

A Momentary Taste of **WisCon₂₈**

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Welcome to WisCon 28!

(or: Why you should've gotten more sleep the past few nights, since you won't want to waste precious time on sleep this weekend)

by Carrie Ferguson

Like the WisCon's of past years, WisCon 28 promises to be a Memorial Day Weekend packed with lots of excitement and likely very little sleep for many of us. Whether this is your 28th WisCon or your first, there are many events you won't want to miss.

Nearly all of the activities that you can participate in during this weekend are noted in *The WisCon 28 Unsurpassed Perfectly Organized Campaign-Advisor-of-the-Mother-of-All-*

Programs Pocket Program. This goodie is included in your registration packet. And be sure to guard that Pocket Program with your life (but don't go so far as to whip out that sword or ray-gun – please see the section in the Pocket Program on “Weapons, sensible wearing of”).

Now, being the careful reader, you've probably noticed that the previous paragraph began with the words “nearly all of the activities.” While we have terrific, hard-working, and thankfully-still-sane programming staff and an equally terrific, hard-working, and thankfully-still-sane designer of the Pocket Program, things happen: air traffic control delays the arrival of a panelist's spacecraft, a wizard's spell accidentally causes items to disappear from the Pocket Program, an exited feminist gets a last-minute idea on how to achieve world domination while waiting to transfer planes in Chicago, etc. In other words, it is a good idea to check out this newsletter or the schedule posted on the boards near the registration table for any last minute changes or additions to

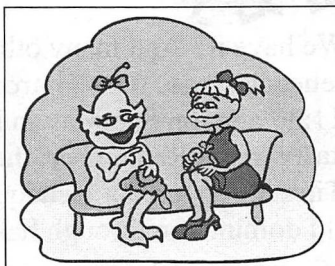
programming.

And be sure to watch for signs around the hotel for other events.

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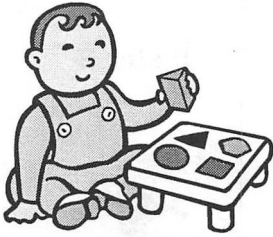
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DID YOU OPEN YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET TO FIND YOUR 2 FREE GATHERING TICKETS YET?



Why “A Momentary Taste of WisCon”?

The title of the WisCon newsletter comes from the James Tiptree, Jr. (i.e., Alice Sheldon) short story published in *Warm Worlds and Otherwise* (1975) called “A Momentary Taste of Being.”



Call for Volunteers!!!

We're expecting lots of children in the child care room on Saturday, and we'd *really* like to have a few friendly volunteers helping out our child care providers on their busiest day. If you find yourself with some time free during any daytime programming hours, why not spend it helping to make WisCon more fun for the little ones? For further information talk to Karen Meisner or Debbie Notkin at the con, or email: childcare@sf3.org. Alternately, you can just go up to the child care room on the 6th floor (Room 619) at any time and offer to help out. Thank you!

What are those secret codes on your name badge??????

by Richard Russell

They are decoded as follows:

- The number in the dotted box is a sequence number, good for WisCon 28 only, that allows us to match up all your registration material quickly.
- The Number in the ovals your permanent Hop Code, named for Admiral Grace Hopper, inventor of COBOL.
- CC=ConCom member
- PP=Program participant
- WW=Writer's workshop participant
- "GoH" or "SG" identifies someone who was a guest of honor or special guest at the WisCon with the indicated number.

Spontaneous Programming – Did You Know:

You can have a dozen or so simple, text-only posters made up to advertise your spontaneous event if you approach the registration staff when they're not busy and ask politely. They'll even provide you with masking tape and tips on good places to post them.

Missing Something? Check the WisCon Lost and Found

Yes, WisCon has its own lost-and-found box; it's at the reg desk. The hotel has its own operation, too, so ask there as well. And, as a starter set, we have a small collection of found items from the 2 previous WisCons. Maybe one of them is yours! (Like the autographed 1st edition of "The Dispossessed".)



WisCon 28 Writers Workshop

by Lori Selke

This A little before 9 a.m. on Friday morning, thirty-five participants gathered together for the WisCon Writer's Workshop. They broke into pre-assigned groups of five writers each, plus a "pro" to lead the session.

This year, the pros were Barth Anderson, Richard Chwedyk, and Susan Marie Groppi of Strange Horizons (short stories), and Leah Cutter, Louise Marley, and Delia Sherman (novel chapters). Kate Elliott also volunteered to lead a session on novel chapters, but underwent knee surgery early in May and was unable to attend WisCon. Debbie Notkin pinch-hit as a workshop facilitator in her place. Thanks to Debbie and best wishes to Kate on a speedy recovery!

Each session lasted three hours, and afterwards, everyone reconvened in the hotel restaurant for lunch.

Many of the participants were local, with nine writers from Wisconsin and five more from Minnesota. But many also traveled far to get here: five people from the West Coast also attended.

If you want to participate in the workshop next year (as a writer or as a session leader), see <http://www.sf3.org/wiscon/respite/workshop.html>, e-mail respite@sf3.org, or talk with Lori Selke during the convention.

Coming Tomorrow: The Tiptree Bakesale!



Want Chocolate? We have it. And many other types of delicious delicacies, too. The Tiptree bakesale begins at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday in Room 627. Stop by for a tasty treat. Remember, the proceeds go to the Tiptree Juggernaut Headquarters to help achieve world domination through bake sales!

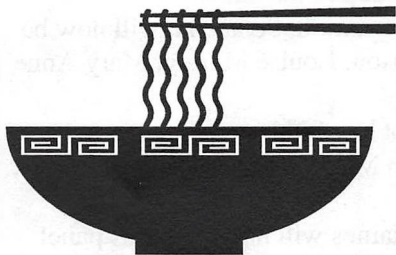
First WisCon Dinner

New to WisCon? Old to WisCon? Hungry? Then you won't want to miss the First WisCon Dinner!

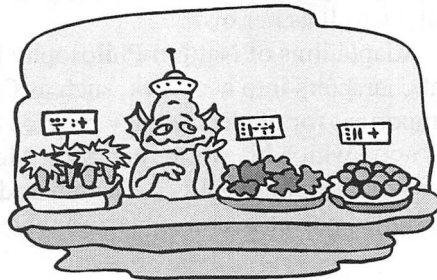
This event is open to both first-time WisCon attendees and those who have been coming to WisCon for years. In other words, everyone is welcome to attend this event!

