly known as Whitney Hall), so that our main program is now in Whitney B, not Whitney A, where the Hucksters' Room now is. Due to lack of phone plugs in the area planned for the Staff Office, we have decided to have it share quarters with the Con Suite. Both of these are in the Marathon Suite on the second floor.

PROGRAM NOTE: We filled up the Mini-track with readings and discussion groups, so our nifty series of linked discussion groups that we talked about in the Program Book will have to wait.

Time changes

As noted in the Program Schedule, the Auction has been moved to 6 P.M. (it's still in the State Room). Also, due to staff constraints, Registration will be taking a break between 6 P.M. Saturday and the time it re-opens in the Staff Office at 8 P.M. (it's back in the Lobby Sunday).

Information

Last-minute budget constraints have forced us to do without a con newsletter. Additional updates will be posted on a small bulletin board next to the Information desk. Information will also be maintaining a list of open parties. Remember to tell them if you are planning one, and also remember that this area moves to the Staff Office at 8 P.M. Saturday night.

Post No bills!

The hotel has informed us that absolutely nothing can be posted on walls (new wallpaper), and that we will be charged for any damage to said wallpaper. So please, use the bulletin board (we know it's small, but it's the best we can do).

Autograph area

We are having an autograph area at the back of the Hucksters' Room. As this was decided late, we do not have a set schedule for this. There will be a place for authors to sign up for times, which will be posted.