

World's Leading Feminist Science Fiction Convention

WELCOME!

So you're planning to attend WisCon 31, you've sent in your registration, but when you heard that WisCon had reached its cap of 1,000 members and stopped selling memberships, you worried and wished you had positive proof that you are indeed registered. Well, here's the proof! If your name appears on the mailing label of this brochure, you are indeed a WisCon 31 member. See you in May!

Registration

...is officially closed. We reached the 1,000member point in late April, so there will be no at-the-door registrations available this year. Can't attend? Oh Woe! Need a refund? No problem! But please, please, please let us know before the convention! There are still people who are anxiously hoping they may be allowed to register, but we won't be able to sell them memberships unless cancellations open up some spaces. Please contact us! We would be glad to refund your membership and dessert tickets! You will be doing a huge favor for someone. Thank you!

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, 5/23. Volunteers are encouraged to lend a hand at the stickering party (5–10 p.m. Wednesday, Concourse Hotel, Conference Room 3).

Thursday, 5/24. Volunteers can help again, at the **packet stuffing** (4:30–6:30 p.m. Thursday, 2nd floor, Concourse Hotel, Conference Room 1).

Madison's feminist bookstore, **A Room of One's Own**, will host its **annual reception** honoring authors attending WisCon (6 p.m. Thursday, 307 W. Johnson St.). Both Guests of Honor, **Laurie Marks** and **Kelly Link**, will give readings in the adjoining Madison Center for the Creative and Cultural Arts.

Afterwards, gather your own group together and sample one of the many fine nearby restaurants.

Con **Registration**. You may pick up your registration packets and name tag 7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Friday, 5/25. Pre-registered writers will divide into small groups and critique one another's manuscripts during the Friday morning **writers' workshop**. Sorry, the workshop is already filled this year.

Con **Registration** will open at 9 a.m. and run till 1 a.m.

The **Gathering** (2–5:30 p.m.) gives us a chance to catch up with our far-flung friends, and get into the groove that is WisCon. You bring the friends, we'll bring coffee, tea and snacks. Many new tables and activities are planned for this year's Gathering.

Opening ceremonies will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday night. The ceremonies will be fun and lively in the best fannish tradition, welcoming the Guests of Honor and officially kicking off the weekend with laughter. Then stick around after the Opening ceremonies for **Karaoke and dancing** at the Ratbastards' Karaoke Party.

Parties will open their doors on the 6th floor at this time. Don't stay up too late, though! Programming starts up again bright and early, at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

Saturday, 5/26. Baked goodies will be available for \$1 a plate at the **Tiptree Bake Sale** on Saturday afternoon, with all proceeds donated to the Tiptree Award. Ellen Klages will entertain and raise money for the Tiptree Award at Saturday night's **Tiptree auction** (7:30 p.m.). Parties on the 6th floor will also be open at this time.

Sunday, 5/27. Sunday night will feature the **Dessert Salon**, followed by **speeches** by Guests of Honor Laurie Marks and Kelly Link and the **16th Annual James Tiptree Jr. Award Ceremony**.

Although **Dessert Salon tickets** may be sold out by Sunday, check at the registration desk to see if any might have been released. Even if you don't score a ticket for dessert, be assured that GoH speeches and award ceremony are open to everyone; you do not need a Dessert Salon ticket in order to attend. Parties on the 6th floor will open after the dinner break. Memorial Day Weekend May 25–28, 2007

Contacting WisCon

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Monday, 5/28.

The last day of WisCon 31 will feature programming from 8:30–2:30 p.m., as well as the **SignOut**. Authors will be available at the SignOut to sign books; you will also be able to collect signatures from friends in your pocket program book. **Send It Now** will be on hand again on Monday to ship your Dealers' Room and Art Show purchases safely home. Later in the afternoon and evening, attend the traditional dead dog party, hosted again by OdysseyCon.

Disability Inclusion Services

- Because women are more likely to become disabled and to take care of people with disabilities
- Because of WisCon's ongoing commitment to class outreach
- Because many people with disabilities already attend WisCon

We're increasing our efforts to create an accessible space for all who attend WisCon 31.

