

WisCon 20

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WisCon 20

*The Greatest Confluence of
Feminist Science Fiction Ever!*

Ursula K. Le Guin

Guest of Honor

Judith Merrill

Special Guest

May 24-27, 1996

**Concourse Hotel
Madison, Wisconsin**

WisCon 20 will bring together many of WisCon's past guests of honor, Ursula K. Le Guin, Judith Merrill, writers and editors, publishers and scholars, women and men from around the world to discuss feminism and gender issues in science fiction and fantasy. At this celebration of two decades of WisCon, you can expect:

- ▼ The fifth annual James Tiptree, Jr. Award and the first retrospective Tiptree Award.
- ▼ Intensive and wide-ranging programming.
- ▼ Lots of parties.
- ▼ Lovely springtime weather.

Attending: past Guests of Honor and other SF Professionals

Eleanor Arnason
Catherine Asaro
Brian Attebery
Mary Kenny Badami
Freddie Baer
Wilhelmina Baird
Marleen Barr
Martha Barter
Maya Kaathryn Bohnhoff
Lois McMaster Bujold
Avedon Carol
Suzy McKee Charnas
Bryan Cholfin

Flynn Connolly
Samuel Delany
Beverly DeWeese
Suzette Haden Elgin
Kandis Elliot
M. J. Eng
Kelley Eskridge
Karen Joy Fowler
Jim Frenkel
Greer Ilene Gilman
Joan Gordon
Colin Greenland

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Guests. . . We invited all our previous guests of honor and special guests to return to WisCon 20—more than half of them are planning to attend! Many thanks to Wizards of the Coast and others who made financial contributions in support of the returning guests. We expect many other SF luminaries to attend. (See list below: Previous guests are printed in bold faced type.)

Guest of Honor. . . WisCon is pleased to present Ursula K. Le Guin as the Guest of Honor for this year's convention. Ursula received the James Tiptree, Jr. Award in 1995 for her short story "The Matter of Seggri," and is the author of such important novels as *The Left Hand of Darkness*, *The Dispossessed*, and the *Earthsea* books, as well as recent works *Four Ways to Forgiveness* and *A Fisherman of the Inland Sea*.

Special Guest. . . Judith Merrill—writer, critic and editor. In the late 1950s and early 60s, Ms. Merrill edited a series of annual anthologies of the year's best SF. She is the author of *Shadow on the Hearth* and *The Tomorrow People*. We who enjoy feminist SF today owe much to her work in the field.

The James Tiptree, Jr. Award. . . The Award returns to its birthplace for the fifth annual presentation, which will honor 1995 fiction that explores gender issues in science fiction and fantasy. Award founding mothers Pat Murphy and Karen Joy Fowler will

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attend. In honor of the fifth anniversary of the award, the first Retroactive Tiptree Award will be given to the author of a work published before 1991.

Programming. . . To retain WisCon's traditionally intimate discussions within a larger-than-usual convention, 8 to 10 items will be scheduled simultaneously during Saturday and Sunday afternoons, including complete tracks of readings, academic papers, single-person presentations, and discussions. 3 or 4 tracks of panels a day will cover topics such as Feminism and SF, Hard and Soft Sciences, Gender and Sexuality, The Professional and Business side of SF, and Women's (and Men's) Spirituality. Evenings, we like to play. There may be drumming and filking parties, a fan reading, a story competition, and a Most Sexist Prose in the Genre contest. Of course, there will be open room parties each night. Contact us if you have ideas for programming or if you're interested in hosting or participating in any of these events.

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Nicola Griffith
Meg Hamel
David Hartwell
Gilbert Herdt
Patricia C. Hodgell
Veronica Hollinger
Rachel Holmen
Steven Vincent Johnson
Gwyneth Jones
Sylvia Kelso
Helene Klodawsky
Nancy Kress
Ellen Kushner

Kelly Link
Karawynn Long
Rosaleen Love
R. A. MacAvoy
Katherine MacLean
Laurie Marks
Margaret McBride
Catherine McClenahan
Helen Merrick
Judith Merrill
Judith Moffett
Elizabeth Moon
Pat Murphy

Debbie Notkin
Alice Nunn
Rebecca Ore
Susan Palwick
Carrie Richerson
Faye Ringel
Trina Robbins
Jessica A. Salomson
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Pamela Sargent
Delia Sherman
Stu Shiffman
Nancy Springer

Susan Stone-Blackburn
Susanna Sturgis
Barbara Summerhawk
Sue Thomas
Amy Thomas
Joan D. Vinge
Elisabeth Vonarburg
Ellen Weil
Elizabeth Willey
Tess Williams
Gary K. Wolfe
Chelsea Quinn Yarbro

Film Programming. . . More than ever, the WisCon video program focuses on women-centered themes. We invite participants for panel discussions about the films in each of four categories: Women Warriors, Female Vampires, Gender Bending, and Women in Fairy Tales.

