

WisCon 35

World's Leading Feminist Science Fiction Convention

Memorial Day Weekend
May 26-30, 2011

WisCon 35 is Almost Here!

Your Programming Committee is hard at work ensuring that we are able to offer our members another year of diverse, thought-provoking and fun programming. To whet your appetite, here are a few tantalizing tidbits on the programming schedule: *Where is the Indigenous American Fantasy?* *Policing the Boundaries of YA literature*, and several truly excellent panels on steampunk. In addition, we're taking advantage of local experience to bring you *This is What Democracy Looks Like: The Wisconsin Protests*.

General Schedule of Events

As always, our handy pocket program guide will give you all the details about WisCon 35 and our fantastic programming. But you won't get the guide until you get here. For those of you who want a general idea of the events:

On **THURSDAY**, Madison's feminist bookstore, A Room of One's Own, will host its **annual reception** honoring authors attending WisCon. The event takes place from 6 PM-7:30 PM at 307 W. Johnson St. Our Guest of Honor, Nisi Shawl, will give a reading.

On **FRIDAY**, we begin with **Writers' Workshops**, 9 AM-12 PM (pre-registered writers only). At 1 PM, the **Gathering** begins. The Gathering offers lots of fun opportunities to meet new people, meet up with old friends and generally ease into the WisCon vibe. **Opening Ceremonies** start at 7:30 PM. The show, prepared by Think Galactic, welcomes our Guest of Honor, Nisi Shawl, and officially kicks off the weekend with laughter. After Opening Ceremonies, there's **karaoke parties** on the 6th floor and other programming until 1:15 AM.

SATURDAY is jam-packed. We start bright and early at 8:30 AM. Later on, the **Tiptree Bake Sale** gives us a chance to consume baked goodies for a good cause, with all proceeds donated to the Tiptree Award. A busy day of programming culminates in the 7:30 PM **Tiptree Auction** MC'd by Ellen Klages. Come watch this woman entertain, joke and wheedle money out of the audience as our successful bids raise money for the Tiptree Award. After that, there's more programming (until 1:15 AM) and more parties.

SUNDAY is another full day of programming. Our evening features the **Dessert Salon**, followed by our **Guest of Honor speech** and the **20th Annual James Tiptree, Jr. Award Ceremony**. After the ceremony, more programming, including a **dance and parties**.

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.

On **MONDAY**, we continue programming from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM. The day includes **SignOut** from 11:30 AM-12:45 PM. Authors will be available at SignOut to sign books; you will also be able to collect signatures from friends in your pocket program book. Come tell us what you liked and what you'd like to see next year at the **Post-Mortem**. Fair Warning—you might be roped into volunteering for WisCon 36. Later in the afternoon and evening, attend the traditional **Dead Cow Party**, hosted again by Odyssey Con.

General Programming Hours:

Friday.....	1 PM-1 AM
Saturday & Sunday.....	8:30 AM-1 AM
Monday.....	8:30 AM-2:30 PM
Daily lunch breaks.....	11:30 AM-1 PM
Daily dinner breaks.....	5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Programs last 75 minutes with 15-minute breaks.

The Rules

At WisCon 32, a convention attendee took unauthorized photographs of several other convention attendees. During the convention, she posted those photos on the Internet, along with very derogatory commentary, and without the photograph subjects' knowledge or permission. The WisCon Safety Team identified this person and asked her to leave the convention in a matter of a few hours. Nonetheless, the effects of this invasion of privacy were felt for months.

This incident made us realize that our electronic media policies were both very important and disturbingly outdated. As a result, we continue to work with our attorney to review and update all of our policies regarding appropriate convention behavior. Last year, we made significant revisions to the "Harassment" and "Privacy, Photographs, and Recording" policies. These policies will be in the Pocket Program and on the website. You can review these policies on the next page of this progress report.

General Rule

WisCon exists for the enjoyment and comfort of all convention attendees. You agree voluntarily to abide by these rules of conduct and you un-

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eCube: wiscon.info/news.php

Programming

A list of programming, including the line-up and the participants, will be available on the WisCon website just as soon as we get it finalized in early May. We'll let you know via eCube the moment it's available. Check out who's coming to SignOut and bring their works to get them signed. Or better yet, pick up something new in the Dealer's Room to be signed.