There's lots of detailed info on access issues on the WisCon.info website, and we welcome your questions and comments there. You can read about the Quiet Place, a place to chill if the Con's excitement overwhelms you, and much more. If you want large print pocket programs, or a loaner wheelchair for a dinner outing, or have any access-related question, contact us directly at access31@wiscon.info.

Programming

A list of programming participants will be available on the WisCon website a few weeks before the convention, **wiscon.info/programming.php**. This list will give you information about the books and short stories written, books edited, and artwork created by WisCon 31 program participants.

A near-final schedule of programming will be available on the WisCon website sometime in early May. Its posting will also be announced in *eCube*. Excel files, readable with a Palm Pilot, will be available for downloading at the convention. Of course, the final schedule will appear in the Pocket Program Book at WisCon.

Programming Schedule:

2:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Saturday & Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday Lunch breaks: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dinner breaks: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Programs will last 75 minutes, followed by a 15-minute hiatus between programs.

Tiptree Auction, Bake Sale & T-Shirts



The James Tiptree, Jr. Award raises funds through auctions, bake sales, t-shirt sales, and through sales of the James Tiptree Award anthologies (Tachyon Publications). Get your copy in the Dealer's Room!

A display of **Tiptree auction** items may be viewed in the Gathering on Friday afternoon and in the Art Show Display room, Saturday morning and afternoon. Ellen Klages will entertain us and auction these items on Saturday night. If you intend to donate something to the Tiptree auction, please send it ahead, or at least notify us at auction31@wiscon.info. Please include a short description of the item, a minimum bid, and your best estimate of its market value. *Bring donated items to the Gathering on Friday afternoon.*

If you'd like to prepare some baked goods or other treats for the **Tiptree Bake Sale**, please send a message to bakesale31@wiscon.info and we will tell you where to bring your goodies.

Tiptree T-shirts (year 16), designed by silkscreen collage artist Freddie Baer, will be on sale in the Art Show Display room. They often sell out, so be sure to look for them early!

WisCon Forum

WisCon's own online forum, the WisCon Community Discussion Board, is another place to arrange to share rides and rooms as you plan your trip to WisCon. The forum also has areas for discussing WisCon-in-general and for simple announcements, as well as a section on accessibility questions and concerns. **wiscon**. **info/news.php**

Parties

Friday Aqueduct Press Think Galactic Tachyon Publications / Portable Childhoods book launch Carl Brandon Society Karaoke Dance (on the 2nd floor)

Saturday Scribe Agency / Farrago's Wainscot / Wheatland Press *Tales of the Unanticipated* Anniversary TOR *Water Logic* Book Launch / Small Beer Press Haiku Earring Party Sunday Fancy Dress Party Wyrdsmiths Diversicon Endicott Studio 20th Anniversary / IAF_Interfictions_ Publication Doctor Who / Torchwood Live Journal



Art Show

It's easy to buy art at WisCon. If you see something you like, you can buy it.

No waiting for "bid sheet closing," no auction, no checking to see if you've been outbid, no confusion or worries—just art that you can buy, starting when we open Saturday morning. When you see a piece that you want, take the paperwork up to the art show desk and pay for it. We'll give you a receipt. You can take the art with you then, or pick up the art on Sunday evening or Monday. We'll take MC and Visa, checks, and cash to make it easy. Artists whose work will be displayed:

Jae Leslie Adams Kat Beyer Katie Clapham Sarah Clemens Catherine Crowe Amanda Downum Laurie Edison Rhea Ewing

Lisa Freitag Terry Garey Candra Gill Jane Hansen Jorjet Harper Clare Hintz Molly Keenan Ellen Klages Louise Mancuso Betsy Mott Mary Prince Mark Rich Laramie Sasseville Fred Schepartz Devony Smith Lucy Synk Deb Taber Connie Toebe Tiffany Tolland Jane Washburn Leila Whitlock Bridget Wilde Terri Windling

Laurel Winter AB Word Sharon Young

Dealers' Room

Hours: 2:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, 10:00-6:00 Saturday and Sunday, 10:00-2:00 Monday

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Hotels

WisCon's main hotel is the Concourse, 1 W. Dayton, Madison, WI 53703; 1-800-356-8293 or 608-257-6000; **concoursehotel.com**. The Concourse has already filled up, although it is possible that a few rooms may be made available through cancellations. At this point we recommend calling the hotel and working with their reservations staff, rather than using the website. Be sure to mention "WisCon 31" when you reserve your room.

