

TROPICON 8

Guest of Honor
Lynn Abbey

Fan Guest of Honor
Leslie Turek

Toastmaster
C. J. Cherryh

Special Filk Guest
Julia Ecklar

Dec. 1 - 3, 1989

Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton
Griffin Rd. & I-95

Other confirmed guests: Gail Bennett, Sarah Clemens, Hal Clement, Joseph Green, Jack Haldeman II, Lee Hoffman, and Gary Alan Ruse.

There will be the normal fantastic Programs, Art Show, Filk Concert, Video Room, Costume Party, Banquet, Dealers Room, Gaming, and special exhibits about our Guests, PLUS our new Masquerade & some special surprises!

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1870 Griffin Rd., Dania FL 33004
\$59 single, \$69 double.
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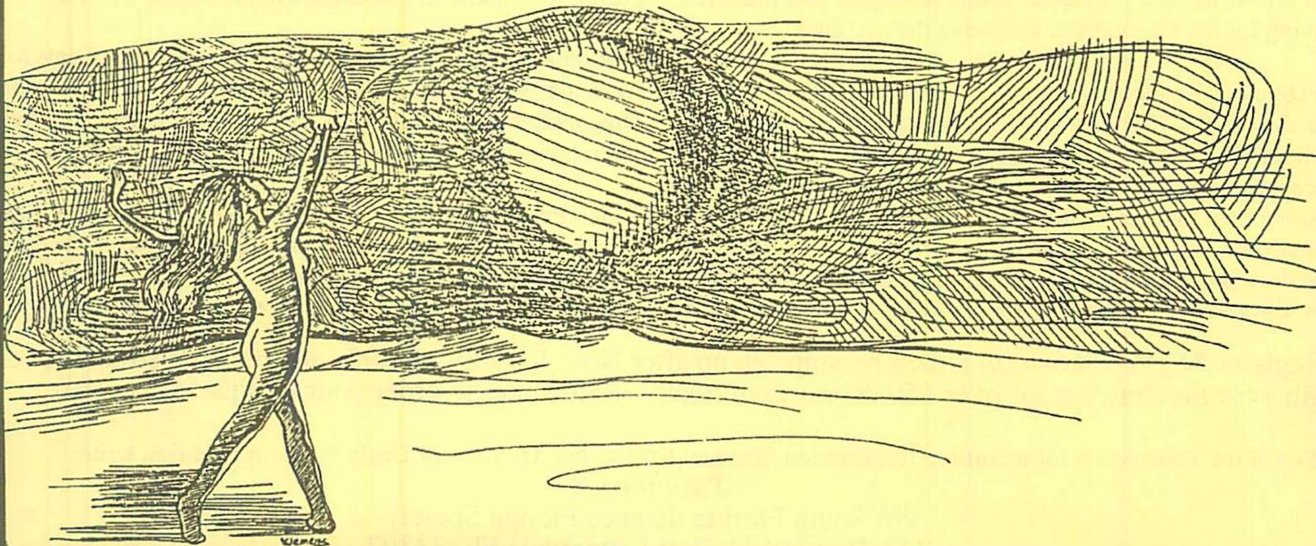
Registration: only \$15.00 until July 31, 1989.
\$20.00 until Nov. 1, 1989.
Banquet tickets: \$19.50.

Join now while the rates are low!

Make checks payable to:
South Florida Science Fiction Society.

Mail to: TROPICON Treasurer
P. O. Box 70143
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307

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Guests of Honor:

Lynn Abbey is a creative fantasy author. Her first novel, *Daughter of the Bright Moon*, appeared in 1979. *Conquest*, the second novel in her historical fantasy series (*Unicorn & Dragon*) was published in 1988. Other works include *The Black Flame*, *The Guardians* and stories in anthologies such as *Heroes in Hell* and *Merovingen Nights*. Lynn Abbey is also known for her part in creating the shared universe series, *Thieves' World*. She is co-editor of the series with her husband Robert Asprin. Lynn has worked in computers, and as a Russian translator. Her studies in history and the martial arts make her fantasy novels more realistic.