Refund

Can't attend? Oh woe! Need a refund? No problem! But let us know before May 10! We would be glad to refund your membership and dessert tickets, but we must hear from you before May 10! You'll be releasing your membership and ticket reservation and someone else will benefit. Thank you!

More information is available at <http://wiscon.info/index.php>

derstand that SF3 (WisCon's umbrella corporation) is relying on your cooperation, courtesy and good judgment. The convention committee will only take action under these rules when the behavior of any individual or small group either disturbs a significant percentage of attendees or detracts from the relaxed and comfortable atmosphere of the convention.

PLEASE NOTE: Any action or behavior that causes excessive discomfort to other attendees, adversely affects WisCon's relationship with its guests, its venues or the public, breaks any applicable law, code or regulation or causes significant disruption to convention operations is strictly forbidden and may result in SF3 asking you to leave the convention and possibly not being able to return in future years.

You understand that the behavior(s) described above can result in expulsion and/or long-term suspension of your future eligibility for convention membership. At the convention, the convention co-chairs are the sole judges of whether or not someone has engaged in such behavior and would be expelled from the convention. For suspension from future conventions, the decision would be made by the convention committee.

The Photo Booth Returns

Look for us again on Sunday night, better than ever! Well, we hope. We'll be down at the far end of the hall, which hopefully won't cause traffic problems.

But it will be the same drill: Bring yourself or your friends, in your finest Dessert Function or Sunday Party get-ups, or just however you want to be photographed.

We'll take your picture. With your permission, we'll post them in a group to Flickr and possibly Facebook. And we'll email you a couple to use for your own purposes: Avatar, icon, promo, Wikipedia article....

We look forward to seeing you Sunday night, and giving your picture.

Parties: generally 9 PM–3 AM

Friday

Rabid Transit Karaoke and Dance Party
Live Journal/Social Media Party
FOGcon
Vid Party Redux
Carl Brandon Society Party
Tiptree Award 20th Birthday Party

Saturday

Haiku Earring Party
MuseCon Party
Launch Party for the Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making
Tales of the Unanticipated Party
Tor Books Party
Think Galacticon

Sunday Afternoon

Strange Horizons Tea Party

Sunday Evening

Diversicon Party
Photo Booth II!
Mad Norwegian Press: Whedonistas and Resurrection Code Launch Party
Best of the Second Five Years of Femspec Presentation Awards Party
Broad Universe and NO MAN'S LAND Launch Party
Wyrdsmith Publication Party

Monday

Dead Cow Party



Dealers' Room

Hours: Friday 2–7 PM, Saturday and Sunday 10 AM–6 PM, Monday 10 AM–2 PM
The Dealer's Room will feature books, comics, jewelry, pottery and more.

Sign of the Unicorn www.laurietobyedison.com
Sara Cura www.saracura.com
A Broader Vocabulary
DreamHaven Books www.dreamhavenbooks.com
Mohr Creations www.mohr-creations.com
New Epoch Press www.blackgate.com
Tin Bread Box
Booklynx LLC
A Room of One's Own www.roomofonesown.com
Hedgehogs & Otter Books
www.amazon.com/shops/cleopha
20th Century Books www.southparkbooks.com

Aqueduct Press www.aqueductpress.com
PM Press www.pmpress.org
Lionesse
Hooked on Books
www.vintageandcollectiblepaperbacks.com
Mudcat Studios
Femspec www.femspec.org
Small Beer Press www.smallbeerpress.com
Broad Universe Literary Coalition
www.broaduniverse.org
Darlene Coltrain

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:

Amy Ranger
Margaret Organ-Keen
Ingrid Kallick
Katie Clapham
Rory Metcalf
Elizabeth Shupe
batya weinbaum
Stacie Arellano
Trinlay Khadro

Samantha Haney Press
Karen Loper
Laurie Rossbach
Meredith Dillman
Kelly Jones
Sarah Clemens
Bridget Wilde
Moiracoön
Kendra Tornheim

Mary Prince
Terry A. Garey
Woodvine Design
Susan Hastings
Katherine Olson
Lisa Bergin
Heather Rachel Johnson
Molly Keenan
Candra K. Gill

Mark Rich
Kardin
Kat Beyer
Rhea Ewing
C. Jane Washburn
Kimberley Long-Ewing
Heather Keith Freeman
J.J. Brutsman
Cathy Couture

Childcare

Childcare must be arranged in advance, please contact registration35@wiscon.info. Childcare will be open during all daytime programming hours, from 1–6 PM on Friday, 8 AM–6 PM Saturday and Sunday, and 8 AM–3 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.