The Concourse does have a swimming pool (open till 1:00 a.m.!) so bring your suit. There is also a whirlpool, sauna and exercise equipment. The hotel has one bar (called "The Bar") and one restaurant. The Dayton Street Café and Bakery is open from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ovations, the hotel's newly designed, upscale restaurant is open for dinner from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. A breakfast buffet will be offered to WisCon attendees in The Bar on Sunday.

Here are some nearby alternatives (See downtown map, p. 6.). Tell them you're from WisCon!

- The Inn on the Park is the closest—only 2 blocks from Concourse. 22 S. Carroll St. 800-279-8811 or 608-257-8811; innonthepark.net
- DoubleTree 525 W. Johnson 800-222-8733 or 608-251-5511 doubletreemadison.com).
- ▼ The Edgewater 666 Wisconsin Ave. 800-922-5512 or 608-256-9071 theedgewater.com
- The Hilton Madison Monona Terrace
 9 E. Wilson; 608-255-5100 hiltonmadison.com
- Hotel Ruby Marie
 524 E. Wilson; 608-327-7829 rubymarie.com
- University Inn 441 N. Francis St. 800-279-4881) universityinn.org

▼ The Madison Hostel is the best bargain 141 S. Butler St. madisonhostel@yahoo com 608-441-0144 madisonhostel.org

 The Madison Inn 601 Langdon St. 800-589-6285

Hotel Reservations for WisCon

The Concourse will be ready and able to accept electronic & overthe-counter reservations for WisCon 32 rooms during WisCon 31.

Getting around Madison

New this year: Discounts on Car Rentals from Budget Rent A Car.

WisCon has arranged **special discount rates** with the local Madison **Budget Rent A Car** franchise for those who are traveling to Madison by plane or bus, and who wish to have a vehicle at their disposal while in town. The discount period starts Saturday, May 19 and runs through Sunday, June 3, so you can take time before and/or after the convention to visit friends and family, or to tour scenic Wisconsin. Rates are \$33/day for a compact, \$35/day for a mid-sized car or \$38/day for a full-sized car, all with unlimited miles!

These rates are only valid at Budget locations in Madison, and reservations must be made by phone, not through the website. Call 608-241-6075 (airport), 608-242-0429 (Packers Avenue) or 608-278-9535 (Middleton) to set up your rental, and be sure to mention WisCon 31. Normal rental rules apply; renters must have a credit or debit card and a valid driver's license in their name. Renters must be over 21; there is an extra \$8/day surcharge for renters between ages 21–25. Insurance is not included in the quoted rates.

Metro Buses

Metro bus system channels most of its routes within a few blocks of the Concourse. Bus fare is \$1.50. Exact change is required. One-day Visi-Tour passes cost \$3.40. For routes and schedule contact Madison Metro: 608-266-4466, TDD 608-267-1143, **mymetrobus.com**

Other Things To Do in the Madison Area

We've given you plenty of reasons to arrive as early as Thursday and stay as late as Tuesday. Hey, you may as well stay the week! There are lots of things to do around Madison. You could take a tour through the Wisconsin State Capitol Building and admire the gorgeous Tiffany ceilings, awesome rotunda and marble hallways. You could relax at the beautiful Wisconsin Union Terrace on the shore of Lake Mendota on the UW campus—people watching and eating some delicious UW-made, Babcock ice cream. There are zillions of bookstores and libraries in Madison; need we say more?

Or you could rent a car and explore the area around Madison. Jeanne Gomoll & Scott Custis strongly suggest Land of Dr. Evermore, a metal sculpture park with giant fantastic creatures made out of junk metal prowling through woods and meadows. It's hard to describe, but the acre of battling musical instrument armies is itself worth the trip. Check out Dr. Evermore's web site, **drevermor.com/index2.html**

There are more sites to recommend than can fit in this space. Go to visitmadison.com or **travelwisconsin.com** for more suggestions.



