

WisCon 32

World's Leading Feminist Science Fiction Convention

Memorial Day Weekend
May 23-26, 2008

WELCOME!

So you're planning to attend WisCon 32, 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 32 member. See you in May!

Registration

...is officially closed. We reached the 1,000-member point in mid 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 May 10!** 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, but we must hear from you by May 10! You will be doing a huge favor for someone. Thank you!

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, 5/21. Volunteers are encouraged to lend a hand at the **sticker party** (5-10 PM Wednesday, Concourse Hotel, Conference Room 5).

Thursday, 5/22 Volunteers can help again, at the **packet stuffing** (4:30-6:30 PM Thursday, 2nd floor, Concourse Hotel).

Madison's feminist bookstore, **A Room of One's Own**, will host its **annual reception** honoring authors attending WisCon (6 PM Thursday, 307 W. Johnson St.). Both Guests of Honor, **L. Timmel Duchamp** and **Maureen McHugh**, will give readings.

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 PM-11:00 PM.

Friday, 5/23 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 9:30 AM and run till 11:00 PM.

The **Gathering** (1 to 4 PM) 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.

Opening ceremonies will be held at 7:30 PM 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 AM Saturday morning.

Saturday, 5/24 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 PM). Parties on the 6th floor will also be open at this time.

Sunday, 5/25 Sunday night will feature the **Dessert Salon**, followed by **speeches** by Guests of Honor L. Timmel Duchamp and Maureen McHugh and the **17th 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.

Programming

A list of programming participants will be available on the WisCon website a few weeks before the convention. This list will give you information about the books and short stories written, books edited, and artwork created by WisCon 32 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. The final schedule will appear in the Pocket Program Book at WisCon.

The WisCon programming staff is working hard to make sure that most of the information and flexibility you've grown accustomed to is still in place for WisCon 32. However, we want con-goers to be aware that this year, **we are working without any sort of programming database—instead, we are scheduling the con by hand (with the help of a lot of spreadsheets)**. This is a big job! It also means that some extra features of years past may not be available, such as customized name plates with individual schedules attached. We also may not be able to accommodate last-minute schedule requests as smoothly as before. Please bear with us—we will have just as much fabulous programming as always!

Contacting WisCon

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wiscon.info

WisCon, PO Box 1624, Madison, WI
53701-1624

eCube: wiscon.info/news.php

Monday, 5/26 The last day of WisCon 32 will feature programming from 8:30-2:30 PM, 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.

Programming Schedule:

1:00 PM to 1:00 AM Friday

8:30 AM to 1:00 AM Saturday & Sunday

8:30 AM to 2:30 PM Monday

Lunch breaks: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Dinner breaks: 5:30 PM to 1:00 PM

Programs will last 75 minutes, followed by a 15-minute hiatus between programs.

WisCon

Sustainability

We're working on making WisCon more environmentally sustainable by reducing the carbon footprint of the convention. As we plan the convention, we'll be sharing the changes we're trying to make, and are interested in your ideas on how we can improve. There are many ideas to explore, and you can get involved by e-mailing carbon32@wiscon.info and coming to the discussions we'll have as part of the WisCon program.

One way you can help right now is by reducing or offsetting the greenhouse gas emissions from your travel to the convention. By purchasing carbon offsets, you help fund a project that prevents greenhouse gases from being emitted in the same amount that your travel causes.

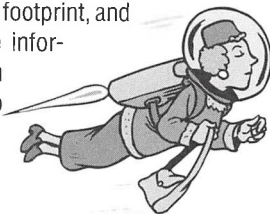
If you are flying to the convention, you can purchase an offset from a company like Terrapass, which invests in wind and other projects to produce clean energy (terrapass.com).

If you're traveling by car, try to share the ride with others—the more people in one car, the less gas used per person, and the smaller the emissions than if you all drove separately. To try and arrange carpools, you can use the WisCon Talk Google groups list or WisCon LiveJournal community. If you would like to buy an offset for your automobile travel, you can do that for an individual trip or for your yearly travel.