What is it? Basically, it's an organized dinner cruise to Noodles and Company to enjoy some tasty food, meet some new friends, catch up with old ones, and otherwise enjoy some excellent conversation. We'll be meeting in the Gathering at about 5:30 p.m. (when we've finished the clean-up of that event, of course). Then we'll all head over to Noodles and Company at 232 State Street. Or if you are running late, feel free to just meet us there and pull up a chair.

You will be responsible for the cost of your meal, and for joining in the fun!

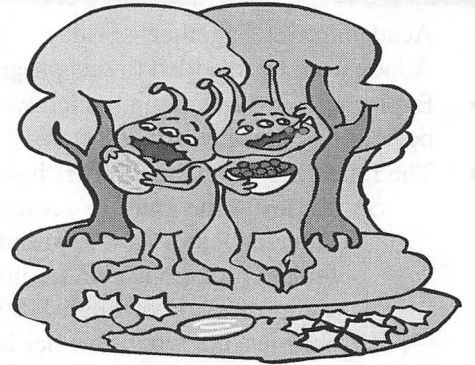


A Momentary TASTE!



Madison's Farmer's Market
It's Saturday morning right nearby on the Capital Square, and it's a great place to pick up fresh produce, bakery, flowers, and lots more. Just be sure that you walk around counter-clockwise.

The Con Suite: More than just popcorn and hotdogs!



Don't worry. There will be popcorn and hotdogs (including veggie dogs) in the Con Suite, too. But in case you didn't know, we do have other items for the more calorie conscious eater – like broccoli! And, of course, other staples like chocolate. But, don't let the picture fool you. Sadly, we are not serving any actual alien cuisine.

Still, be sure to check out what we are serving – especially since it's all FREE with the cost of your paid membership to the convention!

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Special Offer for WisCon Attendees!

The Concourse Hotel is offering the following meal special at its restaurant valid between 5 pm and 10 pm during each day of WisCon 28:

Buy one dinner and get a 2nd dinner of equal or lesser value FREE! Please note that a 15% Service Charge will be added to the PRE-DISCOUNT amount of the total check with this offer. No coupons are needed, but you should mention this offer to your server when ordering.

The hotel will offer its normal dinner menu during the conference.

Breakfast --The Dayton Street Café will offer a breakfast menu, continental and hot buffets on Friday, Saturday, and Monday. The Concourse is famous for its extensive Sunday Brunch, which will be available in the Café. A special Sunday brunch will be offered in the Bar to Wiscon attendees) for only \$6.95. This buffet will be available until 11:30 a.m.

Lunch --The salad bar and normal lunch menu will be available on Friday. In addition to our lunch menu on Saturday, the Dayton Street Café will offer an Italian buffet featuring vegetarian lasagna, penne pasta and a whole wheat pasta, marinara sauce, toss salad with condiments and dressings, garlic toast and Chef's choice of vegetable all for the low price of \$7.50. On Monday the Café will return to its normal menu service with no buffets or salad bars.

Important Program Changes

- Academic Get Together – Friday, 8:45-10:00 p.m. – Senate A: Nicholas J. Valenti, Kelley C. Wezner, and Karley Adney have been added to this program.
- Exploring Sexual Writing, which was originally scheduled for Friday at 11:45 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. in Senate A, will now be held on Saturday from 9:00 to 10:15 p.m. in Conference Room 5.
- The following Academic Papers have been added for Saturday from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. in Senate A:
 - Karley Adney will be presenting “The Female Power of Learning and Literature in Pamela Dean's *Tam Lin*” Pamela Dean's *Tam Lin* reinterprets the Scottish ballad and thereby capitalizes on one of the most active female protagonists in traditional fairy tales. Janet Carter negotiates with the primarily male-dominated canon and profession of English literature. Ultimately, Carter's love for literature and learning, as well as her creative abilities, are what save her lover's soul, as well as her own.
 - Kelley C. Wezner will be presenting “Adaptations of Natural Philosophy in Harry Potter” Rowling has incorporated adaptations of traditional characters into her work, such as Cerberus, centaurs, unicorns, and ghosts; these adaptations have been important for readers as they provide connections between Harry Potter and the tradition of mythical elements upon which his stories are built. More interesting, however, is the way in which Rowling has adapted Science--natural philosophy--to accommodate her characters and their activities. In doing so, Rowling has assumed power over a subject in which men have traditionally had authority.
- Fishing in the Mainstream – Saturday, 10:00-11:15 a.m. – Assembly: Beverly Friend has been added to this panel.
- Looking out/Looking in – Saturday, 10:00-11:15 a.m. – Senate B: Fred Marc Schepartz has been added to this panel.
- Whither the Female Hero – Saturday, 10:00-11:15 a.m. – University A: Karen Traviss and Grace Elizabeth Dugan will not be on this panel.
- Artistic Digitification – Saturday, 10:00-11:15 a.m. – Conference Room 4: Jeannie Bergmann will not be on this panel.
- Characters Are People, Too – Saturday, 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. – Wisconsin: John M. Ford has been added to this panel.
- There have been changes to the Technologies and Utopias Academic Papers session for Saturday, 2:30-3:45 p.m. – Conference Room 5:
 - Joan Haran will be presenting her paper "I'd Rather be a Cyborg than a Goddess: Technology, Spirituality and Hope" as scheduled. This paper will explore crucial intersections between technology and spirituality in *The Gate to Women's Country*; *He, She and It* and *The Fifth Sacred Thing*. It will highlight key issues about feminist investments in modern and postmodern epistemologies. In so doing, it will suggest that science fiction as a genre is more appropriate for the imagining of social transformation than academic theory. The central argument is that as a narrative genre, sf can tolerate paradox and maintain tension without lapsing into the dualisms to which even the most resolutely postmodern theory is prone.
 - Nicholas J. Valenti will be presenting "Making a Utopia: Ursula Le Guin's *Left Hand of Darkness*" How does one create a world where there is no word for war? In *Le Guin's Left Hand of Darkness*, perpetual winter and a lack of nationalism help to create this world. In the eyes of an observer, this could be seen as a perfect place, save for the unusual sexual cycle of its still very human inhabitants. Through this novel, Le Guin posits that without reliance upon gender roles and their influence upon hierarchies, a better place, even if not a utopia, could be created.
 - Veronica Hollinger will no longer be presenting her paper “From Helen O’Loy to A Real Girl.”
- A Question of Style – Saturday, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. – Capitol A: Kij Johnson will not be on this panel.
- Why Are Fight Scenes So Cheesy? – Saturday, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. – Capitol B: Karen Traviss will not be on this panel.
- Older Women Characters – Saturday, 10:30 to 11:45 p.m. – Wisconsin: Jane Yolen has been added to this panel.
- What’s Going on With Clarion East, and How Can I Help? – Sunday, 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. – Room 629: Kate Mason will not be on this panel, but both Lister M. Matheson and Kate Schaefer have been added to the panel.
- Writers in Mid Career, which was originally scheduled for Sunday from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. in Senate A, will now be held on Monday from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. in Room 634. In addition, Eleanor A. Arnason, Louise Marley, Mary Anne Mohanraj, and Debbie Notkin have been added to this program.
- Scene. Back to Basics – Sunday, 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. – Wisconsin – Kij Johnson will not be on this panel.
- Superheros and Other Images of Warriors – Sunday, 1:00-2:15 p.m. – Capitol B: John M. Ford has been added to this panel, but L. Timmel Duchamp will not be on this panel.
- Parables and Parodies – Sunday, 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. – Conference Room 2: Rebecca Maines will not be on this panel.