Getting to WisCon By Air

Dane County Regional (MSN, co.dane.wi.us/airport) More than 100 scheduled flights arrive and depart Madison daily. From the airport there's nonstop service to Atlanta (ATL), Chicago O'Hare (ORD), Cincinnati (CVG), Cleveland (CLE), Denver (DEN), Detroit (DTW), Memphis (MEM), Milwaukee (MKE), Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP), New York LaGuardia (LGA), Newark (EWR), St. Louis (STL), Dallas-Ft. Worth (DFW), Marquette, Michigan (MQT), and Washington Reagan National (DCA). There's no special discount for air travel to WisCon.

The airport's 3 baggage-claim carousels are right next to each other; nearby are car rental booths, including Budget Rent A Car; and outside Door #7 is the taxi rank. (See "Getting Around Madison: Cabs".)

If you're staying at the Concourse or Inn on the Park, use the courtesy phone in the baggageclaim area to call the hotel shuttle van; meet it outside Door #5, at the blue bus shelter.

Madison Metro Bus #24 stops outside Door #6 on weekdays only, 6:39 a.m. to 9:39 p.m. Pay \$1.50 and transfer at the North Transfer Point to Bus #2, 4, or 57 to get to Capitol Square, 1 block from the Concourse. (See "Getting around Madison: Metro Buses".)

Flights into Milwaukee Mitchell (MKE, 90 miles away), Chicago O'Hare (ORD, 112 miles away), Chicago Midway (MDW, 123 miles away) are often cheaper and sometimes faster, but you'll need to take a bus (see below) to Madison.

Getting to WisCon By Train

The nearest station for Amtrak (800-USA-RAIL, **amtrak.com**) is in Columbus, 25 miles northeast of Madison on US 151. There is no direct transportation from there, so have someone pick you up in Columbus. You can also take Amtrak to Chicago and catch the Van Galder Bus (see above) from there.

Cabs

All Madison cabs run 24 hours a day. Cabs from the airport to the Concourse will cost \$10 to \$15. (WisCon will again provide free late-night cab vouchers from Union Cab for members needing transportation (between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.) from the Concourse to other locations in the city for the duration of the convention.)

Union Cab 608-242-2000 • unioncab.com [has 1 ramp van]

Badger Cab 608-256-5566 • badgercab.com

Madison Taxi 608-257-8294 • madtaxi.com

Safe Late-Night Transportation

While Madison is generally an extremely safe city, unfortunate things can happen to pedestrians, particularly late at night. For this reason, WisCon will again provide free taxi vouchers to convention members needing transportation from the Concourse to any location in the city of Madison between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. during the convention. Check for details in the at-con newsletter.

Getting to WisCon By Bus

All three of the listed bus companies provide lift-equipped buses with 24 hours' notice.

Van Galder (800-747-0994, vangalderbus. com) runs regular service from Chicago's O'Hare (12 per day, 3.5 hours, \$25 one way) and Midway (\$27 one way) Airports to UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. Buy tickets at the terminal or from the driver, or online at coachusa.com/vangalder/ss.tickets.asp.

Greyhound (800-229-9424, **greyhound.com**) has 13 buses arriving daily at the Madison Bus Depot, 2 S. Bedford St.

Badger (608-255-1511, **badgerbus.com**) runs regular service from Milwaukee Mitchell (6 per day, 2 hours, \$20 one way, \$34 round trip) to the Memorial Union.

Once in Madison you may call the Concourse (257-6000) or Inn on the Park (257-8811) to summon its shuttle van; walk the mile to the hotel (see map); or grab one of the cabs hovering nearby.

Getting WisCon By Ferry

Ok, the ferries don't actually go all the way to Madison, but if you're driving from Michigan or eastern Canada, you can avoid Chicago traffic by taking a car ferry across Lake Michigan.

Lake Express (866-914-1010) runs from Muskegon to Milwaukee twice a day (3.5 hours) lake-express.com

SS Badger (800-841-4342) runs from Ludington to Manitowoc twice a day (3 hours) **ssbadger.com**



 After your name on your mailing label is a code for the type of membership you have.

