



WisCon

The gathering of the Feminist SF Community

Progress Report III

May 2000

May 26-29, 2000, Memorial Day Weekend

Schedule of Special Events

5:30 pm Thursday	Packet Stuffing, Concourse Hotel (a good way to help AND get an early start on your convention!)
6:30 pm Thursday	Reception for WisCon 24 authors at A Room of One's Own Bookstore (including a reading by Charles de Lint), 307 W. Johnson St., 2 blocks from the Hotel
7:30 pm Thursday	Dinner and socializing with guests, concomm and early arrivers at the Angelic Brew Pub, 322 W. Johnson (across the street from A Room of One's Own)
1:00 pm Friday	Registration Opens
7:30 pm Friday	Opening Ceremonies
8:15 pm Friday	Concert by Charles de Lint and MaryAnn Harris
7:30 pm Saturday	Tiptree auction, hosted by Ellen Klages
7:30 pm Sunday	Dessert reception and GoH speeches, Jeanne Gomoll and Charles de Lint
Monday afternoon	Dead Dog Party, details to be announced

Luminaries and Their Works

Charles de Lint (Guest of Honor), *The Little Country, Memory and Dream, The Buffalo Man, Forests of the Heart, Greenmantle, Jack of Kinrowan...*

Jeanne Gomoll (Guest of Honor), fannish writing and art
Toni Armstrong, Jr., collector

Eleanor Arneson, *A Woman of the Iron People* (Tiptree Award winner), *Ring of Swords*, Hugo nominee

Freddie Baer, artist and Hugo nominee

Janice M. Bogstad, academic

Suzy McKee Charnas, *The Conqueror's Child* (this year's Tiptree Award Winner), *The Slave and the Free...*

Darlene Coltrain, artist

Kathryn Cramer, *Ascent of Wonder*

Pamela Dean, *Juniper, Gentian, & Rosemary, Tam Lin, The Dubious Hills...*

Bev DeWeese, librarian

Joyce DiBona, artist

L. Timmel Duchamp, author, 1999 Tiptree juror

Jenna Felice, editor, Tor

Heinz Insu Finkl, *Memories of My Ghost Brother*

John M. Ford, *From the End of the 20th Century, Growing Up Weightless, Dragon Waiting, How Much for Just the Planet...*

Jim Frenkel, editor, Tor

Carolyn Ives Gilman, *Haltway Human*

Jorjet Harper, *Lesbomania, Tales of the Dyke Side*

Anne Harris, *The Nature of Smoke*

David G. Hartwell, editor, Tor

Nalo Hopkinson, *Midnight Robber, Brown Girl in the Ring*

Jennifer Jackson, agent, Donald Maass Literary Agency

Steven Vincent Johnson, artist

Roz Kaveney *The Encyclopedia of Fantasy* (with John Clute, John Grant, Mike Ashley)

Pam Keeseey, *Daughters of Darkness: Lesbian Vampire Stories* (ed.), *Vamps* (ed.)

Peg Kerr, *Wild Swans, Emerald House Rising*

Ellen Klages, "Time Gypsy"

Ellen Kushner, *Swordspoint, Thomas the Rhymer, The Horns of Elfland* (with Delia Sherman and Donald Keller), Host of Public Radio's *Sound and Spirit*

Kelly Link, (Tiptree Award Winner)

Laurie J. Marks, *Dancing Jack, The Watcher's Mask*

Kathleen Massie-Ferch, *Ancient Enchantresses, Warrior Enchantresses*

Elise Matthesen, artist & performer

Erin McKee, artist

James Minz, editor, Tor

Mary Anne Mohanraj, *Clean Sheets* (ed.)

