



# TROPICON IV

*The South Florida Science Fiction Convention*

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**ROBERT BLOCH  
GUEST OF HONOR**

**DECEMBER 6-8, 1985**

**HOLIDAY INN FT. LAUDERDALE WEST**

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**OTHER SPEAKERS:**

**LEE HOFFMAN**

**BRAD LINAWEAVER**

**GARY ALAN RUSE**

**AND MORE . . .**

**PLUS A SPECIAL SURPRISE APPEARANCE  
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!**

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**PROGRESS REPORT**

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\* PANELS \* DEALER'S ROOM \* ART SHOW \* FILMS \* BANQUET \*  
\* EXHIBITS \* VIDEO ROOM \* GAMING \* TRIVIA FREE-FOR-ALL \*  
\* PRIZES \* HOSPITALITY SUITE \* COSTUME PARTY \*

3-DAY MEMBERSHIP: only \$15.00

Children 8 years-old and younger: FREE with adult member.

Registration hours: Friday: Noon - 8:00 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

ALL ADVANCE REGISTRANTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL DRAWING  
FOR A CARTON OF BOOKS VALUED AT OVER \$50.00!

### OUR GUEST OF HONOR ROBERT BLOCH

is a prolific writer whose works of horror, fantasy, and suspense have captivated readers, film-goers, television-viewers, and radiophiles since the 1930's. His 39-part series STAY TUNED FOR TERROR, thrilled radio audiences in the 1940's; his short story, "That Hell-Bound Train", was awarded the 1958 Hugo Award; and, in 1960, his novel Psycho was transformed into the unforgettable Hitchcock film. His television career has included stories and screenplays for THRILLER, ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS, STAR TREK, NIGHT GALLERY and many others. Throughout his professional career, Mr. Bloch has maintained close ties to the Science Fiction community as an active con-goer and copious contributor to the fan press. TROPICON IV is proud to present this remarkable author.

OTHER SPEAKERS: Scott Adams (designer of computerized science fiction games), Robert Ashcraft & Robert Giadrosich (founders of Barking Moon Graphics), Lee Hoffman (author, legendary fan), Herschell Gordon Lewis (film-maker), Brad Linaweaver (author), Gary Alan Ruse (author), Michael Whelan (6-time Hugo Award winning artist) and others.

## \* OUR SCRUMPTIOUS SATURDAY NIGHT BUFFET \*

All you can eat! Roast beef, barbecued chicken, fried shrimp and all the "etcetera" you can hold! Tickets are just \$17.50. You must purchase your banquet ticket by Thursday, December 5! (before the con, unfortunately) Order yours today.

## FILM AND VIDEO PROGRAMS

Twenty-four hour programming, including classic SF films as well as favorite videos: Star Trek, Doctor Who, Twilight Zone, Blake's 7, Japanese animation. As part of this year's Blochbuster Program, we plan to feature selected films and teleplays written by our Guest of Honor, Robert Bloch. From noon Friday until Sunday's closing ceremonies.

## ART SHOW

We don't like to boast --- but we have a terrific Art Show this year! The quality and diversity of work guarantees an exciting auction on Saturday and an enjoyable experience for all connoisseurs of SF & Fantasy art throughout the convention. Don't miss it!

Full panels are 4' x 8' and some are still available at \$15 per panel; \$10 per half panel. Convention commission is 10%. Please write for tables, special arrangements, or out-of-town shipping instructions.

Art show hours will be: Friday, noon - 6 pm;  
Saturday, 9:30am - 3:30pm;  
Sunday, 9am - 1pm.

The Art Auction will be held on Saturday at 4 pm.

## DEALER'S ROOM

Looking for volume three in that out-of-print trilogy you started last June? Trying to expand your collection of SF movie posters? Phaser on stun for that perfect piece of memorabilia for the Trekker in your life? Then head for the Dealer's Room!

As always, the Dealer's Room will be full of books, artwork, t-shirts, and other tempting items. Tables are still available at \$25 each (includes one membership). Call Gail Bennett at (305) 584-4258 for more information.

Dealer's Room hours will be: Friday, noon - 6 pm;  
Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm;  
Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm.

## FRIDGE FANDOM

The ConSuite will open at 3 pm on Friday, stocked with snacks, drinks, and good company. Serious hunger pangs can be eased at the con hotel restaurant and a large number of nearby eateries. A Fridge Fan's Guide to Good Eating will be included in your Program Book.

## \* PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS \*

### Friday night

Opening Ceremonies. Your first chance to meet our guests.

Trivia Free-for-All. A unique trivia contest where EVERYONE can play - not just teams. Show off your SF-IQ and win tokens to spend in the Dealer's Room.