 The categories are:

 A
 = Adult

 Y
 = Youth

 C
 = Child care

 P
 = Previous/Current Guest of Honor

- S = Supporting (NOT attending)
- R = Reserved, not yet paid
 F = Free
- D:# = number of dessert salon tickets ordered

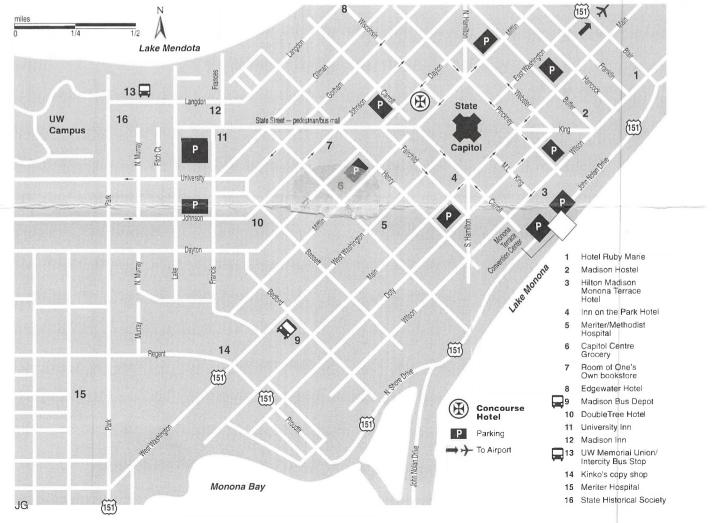
Restaurants

There are over a hundred fine places to eat within walking distance of the Concourse Hotel. Look for a restaurant guide on the freebie table. But if you wish to dine at one of the fanciest restaurants in Madison, you should probably make reservations before arriving at WisCon. You can check the dining websites, but some of the restaurants that might fill up early are: L'Etoile (608-251-0500), Harvest (255-6075), Blue Marlin (255-2255), Tornado Club Steak House (256-3570) and Restaurant Magnus (258-8787).

Other references: thedailypage.com/eats/ madison.com/rhythm/restaurant

Parking

Underground parking is available to all registered guests of the Concourse and to other WisCon members if space is available) for \$7/day. You can unload in the hotel parking garage and take the elevators up to the lobby. Clearance in this ramp is low: Just 5'6''! Additional parking for vans and other vehicles is available in the public parking ramp a half block down Dayton St. at Carroll St.



Getting to the Concourse By Car

Use the regional map on this page to plan out your route to WisCon. See WisDOT's detour info at dot. wisconsin.gov/travel/road/workzones.htm.

From North or Northwest

After entering Middleton, get onto University Avenue (MS). You're at the 7700 block of University Av. You'll essentially stay on the same road (though its name changes) until you get to the 000 block. Stay in the middle lane and take Campus Dr. at the 2600 block. It turns into W. Johnson St. at the 1200 block. You'll pass Park St. at the 900 block. In a few blocks, the road will bend left. Stay in the middle lane. Pass A Room of One's Own and State St. At the 000 block, turn right onto Wisconsin Av. Go 1 block to the hotel.

Driving through Chicago or Milwaukee?

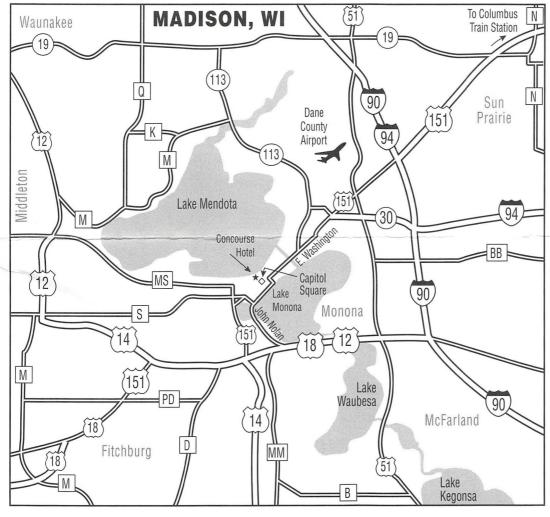
Once again this year, there are a couple of major Chicago area road construction projects to be aware of. The Dan Ryan Expressway (I-90/I-94) is still undergoing major reconstruction, and the Illinois Department of Transportation recommends that drivers utilize alternative routes. Full information, including suggested re-routes, can be found on the web at **danryanexpressway.com**

Construction also continues on the Illinois Tollway, in the form of reconstruction of the toll plazas throughout its routes to convert to I-Pass Open Road Tolling. While many toll plazas have been completed, construction continues on some, and lane closures are frequent. Information on the project's progress can be found on the web at **illinoistollway.com**/ (click on construction/open road tolling).