Unfortunately, train service to Madison isn't a great option since the train stops about 30 miles away. That should change in the next five or so years, though, so we're hopeful that train travel will be a viable option in the future. In the meantime, Amtrak serves Madison on some routes by having travelers change to a bus in Chicago. We'll let people know when that happens. Bus service from Chicago and Milwaukee and their airports is pretty good. There are also several buses per day from the Twin Cities, both Greyhound and Megabus.

For more information on carbon offsets, check out www.coopamerica.org/pubs/realmoney/articles/carbonoffsets.cfm. For information on sustainable transportation, check out www.coopamerica.org/PDF/CAQ64.pdf.

We know that purchasing offsets may not be within everyone's budget, so if you can't offset your travel emissions, there are other ways to reduce your carbon footprint, and we will have more information about them as we get closer to the convention.



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 checks, cash, and MC and Visa to make it easy. Artists whose work will be displayed:

Jaë Leslie Adams	Rhea Ewing	Ellen Klages	Sue Phelan	Deb Taber
Kat Beyer	Lisa Freitag	Rachel Klees	Mary Prince	Connie Toebe
Susan Simensky	Terry Garey	Kimberly Long-	Mark Rich	JoSelle Vander-
Bieti	Candra K. Gill	Ewing	Sandra Santara	hooft
Jackie Boutin	Jorjet Harper	Mary Anne	Laramie Sassiville	Jaime Voss
Katie Clapham	Catrina Horsfield	Mohanraj	Kate Schaefer	C. Jane Washburn
Sarah Clemens	Ursula Husted	Moifa	Fred Schepartz	Ben Zvan
Cybele Collins	Steven Vincent	Betsy Mott	Abranda IcLe Sisson	
Catherine Crowe	Johnson	Margaret Organ-	Devony Smith	
Laurie Edison	Molly Keenan	Kean	Arielle Sonick	

Dealers' Room

Hours: 2:00–7:00 PM Friday, 10:00–6:00 Saturday and Sunday, 10:00–2:00 Monday

A Room of One's Own	Elise Matthesen	HedgeHog	Small Beer Press
Aqueduct Press	Emerald's Emporium	& Otter Books	Spilt Milk Press
Booklynx	FanTaminals	Joseph Weinberg	Studio K Plus Sizes
Broad Universe	Frugal Muse Books	Maggie Thompson	Tachyon Publications
Prime Books	Golden Gryphon Press	Mudcat Studio	Traditional Treasures
Darlene P. Coltrain	Grace O'Malley	Sign of the Unicorn	20th Century Books
DreamHaven Books		SLF Small Press Coop	White Hawk Press

Hotels

WisCon's main hotel is the Concourse, 1 W. Dayton, Madison, WI 53703; 1-800-356-8293 or 608-257-6000; www.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 32" when you reserve your room.

The Concourse does have a swimming pool (open till 1:00 AM!) 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 AM–2 PM Monday through Friday; 7–11 AM Saturday, and 7 AM–2 PM Sunday. Ovations, the hotel's upscale restaurant, is open for dinner from 5:30–10 PM. A breakfast buffet will be offered in the Dayton Street Café and Bakery on Sunday until 11:00 AM.

Nearby alternatives are marked on the downtown map (p.6) and listed below. 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 33

There will be some, and that's what we can tell you for right now. We know that the room reservation process went less smoothly than usual this year, and we are working with the Concourse to make it a better process for everyone involved. Rates and reservation policies will be announced as soon as we can.

Parties



Friday

Clarion West 25th Anniversary
Scribe Agency/Electric Velocipede
Speculative Literature Foundation / Serendib Press
Think Galactic!
Stevenson/Wilce Book Launches

Saturday

Prineas/Schwartz Book Launches
Haiku Earring Party
Capes and Consoles
TOR Books

EDGE Science Fiction & Fantasy Publishing and Flying Pen Press

Sunday

Fancy Dress Party
Lethe Press
Post-Rapture comic launch / TheCulturalGutter.com
Small Beer Press
Gaylaxicon
LiveJournal party

Monday

Dead Dog Party—hosted by OdysseyCon

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) 6) It's easy and there's something for everyone.

To volunteer to help before, during, or after the convention, email volunteer32@wiscon.info. If you checked off "volunteer" on your registration form, you'll be hearing from us very shortly.

The Gathering Grows!