Leslie Turek has been an active SF fan for more than 20 years. She was Chairman of Noreascon II, Boston's 1980 Worldcon and has been active in national and regional conventions as well. Among other posts, she headed art show at the 1985 NASFiC in Austin, Texas, and chaired Boskone 6, in 1969. For the past several years, Leslie has edited *Mad 3 Party*, a fanzine devoted to providing information about Noreascon 3 and Worldcon running. *Mad 3* provides more (and better!) information about organizing conventions than any other publication available. In 1988, Leslie was nominated for Best Fan Writer, and *Mad 3 Party* for the Best Fanzine of the year.

Toastmaster: C. J. Cherryh received the John W. Campbell Award in 1977 for Best New Writer and, since, has garnered her share of critical acclaim as well as popularity. Carolyn has won the Hugo and Balrog awards. Her works such as *Downbelow Station*, *Cuckoo's Egg*, *40000 In Gehenna*, *The Pride of Chanur*, and *Serpent's Reach* assure a devoted and growing readership. She edits the *Merovingen Nights* shared-universe series, and wrote a "Heroes in Hell" novel. *Cyteen* is a nominee for this year's Hugo award for best novel. C. J. also writes and performs her own filksongs. She could as easily have been our filk guest or professional guest as well as toastmaster.

Special Filk Guest: Julia Ecklar is one of SF fandom's finest singers and an outstanding performer of filk music. The richness and expressiveness of her voice give life to the stories she sings. She is also a talented songwriter. Julia has recorded extensively, most recently *Divine Intervention* for Air Craft Records. Her songs include "Daddy's Little Girl" (retelling Stephen King's *Firestarter*), "God Lives on Terra", "Ladyhawke", "Silver" and "Temper of Revenge". Other tapes featuring Julia include *Genesis*, *Space Heroes & Other Fools* and *Horsetamer's Daughter*. If you enjoy music and SF, don't miss a chance to meet and listen to Julia.

Room Rates: \$59.00 a night, single \$69.00 double. RESERVE EARLY before our room block fills up. Reservations should be sent directly to the hotel. Please mention TROPICON 8 when reserving your room to get the special rate. It is the guaranteed lowest rate available for daily guests. For Hotel reservations, write or call our new hotel, the Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton 1870 Griffin Blvd., Dania, FL 33004. (305) 920-3300.

Dealers Room: Dealers' Tables are only \$40.00 and they include on membership. Every year Tropicon's Dealers Room sells out, so get your tables early. Limit 2 to each dealer.

Banquet: Saturday night, our delicious feast. Only \$19.50. Please purchase your Banquet ticket by Wed., Nov. 29, and be able to select your choice of entree. The Banquet honoring our Guests of Honor, Lynn Abbey and Leslie Turek, will be a special event, capped by the Guest of Honor speeches. Don't be left out in the hall. Banquet tickets also give you preferred seating for the Masquerade following the speeches.

Second Annual Heinlein Memorial Blood Drive: With special approval from his wife Virginia, Tropicon will have a blood drive on Saturday in memory of the late Robert A. Heinlein. Some special gifts will be presented to those who donate blood. As you probably know, encouraging blood donations was very important to S-F's master writer.

Art Show: All panels are large (8' x 4'). Full panel/\$20.00. Half-panel \$15.00. 10% commission. For special arrangements, write ATTN: Art Show Director Becky Peters. TROPICON 8 will accept art shipped from out-of-town. Write early for shipping instructions. TROPICON's Art Show is an important part of the convention and receives much attention from artists and fans and even the local press. Please reserve panels by Nov. 15.

Trivia Free-For-All: Think you know it all? TROPICON's Trivia Contest gives you the chance to prove it! And everyone gets a chance to win tokens redeemable in the Dealer's Room.

Costume Party & TROPICON's first Masquerade: Come recreate the persona of your favorite Alien! Or do you prefer Dragonrider or medieval garb? Whatever your choice, everyone is invited to come in costume for an evening of dress-up fun.

Video Program: The TROPICON Video Program is better than ever this year - including SPECIAL presentations in the ghod-awful tradition of *King Dinosaur*.

Register NOW! TROPICON 8 memberships go up after Nov. 1, 1989, and only advance registrants are eligible for the drawing for over \$50.00 worth of books. Remember to order your Banquet ticket too.

For more TROPICON 8 Information: Registration, Banquet tickets, and Art Show or Dealer's Room inquiries, write:

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