Filk Fest. Bring songbooks, instruments (kazoos count!), and/or your vocal cords for some friendly filking.

### Saturday

Art Auction. Bid on your favorite pieces or sit back and

relax while others engage in "friendly" bidding battles.

**Banquet.** Enjoy Robert Bloch's Guest of Honor speech and some special entertainment while you indulge in our all-you-can-eat feast.

**Costume Party.** Nothing formal --- just an easy-going gathering, with everyone invited to come in costume. Judges will be circulating and prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

### Sunday

**Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Robert Bloch, But Didn't Know Who To Ask.** An interview with our Guest of Honor.

**Writers Workshop.** A short writer's workshop, with Vincent Miranda (former science fiction editor for the Saturday Evening Post) and Lee Hoffman (author of over 25 science fiction, western, and historical novels). Manuscripts must be submitted in advance. Workshop fee will be \$20, and will cover copying costs and materials. For more information, send an SASE to Tropiccon Writers Workshop, 4599 NW 5th Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33431.

**ALSO:** Author readings, panel discussions on everything from gaming to horror to fantasy art, and special presentations on other aspects of the field.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

If you'd like to lend a hand behind the scenes at Tropiccon IV, please let us know. With your help, we can make this the best Tropiccon yet!

Make all checks payable to: TROPICON  
Mail all checks, inquiries, etc. to: Tropiccon IV, 4599 NW 5th  
Boca Raton, FL 33431.

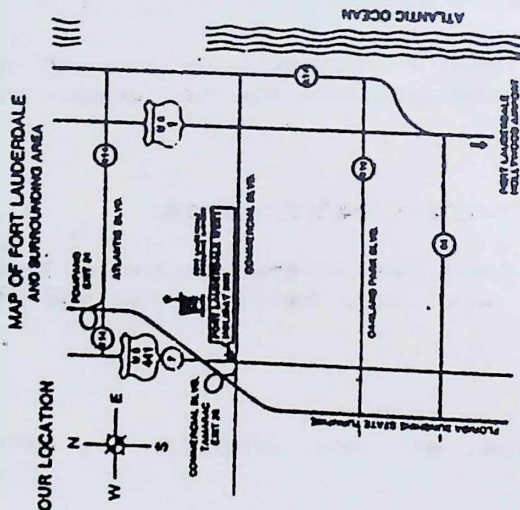
TROPICON IV is sponsored by the South Florida Science Fiction Society (SFSFS), a non-profit organization established for literary and educational purposes.

SFSFS meets monthly to enjoy lively discussions, meet visiting professionals and other guest speakers. The club produces a magazine to which members contribute stories, artwork, articles, poetry, film and video reviews and other items of interest. A monthly newsletter keeps members up to date on meetings, club outings, local events of special interest, and club discounts.

So if you want to meet people like yourself, interested in all aspects of science fiction and fantasy, interested in the world science and technology are creating, and who enjoy sharing their interests with others, write for more information to:

SFSFS, 4399 NW 5th Ave., Boca Raton, 33431.

SEE YOU AT TROPICON IV!



**FORT LAUDERDALE WEST**  
5100 NORTH STATE ROAD 7 (U.S. 441 at Commercial Blvd.)  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33319 • A.C. 305/739-4000

# HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST

TROPICON IV  
12/6/85 - 12/8/85  
at

  
Holiday Inn

Fort Lauderdale West  
Hotel & Conference Centre  
5100 N. State Road 7 (U.S. 441 at Commercial Blvd.)  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33319  
(305) 739-4000

## PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS:

Guest Room \$39.00 single or double

Special room rate valid from

12/6/85 - 12/8/85

Reservation request is subject to availability and will be acknowledged

I Will Arrive on \_\_\_\_\_, 1985

I Will Depart on \_\_\_\_\_, 1985

I Will Require a Total of \_\_\_\_\_ Rooms.

I Will Have One Person \_\_\_\_\_ Two Persons \_\_\_\_\_ In My Party.

NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD NUMBER TO GUARANTEE RESERVATION

## TROPICON IV REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me for TROPICON IV. My payment is enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the items circled below:

3-Day Membership: \$15.00  
Banquet Ticket: \$17.50  
Dealer's Room: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Show: \$15.00  
\$10.00  
\$7.50

MUST be purchased by December 5!!  
table(s) at \$25.00 per table.  
Includes one membership  
full panel  
half panel  
quarter panel

Make checks payable to: South Florida SF Society  
Mail to: Joe Siclari, 4599 NW 5th Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33431

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