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- Faith, Feminism and Fantasy – Sunday, 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. – Senate A: Kij Johnson will not be on this panel.
- Social Issues in Food – Sunday, 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. – Senate B: Karen Traviss will not be on this panel.
- More than Just Window Dressing – Sunday, 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. – Capitol A: Stephanie A. Smith will not be on this panel.
- Writing While the World Is Falling Apart – Monday, 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. – Assembly: Pat Murphy will not be on this panel.
- New Panel Added: Medicine for Writers – Sunday, 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. – Room 623. Dr. Lisa Freitag answers your questions about how to maim and injure your characters and have them live through it (or not!).
- Treatment of Sex, Gender Identity, and Gender – Monday, 1:00-2:15 p.m. – University A: Aaron Etan Lichtov has been added to this panel.
- The Sign Out – Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. – Some new participants have been added since the publication of the Pocket Program and others were deleted. Look for a more updated list in tomorrow's issue of this newsletter.

Celebrate the Autograph!

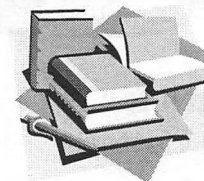
by Mellen Maynard

Calling all WisCon authors, musicians, artists and those who love their work: The Con is trying something new this year! An event will be dedicated to celebrating the autograph. There will not be any events scheduled Against this time, so those who want to sign or collect an autograph will not have to choose between that and another workshop or panel. This will also enable those who want lots of autographs to attend one event and find them all.

We welcome not only writers, but artists and musicians as well. We'll be set up next to the dealer's room for those last minute purchases of sign-able materials. If you have purchased books, prints, CDs or T-shirts, "kick it up a notch" with a personal autograph. For those who want autographs, but don't have something to be signed, there will be pages in the program book to collect signatures.

This informal gathering will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Monday. Come meet, greet and say fond farewells to each other at the First WisCon Sign Out.

Clarion West and Clarion East: Party and Panel Announcement



By Kate Schaefer

Clarion West and Clarion East throw a party at WisCon on Friday, May 28, in Parlor Suite 634, beginning around 8:00 pm and closing when the last two hosts decide they're tired, sometime between midnight and 2 am. We'll celebrate 20 consecutive years of Clarion West workshops in Seattle, with a nod to the three Clarion West workshops during the Seventies that make figuring out what anniversary we're celebrating so difficult. We'll also celebrate the continuing existence of Clarion East in East Lansing, despite the recent budget woes with Michigan State University, and its transition to an independent and even more feisty organization. Two independent Clarion workshops, one fabulous party!

Okay, three independent Clarion workshops as of this year with the founding of Clarion South in Australia, but still one fabulous party!

(Not to mention the other fabulous parties that same evening in the same convenient hallway on the Sixth Floor.)

Besides the party on Friday night, there will be a future of Clarion-style workshops panel at 10 am Sunday morning, in Room 629. The panel is called "What's going on with Clarion East, and how can I help?" Clarion East has been around since 1968, when Robin Scott Wilson started it at Clarion State University in Clarion, Pennsylvania. It's been held at Michigan State University since 1972, and is currently looking for a new city to call home. We'll discuss Clarion West and the new Clarion South as well, so come along and listen or add your ideas. We expect a lively discussion with a certain amount of T-shirt throwing.

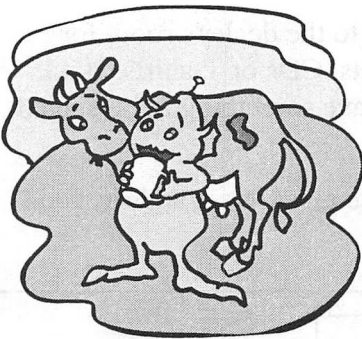


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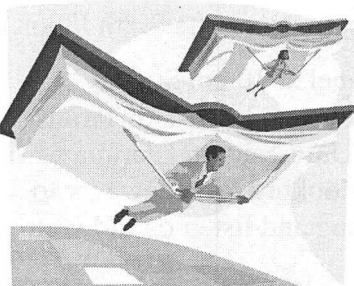
Odyssey Con

Madison is home to another con: Odyssey Con (<http://www.venture-1.com/~oddcon/home.html>). Come check out this party to find out more about Odyssey Con and to learn why you should mark your calendars to attend this convention, too.



Launch for Leah Cutter

Leah Cutter (<http://www.sff.net/people/leahcutter/>) is launching her new book at WisCon! Come check out this party to visit with the author and otherwise enjoy the festivities. Congratulations Leah!



This is the Officially-Sanctioned Party List as of press time. This schedule, like most things in life, is subject to change. Check the party board or future newsletters for up to date party bulletins or just walk through the 6th floor!

Friday

- Rm 607Small Beer Press Party
- Rm 611 Odyssey Con
- Rm 623Launch for Leah Cutter
- Rm 629Tachyon-Aqueduct Press Party
- Rm 634 Clarion & Clarion West Party

Saturday

- Rm 607Carl Brandon Society
- Rm 611Haiku Earring
- Rm 623 Nippon in 2007
- Rm 629 TOR
- Rm 634 Ratbastards Party

Sunday

- Rm 607Fancy Dress
- Rm 611 Broad Universe
- Rm 623Wyrdsmiths
- Rm 627 LiveJournal
- Rm 629World Fantasy in 2005
- Rm 634Diversicon

Dead Dog Party

The last program on Monday afternoon will be the WisCon 28 Wrap-up. Once we've stashed everything, the Dead Dog Party will be at 5:30 P.M. in the WisCon Con Suite (Room 638). If you are available and can lend a hand, come up to the Con Suite and help with deflating animal balloons, finding homes for toys, and generally helping out with clean-up and preparation for the party.



