

# Tropicon 13

South Florida Science Fiction Society  
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## TROPICON 13 PROGRESS REPORT

*the South Florida Science Fiction Convention*



January 6-8, 1995  
Palm Beach Airport Hilton  
West Palm Beach, Florida

Guests of Honor

**KRISTINE KATHRYN RUSCH**

**JAEI**

Toastmaster

**BEN BOVA**

Special Filk Guest

**(WM) MARK SIMMONS**

Also in attendance will be Hal Clement, Harry Stubbs, George Richard, Dean Wesley Smith, Sandy Schofield, Charles Fontenay, Ginger Curry, Gary Roen, T. J. McGregor, Rob McGregor, Rick Wilber, Jack C. Haldeman II, Joseph Green

## GUESTS OF HONOR

Tropicon is proud to present noted author and editor, **KRISTINE KATHRYN RUSCH**. She is the winner of the 1994 Hugo for Best Editor (*Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*), in addition to being a recipient of the John W. Campbell and World Fantasy awards.

**JAEL** is an artist of the highest caliber - as you will see when you view her works in our art show. Her creations have appeared in *Amazing Stories*, her Xanth map is incredible to behold, and her art graces the cover of Piers Anthony's latest, *Letters to Jenny*. You will certainly want to add some of her works to your collection.

**Toastmaster BEN BOVA**, writer/editor, produces some of the best science-fiction in the field, and has garnered six Hugos for his work at *Analog*. Just a brief overview of his books in print leaves one astounded at the quality and sheer volume.

**(WM) MARK SIMMONS**: We are especially honored to have this very talented performer, who sings/filks in a melifluous baritone voice accompanied by 12-string guitar. As an added bonus, he is also an author. To quote Mark, "I was born in a log cabin that I helped my father build".

## PROGRAMMING

'How-To' is the name of the game. From developing an Idea to selling your story. From the techniques of collaboration to the Secrets from the Editor's desk. Come to Tropicon to find out how it's done from the pros. And that's not all! We will also be bringing you our usual eclectic mix of old and new, borrowed and...askew? Whether you're a newcomer or a jaded old truefan, there will be something there for you. Look for programming on Filking, Gaming, the Internet, Star Trek, Space Exploration, Travel and Trivia!

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

This year, we are putting together a batch of programming to keep the little monster...uh, treasures occupied. Look for a **BUILD YOUR OWN UFO CONTEST**, Arts & Crafts, Games, Stories, and Videos for Fans who are young chronologically as well as at heart.

## FILKING

Tropicon has become well known as a filk-friendly convention, so the

## TROPICON 13 REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Tropicon 13, c/o SFSFS,  
P.O. Box 70143, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3 Day Membership (\$24 till 11/30/94)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Brunch @ \$20.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dealers Tables @ \$40.00 (includes 1 membership)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Art Show Panels/Tables  
\_\_\_\_\_ SFSFS Membership @ \$15.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Contribution to Charity Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Contribution to filk fund  
Make out checks to SFSFS

Shall we dance? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please send:

\_\_\_\_\_ Dealer Information \_\_\_\_\_ Gaming Information  
\_\_\_\_\_ Art Show Information \_\_\_\_\_ Advertising Information  
\_\_\_\_\_ Costuming Information \_\_\_\_\_ SFSFS Information  
\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I know better, but I want to do it anyway!  
I volunteer for Gopher Duty. I am yours to use as you will!

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**Tropicon 13 Hotel Registration Form — Jan. 6 – 8, 1995**  
Mail to: Palm Beach Airport Hilton, 150 Australian Ave., W. Palm Beach, FL 33406.  
Phone: (407) 684-9400. Room rate: \$59.00 plus tax.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Departure  
date: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please circle: Single Double Triple Quad

Line art must be camera ready and to size. We request that payment accompany ad copy. Deadline for ads is Dec. 10, 1994. Black and white only.

## REGISTRATION

3-DAY-MEMBERSHIP: \$24.00 until November 30th, 1994. \$28.00 at the door.

Children 8 years old and under are free with an adult membership.

**Registration Hours:** Friday: 12 noon - 9:00 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:30 am to whenever...

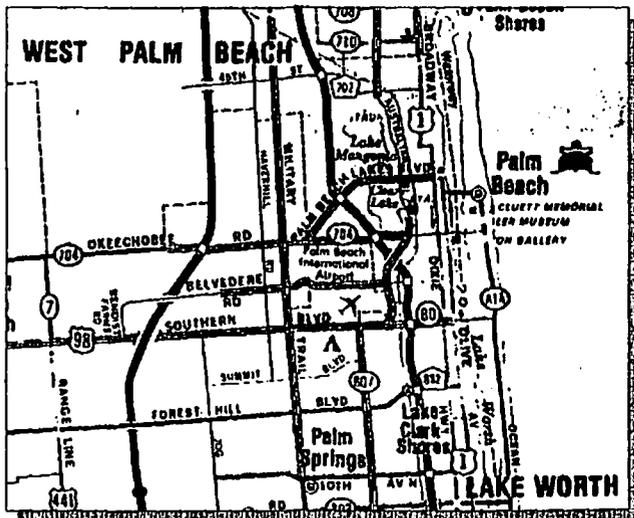
## HOTEL AND ROOM RATES

Tropicon 13 will be held once again at the charming West Palm Beach Airport Hilton. Enjoy the Veranda, a restaurant that overlooks a pool and backyard area, or walk outside to the pool side bar and night club, the two volleyball courts, or waterski on the fresh water lake just beyond. The hotel provides complimentary van service to and from the Palm Beach International Airport 24 hours a day.

The hotel is located on Southern Boulevard just west of I-95. See map for further directional information. We have locked in the same low rate we had last year! So come take advantage of this savings and reserve your room now.