The Rules, continued from page 1

Harassment: Harassment is generally any behavior that annoys, alarms, or threatens another person or group. This includes unwanted physical contact, following someone around a public area without their consent, or threatening to physically attack someone. If you approach someone and they tell you "no" or to leave them alone, you must do so and have no further contact. If you fail to honor their response, they may have a legitimate complaint of harassment. Harassment of convention members online or in electronic venues will be treated as seriously as physical harassment. If you aren't sure what constitutes harassment, err on the side of caution and restrict your contact. For more information, please review the privacy policies in the following section. If you feel you have been harassed please report the matter immediately to the convention committee, especially Safety and the convention chairs. Please remember that we need to know about any incidents during the convention to be

able to take immediate action. If you have been accused of harassment and feel that a committee member's response was unjustified, you may appeal to the convention chairs, but that decision will be final. If you feel that you have been the victim of criminal conduct, please notify the local police immediately and, if necessary, seek medical attention.

Privacy, Photographs & Recording

Electronic information: Our website privacy policies regarding how we use your email and other information can be found at wiscon.info.

Photographs, recordings, transcripts: almost everyone who has a cell phone has a camera, and almost everyone who comes to WisCon has a cell phone. Video and audio recording and photography for personal archival use only is generally okay, unless individuals make it clear that they do not wish to be photographed or filmed, in which case any photography or recording of them is expressly forbidden. Please be polite and ask

before taking photographs or recordings. We suggest that photographs be taken before or after a program event to avoid distracting panelists and audience members from their discussion. You agree to be solely responsible for clearing any and all rights and permissions for any use(s) you might make of the photographs, recordings, transcripts and similar material you take from the convention. Such material may not be posted to any commercial website or commercially operated streaming server (including but not limited to YouTube), nor used for any commercial purpose whatsoever. Please ask permission of the subjects before posting to any generally available web sites including unlocked Flickr, Facebook, or LiveJournal accounts. Your participation in WisCon does not permit you to make use of SF3 intellectual property. Other than for your purely personal, archival use, you may not use any SF3 intellectual property for any purpose without the express written consent of SF3.



Getting around Madison

Free Hotel Courtesy Shuttle

If you are a guest at either the Concourse or Inn on the Park, free courtesy shuttles can be called to the airport, and depending on availability, may also be available for other trips.

Metro Buses

Metro bus system channels most of its routes within a few blocks of the Concourse. Bus fare is \$2.00. Exact change is required. One-day passes cost \$4.50. 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–\$15 plus tip.



- **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
- **Green Cab of Madison** 608-255-1234 greencabofmadison.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 Thursday, 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 nonstop service to Atlanta (ATL), Chicago O'Hare (ORD), Cincinnati (CVG), Cleveland (CLE), Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW), Denver (DEN), Detroit (DTW), 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.

Metro Bus #20 stops outside Arrivals Door #6 Friday through Monday 8:45 AM–9:45 PM. Pay \$2.00

and change at the North Transfer Point to Bus #2 or #4 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 next item) 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) and Midway Airports to UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St.

Greyhound (800-229-9424, greyhound.com) has buses arriving daily at Metro Transit's North Transfer Point, 1213 Huxley St.

Badger (608-255-1511, badgerbus.com) runs regular service from Milwaukee Mitchell (5 per day, 2 hours) to the Memorial Union.

Megabus (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 (608-257-6000) or Inn on the Park (608-257-8811) to summon its shuttle van; walk the mile to the hotel (see map); or grab one of the cabs hovering nearby.

This year there will be **ROAD CONSTRUCTION** around the outer Capitol Loop (Dayton, Fairchild, Doty, and Webster Streets), which runs just past the Concourse hotel. This will make it more difficult to drive, walk, and generally travel in this area, and will likely create dust and noise. Please allow extra time to get to your destination. If you need assistance parking, please contact the hotel. For assistance with disability access needs, please contact access35@wiscon.info or ask a convention committee member. Road construction updates: <http://concoursehotel.com/hotel/directions/>

Hotels

WisCon's main hotel is the **Concourse**, 1 W. Dayton, Madison, WI 53703; 800-356-8293 or 608-257-6000; concoursehotel.com. The Concourse is nearly full and the discount period has ended, although it is possible that some rooms may open up 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 35" when you reserve your room.

