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## The World's Foremost Feminist SF Con

Dates **May 26-29, 1995**

Place **Concourse Hotel, Madison, WI**

Author GoH **Barbara Hambly**

Author GoH **Sharyn McCrumb**

Special Guest **Nicola Griffith**

## We Have Definitely Moved!

WisCon still features SF, fantasy and feminism, but now on Memorial Day Weekend and downtown at the Concourse Hotel. Why did we change? The short answer is we had no choice. The long answer is that Madison is the land of high school sports tournaments in late winter. Between these hotel-fillers and an influx of conventions, we had a choice between late January or Memorial Day. Not wanting any of you killed in snowstorms, we opted for May. We realize some people won't be able to come, and we'll miss you. But those who are now willing to brave the Wisconsin May weather: we're pleased to meet you!

## Our Guests

We welcome authors Barbara Hambly and Sharyn McCrumb as Guests of Honor and Nicola Griffith as Special Guest. Barbara is the author of *Stranger At the Wedding*, *Dragonsbane*, *Those Who Hunt the Night*, *Bride of the Rat God* and many others. A native Californian, her interests include historical and fantasy costuming, painting, dancing, and carpentry. Sharyn, a native North Carolinian, is the author of 12 novels, including the Edgar Award-winning *Bimbos of the Death Sun*, a mystery set in the world of SF fandom, and a sequel, *Zombies of the Gene Pool*. Her three most recent books are *If Ever I Return*, *Pretty Peggy-O*, *The Hangman's Beautiful Daughter* and *She Walks These Hills*. Nicola is the author of *Ammonite*, winner of the 1994 Tiptree and Lambda Awards, and an Arthur C. Clarke and British SF awards finalist. Her second book, *Slow River*, is due in August. Her short fiction has appeared in *Interzone: The Fourth Anthology*, *Iron Women*, two

*Warhammer* anthologies, and in *Interzone* and *Aboriginal SF*. Born in the UK, she currently lives in Atlanta.

## Social Program

Our social program will include opportunities for you to dance, eat, try a microbrew beer, show off a new costume, and bid for cool stuff. Friday evening will feature Opening Ceremonies with a fannish "Whada'ya Know?" On Saturday, visit the Dane County Farmers' Market for coffee and breakfast treats. Later, Scott Custis will lead a tour of Madison's two new brewpubs, The Great Dane Brewing Co. and The Angelic Brewing Co. Both are within easy walking distance of the Concourse Hotel. Group size will be limited to 25 people, so you must sign-up at Registration. The Masquerade will be Saturday afternoon, with the Mixer/Dance that evening. The Concourse's famous brunch will be offered on Sunday, followed by speeches by our Guests. The brunch menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, bakery treats, desserts, coffee and milk for \$15/person—buy your ticket in advance to make sure you get a seat. If you have special dietary needs, let us know.

## Tiptree Auction

Sunday evening we will hold an auction and bake sale to benefit the James Tiptree, Jr. Memorial Award. The auction features a small catalog of high quality items such as Tiptree Award T-shirts, test squares from the Tiptree Quilt and other Tiptree-related material. Afterwards, join us in the Con Suite to buy treats and have a cup of coffee courtesy of Steep and Brew.

## Hotel

The Concourse is in the center of Madison, just a block off the Capitol Square. It's a 15-minute drive from Dane County Regional Airport, and about the same distance from I-90/94. An underground parking ramp is free for guests of the hotel, and a public ramp with 500 spaces is a half block away. Rooms are a flat \$72/night for 1-4 guests. Reserve your room by calling 1-800-356-8293. You should get your room early, and make sure to mention "WisCon" when placing your reservation. Please note: the Concourse does not allow pets.

## Child Care

Because there has been almost no interest expressed in child care at WisCon 19, and also because our current child care coordinator has been forced to step down, there will be no child care at the convention. We are very sorry if this inconveniences anyone.

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## Registration

The pre-reg rate (before May 7, 1995) is \$20 for ages 13 and up, and \$30 if you register at the door. Youth memberships (age 7-12) are \$10, and children 6 and under are free. Pre-reg worker memberships (4 hours minimum) are \$10, and \$15 at the door. One-day memberships will also be available at the door.

## Volunteers

We need lots of help, and those willing to work at least four hours get into WisCon for only \$10. If you register as a volunteer, please indicate the areas in which you plan to work, and include your phone number on the registration form.

## Dealers' Room

Eight-foot dealer tables may be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, at \$25 for the first table, \$30 for the second and \$35 for the third (limit of three per vendor). Vendors must be WisCon members or include payment for their memberships when applying. If your membership is conditional upon getting dealer space, it will be refunded if no tables are available.

## Art Show

This year's Art Show will be different than previously. We're calling it the "WisCon Showcase." We encourage artists to display professional and fan art, and we especially encourage women artists and Wisconsin/Upper Midwest artists. But WisCon will not sell art: all transactions will be left to private negotiations between artists and buyers. The Showcase space will be in the same room as the Dealers, so if you buy a table (or make an arrangement with a dealer), you can sell your work there. We'll provide hanging space, check-in and check-out, standard art security, and friendly staff. We have kept the rates as low as possible, charging for hanging space only: no commissions or auction fees. We're very interested in having artists participate in the convention, in programming, demonstrations, etc. But since we really want you to be here, we won't accept mail-in art.

## Programming

Now that we're a 4-day convention, we're hoping WisCon 19's programming will be both richer and less hectic than in years past. We're planning several special events, including group drumming, filking, and an open mike poetry reading. We'll also be hosting a Duelist-sanctioned Magic Tournament. There will be open gaming, as in past

years. And, we intend to provide space for small program events thought up spontaneously by con attendees. Something new! Four books will be featured at WisCon, and we hope you'll read all of them before coming to the convention. Our "Book of Honor" will be Melissa Scott's *Trouble and Her Friends*, which will be available in paper from Tor in May. We will also highlight a book by each of our guests: Hambly's *Bride of the Rat God*, McCrumb's *The Hangman's Beautiful Daughter*, and Griffith's *Ammonite*. We'll have book discussions on each, as well as panels focusing on aspects of one or more of these books. New this year will be a track of program items featuring single presenters: readings, chats with authors, talks about obsessions/interests, and presentations of personal and/or academic interest. Finally, we figure to have the usual range of panels, including some on Mysteries (in honor of our Guest Sharyn McCrumb) and Spirituality. We'll offer panels on Magic and other collectable card games, as well as our usual tracks of Feminist, SF, Media, and Science-oriented panels. With the extra day, we hope to spread out panels, leaving space for discussions and meals.

## Publications

If you would like to help produce one of the four issues of the Mad Moose at the convention, stop by the Pubs Lounge and join in. We will also provide equipment, materials and advice if you want to do a one-shot fanzine.

## Contact/Home on the Web

You may contact WisCon 19 at PO Box 1624, Madison, WI 53701-1624, (608) 256-4603. For those with WWW access, up-to-date WisCon info is available at <http://www.cs.wisc.edu/wiscon/>. E-mail addresses for on-line concomm members are listed below.

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Attending (age > 12) @ \$20

Youth (age 7-12) @ \$10

Worker (must work 4 hrs.) @ \$10

Supporting (any age) @ \$10

Kid-in-Tow (0-6)—free

Former Guest of Honor—free

Brunch Tickets @ \$15

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How to enter the Art Show

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