Special Events. . . In addition to the Guest of Honor speech on Saturday at 11 am, there will be a 5:00 pm Tiptree Award reception just before the public award ceremony, Sunday at 6 pm. Tickets to the Hors d'oeuvres reception cost \$10 per person and should be ordered when you register for the convention. Space may be limited.



Because Monday is Memorial Day, we're planning a relaxing, outdoor "dead dog" party.

Finally, if you're interested in throwing an open party at the hotel, please contact the WisCon staff about the free party parlors, which will be assigned to publishers, bid committees, and fan groups on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Hotel. . . The Concourse Hotel is located at 1 W. Dayton, Madison, WI 53703; phone 1-800-356-8293. Room rates are \$75 per night for up to four people. The Concourse is a handicap-accessible hotel; call for specific information about accessibility. We expect a large attendance at this year's anniversary con, so please book your rooms early, and mention "WisCon" and the year "1996" when you call. Additional space is available nearby at the Inn on the Park, 22 S. Carroll St., Madison, WI 53703; 1-800-279-8811. Rates are also \$75. Both hotels are located in the heart of Madison, so there are plenty of restaurants, shops, and interesting people and places within easy walking. The Saturday Farmers' Market on the Capitol Square is a popular choice for breakfast browsing.

Dealers Room. . . Tables are \$25 for one, \$30 for the second, and \$35 for the third. All dealers must be WisCon members, and registration is not included in the table fee. Please contact Hank Luttrell (608-251-6226) during business hours for information about reserving Dealers Room space, equipment availability, and other details.

Child Care. . . WisCon 20 will hire professional child care providers and offer affordable, daytime child care for attendees who sign up in advance. Please check the appropriate box on your registration form so we can make the necessary arrangements. **Please note:** We cannot promise child care services to attendees who do not contact us in advance.

Volunteers. . . You can save \$15 by working for six hours at the convention. Register at the regular rate, and a refund will be mailed to you after the convention. Consider helping with setting or cleaning up, security, the con suite, or other areas. The volunteer coordinator will contact you to set up your schedule.

WisCon Showcase. . . We will showcase the talents of past guests—artists, writers, musicians—as well as Tiptree Award materials and items donated for the Tiptree Auction. You can buy CDs, posters, t-shirts, original art, limited edition books, etc., created by our guests or for the Tiptree Award. There won't be a traditional art show this year, so artists are encouraged to purchase space in the Dealers' Room to display their work.

Souvenir Book and Displays. . . WisCon wants articles, essays, anecdotes, and other interesting material for the special anniversary souvenir book and display of WisCon memorabilia. Please share your memories of past WisCons, opinions about feminism and the genre, etc. Contact WisCon soon if you would like to contribute.

Important!. . . WisCon 20 will attract more people than ever, and registration will be limited to 800 people. We urge you to register as soon as possible. Registration will be closed if we reach our limit before the con.

Program Book Advertising. . . For information about placing ads in the special WisCon 20 souvenir book, contact Meg Hamel: 608-251-2225 or century@supranet.com.

Financial Support for WisCon 20. . . Please consider making an additional contribution to help cover the costs of WisCon 20. There have already been a number of generous donations—your support will help make WisCon 20 even more successful.

Registration Rates. . . The attending rate is \$25 before March 1, 1996, and \$35 before May 10, 1996 with a cut-off of 800 members. If available, at-the-door memberships will be \$40. Other rates: Youth (ages 7-12), \$15, or \$20 at the door; Supporting, \$15; Single Day \$10 (Fri.) or \$20 (Sat. & Sun.). Panelists and volunteers can qualify for a \$15 refund. Kids six and under, in the company and care of an adult, get in free.

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2 Name #1 _____ Name #2 _____ Name #3 _____ Attending (age over 12): \$25 before March 1, 1996; \$35 before May 10, 1996; \$40 at the door Supporting (any age): \$15 Youth (age 7-12): \$15; \$20 at the door Kid-in-tow (age 6 and under): free Former guest of honor: free Total registration amount \$ _____		5 Please add together boxes 2, 3, and 4 Total payment \$ _____ Please make check payable to "WisCon." Check # _____ Check date _____		7 Please contact me about volunteering I might be available to help setting up on Thursday or Friday before the con.	

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