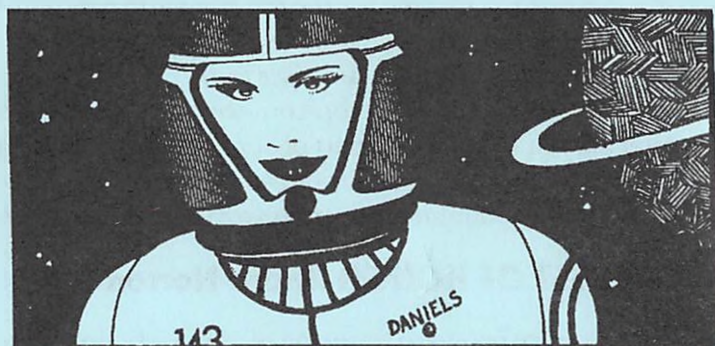


TROMCON X Progress Report

the South Florida Science Fiction Convention



Guests will be dropping in from all over the galaxy
To celebrate ten years of TROMCON with

Guest Of Honor

ANDRE NORTON

December 6 - 8, 1991

To ensure an appropriate celebration many previous
Guests Of Honor are returning for the festivities including:

Lynn Abbey

Forrest J Ackerman

Poul Anderson

Marion Zimmer Bradley

Hal Clement

Vincent Di Fate

Lee Hoffman

Special Filk Guest: Kathy Mar

Ginger Curry

Alison Drake

Charles L. Fontenay

Prudence Foster

Joseph Green

Jack C. Haldeman II

Rob MacGregor

T. J. MacGregor

Gary Alan Ruse

Dana Reed

Gary Roen

Jeanette Spencer

Rick Wilber

Gregory L. Zentz

and Filmmakers:

Herschell Gordon Lewis

Sid Pink

Ken Mitchroney

There will be the normal programs, films & video, Dealers' Room, our
fabulous Art Show, filking, Masquerade and a special banquet honoring
our guest, Andre Norton. See inside for details.

Chairman's Message

We couldn't allow the 10th anniversary of Tropicon to go by without a celebration of major proportions. Many of our past Guests of Honor and program participants are returning for the festivities and new names are continually being added to the list. You can expect to encounter some of your favorites in the field, and a few surprises too!

If you've attended a previous Tropicon, we hope you'll consider returning. After all, you're as much a part of our history as our guests and the party just wouldn't be the same without you.

If Tropicon X will be your first convention experience ...we envy you.

GUEST OF HONOR Andre Norton

For Tropicon 10, we are proud to have one of science fiction's greatest natural resources, Andre Norton, as our Guest of Honor. "Of all the fields," Andre wrote in *The Faces of Science Fiction*, "science-fiction-fantasy has developed the most devoted readers. What other genre can support, and does, conventions around the year, and the world, for the meeting of avid readers whose imaginations have been opened to future possibilities and speculations about the past?" Join the legion of Andre's avid readers as we toast her, roast her and even serenade her with a chorus of Happy Birthday!

SPECIAL FILK GUEST Kathy Mar

In the tradition of recent Tropicons, with help from local fans who appreciate good music, we have one of the best filk singers in the country for Tropicon 10. Kathy Mar, from San Francisco's Bay area, has been writing and performing her songs to the delight of filk fans for years. Her most recent tapes are *Plus Ca Change*, and *Plus Ca Meme Chose*. Earlier tapes include *Bamboo Wind*, *On a Bright Wind*, and *Songbird*. Kathy's clear soprano can also be heard on many anthology tapes. Kathy will be performing at a special concert on Friday night of Tropicon 10. Come and enjoy the music.

SPECIAL MEDIA GUEST Ken Mitchroney

The diehard media junkies of SFSFS are raising funds to bring Ken Mitchroney back to Tropicon. Ken is currently at work on the new animated *Back To The Future* TV series and has also worked on *Tiny Toons* and the animated *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* series. A special event involving Ken will be arranged for all who contribute to the cause. If willing to help by contributing, please use the form on the back page.

RETURNING GUESTS OF HONOR

To help us celebrate 10 years of Tropicon, the following past Guests of Honor have already confirmed that they will return: Lee Hoffman (Tropicon 1), Marion Zimmer Bradley (Tropicon 2), Forrest J Ackerman (Tropicon 3), Vincent di Fate (Tropicon 3), Poul Anderson (Tropicon 7), Lynn Abbey (Tropicon 8), and Hal Clement (Tropicon 9). Stay tuned for further announcements...

AND THE GUESTS JUST KEEP ON COMIN'.....

Tropicon 10 has something for everyone (and I'll shoot the first clown who says "a comedy tonight"). In addition to those mentioned already, for the film buff, we have Herschell Gordon Lewis, and Sid Pink. As for authors... Ginger Curry, Alison Drake, Charles L. Fontenay, Prudence Foster, Joseph Green, Jack C. Haldeman II, Rob MacGregor, T. J. MacGregor, Dana Reed, Gary Alan Ruse, Rick Wilber, Gregory Zentz and more...