The Concourse does have a swimming pool (open till 1 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 Grille is open from 6:30 AM–2 PM and from 5:30–10 PM Monday

through Friday; and 7 AM–2 PM and 5:30–10 PM Saturday and Sunday. A breakfast buffet is offered in the Dayton Street Grille weekdays until 8:30 AM and weekends until 11 AM for \$12.50.

WisCon's satellite hotel, **The Inn on the Park**, still has rooms available at the time of publication, but the room block has expired, which means that any rooms still unreserved have gone back into the general pool. If you have not yet secured a place to stay, you'd be well advised to call soon to make your reservation. From inside the US, reach the Inn at 800-279-8811. From elsewhere in the world, dial 1-608-285-8000. See innonthepark.net.

The Inn on the Park also has a swimming pool, a fitness and health center and a hot tub,

as well as one restaurant and one bar. Jerome's Restaurant is open 7 AM – 2 PM and from 5 – 10 PM seven days a week. The Signature Lounge has flexible hours depending on demand, and stays open as late as 2 AM.

If both the Concourse and the Inn fill completely, some nearby alternatives are marked on the downtown map (p. 6) and listed below. The following are all under a mile from the Concourse. Be sure to tell them you're here for WisCon!

Hotel Reservations for WisCon 36

We are currently negotiating room rates for WisCon 36 with both hotels. Rates and reservation policies will be announced in eCube as soon as they are confirmed, as well as in *A Momentary Taste of WisCon*, the at-con newsletter.

■ **The Edgewater**
866 Wisconsin Ave.
800-922-5512
608-256-9071
theedgewater.com

■ **The Hilton Madison**
Monona Terrace
9 E. Wilson
608-255-5100
hiltonmadison.com

■ **Doubletree Plaza Hotel**
525 W. Johnson
608-251-5511
doubletree.hilton.com

■ **Hotel Ruby Marie**
524 E. Wilson
608-327-7829
877-690-7829
rubymarie.com

■ **Hyatt Place Madison/Downtown**
333 West Washington Av
608-257-2700
madisondowntown.place.hyatt.com

■ **The Dahlman Campus Inn**
(formerly The Madison Inn)
601 Langdon St.
608-257-4391
800-589-6285
thecampusinn.com

■ **The Madison Hostel**
(Hostel International mem.)
7 blocks to Concourse
141 S. Butler St.
608-441-0144
madisonhostel@yahoo.org
madisonhostel.org

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

- A = Adult
- C = Childcare
- D.# = number of dessert salon tickets ordered
- F = Free
- P = Previous/Current Guest of Honor
- R = Reserved, not yet paid
- S = Supporting (NOT attending)
- T = Teen
- W = Tiptree Winner
- Y = Youth

Restaurants

There are over 100 fine places to eat near the Capitol Square. 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 (608-255-6075), Blue Marlin (608-255-2255), Tornado Club Steak House (608-256-3570) and Restaurant Magnus (608-258-8787). A downloadable copy of the restaurant guide will be available on the WisCon website and on the freebie table.