Due to The Gathering's popularity, we've added another ballroom, and many new tables and activities are planned, including African and Ballroom dance demos, Henna painting, and massage. And of course, we have many returning favorites including hair braiding, knitting, numerology, palm and tarot reading, and the Tiptree Auction Preview! Also returning is the Clothing Swap, so remember to bring all those great clothes you have festering in the back of your closet that are in fine condition, but just don't work for you anymore. And in keeping with the greening of WisCon, be sure to bring a reusable bag to carry all your new clothes home.

Childcare

Sorry, Childcare has sold out. Childcare will be open during all daytime programming hours, from 1:00 PM–4:00 PM on Friday, 8:00 AM–6:00 PM Saturday and Sunday, and 8:00 AM–3:00 PM on Monday. Parents are responsible for providing bottles and diapers for infants. The childcare room will close for a lunchtime break between 11:45 AM and 12:30 PM each day, so parents must pick up their children and provide that meal. Snacks will be provided by childcare.

Sarah Hall Wins 2007 James Tiptree Jr. Award

The 2007 Tiptree Award will be presented to Sarah Hall for *The Carhullan Army* (published in the United States as *Daughters of the North*). The British edition was published in 2007 by Faber & Faber; the American edition in 2008 by HarperCollins. Although Ms. Hall will be unable to attend the Tiptree Ceremony at WisCon 32, plans are being made for her virtual appearance. In addition, several of the authors recommended on the 2007 Honor list will be present and honored at the ceremony.

The Tiptree Award Honor List is a strong part of the award's identity and is used by many readers as a recommended reading list for the rest of the year. The 2007 Honor List is:

- "Dangerous Space" by Kelley Eskridge, in the author's collection *Dangerous Space* (Aqueduct Press, 2007)
- *Water Logic* by Laurie Marks (Small Beer Press, 2007)
- *Empress of Mijak* and *The Riven Kingdom* by Karen Miller (HarperCollins, Australia, 2007)
- *The Shadow Speaker* by Nnedi Okorafor-Mbachu (Hyperion, 2007)

- *Interfictions*, edited by Delia Sherman and Theodora Goss (Interstitial Arts Foundation/Small Beer Press, 2007)
- *Glasshouse* by Charles Stross (Ace, 2006)
- *The Margarets* by Sheri S. Tepper (Harper Collins 2007)
- *Y: The Last Man*, written by Brian K. Vaughan, art by Pia Guerra (available in 60 issues or 10 volumes from DC/Vertigo Comics, 2002-2008)
- *Flora Segunda* by Ysabeau Wilce (Harcourt, 2007)

The 2007 jurors were Charlie Anders, Gwenda Bond (chair), Meghan McCarron, Geoff Ryman, and Sheree Renee Thomas.

The James Tiptree Jr. Award is presented annually to a work or works that explore and expand gender roles in science fiction and fantasy. The award seeks out work that is thought-provoking, imaginative, and perhaps even infuriating. The Tiptree Award is intended to reward those women and men who are bold enough to contemplate shifts and changes in gender roles, a fundamental aspect of any society.

For more information, visit the Tiptree Award website at www.tiptree.org.



WisCon 32 Guests of Honor

Maureen McHugh

Maureen McHugh was born in 1959, at the tail end of the baby boom generation, in Ohio. She's lived in New York City and the People's Republic of China. She has written four novels, *China Mountain Zhang*, *Half the Day is Night*, *Mission Child*, and *Nekropolis*, and a collection of short stories, *Mothers & Other Monsters*. Her first novel won the Tiptree Award in 1993. Her collection was a finalist for the Story Prize in 2006. Her novels are set in the Third World, both on Earth and in space, but in the last few years, she has written more and more about the very science fictional landscape of contemporary suburban America. Recently, she was a writer on "I Love Bees" and "Last Call"—alternate reality Internet games—a strange, hidden new genre with a surprisingly large audience. She has recently moved to Austin, in the Republic of Texas, which she finds almost as foreign as China.

