

Tropicon VII

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Presents

Poul Anderson Walt Willis

Karen Anderson

Madeleine Willis

Dec. 2 - 4, 1988

Lauderdale Surf Hotel & Marina, Fort Lauderdale, FL

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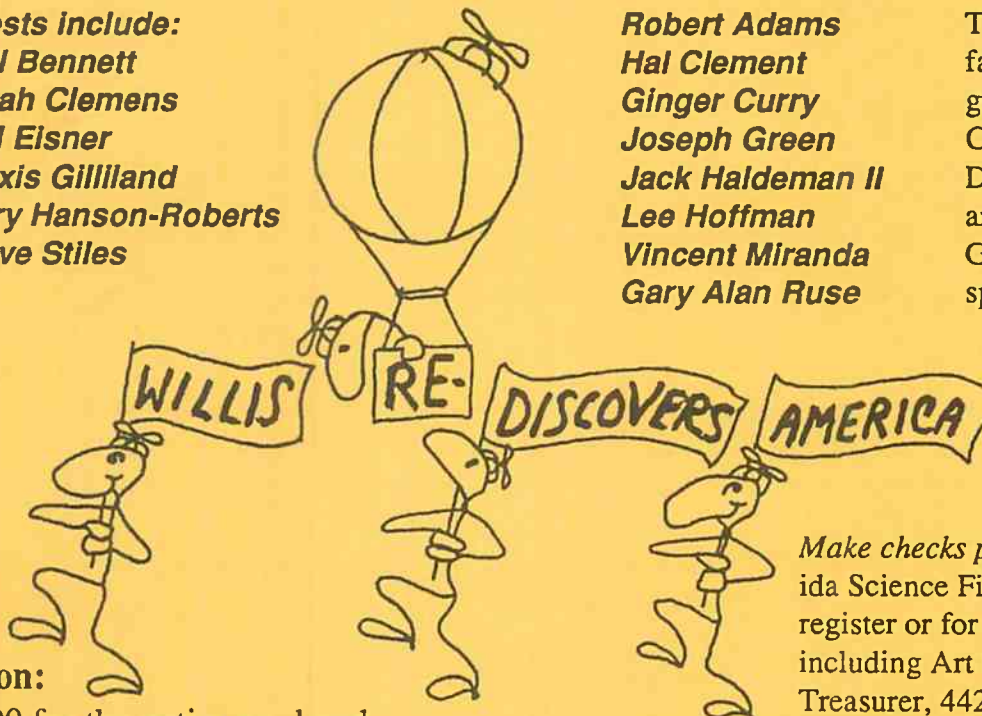
Special Filk Guest: Frank Hayes

Other guests include:

*Gail Bennett
Sarah Clemens
Will Eisner
Alexis Gilliland
Mary Hanson-Roberts
Steve Stiles*

*Robert Adams
Hal Clement
Ginger Curry
Joseph Green
Jack Haldeman II
Lee Hoffman
Vincent Miranda
Gary Alan Ruse*

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



Registration:

Only \$23.00 for the entire weekend.

Banquet extra.

Make checks payable to: South Florida Science Fiction Society. To register or for more information, including Art Show, write to: SFSFS Treasurer, 4427 Royal Palm Ave., Miami Beach, FL 33140.

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Guests of Honor:

Poul Anderson - is a multiple award-winning author of science fiction, fantasy, and historical novels. His writing runs the gamut from high fantasy to hard science fiction, from verse and song to farce and space opera. He is a co-founder of the SCA. Worldcon GoH in 1959, Poul's first story was published in 1947. He continues to be a thought-provoking and entertaining master of SF. Among his works are "Queen of Air and Darkness", THE HIGH CRUSADE, BRAIN WAVE, THE BROKEN SWORD, "Call Me Joe", the Hoka stories (with Dickson), the Flandry stories, OPERATION CHAOS, ORION SHALL RISE, THREE HEARTS & THREE LIONS, TAU ZERO, the Polesotechnic stories, and many, many more.

Walt Willis - if you know who Walt is then we need to tell you no more. You will be coming to TROPICON! If not, then come and meet the man who invented the Enchanted Duplicator. Walt's fannish career is legendary. He is one of the finest, most innovative writers to appear in the fan field. Walt is best known for his ~~fantasy humor criticism fiction~~ everything. His column on fandom appeared for over a decade in the professional magazine, *NEBULA*. A 614 page collection of his writing was published as a special, hardbound issue of *WARHOON* in 1979. Walt was the linchpin of Irish Fandom and the Belfast-Savannah Axis. If you don't understand, come and find out in December at TROPICON VII.

Room Rates: Only \$47.00 a night, single thru quad. RESERVE EARLY before our room block fills up. Reservations should be sent directly to the hotel. Please mention TROPICON VII 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 on the Fort Lauderdale oceanfront, the Lauderdale Surf Hotel & Marina (a Day's Inn property), 440 Seabreeze Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316. (305) 462-5555

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.

Banquet Buffet: Saturday night, our delicious feast. Only \$19.50. Please purchase your Banquet ticket by Wed., Nov. 30. The Banquet honoring our Guests of Honor, Poul Anderson and Walt Willis, will be a special event, capped by the Guest of Honor speech. Don't be left out in the hall.

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

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 VII 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.

Costume Party: 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 dressed-up fun.

Video/Film Program: The TROPICON Video/Film Program is better than ever this year - including SPECIAL presentations in the ghod-awful tradition of *King Dinosaur*. This year, we will have the made-in-Florida marathon. These horrors are all set or filmed in Florida. Out-of-towners will get a special prize if they can identify one of our local guests during the films. Come test your cinematic stamina—and earn a Survivor's badge of honor.

Dealers Room: SOLD OUT!!!

Register NOW! TROPICON VII memberships go up to \$23 after Nov. 1, 1988, 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 VII Information: Registration, Banquet tickets, and Art Show or Dealer's Room inquiries, write:

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