Membership

3 DAY MEMBERSHIP: \$21 until 11/1/91, and \$25 at the door. Children 8 years old and under are free with an adult membership.

Registration Hours:
 Friday: 12 noon - 9:00 PM
 Saturday: 9:30 am - 5:30 PM
 Sunday: 9:30 am - Noon

Hotel & Room Rates

Tropicon X will be held once again at the Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton. Located at Griffin Road & I-95, the Hilton is easily accessible from I-95 and by Tri-Rail. (Please be advised that there is no Tri-Rail service on Sundays. For schedules call 1-800-TRI-RAIL).

Rates: \$61 single, \$71 double

Phone: (305) 920-3300, (800) 654-8266 Florida, (800) 426-8578 outside Florida
 Reservations should be sent directly to the Airport Hilton, 1870 Griffin Road, Dania, FL 33004.

Reserve your room ASAP. To receive the special convention rate, mention Tropicon when placing your reservation. Please use the order form on page 7. Reservations must be made by Nov. 15, 1991.

Directions:

From I-95: The hotel is immediately east of the I-95 exit at Griffin Road.

- From Fort Lauderdale Airport:*
1. Take Hilton Shuttle *or*,
 2. Follow the Airport signs south to Griffin Road.
 3. Go west to the Hilton

DEALER'S ROOM

The Tropicon Dealer's Room and Christmas/Chanukkah/Saturnalia bazaar will again be the place to get that book you can't find anywhere, a gorgeous piece of fantasy jewelry, or the game you've always wanted. *Dealers:* Rent a table or two. Rental Fee is \$30.00, memberships are additional. A limit of two tables will be set for each dealer, but requests for additional tables may be submitted. For further information use the request card on the last page of this report. Dealer's Room hours:

Set-Up:	0900 - 1200	Friday, Dec. 6
Operations:	1200 - 1800	Friday, Dec. 6
	1000 - 1800	Saturday, Dec. 8
	1000 - 1600	Sunday, Dec. 8

PROGRAMMING

Have we got programming for you! With the fabulous guest list for Tropicon 10, we're putting together panel discussions, workshops, readings, concerts and more. In addition to our regular science fiction and fantasy program, these are some of the special items we're planning.

Friday Night — *Concert with Kathy Mar* — our special filk guest performs.

B-Movie Bonanza — Films and discussions of those not-so-high budget films we all grew up on. Featuring film makers and aficionados Sidney Pink, Herschel Gordon Lewis, Vincent di Fate and the man who corrupted us all, Forrest J Ackerman.

Trivia Free-For-All — Flex your frontal lobes and earn wooden nickels at the same time! Who could ask for anything more?

Saturday — *Andre Norton Toast/Roast* — In anticipation of Andre's 80th birthday, join Andre and her friends(?) as we discuss her life, her work, and her effect on science fiction readers everywhere. The Toast/Roast will follow the Banquet and is limited to Banquet attendees only.

Workshops — The more you put in, the more you get out. We're planning workshops on water colors and on writing. Here's your chance to work with pros in these two fields and improve your craft. If you're interested in the workshops, write for details.

Latex & Feathers — Is it real, or is it memorex? Costuming fun of all kinds.

Readings at 11 — Favorite SF sex scenes. And of course, programs on space, science fiction and fantasy, gaming, fandom, filking, horror, art, etc.

GAMING

That's right, Gaming. If you want to be part of the action or if you're just curious as to what it's all about, use the request card at the end of

the progress report for additional info or write to:
 Tropicon X Gaming Czar – Phil Tortorici, c/o Wy Mar-Ren, 6618
 Georgia Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33405-7487.

ART SHOW

Tropicon's 10th Art Show is expected to be the best yet!

Art Show Schedule:	Friday	December 6th	1200 - 1800
	Saturday	December 7th	1000 - 1800
	Sunday	December 8th	1000 to 1/2 hour before auction

Visa and/or Mastercard will be accepted for purchases with a minimum total of \$75.00 or more. We are also looking for volunteers to work a few hours at the art show or auction and, particularly during set-up and takedown. If you're willing to help, use the request card at the end of this report.

MASQUERADE

For the past two years, Tropicon has held a small masquerade. This year we would like to expand it. Whether you come as your favorite alien or barbarian, in medieval garb or superhero tights, enter the Tropicon masquerade and show your stuff! Co-chair Adair suggests a theme you might want to try, The Return of the King (Elvis costumes with a science fiction twist). If you would like to register for the masquerade or want more info, check the appropriate section on the form at the end of the progress report. There has been some discussion about having the masquerade on Friday night. Please indicate your preference on the form also. Any weapons used in a costume must be peace-bonded.