L. Timmel Duchamp

L. Timmel Duchamp is the author of *Love's Body*, *Dancing in Time*, a collection of short fiction; *The Grand Conversation: Essays*; *The Red Rose Rages (Bleeding)*, a short novel, and *Alanya to Alanya*, *Renegade*, and *Tsunami*, the first three novels of the five-volume Marq'ssan Cycle. She is also the editor of *Talking Back: Epistolary Fantasies* and *The WisCon Chronicles, Volume 1*. She has been a finalist for the Nebula and Sturgeon Awards and short-listed several times for the Tiptree Award. Her stories have appeared in a variety of venues, including *Asimov's SF*, and *Full Spectrum*, *Leviathan*, *ParaSpheres*, and *Bending the Landscape* anthology series. Her critical essays have appeared in *The New York Review of Science Fiction*, *Extrapolation*, *Foundation*, and *Lady Churchill's Rosebud Wristlet*. In 2004 she founded Aqueduct Press, which publishes feminist science fiction. A selection of her stories and essays can be found on her web site.

Getting around Madison

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

Cabs

All Madison cabs run 24 hours a day. Cabs from the airport to the Concourse will cost \$10 to \$15.

- **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 Union Cab vouchers to convention members needing transportation from the Concourse to any location in the city of Madison between the hours of 10:30 PM–4:30 AM on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.



Getting to WisCon By Air

Dane County Regional (msnairport.com) More than 100 scheduled flights arrive and depart Madison daily. From the airport there's non-stop service to Atlanta (ATL), Chicago O'Hare (ORD), Cincinnati (CVG), Cleveland (CLE), Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW), Denver (DEN), Detroit (DTW), Kansas City (MCI), Memphis (MEM), Milwaukee (MKE), Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP), New York LaGuardia (LGA), Newark (EWR), St. Louis (STL), 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, 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 baggage-claim area to call the hotel shuttle van; meet it outside Door #5, at the blue bus shelter.

Madison Metro Buses #20 and #21 stop outside Door #6 weekdays, Saturday and Sunday (no service on Memorial Day), 6:33 AM to 9:51 PM. Pay \$1.50 and transfer at the North Transfer Point to Bus #2, 4, 6, or 28 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 Bus

The first 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, \$26 one way) and Midway (\$28 one way) Airports to UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St.

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

Badger (608-255-1511, badgerbus.com) runs regular service from Milwaukee Mitchell (5 per day, 2 hours, \$20 one way, \$34 round trip) to the Memorial Union.

Megabus (www.megabus.com) recently started serving Madison from Minneapolis and Chicago. It stops at the Dutch Mill Park & Ride, shown on the map on page 4.

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 to 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

Your Contribution to Access

Share the Air: WisCon brings together 1,000 members, dozens of hotel staff, and Madisonians into one small space for four days. Sharing the air can be difficult. Smoke and scents travel quickly, and air can't move on request. By Madison law, all indoor public places—including bars—prohibit smoking. This means smokers tend to cluster outside near the entrances to buildings. The Concourse has a designated smoking area by the double-doors at the Wisconsin Avenue side of the building. The Concourse asks that people not smoke directly outside the main front doors. The revolving doors in the lobby, built before the city went smoke-free, pull smoke inside the hotel. Standing away from the doors, when feasible, helps keep smoke outside.

For some members, fragrances trigger asthma, migraine, or illness; however other members need to use fragrance to manage pain and mood. Please leave scented products at home if you can do so without detriment to your own health. WisCon is not a fragrance-free con. The Gathering features perfume and spices; the Dealer's Room includes incense and dusty books. The hotel uses scented cleaning products.

Elevators: If you can use the stairways to move between program floors, please do! Some of us absolutely depend on the elevators just to access the con. The reason might not be visible (arthritis knees or limited breathing); or might be obvious (wheelchair or canes)—but the need is still there.

Maintain clear paths: WisCon provides fantastic opportunities to talk, but clogged doorways and hallways make navigation time-consuming if not impossible. Crossing a packed hallway is daunting when one has to individually ask 20 people to move. So, tuck your belongings away, avoiding sitting in hallways, and try to keep the floors clear of obstacles.

Respect Blue Zones: The blue squares in program rooms mark wheelchair parking. If you move an extra chair into the zone, remove it when you leave. The blue striped chairs up front are for people who need to be close to hear or see: use them if your body needs them.



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 = Childcare
- 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 fancier 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.

