

# RIVERCON XXI

August 9 - 11, 1996 Executive West Hotel Louisville, Kentucky

*Nancy Kress* Guest of Honor

Fan Guest of Honor

*Annette Carrico*

*Darryl Elliott* Artist Guest

Toastmaster

*Allen Steele*

*also scheduled to attend*

Ron Collins  
Glen Cook  
Buck & Juanita Coulson  
Nicholas A. DiChario  
Stephen Leigh  
Jack Nimersheim  
Mike Resnick  
Lisa Silverthorne  
Diann Thornley

RiverCon turns twenty-one in 1996! We're planning an exciting three-day excursion into the realm of science fiction and fantasy, and we'd like you to join us. Membership for the entire convention is \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door. Hotel rates are still \$60 per night for single thru quad occupancy, with small suites beginning at \$99 (other rates available on request). Reservation cards will be sent to all advance members, or call the Executive West at 1(800)626-2708. More information about convention activities and events is on the reverse. Send your membership requests to the address below, along with any questions about specific departments. Plan now to attend one of the year's best conventions.

RiverCon XXI

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## Memberships & General Information

RiverCon XXI memberships are \$25.00 until July 15, 1996, and \$35.00 thereafter and at the door for everyone, including children over five years of age. Children five and under are not required to have memberships, but the babysitting service is restricted to children who hold RiverCon memberships. Membership requests must include the full name of each person for whom payment is being sent. Alternate names may be added to badges, but we *must* have your real name for our records. Please send memberships to RiverCon, P.O. Box 58009, Louisville, KY 40268-0009. RiverCon reserves the right to refuse memberships to, or revoke from, persons who engage in disorderly, disruptive, or unlawful behavior at the convention. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior.

We encourage you to use RiverCon's E-mail address for any inquiries. Send mail to RiverConSF@aol.com (America Online subscribers should omit the suffix), and Co-chairs Steve and Sue Francis will reply as quickly as possible. Various departments are also e-mail-accessible, and those addresses are noted below. Take a look at our web site, too. It's at <http://members.aol.com/reichle/rivercon.html>. This page is under construction and constantly changing, but we'll post the latest information there for your convenience.

Of course, we attempt to make all aspects of RiverCon accessible to everyone, but if you have any particular concerns or requirements, please let us know and we'll do our best to resolve any difficulties that may arise.

## Hotel Information

The Executive West Hotel again will be the site of RiverCon XXI. The hotel, which is located at I-65 and I-264, across the freeway from the airport, features plenty of meeting space, indoor/outdoor pool, free parking, and low room rates of \$60.00 per night for single through quad occupancy, with small suites beginning at \$99.00 per night. Other room rates are available on request. Reservations can be made by cards sent to all pre-registered RiverCon members, or by calling (502)367-2251 (out of state call (800)626-2708). Be sure to mention RiverCon to get the convention rates. Please note that the hotel requires a non-refundable \$100 fee for any pets brought to the hotel, with the exception of animals belonging to disabled individuals who require them for assistance.

## Babysitting Service

Babysitting by licensed professional child-care workers will be available during all major programs and many other events throughout the convention. Exact hours will be announced later. Children using the service must be RiverCon members. Please let us know when sending in your registration which hours you would be most likely to use the babysitting service and the ages of your children so that we can provide sufficient staffing. Children who intend to take part in the babysitting service should be pre-registered at least one week before RiverCon, so that an adequate number of sitters will be available. *At-the-door members will be accommodated only on a space-available basis.*

## Program Book Advertising

Program book advertising is available at the rate of \$85.00 fan and \$125.00 pro for a full page, \$45 fan/\$75 pro for a half-page, and \$25 fan/\$45 pro for a quarter-page. The page size is 8-1/2" x 11", so proportion your ads accordingly, including the desired margins. More detailed information is available on request. Camera-ready copy, accompanied by payment (checks payable to RiverCon), should be sent to the program book editor, Bob Roehm, 1807 Edgeland Ave., Louisville, KY 40204. Bob's E-mail address is [raroeh01@ulkyvm.louisville.edu](mailto:raroeh01@ulkyvm.louisville.edu) or [RARoehm@aol.com](mailto:RARoehm@aol.com). For immediate information, call him after 3:00 p.m. at (502)454-5495. The deadline for receipt of advertising copy is August 1.