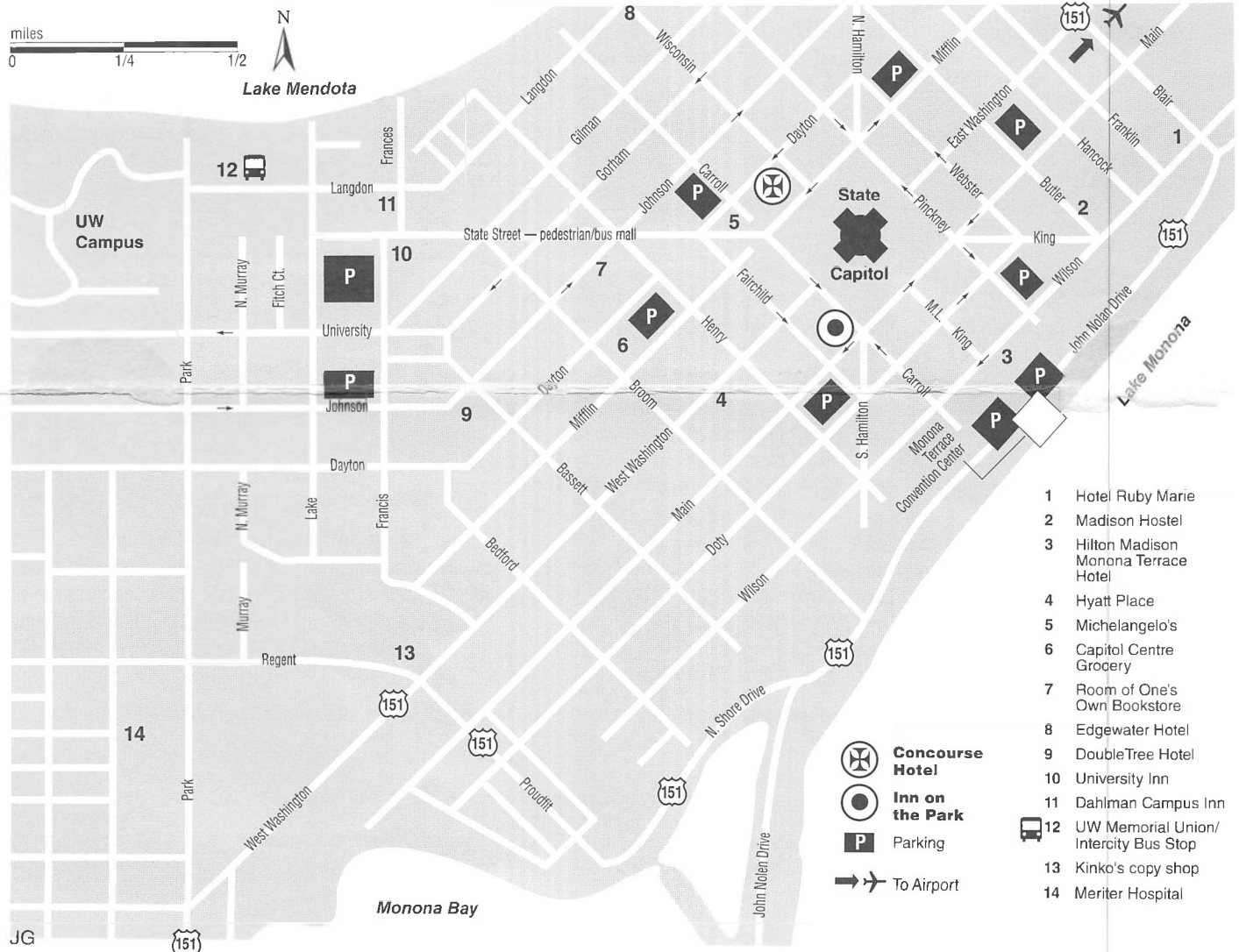
Other references: thedailypage.com/eats/ and 77square.com/food/

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.

At the Inn on the Park, parking for one vehicle is included with your room. Additional vehicles are each \$10 per day.



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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 once a day (3 hours) ssbadger.com

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 unless you take a cab. You can also take Amtrak to Chicago and catch the Van Galder Bus (see Metro Buses) from there.

Getting to WisCon By Car

Use the regional map on this page to plan your route to WisCon.

From Chicago: north on Hwy 90 to Hwy 12/18 West (also called the "Beltline"). Take the John Nolen Drive exit north—you'll get a nice view of the skyline and eventually pass underneath the Monona Terrace Convention Center. At the second traffic light after the Center, continue straight through the light onto Blair (look at the downtown map). After two blocks, turn left onto **E. Washington Ave...**

From Minneapolis: south on Hwy 90/94 to Hwy 151 South, which becomes **E. Washington Ave...**

From Milwaukee: west on Hwy 94 to Hwy 30 West. Follow signs for Hwy 151 South/Capitol/Campus (it's a tight right-hand exit off Hwy 30). Hwy 151 South becomes **E. Washington Ave....**