Pat Murphy, *There and Back Again, Nadya, The City Not Long After, The Falling Woman*

Debbie Notkin, *Flying Cups and Saucers* (with the Secret Feminist Cabal), *Women En Large: Images of Fat Nudes* (with Laurie Toby Edison)

Lyn Paleo, *Uranian Worlds* (with Eric Garber)

Severna Park, *Hand of Prophecy, Speaking Dreams*

Katya Reimann, *Wind from a Foreign Sky, The Tielmaran Chronicles*

John Rezmerski, *What Do I Know? New and Selected Poems*

Laurence Schimel, *The Drag Queen of Elfland*, editor

Delia Sherman, *The Porcelain Dove, Through a Brazen Mirror, The Horns of Elfland* (ed. with Ellen Kushner & Donald Keller)

Jeff Smith, *Khatru, Meet Me at Infinity: The Uncollected Tiptree* (ed.)

Kristine Smith, *Code of Conduct*

Midori Snyder, *The Inamorati, Beldan's Fire, Hatchling*

Susanna Sturgis, *Tales of Magic Realism by Women* (ed.)

Amy Thomson, *Through Alien Eyes, The Color of Distance...*

Joan D. Vinge, *The Snow Queen, The Summer Queen, World's End, Tangled Up in Blue, Dreamfall ...*

Terri Windling, *The Wood Wife, The Armless Maiden and Other Stories* (ed.), *The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror* (ed. annual series with Ellen Datlow), *Black Thorn, White Rose* (ed. with Ellen Datlow)...

Sarah Zettel, *Fool's War, Playing God, The Quiet Invasion...*

Hotel

The Concourse Hotel is located at 1 W. Dayton St., Madison, WI 53703; phone 800-356-8293 or 608-257-6000. Room rates are \$85 per night for up to four people. WisCon 23 filled up the hotel last year, and we expect that rooms will sell out again for WisCon 24, so please book your rooms early and mention "WisCon 2000" when you call.

The Concourse is a handicapped-accessible hotel; call for specific information about accessibility. Smoke-free rooms are available upon request. The hotel is located in the heart of Madison, so there are plenty of restaurants, shops, and interesting people and places within easy walking distance. The Saturday Farmers' Market on the Capitol Square is a popular choice for breakfast browsing.

Volunteers

You can save \$20 by working for six hours or more at the convention. Register at the regular rate, and a refund will be mailed to you after the convention. Contact WisCon via phone or email before or during the convention.

Dessert Function

A dessert function will be held before the Guest of Honor speeches on Sunday evening. For \$8.00 you can enjoy your choice of two desserts, tea, milk, or coffee, and advance seating for the event. Please purchase your ticket by May 20th by sending your check to WisCon. There will be a limited number of tickets available at the Con. Based on the original announcement in PR2, a "desert" theme is planned.

Please complete this form and mail by May 20th to WisCon, PO Box 1624, Madison, WI 53701-1624

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Dessert Tickets @ \$8.00 _____ Total: \$ _____

Getting to Madison

☞ **On the Ground.** Madison is located in south central Wisconsin, and the city is accessible via several major highways. Madison is

- ◇ 1 ½ hour drive from Milwaukee (via I-94)
- ◇ 2 ½ hour drive from Chicago (via I-90)
- ◇ 4 ½ hour drive from Minneapolis/St. Paul (via I-94)

From the North via Interstate 90/94 (Minneapolis, LaCrosse, Wausau, Stevens Point, Portage): take I-90 to the Hwy. 151 exit (southwest) going toward the State Capitol. You will then be on E. Washington Ave.

From the Northeast via Hwy. 151 (Green Bay, Fox River Valley): follow Hwy. 151 toward the State Capitol. You will then be on E. Washington Ave.

From the East via Interstate 94 (Milwaukee): as you approach the city, follow Hwy. 30 into Madison, Take the "State Capitol" exit off of Hwy. 30, and you will then be on E. Washington Ave.

From the Southeast via Interstate 90 (Chicago, Beloit, Janesville): take the Hwy. 12&18 (Beltline) exit to Madison. Exit at John Nolen Drive and follow that drive underneath the Frank Lloyd Wright Convention Center. Turn left at the second light onto E. Washington Ave.

From the Southwest via Hwys. 18 & 151 (Dubuque, Platteville, Dodgeville): take the John Nolan Dr. exit north and follow that drive underneath the Frank Lloyd Wright Convention Center. Turn left at the second light onto E. Washington Ave.