## Art Show & Auction

The RiverCon art show is under the management of Clif Reichle, Gail Walker and Lynn Harris. To accommodate the wide range of professional and amateur work, the art show will feature both prints and original works in a variety of media. For information on exhibiting, or to request bid and control sheets, write to art show administrative chair Clif Reichle, 2306 Green Valley Road, New Albany, IN 47150, or call (812)944-4205. E-mail Clif at [Reichle@aol.com](mailto:Reichle@aol.com).

## Huckster Room

RiverCon's huckster room will contain 45 tables and will feature a broad range of SF-related books, magazines, jewelry, and all kinds of collectibles. The cost is \$40.00 per 8'x30" table (note larger size), not including membership, which is required for everyone working in the room. The room is currently sold out but to be placed on the waiting list or for more information, contact Steve Francis or David Francis, 5503 Matterhorn Dr., Louisville, KY 40216, or call (502)448-6562.

## Masquerade

The RiverCon masquerade is directed by Linda Wyatt, with Richard Wellinghurst as assistant director and B. J. Willinger serving as M.C. The Ming Award will be given to winners in several categories, and there will be an additional special prize for the best-in-show. As in past years, there will be no live mikes on stage, contestants are encouraged to record music and/or dialogue, if desired, on a cassette tape for play during their performances. For complete information and entry forms, write to Linda at 3515 Kerry Drive, Louisville, KY 40218-2133.

## Program & Other Activities

The RiverCon program is co-ordinated by Kira Tash ([TashFam@aol.com](mailto:TashFam@aol.com)) and Joel Zakem, and assisted by Jack Heazlitt and art programmer Lynn Harris. It will cover a broad range of science fiction, fantasy, science, and fan topics. Additional program participants, in addition to those listed in this flyer, will be announced as their attendance is confirmed. We're planning several of new events this year, including a special Friday night get-acquainted/meet-our-guests reception followed by a dance until the wee hours.

The RiverCon gaming program features around-the-clock games. If you would like more information about which games will be included, want to schedule time to run your own game, or want to volunteer for the gaming staff, please call or write Eric Currier, c/o RiverCon, P.O. Box 58009, Louisville, KY 40268. Filking, coordinated by Murray Porath, will occur Friday and Saturday nights. The 24-hour video program promises a wide range of current and classic movies, TV shows, short subjects, cartoons, and other unusual and seldom-seen material.

Our 24-hour hospitality room is always a center for fan activity throughout the convention. Hostess Judi Lundy reminds you that only non-alcoholic beverages will be served, and that there will be separate smoking and non-smoking rooms.

## Weapons Policy

Weapons, either real or realistically simulated, may not be worn or carried in any public area of the hotel during RiverCon. We very strongly discourage wearing or carrying weapons on the street or in the parking lot, as well. Weapons may be worn onstage during the masquerade or in the vicinity of the masquerade if part of a bona fide hall costume during masquerade hours only. Weapons worn under these circumstances are subject to inspection and approval by RiverCon or masquerade staff. Dealers selling weaponry must wrap the items securely for removal from the room after the sale. Under no circumstances are demonstrations of weapons permitted in the aisles. Violations of weapons rules will be met with a warning to remove the item from the public area of the hotel. Repeat violations will result in revocation of convention membership.

## Volunteers

It takes a large number of people to put on a convention like RiverCon, so if you'd like to help out please let us know. Tell us in what area you'd most like to work and your preferred hours. Volunteers working eight or more hours will receive a limited-edition RiverCon gopher T-shirt, designed by artist Gary Williams, as a token of our appreciation. Susan Baugh ([sbaugh@iglou.com](mailto:sbaugh@iglou.com)) is the coordinator for this department.

As part of RiverCon's community service commitment, we have raised nearly \$4000.00 in the last three years through our charity auction for Community Health Trust, Inc., an organization that helps people in Louisville and Southern Indiana living with HIV and AIDS. In addition, we contributed surplus funds following last year's convention to CHT and also to WKPC-Channel 15, the Louisville PBS affiliate.