Small Beer Press Party

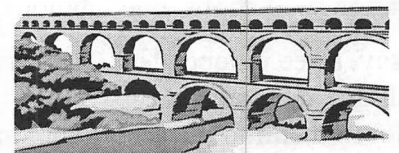
The Small Beer press, which was founded in 2000 by Gavin J. Grant and Kelly Link, is throwing a party tonight in Room 607. As it says on their website (<http://www.lcrw.net>), Small Beer Press "exists to publish good writing." Their party should be just as good, so stop by to check it out.



Tachyon-Aqueduct Press Party

Tachyon Publications and Aqueduct Press are throwing a party together tonight in Room 629. Check out what is new from these publishers and enjoy a great party. Or check out their websites:

<http://www.tachyonpublications.com> and <http://www.aqueductpress.com>.



Clarion and Clarion West Party

See page 5 for details on this party!

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A Look at the Gathering

by Michelle Dupler

Wiscon attendees thronged to the Gathering on Friday afternoon for one of the first events of the weekend. The event was organized by members of Broad Universe, an organization dedicated to the promotion of women writers of science fiction and fantasy.

Proceeds from the Gathering will go to support Broad Universe and the Carl Brandon Society, a group that promotes science fiction writers of color.

Broad Universe Treasurer Grace O'Malley greeted attendees at the registration table, where they could both purchase tickets for the various activities and purchase or renew memberships in Broad Universe. Memberships in Broad Universe will be available for purchase throughout the weekend.

Activities included a massage table, tarot readings, divination card readings, numerology, balloon hats, custom namebadge necklaces, custom buttons, postcards and memory books, and Mary Anne Mohanraj's special blend of Sri Lankan curry

powder.

Strange Horizons editor Jed Hartman manned the massage table for part of the Gathering. Katherine Mankiller, a writer from Atlanta, said that she attempted to propose marriage to Hartman but was informed that more tickets would be required. Alas, Katherine did not have enough tickets to convince Jed to give himself up in matrimony.

At the tarot table, Jennifer Pelland, a writer from Boston, was informed that she will be able to make a living as a writer, but it would be beneficial to find a mentor. Interested applicants should contact Jen via the message board.

For the price of two tickets, Chicago attorney Deb Stone purchased a custom button that reads, "Since when did unquestioning obedience to corporate interests become patriotic?" Deb's button will be on display throughout the weekend.

Author and perennial Wiscon favorite Pat Murphy graced the crowd with her balloon hat stylings. According to Murphy, who herself sported the "simplest of turbans," metallics are *the* trend in balloon hats this season.

"Metallics are quite popular. Metallics over the primary colors," Murphy said.

Debbie Notkin sat next to Murphy with a sign-up sheet for those interested in volunteering for the con. Anyone interested in volunteering can stop by the registration table throughout the weekend. Debbie said that volunteers are particularly needed for the Con Suite, located on the 6th floor, and that anyone who has a spare half hour should feel free to drop by and lend a hand.

The Gathering also featured a preview of items to be included in the Tiptree Auction. Items available for advanced bidding included t-shirts, books, artwork, dolls, a Space Babe purse, and a Secret Feminist Cabal snowglobe.

Diane Silver of Broad Universe said she thought the event was a big success.

"My only problem was not being able to get to all of [the activities]," she said.

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The Latest News on Laurie J. Marks

by *Ellen Kushner*

Longtime Wiscon member and beloved author & educator Laurie J. Marks is missing this year: as many have heard, she had a serious fall in February, breaking several bones. After weeks of hospitalization and surgery, Laurie is now back home recuperating. For details on her "adventures," please go to www.LaurieJMarks.com and click on "Emergency Medical Fund."

Although she can't be here, she is well represented at the convention. Her novel *FIRE LOGIC* is just out in paperback from Tor, along with its sequel, *EARTH LOGIC* (Tor hardcover); look for them in the dealer's room! Since she can't sign copies here, Laurie has created the next best thing: signed bookplates. There are 4 different full-color designs, each drawn by Laurie herself, representing the Shaftali fortune cards in her novels. They should be available at the Broad Universe table in the Dealer's Room, for a donation of \$1 or more to the Laurie J. Marks Medical Fund for each bookplate.

In addition, Diane Silver will be reading from Laurie's work on Saturday at 1:00 p.m., as part of the "Old Friends...Bookends" reading.

Friends are calling Laurie to let her know how the convention is going! If you have a message for her, please put it on the "Voodoo Board" and we'll see that it reaches her.

Meanwhile, here is a Message from Laurie, posted May 8 on her

website, for everyone who has supported her and her partner, Deb Mensinger, through a difficult time - and giving us all some GOOD news:

"Surely you are aware that same-sex couples will be allowed to get legally married in Massachusetts starting May 17. Deb and I will be applying for a marriage license on that day, and will be married on Saturday May 22.

"(Although it seems a bit absurd to call the woman I've lived with and loved for 18 years my fiancée, there's a lot of absurdity going around here lately--for example, the fact that our marriage could be undone by a popular vote to change the state constitution in two years time, and we would get instead the booby prize of a civil union.)

"However, given my beloved's many years of chronic illness and my own recent brush with death, we both are feeling very fortunate to still have each other.

"Our "solemnization" and party on May 22 will not be a celebration of finding each other, but rather of rescuing and keeping each other.

"By then I will no longer need crutches, though I may still have to wear the Bledsoe brace on my leg. I also hope that I won't have to cover my new outfit with the plastic breastplate/turtle shell I've been wearing on my upper body for the last three months.

"As of last week I started driving again; I no longer take brain-fogging pain killers; and I no longer need an afternoon nap. I am

writing again, and making fast progress on the final revision of *WATER LOGIC*. I also have taken up a summer project at the university.

"It will be a while before I can haul heavy boxes, work the ground (I am gardening only in containers), take a long car trip, or walk and hike my usual four miles a day, and as Deb often can't do these things either, we continue to rely on volunteers and hired helpers.

"Deb is the one who breathed for me when I lay unconscious in my driveway...but there are many other ways of keeping a person breathing.

"Thanks again to everyone whose contribution of time and money has helped us through!"

Diane Silver reports that Laurie threw away her crutches yesterday! Ellen Kushner and Delia Sherman were at the wedding reception on May 22, and report that both Laurie & Deb were radiant.



