

# Mad Moose Gazette

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## WisCon 14 To Invade Madison March 9-11

WisCon, Wisconsin's largest science fiction convention, as well as the world's largest feminist SF convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Southeast in Madison. Around 750 fans are expected to attend.

This year's guests of honor will be Emma Bull and Iain Banks. Emma Bull is the co-editor of the *Liavek* series, as well as the author of the urban fantasy *War for the Oaks*, and the newly released *Falcon*. She and husband Will Shetterly run Steeldragon Press which produces comic books and fine hardcover books. She is also a member of the rock group Cats Laughing.

Iain Banks is exciting new British writer with such novels as *The Bridge*, *The Wasp Factory*, *Walking on Glass* and *Espedaira*, behind him. He has received praise from the literary establishment for his writing. With the recently released *Consider Phlebas* and *The Player of Games*, he completes his emergence into the science fiction field. WisCon marks his first professional appearance at an American SF convention.

### Convention Rates Set

This year the pre-registration attending rate has actually decreased from last year's rate. It will be \$14.00 for WisCon 14 pre-registration, and \$25.00 for at-the-door membership. Supporting memberships are \$7.00. Children under 12 are free but must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult WisCon member. We encourage everyone to pre-register to avoid last minute registration hassles. Those needing to contact WisCon may write to us at PO Box 1642, Madison WI, 53701-1624.

### Hotel Information

WisCon 14 once again returns to the Holiday Inn Southeast, home of the two previous WisCons. The Holiday Inn features 188 guest rooms, most of which are filled by WisCon attendees, a bar, restaurant, swimming pool, sauna, and free parking. Unfortunately, as in the past, there are very few restaurants nearby, so plan accordingly.

The Holiday Inn Southeast is easily accessible to people from other cities. It is located just off Interstate 90 and US 12/18. If you are approaching from the Interstate, take exit 142-B and head east. Take the first right turn and follow the Holiday Inn signs. Also very visible is the McDonald's sign. If you've found it, you've found us.

This year's WisCon room rates are \$43.00 for a single, \$49.00 for a double, \$52.00 for a triple, and \$55.00 for a quad.

Reservations can be made by calling the Holiday Inn Southeast directly at (608) 222-9121 or the toll free Holiday Inn chain number at 1-800-465-4329. Be sure to mention WisCon to qualify for the convention rates.

### New Weapons Policy

We'll be the first to admit that a beautifully-crafted weapon is a work of art and a joy to behold, as well as an integral part of many a con-goers garb. However, any weapon when it is drawn and brandished about is simply a menace and a threat,

## WisCon 14 Registration Form

Person #1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/ Postal  
Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Person #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/ Postal  
Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Send info on:  art show  program-book ads  volunteering

\_\_\_\_\_ attending mem-  
berships @ \$14 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ supporting mem-  
berships @ \$7 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL - Make check payable to "WisCon" \$   
Mail by Feb 14, 1990 to:  
WisCon  
Box 1624  
Madison, WI, 53701-1624

whether it's intended as such or not. Therefore, this year **all weapons at WisCon 14 must be peace-bonded at all times.** Failure to comply with this simple rule will result in the banning of all weapons at future WisCons. Don't let a few jerks ruin it for everyone. Report violators to security or any ConCom member.

## No Booze in Con Suite

With another WisCon fast approaching, the social department is, as always, working feverishly to insure that every attendee has fun, fun, FUN. This year the con suite, that veritable hotbed of fun, will feature longer hours, more and better food, and more coffee, as well as the ever-popular freshly-popped popcorn, plus the free condoms!

The main con suite will also be a chemical-free space. **No smoking or alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the main consuite.** We hope this will make it a more pleasant socializing spot for everyone. As usual, there will be a **smoking consuite**, which this year **will also be off-limits to alcohol.** Alcoholic beverages can be purchased in the hotel bar (where smoking is permitted), as well as at the mixer (no smoking there, folks). We don't want to catch anyone not having fun!

## Art Show

The WisCon 14 art show will feature an exhibit of over 500 works by 60 pro and fan artists. Con-goers may purchase most of these items at the Saturday night auction.

For fees, art deadlines, and other pertinent information, direct questions to Rebekah Rogge at the WisCon address.

## Huckster Room

Wiscon 14 will have a dealers room with many items for sale found only at SF cons.

Tables in the huckster room will be available on a first come first served basis, so act quickly to reserve your table. Applicants for tables must be WisCon members or pay to join WisCon at the same time they pay for the tables. If your membership is conditional upon getting dealer space, it will be refunded upon request if tables are not available.

Fees for the 6'x3' tables are \$25.00 for the first table, \$30.00 for the second, and \$35.00 for the third, with a limit of three tables per dealer.

## Masquerade on Friday

Last year was the first WisCon in recent years to experiment with having the masquerade on Friday evening instead of Saturday afternoon. This year the masquerade will again grace Friday evening. This allows us to begin the dance during the masquerade judging, as well as leave more time for Saturday programming.

## Volunteers

To make this convention possible we will need many volunteers for a variety of duties throughout the weekend. We are in special need of help

Friday morning and Sunday evening for set-up and take-down. For helping us with these valuable tasks, we will give a discount on your pre-registered attendance.

Volunteering is a great way to meet people if you are new to WisCon, or a moneysaver if you need to stretch your convention budget. For more information contact Don Helley at the WisCon address.

## Programming

WisCon has a reputation for good and plentiful programming and WisCon 14 will continue the tradition. We are looking for woman-oriented topics to continue WisCon's tradition of maintaining a feminist dialogue in the science fiction community. The ideas are pouring in, but there is room on the schedule for more.

If you have suggestions for programs or want to participate on a panel, write Debra Daemmrich at the WisCon address.

## Save the Trees

WisCon supports all recycling efforts. This year we are trying to cut down on the amount of paper used. To that end we would appreciate it if you would check the mailing label on this flier. If you have received more than one flier, are no longer interested in WisCon or SF, or have changed your name or address please bring it to the attention of WisCon. This will help us save trees, as well as mailing costs. Direct your comments to mailing list at the WisCon address.

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