From E. Washington Ave. head toward the State Capitol. Two blocks before the Capitol turn right onto Webster St., after two blocks follow the traffic and turn left at the light onto Dayton St. (90° angle, don't take Hamilton). The Concourse is on the left after two blocks. Free parking is available under the hotel to all registered hotel guests. Additional parking is available in the public parking ramp a ½ block down Dayton at Dayton and Carroll St.

☞ **By Bus.** Van Galder (1-800-747-0994) runs regular service from Chicago's O'Hare Airport and from the Chicago Amtrak Station to the Memorial Union in Madison, which is about 10 blocks from the Concourse. Tickets can be purchased from the driver.

Badger Coaches (1-608-255-6771) has service from the Milwaukee Airport to Madison, with a stop at the Memorial Union.

Once at the Memorial Union you may call the Concourse (257-6000) to catch a ride on the hotel's shuttle, walk about a mile up State Street, or take a cab from Union Cab (242-2000) or Badger Cab (256-5566).

By Train. If you make Madison your final destination, Amtrak (1-800-USA-RAIL) includes thruway motor coach service from Chicago in the ticket price (see by bus).

✧ **By Air.** Dane County Regional Airport, located minutes from downtown Madison, offers more than 75 daily flights. Airlines that serve the Madison area include: American Eagle/American (800-433-7300), Chicago Express /ATA (800-435-9282), Comair/Delta (800-354-9822), Continental (800-525-0280), Midwest Express (800-452-2022), Northwest Airlines (800-225-2525), TWE (800-221-2000), and United (800-241-6522).

The Concourse runs a shuttle from 7 am to 11 pm for arriving guests, with a courtesy phone in the baggage claim area. Allow 15-20 minutes for it to arrive and meet it directly outside the baggage claim doors.

Creativity Track

Even if you didn't send in a manuscript or drawing for the critique groups, feel free to join us on Friday afternoon as the Creativity Track continues with open sessions for writers and artists of all skill levels.

Artists' Skills Workshops. On Friday afternoon, famed Wiscon artists Erin McKee and Jorjet Harper will lead a workshop on sketching live models wearing different kinds of clothing. This is strictly a BYOS event (Bring Your Own Sketchbook) -- everyone who walks in the door will be put right to work.

Writers' Skills Workshops Also on Friday afternoon, the incomparable Delia Sherman will lead a skills workshop for writers on characterization. This is strictly a BYON event (Bring Your Own Notebook) -- everyone who walks in the door will be put right to work.

Living Rooms On Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, the creativity track will sponsor living rooms of special interest to artists and writers. Writer and cancer survivor Kathleen M. Massie-Ferch will lead *Writing When Everything Gets In The Way*, artist Joyce DiBona will lead *Doing Art Despite it All*, agent Jennifer Jackson will be on hand for *Please Don't Hand Me a Manuscript in the Bathroom*, writers/editors Terri Windling, Midori Snyder, and Heinz Insu Fenkl will lead *The Endicott Studio Living Room*, and Ellen Kushner and Delia Sherman will reprise *Ellen and Delia's Living Room*. Living rooms are closed-door discussions limited to 15. Signups will be posted on the door to the sixth-floor party room where the living rooms will be held.

Help Wanted

We're looking for folks with interesting costumes to pose for the artists' skills workshop on Friday afternoon. Contact Amy anson, selenite@compuserve.com or 253-756-1805

Wisconsin DPI Clock Hours

WisCon has been authorized by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to offer 30 clock hours to teachers, librarians, etc. for attendance at the con's programming. Pick up a clock-hours form from the registration desk at any time during the weekend, but be sure you've completed it and turned it back in before you leave.

WisCon 25

WisCon 25, the Silver Anniversary WisCon, will be held May 25-28, 2001, at the Concourse Hotel.

Our Guests of Honor will be Elisabeth Vonarburg and Nancy Kress. In addition, the *Tiptree Award* will return to WisCon next year. You can join at WisCon 25 for \$30 at WisCon 24.

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