Gathering Thanks!

Broad Universe sends a tremendous round of thanks to the following volunteers who helped out at the Gathering. You made it Great!!

Grace O'Malley
 Rosemary Hanson
 Therese Pieczynski
 Phoebe Wray
 Mellen Maynard
 Ellen Kushner
 Heather Whipple
 Delia Sherman
 Jae Leslie Adams
 Lisa Cohen
 Karen Davi
 Beth Wallace
 Carrie Ferguson
 Mary Anne Mohanraj
 Margaret Magle
 Karen Meisner
 Georgie Schnobrich
 Par Winzell
 Gregory Kihn
 Elizabeth Wulff
 Lettie Prell
 Jed Hartman
 Katie Clapham
 Jeanne Gomoll
 Margie Peterson
 Debbie Notkin
 Rob Gates
 Lynn Litterer
 Nancy Jane Moore
 Piper Perry
 Magenta
 Jessica Oftelie
 MCA Hogarth
 Tristan Brown
 Pat Murphy
 Todd Suomela
 John F. Wardale
 Ann Graham
 Sandra Ulbrich
 Duncan Tam
 Leah Cutter
 William Annis
 Tracy Benton
 Fer Horn
 Sarah Anondson
 David Price

Program Changes and Other Announcements

Program Changes

The following changes are in addition to the program changes noted in Friday's issue:

- **New!:** "Movie Trailers," Caucus Room, 1 to 2 p.m., Bill Farina shows movie trailers.
- Kathryn Cramer has been added to the "Where Have all the Flowers Gone" panel on Saturday at 9 p.m. in University A, as well as the "Feminism and Space Opera" panel on Sunday, 10 p.m. in Senate A.
- Lori Selke will not be able to attend the "Movements and Manifestos" panel on Sunday at 1 p.m. in University A.

Seeing Orange?

If you watch the 2004 Democratic National Convention and spot a large orange mass in the Wisconsin delegation, you will not be hallucinating. "Orange Mike" Lowrey was elected to the Milwaukee delegation this year; and yes, he will be wearing his usual full orange all week.

Free Books!

Last week, Warner Books was kind enough to ship almost a third of a ton of books with varying titles to the convention. Starting on Saturday and throughout the weekend, books will be placed near the freebie area and the registration desk. Feel free to stop by and help yourself to a copy while they last, but please don't take more than one of each title.

Ubiquitous Connectivity, Finite Bandwidth

If you have a wireless enabled portable computer, we hope you've tried the Concourse's free wireless internet. Just join the network "free2guest".

However, keep in mind that the hotel's connection to the Internet is 728kbs, so if three of you watched streaming media, you'd saturate the line. So, please, be mindful of the bandwidth you use. The good news is that the Concourse plans to install a 6 megabit connection in time for next year.

-- Bill Humphries

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Special Offer for WisCon Attendees!

The Concourse Hotel is offering the following meal special at its restaurant valid between 5 pm and 10 pm during each day of WisCon 28:

Buy one dinner and get a 2nd dinner of equal or lesser value FREE! *Please note that a 15% Service Charge will be added to the PRE-DISCOUNT amount of the total check with this offer.* No coupons are needed, but you should mention this offer to your server when ordering.

The hotel will offer its normal dinner menu during the conference.

Breakfast --The Dayton Street Café will offer a breakfast menu, continental and hot buffets on Saturday and Monday. The Concourse is famous for its extensive Sunday Brunch, which will be available in the Café. A special Sunday brunch will be offered in the Bar to Wiscon attendees) for only \$6.95. This buffet will be available until 11:30 a.m.

Lunch --In addition to our lunch menu on Saturday, the Dayton Street Café will offer an Italian buffet featuring vegetarian lasagna, penne pasta and a whole wheat pasta, marinara sauce, toss salad with condiments and dressings, garlic toast and Chef's choice of vegetable all for the low price of \$7.50. On Monday the Café will return to its normal menu service with no buffets or salad bars.

Mysterious Letter to Tiptree Committee Found!

*The following letter was contributed to the Newsletter staff by Sue Lange. * Ms. Lange has no idea how this letter came to be in her possession in the first place. It was obviously sent to her by mistake as she is not a member of the panel to which the letter was addressed, nor does she know anyone who is. Unable to ascertain who to forward it to, she sent it to us hoping we could publish it and in that manner the correct recipients would be able to enjoy it's message.*

Open Letter to the Esteemed Members of the Honorable James Tiptree Award Committee

Your Most Glorious and Revered Highnesses,

Are you out of your minds?

I'm not short listed? Impossible! I know for a fact that MurineWorld was nominated 139 times. Have you any idea how long it takes to set up 139 fake Yahoo accounts? I should get an "A" just for effort. All those user IDs! Once you've used Hughie, Dewie, and Louie, Larry, Moe, and Curly, Rumpelstiltskin I, II, and III, Darryl and my other brother Darryl, what's left? How about an honorable mention at least? An asterisk at the bottom of the website that says, "One hundred and thirty nine science fiction enthusiasts may or may not have loved this book but we, the most excellent and worshipped James Tiptree judges, can't get past the cheap speed of light trick in the first chapter."

Oh, and what a surprise. Emshwiller made the list. Emshwiller, Shmemshwiller. Like she needs the spin. How about a bone for the little guy? The unknown, untried, unloved, unschooled, unprincipled,

ungrammared, unwashed. Me. Too Mad Magazine maybe?

Okay, you say you're open minded. Maybe you are pure of heart and looking for new talent and unknowns and stuff that might be different. There's bug up your tails for another reason. Perhaps you've been influenced by those rumors of my pandering to the Wisconsin crowd. So not true. Sure that Green Bay Packer joke was about as subtle as a Coke product placement in a Tarzan movie, but admit it, you laughed. And I'll bet you didn't even notice all those cows, huh? Or the weekends at the Dells, the Oshkosh overalls, the cheddar cheese knots used as legal tender. Camouflage, babies, most high honorable judges, I mean. I'm smooth with the subliminals.

That leaves me wondering how this ugly slighting occurred. It could, I suppose, be the fault of my publisher. Perhaps he forgot to send out the requisite copies to the committee members. Maybe he did it on purpose even. I could certainly believe it. He's a cheap bastard. And crabby. Manually setting type and hand cranking copies out of a Gutenberg Model A brings out the worst in people. Not to mention he's up to his elbows in lead everyday. That's gotta drive him nuts. But I seem to recall him sending me a mimeographed copy of the letter he packed up with the books. Wish he hadn't misspelled the title like that. (I'd fire him if he wasn't my son.)