And a hundred miles or so north of Chicago, the Marquette interchange on I-94 in Milwaukee is also undergoing major reconstruction this year. Alternate routes are strongly recommended; go to mchange. org/ for updated lane closures and route information.

From South or Southwest Exit 12/18 or Cross 12/18 from Hwy 14 to get to Park St. northbound. You're at the 2600 block of South Park St. Go 2.5 miles to the 200 block of North Park St. (in the middle of dormland). Turn right onto W. Johnson St. In a few blocks, the road will bend left. Stay in the middle lane. Pass A Room of One's Own and State St. At the 000 block, turn right onto Wisconsin Av. Go 1 block to the hotel.

From S 51 or I-39/90 or SE 12/18 . If on 51 or 39/90 Exit onto the Beltline (US 12/18) westbound and go 4.8 miles. Take Exit 263 onto John Nolen Dr. Go 2.1 miles and exit left onto Broom St. Go 7 blocks and turn right onto W. Johnson St. Pass A Room of One's Own and State St. At the 000 block, turn right onto Wisconsin Av. Go 1 block to the hotel.



From E, I-94. Approaching Madison, stay in the middle lane. I-94 veers right to join I-39/90, but you go straight, under the viaduct. The road becomes Wis. 30. Go 2.7 miles and take the State Capitol exit onto E. Washington Av. You're now crossing over Aberg Av./Wis. 30. (This is the beginning of 2 miles of reduced lanes due to road construction, ending at Baldwin St.) From that intersection, go another 1.1 miles (2 blocks before you reach the Capitol, when you see the "Capitol Loop" sign) and turn right onto Webster St. After 2 blocks turn left onto Dayton St. After another 2 blocks, the hotel is on your left.

From North or Northeast

(Hwy 51, 151 or N I39/90/94) . Get to E. Washington Av. (N 151 becomes E. Washington, Hwy 51 and I 39/90/94 cross E. Washington) Head west towards the Capitol. (There will be 2 miles of reduced lanes due to road construction, ending at Baldwin St.) Two blocks before you reach the Capitol, when you see the "Capitol Loop" sign, turn right onto Webster St. After 2 blocks turn left onto Dayton St. After another 2 blocks, the hotel is on your left.



WisCon 31 Guests of Honor

Kelly Link

Kelly Link is the author of two collections, *Magic for Beginners* (of which the title novella and "The Faery Handbag" won 2005 Nebula Awards), and *Stranger Things Happen*. Cofounder of Small Beer Press, she is the editor of the anthology, *Trampoline*. She and her partner, Gavin J. Grant, publish the twice-yearly zine *Lady Churchill's Rosebud Wristlet*. Along with Ellen Datlow, Grant and Link edit the fantasy half of *The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror* (St. Martin's Press). Link's work has appeared in *A Public Space, Best American Short Stories, The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, and *Conjunctions*. Her short stories have won the Hugo, Nebula, World Fantasy Award, James Tiptree, Jr Awards. She once won a free trip around the world by answering the question, "Why do you want to go around the world?" ("Because you can't go through it.") She lives in Northampton, MA.

Laurie J. Marks

Laurie J. Marks is the author of *Dancing Jack, The Watcher's Mask*, and the "Children of the Triad" series (*Delan the Mislaid, The Moonbane Mage*, and *Ara's Field*). Her essays and book reviews have appeared in the *SF Revu* and other journals, and she teaches composition, creative writing, and science fiction at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Recently, Laurie caused a stir in the fantasy publishing world with her unfolding "Elemental Logic" series, which critics ranked with the works of Elizabeth Lynn and Ursula K. Le Guin. The first two books in the series, *Fire Logic*, and *Earth Logic*, both won the Gaylactic Spectrum Award.

Laurie is a third generation Californian who moved to Boston with her wife, Deb Mensinger, because they prefer cold weather and old houses. They share their 112-year-old house with their dog Widget—a Welsh corgi who can tell time—and their cats, Evil and Nikko. Like her mother, grandfather, and great-grandmother, she loves flowers—especially blue flowers. Pedestrians and drivers alike have been known to stop dead in the street at the sight of her blooming front yard. She often goes tent camping along the coast of Maine, and is gradually exploring the coast northward, as she longs to one day cross the Arctic Circle and camp under the aurora borealis.