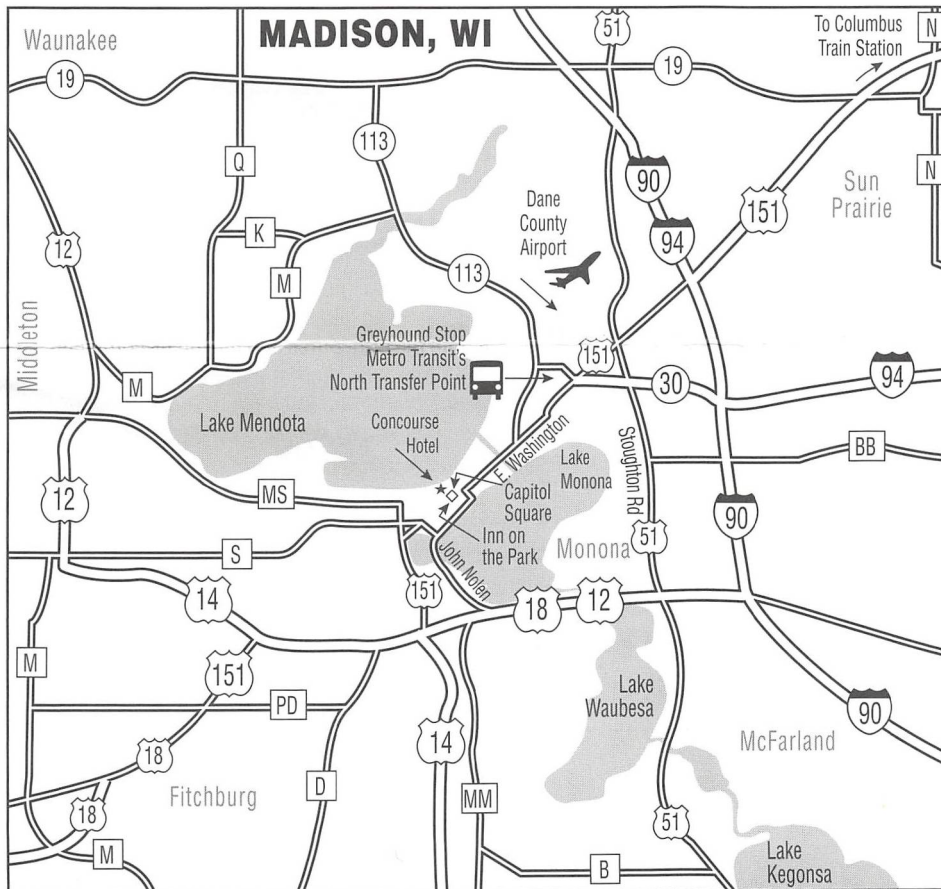
From Iowa: east on Hwy 151 to Hwy 12/18 East (also called the "Beltline"). Take the John Nolen Drive exit north—you'll get a nice view of the skyline and eventually pass underneath the new Monona Terrace Convention Center. At the second traffic light after the Center, continue

straight through the light onto Blair (look at the downtown map). After two blocks, turn left onto **E. Washington Ave...**

...head down **E. Washington Ave.** toward the Capitol building. (See downtown map on page 6.) Admire the skyline. One block before the Capitol, turn right onto Webster St., which is ordinarily two lanes but is likely to be down to just one lane due to construction. After two blocks, make a 90° left turn at the traffic light onto Dayton, which will also be down to one lane due to construction. The Concourse is on your left immediately after the next light, which is Wisconsin Ave. For the latest information on the roadwork downtown, go to concoursehotel.com/hotel/directions/..

Driving through Minneapolis, Chicago or Milwaukee?

It's become an annual refrain: if you're using I-90 or I-94 through Chicago to reach Madison, there are several major road construction projects to be aware of as you plan your trip. The best bets are to check state transportation sites for the states you're passing through, such as dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/road/workzones.htm, 511mn.org, and gettingaroundillinois.com.



7 Reasons to Volunteer

- 1) It's easy, flexible and there's something for everyone.
- 2) The very best folks at WisCon volunteer, so if you volunteer you'll be one of the best folks, and get to meet some really wonderful people.
- 3) If you like to know how things work or why things are done the way they are, volunteering is the way to find out.
- 4) If you like gossip, backstory, and the inside scoop, volunteers hear it first.
- 5) As a volunteer, you're in the best place to help keep the good things about the convention going and to help fix the things that aren't working.
- 6) There is always a very awesome thank you gift exclusively for volunteers.
- 7) If you work six hours, and let us know you care about this, you get a \$20 rebate on your membership after the convention.