But considering all the weak verbs, dangling participles, misplaced clauses, and grammatical faux pas' in the book itself, who'd focus on one little missing initial cap?

So it wouldn't be that. Maybe it's the unpaid for licensed cover artwork. You, the esteemed and learned members of the Awards Panel, don't want to get caught up in that. I understand, but, please, don't worry your pretty little heads over some petty bourgeois red tape sent down to us from The Man. Give a proletariat a break. Throw me-the unloved, unwashed, unknown, untried, untrue-a bone. Or forget the frailties of the messenger for the mo'. Dig the message. That's what's important. Not so much the words, but the meaning behind the words. You say you couldn't find any message in the book? It was seemingly put together on a whim with flimsy imagination and not much thought. And details were unexplained. Characters introduced in the second chapter carried totally different tags by the third. Physical laws were disregarded. Well known science facts flouted. The beloved Periodic Table nothing short of micturated upon. On top of that the story was dull: the aliens looked like humans, the empire was won half an hour into the story and the quest was dropped by the middle.

Yes, yes, it's all true. The book was written in a day or two. It's nothing but one long free-range rant with barely a beginning and no proper ending. It hasn't any
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("Tiptee Letter" from Page 4)
structure or moral fiber of any kind. I wrote it quickly without the benefit of proper thought or a good night's rest. But my mom liked it. "That's lovely, Honey. Go with it," she said on her way into the booth to vote for Ralph Nader. "How much harm can a rash act do?"

You don't agree I fear. And now you've gone and missed the whole point of the book because of a few weaknesses in plot, characterization, grammar, theme, and spelling. That's sad because in all honesty I followed the James Tiptree criteria to the letter. The spirit of the award even. The mandate. The reason for its being. That time-honored (time being a matter of a decade of Star Trek-influenced science fiction writing) device: shape-shifting. I love the idea of shape-shifting and agree it's a phenomenon worthy of an award, a ceremony, a whole bunch of hoopla surrounding it. It deserves its own TV slot and logo with attendant focus groups in place. Idealists should be discussing its merits at three in the morning after poetry readings downtown.

I spent long afternoons in the library studying shape-shifting, trying to understand all of its nuances and shadings. I poured over polyhedral transference research, molecular disassembly theories, particle deceleration diagrams, and every version of "The Fly" ever made (Jeff Goldblum's atrophied thing in the medicine cabinet gets funnier every time.), followed by lengthy sessions with psychedelics and an action shot of Odo in front of me the whole time. All that work. What a waste if the Tiptree short list remains unattainable by the likes of me.

And for why? Because the publisher can't spell the name?

I'm asking you, begging you, the celebrated and sought-after for advice and cookie recipes members of the most honorable and technically correct James Tiptree committee, to take another look at MurineWorld and me. Compare and contrast us to your own decree as written on the website:

"The James Tiptree is awarded to a work of science fiction or fantasy that is predominately

of a gender-ben..."

What the...?

I didn't...?

You said...?

Never mind.

Have a good day,

Ima Blowhardt

Ms. Blowhardt's book is out of print but may be available through www.powells.com. Just do a search for "urineWorld."

**Sue Lange's sf satire novel, Tritcheon Hash, was published by Metropolis Ink in 2003. It was not shortlisted. She'd like to make it clear that she's not bitter about that.*

Visit Sue Lange's website at: <http://www.tritcheonhash.com>.

Purchase Tritcheon Hash at Amazon, B&N, or order through bookstores or the publisher (<http://metropolisink.com>).

Don't Forget These Important Tiptree Items:

- The Tiptree bakesale begins at 11:30 a.m. in Room 627.
- You will be able to make written bids on Tiptree Auction items until 6:00 P.M. tonight.
- The live auction starts tonight at 7:30 P.M.
- The new 2004 Tiptree t-shirt by Freddie Baer will go on sale this morning at 9:30.
- New this year will be a Tiptree apron with a smaller version of the t-shirt art printed on it.
- Copies of the Tiptree cookbooks will also be sold, and there will be a table in the Dealers' Room with fixed price books for sale.
- Proceeds from all of these sales all fund the Tiptree Award. Any money you spend over the actual fair price of the item you buy is tax deductible.





Party Page



Tonight's Parties

TOR

Room 629

A WisCon party institution! Check out what the TOR party has to offer tonight!

Carl Brandon Society

Room 607

One of WisCon's Children, the Carl Brandon Society is putting on a party tonight. Be sure to check out this party, or at least, check out their website at:
<http://www.carlbrandon.org>.

Ratbastards Party

Room 634

The Ratbastards are a writing/publishing collective of Barth Anderson, Chris Barzak, Alan DeNiro, and Kristin Livdahl. Their party is a karaoke/dance party, so be ready to croon your favorite tune and show off your fancy footwork. Festivities start at 9 p.m.

They are also sharing their party space with Emily Polh-Weary and Jim Munroe who will be showcasing their new books from 8 to 9 p.m.



Nippon in 2007

Room 623

Come and find out about Nippon's bid for Worldcon.



Haiku Earring Party

Room 611

Come and compose Haiku poetry. Win earrings. Sound different? Sound fun? Check it out.



NEW PARTY ANNOUNCED:
Celebrating Eleanor Arnason
Room 633

She's one of our Guests of Honor. Need we give any more reasons to stop by this party?

We Want You for Tea!

Strange Horizons will give a tea party on Sunday afternoon at 3:00, and everyone is heartily welcome to drop in for tea and company. Come learn about the magazine, chat with some of the most exciting new writers in the field, and eat yummy cookies.



And be sure to mark your schedules for these Sunday night parties:

- Rm 607Fancy Dress
- Rm 611 Broad Universe
- Rm 623Wyrdsmiths
- Rm 627 LiveJournal
- Rm 629World Fantasy in 2005
- Rm 634Diversicon

Dead Dog Party

The last program on Monday afternoon will be the WisCon 28 Wrap-up. Once we've stashed everything, the Dead Dog Party will be at 5:30 P.M. in the WisCon Con Suite (Room 638). If you are available and can lend a hand, come up to the Con Suite and help with deflating animal balloons, finding homes for toys, and generally helping out with clean-up and preparation for the party.



A Momentary Taste of **WisCon²⁸**

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Dessert Salon, GoH Speeches, Tiptree Ceremony Tonight!



