

# TROPICON 9

Guest of Honor

## Hal Clement

Fan Guest of Honor

## Bruce Pelz

Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 1990

*Other confirmed guests:* Gail Bennett, Richard Lee Byers, Sarah Clemens, Charles Fontenay, Prudence Foster, Joseph Green, Jack C. Haldeman II, Lee Hoffman, Carl Lundgren, Vincent Miranda, Dana Reed, and Gary Alan Ruse.

There will be the normal fantastic Programs, Art Show, Filking, Video Room, Banquet, Dealers' Room, Gaming, and special exhibits about our Guests, *plus* a Filk Concert, our Masked Flamingo Masquerade & some special surprises!

**Special Registration Rates:** only \$15.00 to July 31, 1990;  
\$20.00 until Nov. 1, 1990.

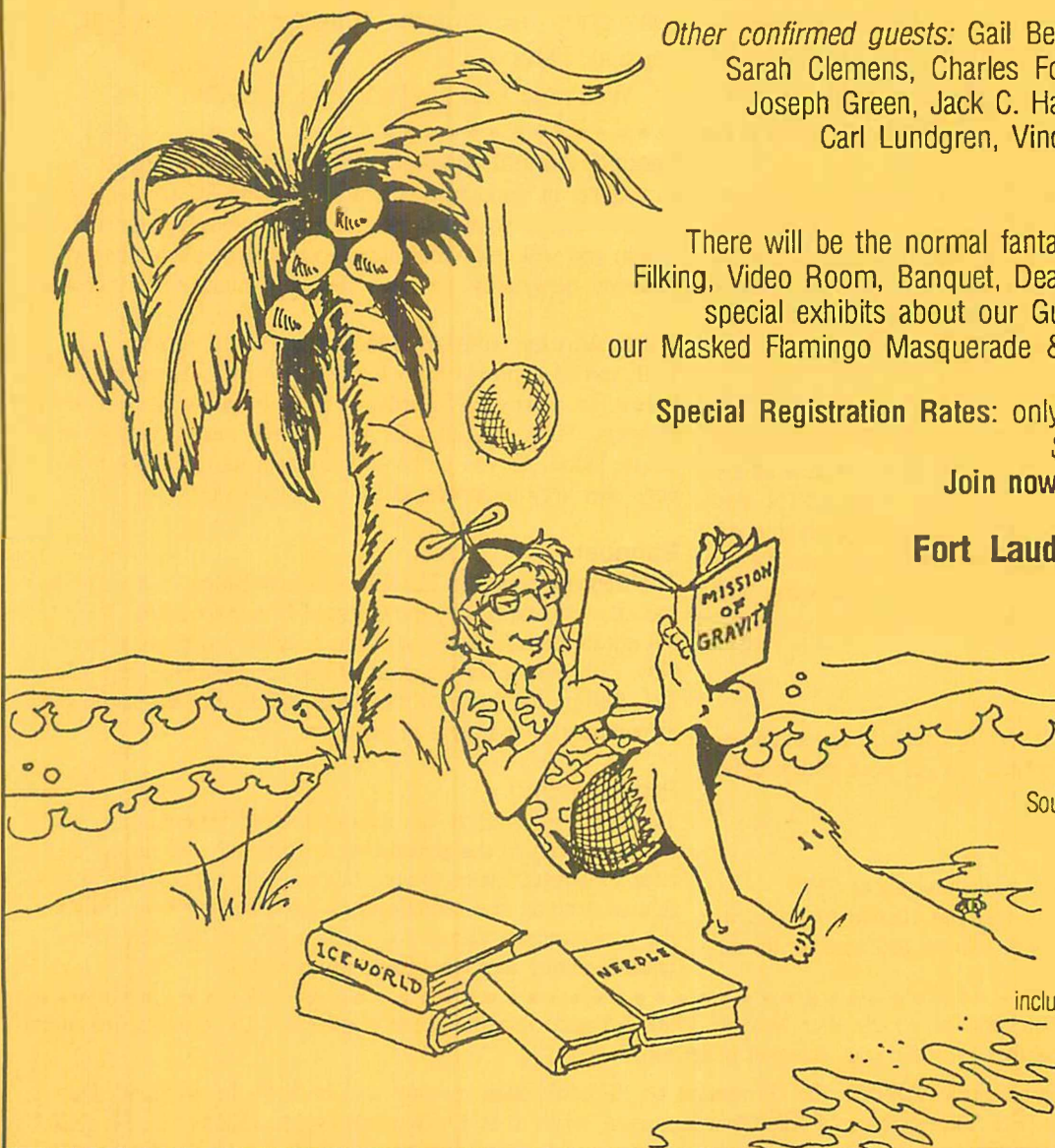
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including Dealers' Room and Art Show,  
please write to: SFSFS Secretary,  
P. O. Box 70143,  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307