Rooms: \$59.00 per night (single to quad)

Reservations: Call (407) 684-9400 or use the form on the inside back cover. Please mention the South Florida Science Fiction Society when making reservations.



programming will not disappoint. Some of our con-goers have said that filking is all that they attend cons for! We will present a musical filk retrospective and a talk on filk history. With as broad a chronological base as we have in SFSFS, they should prove fun and informative. Also planned is a folk music theory workshop, for our aspiring songwriters. Expect a Friday night concert as usual, followed by open filking, with a second open filk on Saturday night around 11pm. If our guest is willing, there will be a second concert on Saturday afternoon, as well as an interview/talk with our filk guest, to say something about his life in music, fandom, and the overlapping part we all know as filking.

## VIDEO ROOM

Tropicon's video room will have an international flair this year. With hopping vampires from Hong Kong, comedic cannibals from France, or space opera from Russia there will be something for everyone. Look for something special Saturday night as well as some of the more offbeat films of the late actor Peter Cushing.

## ART SHOW

Once more we will be bringing you the excellent art show that South Florida has come to expect of Tropicon. The same rules and procedures we have used in the past will apply this year: no drinks or food will be allowed. And there will be no photography allowed without the artist's permission. Bring a pen to write in bids, and a wallet full of money. We're sure you'll find something you JUST CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT!

For the artists who wish to exhibit:

Panels are: 4' x 8' = \$20.00; 4' x 4' = \$12.00

Tables are: 2.5' x 6' - \$20.00; 1/2 table = \$12.00

Contact Becky Peters at (305) 563-5788 (leave a message), or at Riverland Library (305) 791-1085. We suggest you contact her as soon as possible, as we cannot promise accommodation to walk-ins.

## DEALERS ROOM

It slices, it dices, it makes julien fries... Well you probably won't find THAT in the Dealers Room, but we should have a wondrous variety of sf and fantasy-oriented books, toys, books, jewelry, books, games, books, comics, books, t-shirts, books, buttons - and say, did I mention books? Enough to satisfy any fannish palate. There should be plenty there to compell you rip out your wallet and buy, buy, buy!

## COSTUMING

Hall Costumes are being encouraged (did I hear someone say Toga?), although there won't be a formal masquerade. There will be awards for the most creative endeavors.

## THE CON SUITE

We do NOT guarantee an impromptu appearance of the Coneheads this year, but you can expect a few surprises in addition to the usual pleasant place to relax and to interact with SF fans and professionals.

We DO promise chocolate! Friday night is brownie night. Come and share a tray of YOUR favorite brownies (no Alice B. Toklas brownies please!) with your fellow conventioners. Donations will be accepted anytime Friday and the festivities will begin at 9:00 PM.

Other chocolate and "honorary chocolate" treats will be available throughout the weekend.

## SUNDAY BRUNCH

We are planning something completely different for a food function this year. The hotel is laying out a sumptuous spread of breakfast fruits, juices, pastries, salads, fluffy scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage links, as well as an entree of chicken breast with tarragon sauce, fresh vegetables, assorted dinner rolls and drinks. What better way to cap the weekend!

The guest of honor speeches will be held during the brunch, so plan your schedule to include this special occasion. Enjoy the good food and good company, and spend the afternoon with us.

## DANCE

We are considering a dance at this point in time, if there is enough interest. Please let us know when you send in your registration form, so we can make an informed decision.

## ROBERT A HEINLEIN MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

Tropicon will again be sponsoring the Robert A. Heinlein Memorial Blood drive. Members are urged to give blood year round but our two special times will be at the October Meeting and then again at Tropicon XIII in January. We will have books and buttons for those who donate. January is a particularly critical time for

donating blood because of all our winter visitors so please plan on donating. Give the gift of life, donate a pint of blood.

## CHARITY

This year the Tropicon Charity Auction will once again benefit Project L.E.A.D. Project L.E.A.D. was established in cooperation with the Dade County Public Library System in 1985. At present they are working with about 200 people. One of their newest projects is to increase the number of books that are both easy to read and interesting to adults at each of the Library's branches. Most of us can't imagine life without the richness of the written word so give generously and bid high.

Donations can be sent or given to Cynthia Warmuth at 4200 Sheridan St., Apt 413, Hollywood, FL, 33021 or at the con at the SFSFS table.

## WEAPONS POLICY

NO, NADA, NONE. For those who can't figure it out, this means no weapons are allowed. They are not "user-friendly". Period. 'Nuff said.

## SOUTH FLORIDA SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY

The South Florida Science Fiction Society (SFSFS, pronounced as "Sisyphus", the Corinthian King in Greek mythology) is a non-profit organization founded in 1985. It is made up of people like you who are interested in all aspects of Science Fiction and Fantasy -- and who enjoy sharing their interest with others. Membership entitles you to a wide variety of activities. From our monthly club programs and meetings, literary discussion group, and filk singing, to an extensive library collection, Newsletter, and our Book Co-op, SFSFS offers something for everyone. With chapters in Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, you can stop searching for signs of intelligent life in South Florida. We're here!

## PROGRAM BOOK AD RATES

The Program Book will contain features and articles about our special guests, art, diagrams of the hotel, publishers and dealers ads and other pertinent information. Book size will be 8 1/2" by 11".

Full Page (7 1/2 x 10)	\$120.00 pro	\$75.00 fan
Half Page (7 1/2 x 5)		
or (9 1/2 x 3 1/2)	\$60.00 pro	\$45.00 fan
Quarter Page (3 1/2 x 4)	\$40.00 pro	\$25.00 fan
Inside Front & Back Covers	\$135.00	