Eleanor Arnason

The evening's festivities begin with the Dessert Salon. If you've bought your ticket to this event (which is sold out as usual), you'll be entitled to savor your choice of two delectable desserts and your choice of coffee (regular or decaf), tea, or milk. Or if you prefer a stronger beverage with your sweets, there will be a cash bar.



Patricia A. McKillip

However, if you aren't able to attend the Dessert Salon, don't despair. Once the desserts have been reduced to crumbs, the doors will open to everyone, so that all may hear Eleanor Arnason and Patricia A. McKillip give their Guests of Honor speeches and witness the

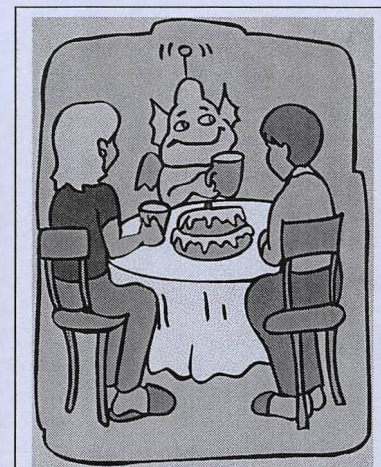
presentation of this year's Tiptree award to Matt Ruff for his novel *Set This House in Order*.



**James Tiptree Jr.
13th Annual Award**

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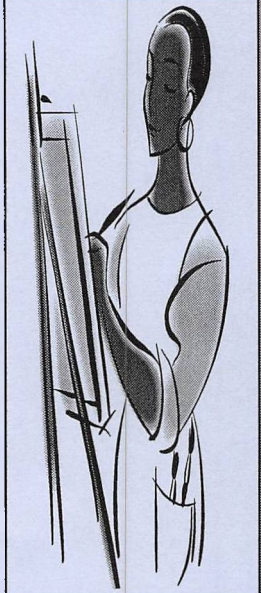
A R T S H O W

Did you visit the Art Show?

If not, you should. It's something you don't want to miss. You can make written bids on Art Show items from until 5:45 P.M. today. Most items will be sold by written bid and available for "pick-up and pay" today and Monday. Also, you can check out which artist won the various art show awards in categories such as: "Best of Show," "Most Feminist," and "Most Politically Incorrect." WisCon 28's art show continues to focus on feminist art, art by women, and art by Midwestern artists.

Artists in the show:

Jae Leslie Adams, Kat Beyer, Paula Biever, Janet Chui, Katie Clapham, Christina Collins, Lisa Freitag, Clare Hintz, Steve Vincent Johnson, Chris Klingbiel, Tim Kobs, Joan Malcheski, Mary Anne Mohanraj, Betsy Mott, Walter Napiorkowski, Mary Prince, Mark Rich, Kathleen Rustad, Sandra SanTara, Ruth Thompson, Connie Toebe, LA Williams, Raelinda Woad, AB Word & Barrie Bryant, and Benjamin Zvan



Announcements

Program Notice:

The "Movie Trailers" panel will be today from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Caucus Room.

Clothes Still Available

Treasures from the Makeover booth at the Gathering are in the spontaneous programming room (Conference 1). Stop by and browse the treasurers and take them home! Donate a couple of bucks to the Laurie J. Marks Emergency Medical Fund!

Noodles Anyone?

From K. Madigan:
I'd like to put in a plug for the Wahkee restaurant. I went Friday night with two friend and we were lavished with spicy, complex noodle dishes rich with seafood and fresh vegetables. Not to mention the best pot stickers I've ever had anywhere (and as a favorite, I've had plenty). It's located in the shopping center where Williamson and John Nolan cross.

Who's in the Dealer's Room at WisCon 28?

Emily Pohl-Weary and Jim Munroe
Kiss Machine magazine, *Girls Who Bite Back*, *Flyboy Action Figure Comes with Gasmask*.

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Mary Anne Mohanraj, David Lunde
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Elizabeth (Beth) David
508-979-5593

yasny@comcast.net or
author@zorena.com

Self-published fantasy novel *Zorena and the Medallion of Corandu*; possibly some inkjet prints of photos in the book; and maybe some excerpts from the sequel.

David G. Hartwell

Back issues and subscription for the *New York Review of Science Fiction* and miscellaneous galleys, review copies, second-hand books and paperbacks accumulated at Dragon Press.

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Remember, many of these dealers have copies of books, magazines, anthologies, CD's, and other items created by the participants at Monday's SignOut!

Food for thought submitted by a WisCon attendee: "Twice at this WisCon I've heard women writers say: 'My husband likes the book, but then, he's my husband.' I have never, at any conference, heard a male writer say the same about his wife and his work.

The Speculative Literature Foundation was launched in January 2004 to promote literary quality speculative fiction. Check out their website at www.speculativeliterature.org. Or stop by their booth in the Dealer's Room and find out more about how you can support this organization!

Tiptree Auction

by Michelle Dupler

The Tiptree Auction, one of WisCon's most popular fundraising events, was held on Saturday night starting at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the auction support the annual James Tiptree, Jr. Award.

The auction is hosted each year by science fiction writer Ellen Klages, who this year appeared in a yellow chicken costume after losing a bet with Eleanor Arnason, one of this year's guests of honor. Ellen was permitted to take the chicken head off after five items had been auctioned, and was later convinced to allow audience members to strip her of the remainder of the outfit for a fee.

While most members knew that it was Ellen underneath the feathered façade, audience member Jennifer Pelland was fined \$5.00 by Ellen for expressing her shock that it was not in fact author China Miéville inside the chicken suit. Jen didn't mind paying the \$5.00, though, because the image



Space Babe: Protector of Poultry?

sent her to her "happy place."

The first item auctioned off was a Gyld the Dragon action figure from the Forgotten Beasts of Eld series. Ellen opened the bidding at \$20.00, telling the crowd that it was a "one of a kind art object never to be repeated." Gyld the Dragon was ultimately sold for \$60.00.

Other objects sold for considerably more, including:

- \$210.00 for a Space Babe purse
- \$150.00 for a Futurama Gender Bender doll which Ellen said was "the most Tiptree thing I've ever seen that we didn't make up."
- \$225.00 for an original typed manuscript of Carol Emschwiller's novel "Carmen Dog," including the author's signature and handwritten notes
- \$215.00 plus a matching donation for a matted and formatted frame from a Secret Feminist Cabal Comics Space Babe comic
- \$475.00 for a signed 1st edition of Eleanor Arnason's "Women of the Iron People" (winner of the first Tiptree Award) with a variant cover designed by Ellen and showing the title and blurb for "Women of the Ironing People"
- \$250.00 for a framed cell from Ms. Space 2003, authenticated by Cabal Studios

In addition, \$504.00 was raised to buy the Jane Austen Book Club for New York Times bestselling author Karen Joy Fowler by passing the chicken head through the audience. Ellen thought Karen could use the Book Club (a paperback Jane Austen novel on a stick) to fend off the paparazzi in the wake of her new-found fame.