To volunteer to help before, during, or after the convention, email volunteers35@wiscon.info.

WisCon

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 but uses scent-free, Dr. Bronner's hand soap in the bathrooms on the 1st and 2nd floors.

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. Jagged blue lines mark fire lanes that ensure people can move in a hurry.



James Tiptree, Jr. Award Celebrates 20 Years!

To celebrate its 20th anniversary, the Tiptree Award will bring **Retrospective Tiptree Award winner, Suzy McKee Charnas**. In addition, previous Tiptree Award winners, Eleanor Arnason, Timmi DuChamp, Hiromi Goto, Mary Doria Russell, Geoff Ryman, and Catherynne Valente will help celebrate.

We know having these Tiptree winners join us at WisCon will add to the intellectual ferment, the exchange of ideas, and the already stellar quality of the WisCon panels. We think it will add even more to the fun!

Dubravka Ugrešić's *Baba Yaga Laid an Egg* Wins 2010 Tiptree Award

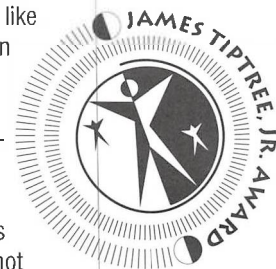
Dubravka Ugrešić has won the 2010 Tiptree Award for her novel, *Baba Yaga Laid an Egg* (translated by Ellen Elias-Bursac, Celia Hawkesworth, and Mark Thompson. Edinburgh: Canon-gate 2009; New York: Grove Press 2010.)

Baba Yaga Laid an Egg impressed with its power and its grace. Tiptree juror Jessa Crispin explains that the beginning of the book "does not scream science fiction or fantasy. It starts quietly, with a meditation on the author's aging mother, and the invisibility of the older woman. . . . But things shift wholly in the second act, with a surreal little tale of three old ladies, newly moneyed, who check into an Eastern European health spa. There's another revolution in the third

act, where what looks like a scholarly examination of the Russian fairy tale hag erupts into a rallying cry for mistreated and invisible women everywhere."

Dubravka Ugrešić lives in Amsterdam; it is not known at press time whether she will attend WisCon to attend the ceremony.

For the annotated 2010 Honor List and more information, visit the Tiptree Award website at tiptree.org.



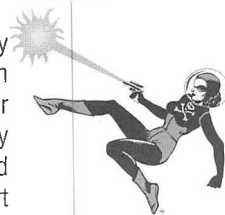
Tiptree Auction, Bake Sale & T-Shirts

A display of **Tiptree Auction** items may be viewed in the Gathering on Friday afternoon and in the Art Show display room Saturday. Ellen Klages will entertain us and auction these items on Saturday night. If you have items to donate for auction, deliver them to the Concourse Hotel (Ballroom, 2nd floor) by Friday 11 AM. **Donations must be delivered Friday morning in advance** or shipped ahead if you won't be in Madison on Friday morning. Also, please send a short description of the item, a minimum bid, and your best estimate of its market value to auction34@wiscon.info.

If you'd like to prepare some baked goods or other treats for the **Tiptree Bake Sale**, please send a message to bakesale34@wiscon.info and we will tell you where to bring your goodies.

Tiptree T-shirts (20th year), 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!

All proceeds go to the James Tiptree, Jr. Award.



WisCon 35 Guest of Honor — Nisi Shawl



An excellent way to find out about Nisi's doings and writings is to check out her Livejournal blog, at <http://nisi-la.livejournal.com/>. There are three new links posted there now—an article entitled *Race, Again, Still* which includes some commentary on her recent attendance at the International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts (IFCA), the transcript of an interview with JoSelle Vanderhooft, and Part One of a two-part short story entitled *Pataki*.

For anyone who has not had the opportunity to meet Nisi, or to hear her speak, or to read any of her writing, these three items are recommended reading! The convention article provides very thought-provoking perspective on the subject of racism in this country, the interview transcript gives background on Nisi as a writer, and the first half of *Pataki* will make you avid for Part Two!

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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 emailing carbon35@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.