Scents & Sensitivity

A fairly significant proportion of WisCon's membership has difficulties, ranging from mild discomfort to life-threatening allergic reactions, with scented products. These include (but are not limited to) perfumes, colognes and aftershaves, hair products, laundry detergents and dryer sheets, and some bath and hand soaps.

With 1,000 WisCon members and dozens of hotel staff on the premises, close proximity to others is unavoidable, which greatly exacerbates problems with scented products. As a courtesy to your fellow convention-goers, we ask that you leave scented products at home and avoid the use of scented laundry products in the clothing that you wear to the con.

Clothing Swap at The Gathering!

You know all those great clothes you have festering in the back of your closet in fine condition, but they just don't work for you? They'd probably be perfect for someone else, so come drop them off at the Clothing Swap Booth starting at 10 a.m. Friday! Once the Gathering starts, come to the booth and freeshop the items your Wiscon compatriots have passed on, guided by the totally non-professional but ever enthusiastic Fashion Divas/Booth Staff. (Rumor has it the fantastic Ellen Kushner may even help out.)

All leftover items will be donated to charity at the end of the Gathering .

Child Care

Sorry, Child Care has sold out.

Childcare will be open during all daytime programming hours, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday. Parents are responsible for providing bottles and diapers for infants. The childcare room will close for a lunchtime break between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. each day, so parents must pick up their children and provide that meal. Snacks will be provided by childcare.



Catherynne M. Valente and Shelley Jackson to Receive Tiptree Award at WisCon Ceremony

This year's Tiptree Award winners are: **Shelley Jackson** for *Half Life* (HarperCollins 2006) and **Catherynne M. Valente** for *The Orphan's Tales: In the Night Garden* (Bantam Spectra 2006). In addition, the 2006 Tiptree Award judges recognized **Julie Phillips** for her biography: *James Tiptree, Jr.: The Double Life of Alice B. Sheldon* (St. Martin's 2006). Jackson and Valente will each receive \$1000 in prize money, an original artwork created specifically for the award, the signature chocolate that always accompanies the Tiptree Award, and will, of course, be serenaded by the Tip-ettes at the ceremony.

The 2006 jurors were Midori Snyder, Joan Gordon, Laurel Winter, Diane Silver, and Takayuki Tatsumi. In past years, the Tiptree Award has created a "short list" of works that the jury felt should not be overlooked. This year, that list has been renamed and is more appropriately called the "Honor List," a list of books that the award honors and that many readers use as a suggested reading list.

The 2006 honor list is:

- Andrea Hairston, *Mindscape* (Aqueduct Press 2006)
- Betsy James, *Listening at the Gate* (Atheneum 2006)
- Ellen Kushner, The Privilege of the Sword (Spectra 2006)
- James Morrow, *The Last Witchfinder* (Morrow 2006)
- Michaela Roessner, "Horse-Year Women" (Fantasy and Science Fiction, January 2006)
- Karen Russell, "Ava Wrestles the Alligator" (Granta 93, April 2006; St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves (Knopf 2006))
- Karen Russell, "St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves" (*Zoetrope: All-Story*, Summer 2006; *St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves* (Knopf 2006))
- Karen Traviss, *Matriarch* (Eos 2006)
- Mark von Schlegell, Venusia (Semiotext(e) 2005)

6 Reasons to Volunteer

1) The very best folks at WisCon volunteer, so if you volunteer you'll be one of the best folks, and get to hang out with the others. 2) If you like to know how things work or why things are done the way they are, volunteering is the way to find out. 3) If you like gossip, backstory, and the inside scoop, volunteers hear it first. 4) If you like WisCon, you're keeping it going; if you have peeves, you're in the best place to help fix them. 5) If you work six hours, and let us know you care about this, you get a \$20 rebate on your membership after the convention. 6) It's The Only Neat Thing to Do.

To volunteer to help before, during, or after the convention, email volunteer31@wiscon.info. If you checked off "volunteer" on your registration form, you'll be hearing from us very shortly.