Other, more bizarre items included \$50.00 for the rights to sponsor a "full contact rock-paper-scissors smackdown" between Campbell-nominated writers Jay Lake, David Levine and Tim Pratt. Lake himself won the bid on this item and is favored to win.

The evening took an alarming turn when Ellen's microphone cut out and she collapsed on the stage because of her inability to speak. Fortunately, Space Babe leapt to her rescue and Ellen was soon revived by the audience's chant of "We do believe in dykes!"

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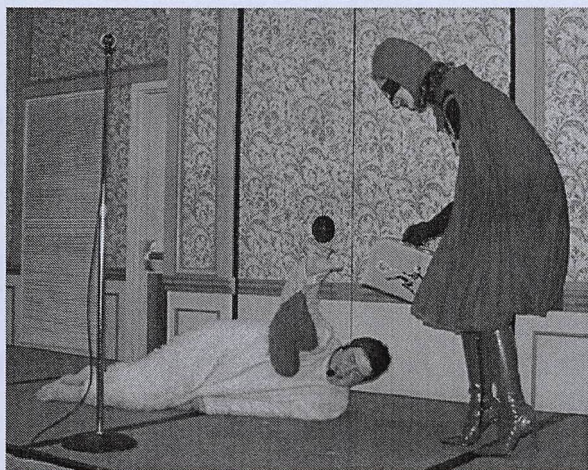
Space Babe models wrist warmers



("Tiptree Auction" from page 4)

When it was clear that Ellen was out of the woods, a campaign began to convince Ellen to take off her tee shirt. A collection was taken up, again in the chicken head, and \$170.00 was contributed to the Topless Ellen Fund. Always willing to do her part to support the Tiptree, Ellen graciously removed her top and tossed it to a lucky audience member seated in the front row. However, the Tiptree Motherboard were concerned that the cold air in the room might cause Ellen to have a relapse of her earlier infirmity, so she was permitted to put on a jacket.

The Auctioneer Goes Topless



← Space Babe rescues Ellen from near death!

What a save!

And what stylish accessories!

Ellen in the chicken suit →

And in other Tiptree news:

There will be **no** Tiptree Balesale today, because we are **SOLD OUT!!!** Proceeds amounted to just under \$400! Thanks to everyone that bought goodies to support our quest for World Domination!





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Fancy Dress Party

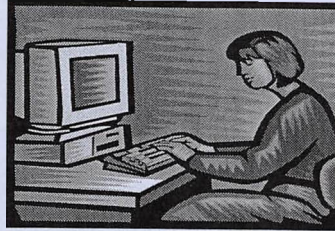
Room 607
Pirates! Look for Pirate Drinks, Pirate Snacks, and Pirate Decor. Don't shy away just because you don't dress like Johnny Depp--try on some different Pirate themes--or just wear your good loot!



Pirates! Space pirates. Data pirates. Barbary pirates. Pirates of the Caribbean. Spice pirates. The Dragon Lady. Pirate radio. Sir Francis Drake. Anne Bonny. Music pirates. River pirates. Pittsburgh Pirates. Ghost pirates. Pirates of the Burning Sea. The Dread Pirate Roberts. Mary Read. Pirates of Penzance. Lucky Starr and the Pirates of the Asteroids. Air Pirates. Captain Blood. Pirates of Venus. Blackbeard. Yellowbeard. Captain Morgan. Treasure Island. Grace O'Malley. Captain Hook...."

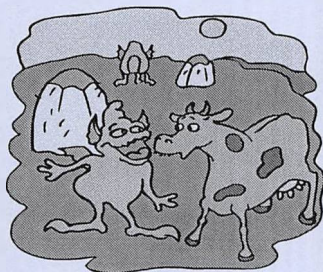
Live Journal

Room 627
Do you keep a Live Journal? Come meet others who do!



World Fantasy in 2005

Room 629
Did you know that the 2005 World Fantasy Convention will be right here in Madison, Wisconsin at our beloved Concourse hotel (November 3 through 6)? It will feature guests of honor Graham Joyce, Robert Weinberg, and Terri Windling; artist guest of honor Kinuko Y. Craft, toastmaster Peter Straub, and special recognition Arkham House. And of course, be sure to check out the World Fantasy in 2005 party tonight.



Broad Universe

Room 611
A daughter of WisCon, Broad Universe is holding a Short Fiction and Poetry party tonight. Come meet members of our organization. Check out the short fiction, novels and poetry published by various Broads. Hostesses will be: Nancy Jane Moore, Nan Fry, M.C.A. Hogarth, Lou Hoffman, Mary Anne Mohanraj, Therese Pieczynski, Lettie Prell, Karen Swanberg, Ann Lane Sheldon, Kathryn Sullivan, Candy Taylor Tutt, Phoebe Wray, and Grace O'Malley.

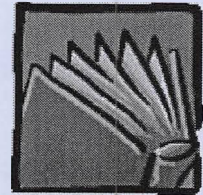
Diversicon

Room 634
Interested in attending Diversicon 12? It's held August 13-15, 2004 at the Days Inn Airport-Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota. It will feature Guest of Honor S.P. Somtow and Special Guest Mark Rich. More importantly, tonight's party for Diversicon will last from 9:30 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Also, Diversicon has graciously permitted Minicon, Minnesota's other literary SF convention, to have their party on Sunday evening. This may be because Minicon has blog.

Wyrdsmiths

Room 623
The Wyrdsmiths consist of: Eleanor Arnason, Harry C. LeBlanc, Bill Henry, Doug Hulick, Naomi Kritzer, Kelly McCullough, Lyda Morehouse, and Rosalind Nelson. Check out their party tonight.



Tea Party

Room 629
Strange Horizons will give a tea party on Sunday *afternoon* at 3:00, and everyone is heartily welcome to drop in for tea and company. Come learn about the magazine, chat with some of the most exciting new writers in the field, and eat yummy cookies.



Dead Dog Party

5:30 P.M. Monday in the WisCon Con Suite (Room 638).