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## Professional Guest of Honor:

Hal Clement (Harry Clement Stubbs) is one of the foremost writers of *hard* science fiction in the field. From the publication of ICEWORLD in 1951 to STILL RIVER (1987), scientific accuracy has been a hallmark of Hal Clement's fiction. With his solid background in astronomy, chemistry and the other sciences, Hal's universes make sense. Novels such as MISSION OF GRAVITY, NEEDLE, and CLOSE TO CRITICAL have consistently entertained readers who like to explore the logical implications of his beautifully crafted worlds. (And in addition to building worlds with words, Hal also paints them.)

Harry Stubbs is also a long-time fan (since the 1930's). He was a member of the original Stranger Club in Boston, and has been involved in fandom ever since. (Ask him what he gave up to work on the 1971 Worldcon.) Hal Clement is to be Guest of Honor at the 1991 World Science Fiction Convention in Chicago.

TROPICON is delighted to have him with us.

## Fan Guest of Honor:

Bruce Pelz has been called one of the (not so) Secret Masters of Fandom (SMOF). And maybe they're right. Co-chairman of the 1972 World Science Fiction Convention (LACon I), Fan GoH at the 1980 Worldcon (Noreascon 2), and current co-chair of the Los Angeles in '96 Worldcon bid, Bruce has been involved in almost every aspect of fandom.

Bruce discovered fandom through prozines and the National Fantasy Fan Federation. He began publishing his first fanzine, PROFANITY, in 1958 while attending the Univ. of Florida. Then he left for LASFS (Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society), and to work at USC's School of Library Science.

Bruce is a collector/cataloguer *extrordinaire*. His interests span the fannish spectrum, from fanzines to convention running, from costuming to filk-songs. He is a mystery fan, an SF art connoisseur, a convention memorabilia collector and creator of an unusual Tarot deck.

Welcome him as TROPICON 9's Fan GoH.

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## Hotel & Room Rates

For Hotel Reservations, contact the Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton, 1870 Griffin Rd., Dania, FL 33004. (305) 920-3300. Rates are: \$59.00 a night, single; \$69.00 double. RESERVE EARLY before our room block fills up. Mention TROPICON 9 when reserving your room to get the special rate. It is the guaranteed lowest rate available for daily guests.

## Art Show

All panels are large (8' x 4'). Full panel/\$20.00. Half panel/\$15.00. Quarter panel/\$10.00. 10% commission. A few tables are also available. For special arrangements, write ATTN: Art Show Director Becky Peters. TROPICON 9 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 the local press. Reserve panels by Nov. 15.

## Dealers' Room

Dealers' Tables are only \$40.00 and they include one membership. Dealers' room space is limited, so get your tables early. Limit 2 to each dealer.

## Trivia Free-For-All

Think you know it all? Or even something about SF? TROPICON's Trivia Contest gives you the chance to prove it! Everyone gets a chance to win tokens redeemable in the Dealer's Room.

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**Register NOW!** TROPICON memberships go up after Nov. 1, 1990. Advance registrants are eligible for the drawing for over \$50.00 worth of books. Remember to order your Banquet ticket too.

**Attention Convention Organizers:** SMOFcon, the convention on SF convention running will be held the weekend after TROPICON 9 in Fort Lauderdale. For TROPICON or SMOFcon information, write to P. O. Box 70143, Ft., Lauderdale, FL 33307

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## Second Annual Masked Flamingo Masquerade

Participate in another memorable evening of dress-up fun! Whether this is your first masquerade or your fortieth, we are certain you will enjoy recreating your favorite alien, fantasy, or medieval personality. Or have almost as much fun watching.

## Third Annual Heinlein Memorial Blood Drive

With special approval from his wife Virginia, TROPICON 9 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 SF's master writer.

## Banquet

The Banquet honoring Hal Clement and Bruce Pelz will be a special event, capped by the Guest of Honor speeches. Don't be left out in the hall. Banquet tickets must be purchased by Wed., Nov. 28th. Entree for the meal will be *Chicken Francaise*. Cost. \$21. Seating for this year's banquet will be limited, so be sure to purchase your tickets in advance.

## Programming

TROPICON prides itself on its outstanding programming with topics tailored to the panelist's expertise as well as the audience's interests. Listen to your favorite authors, artists, and fans discuss exciting and sometimes controversial subjects that form the background material for science fiction literature and the fannish culture that has grown up around it.