THE CON SUITE

After a hard day at the convention attending panels, meeting guests, spending money in the Dealer's Room and Art Show, come and relax at the Tropicon Con Suite. Coordinated under the guidance of "Con Suite Queen, Melanie Herz" (so dubbed by Dan Siclari), we are planning some extra special goodies to whet your appetite in honor of our 10th anniversary. We will have soda, beer, munchies and other good things to eat. For those of you who like to live on the cutting edge, we need volunteers to help prepare vegetable trays, make supply runs and to "police" the room. The Con Suite will be open on Friday, Dec. 6 from 3 PM to ????. Saturday, Dec. 7 from Noon to ????? and Sunday, Dec. 8 from Noon to 1700. *Killing the dog will come later. Please note:* Con Suite will be closed during the banquet on Saturday evening.

ROBERT A. HEINLEIN MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

Virginia Heinlein has allowed us to dedicate our annual TROPICON BLOOD DRIVE to the memory of her late husband – the man who encouraged a generation of SF readers to become blood donors. The Blood Bank will be setup on Saturday and donations will begin to be accepted at 1000. There will be a sign-up schedule at the door so that you can schedule an appropriate time that won't conflict with a program you may wish to attend. A donor badge and additional goodies will be provided for donors or those bearing proof of donating to the SFSFS blood bank accounts within 30 days prior to the con. If donating prior to the convention, please tell your Blood Bank that you are donating to one of the following Tropiccon account numbers:

Dade/Broward: PF 51

Palm Beach: TRON.

Note: We request that all staff personnel donate *prior* to Tropiccon.

BANQUET

Trust us, you won't want to miss this one! Attendance at the Banquet and the ensuing Andre Norton Toast/Roast will be limited to 100. The entree for this year's bash is Chicken Veronique. Vegetarian and other special meals available on request – please contact us as soon as possible. We've held the line on banquet cost to \$24.00.

PROGRAM BOOK AD RATES

The program book will contain features and articles about our special guests, art, diagrams of the hotel, publisher's and dealers ads and other pertinent information. Book size will be 8¹/₂" by 11".

Full Page (7 1/2 x 10)	\$90.00 pro	\$60.00 fan
Half Page (7 1/2 x 5) or (9 1/2 x 3 1/2)	\$50.00 pro	\$35.00 fan
Quarter Page (3 1/2 by 5)	\$30.00 pro	\$20.00 fan
Inside Front & Back Covers	\$125.00	

Line art must be camera ready and to size. We request that payment accompany ad copy. Deadline for ads is Oct. 31, 1991. Black and white only.

VIDEO ROOM

As before, we'll be showing our features from the SF-Fantasy-Horror genres on a large screen stereo TV. Count on the traditional Midnight B-Movie special on Saturday night. Feature films, documentaries, a few favorite TV episodes and some Japanimation will feed your video habit. Please use discretion (and the Movie ratings guidelines) in allowing your children to attend.

WEAPONS POLICY

No, No, No, No, No, No, NOOOOOOOOOO!!!! The only things sharp you'll need are your wits. The only exception is the Masquerade, and then any weapons *must* be peace-bonded. Pretend you're not in South Florida for a couple of days. It'll do you a world of good.

SOUTH FLORIDA SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY

TROPICON is sponsored by the South Florida Science Fiction Society (SFSFS), a non-profit educational organization established in 1985 to foster the appreciation of Science Fiction in literature. SFSFS holds monthly meetings where a variety of lectures and/or presentations are made by local members, visiting authors or special guests. Members receive a monthly newsletter, the acclaimed *SFSFS Shuttle* which provides information on meetings, local authors, art, short stories, book reviews and letters of comment from fans around the country. The club sponsors *The Travelling Fête*, a summertime laid-back relax-a-con and TROPICON, the South Florida Science Fiction Convention. SFSFS membership is \$15.00 per year.

Tropicon X Registration & Information Form

Mail to: Tropicon 10, c/o SFSFS, P.O. Box 70143, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143
(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for

- 3 Day Memberships (\$21 till 11/1/91)
- Banquet/Roast @ \$24.00
- Dealer's Tables @ \$30.00
- Art Show Panels @ \$20/full panel; \$15 half panel
- SFSFS Membership @ \$15.00
- Contribution to Ken Mitchronev Funny Fund
- Contribution to filk fund
- Enter me in the masquerade

Please send: Dealer Information Gaming Information
 Art Show Information Advertising Information
 SFSFS Information Masquerade information

YES, In spite of all I've ever learned in the Military (or in parochial school), I volunteer for Gopher Duty. Use me as you will (within reason).

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

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 Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE: \$61.00 Single \$71.00 Double

Enclosed please find my check for \$ _____. (Check # _____)
 or bill my credit card for \$ _____ advance deposit for one night.

Circle credit card: VISA MasterCard American Express

Credit Card # _____ Expires: _____

Signature: _____

Make check payable and mail to: Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton, 1870 Griffin Road, Dania,
 FL 33004. Confirmed reservations must be placed with the hotel by Nov. 15, 1991.

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