

World Fantasy Convention
1996



The Many Faces of Fantasy

OCTOBER 31ST THROUGH NOVEMBER 3RD, 1996
SCHAUMBURG, IL

World Fantasy Convention 1996
Progress Report #1

Guests of Honor

Katherine Kurtz

Joe R. Lansdale

Artist Guest of Honor

Ron Walotsky

Toastmaster

Brian Lumley

Other guests to be announced

Brought to you by:

The Chairmen:

Nancy Ford

Tina L. Jens

Phyllis Weinberg

Dealers Room:

Alice Bentley

Art Show:

Stan and Nancy Bruns

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The 1996 World Fantasy Convention will be held in the Chicago suburbs the weekend of October 31st - November 3rd 1996. If you've attended the World Fantasy Conventions held in Chicago in 1983 or 1990, you'll notice that many of the same people who hosted those successful shows are involved in this committee as well. We're planning to make this our best convention ever. We hope this will be one of the most enjoyable World Fantasy Conventions you've attended.

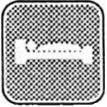


Membership

Attending membership for the 1996 World Fantasy Convention is \$80 till Feb. 15th, 1996; \$90 till Sep 1, 1996 and thereafter any memberships still available will be \$100. Membership is limited to 850 people. All members will receive a confirmation letter within a few weeks of joining the convention.

Supporting membership is \$25. This entitles you to all Progress Reports, the Convention Souvenir Book, and the Convention Program Book.

The Convention takes Master Card, Visa and American Express. You can charge your membership by mail or phone. A membership form is provided at the back of this booklet which contains all the information needed to purchase a membership. You can even purchase your banquet tickets now.



Hotel Information

The Woodfield Hyatt Regency Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois is the site for this year's convention. The hotel is located within twenty minutes of O'Hare Airport and is easily accessible to all the major highways in the Chicago area.

The Hyatt is a popular hotel among Chicago science fiction and fantasy fans and has been the site of numerous gatherings over the past few years. The hotel has approximately 500 rooms on five floors, so all the floors are easily accessed. We are using all of the convention space in the hotel, so there will not be problems with space or other groups using the same areas. There is one restaurant within the hotel, and several excellent restaurants down the block or across the street.

We will provide a restaurant list for those interested in the variety our area provides. There are several bar areas within the hotel for comfortable conversation.

Room Rates			
Single	Double	Triple	Quad
\$99	\$109	\$119	\$129

Room reservation cards will be sent out with the 2nd Progress Report.

Publishers and guests with special room needs are advised to contact Nancy or Dennis Ford at 708-852-2514 (Chicago Comicon Office), day or evening. The Hyatt has over fifty suites and is well equipped to handle small to large parties with no problem. The hotel will not accept suite reservations that aren't handled through the convention committee.



Travel Information

United Airlines is offering 5% off any published domestic air fare (including first class) and 10% off any unrestricted full coach air fare. They will also arrange auto rentals with Avis or Alamo. The WFC group id# is 563YL. To reach United Group

Travel Information (Cont'd)

Sales please call 1-800-521-4041.

"My Limousine" service is available from the airport to the hotel. Their number is 1-800-824-5055.



Programming

Our programming is still in the planning stages, but we expect to continue the tradition of exciting programming of previous World Fantasy Conventions. We plan on having two tracks of programming and one track of readings (to be held in an informal, comfortable setting). We are also planning a number of special events. The big autograph party is scheduled for Friday evening and there will be an artist reception on Saturday. If you are in the fantasy or science fiction field, please mark the appropriate box on the membership form. While we will try to use as many professionals as possible, due to the huge number of attendees we cannot guarantee that everyone will get a panel or reading.



Art Show

The art show is being run by Stan and Nancy Bruns. Stan is a professional SF/Fantasy Artist and has run numerous art shows in the past. We will have nearly 2500 square feet of display space for the art show, with excellent lighting and high ceilings. The art show will be a juried art show, so artists are advised to contact Stan or Nancy early for full information about exhibiting their work. There will also be an art auction as well as the possibility of direct sale at the art show. We will also have a print shop available for artists.

For full information about the Art Show, please contact:

Stan and Nancy Bruns
World Fantasy '96 Art Show
4956 Sherifield Drive
Marrietta, GA 30068
770-587-4572 (call before 9 p.m.)



Dealers Room

The dealer's room is being run under the capable supervision of Alice Bentley. Approximately sixty tables are available. The dealer's room is on the lower level of the hotel, directly across from where registration will take place. All dealers must be members of the convention, and must contact Alice Bentley before reserving tables. Please note that the Dealers Room is a designated non-smoking area for both members and dealers. For full information contact:

Alice Bentley
 c/o The Stars Our Destination
 1021 W. Belmont
 Chicago, IL 60657-3302
 312-871-2722 (11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.,
 and 12N - 6 p.m. Sun.)



The Banquet

The World Fantasy Awards Banquet will take place on Sunday Afternoon, November 3rd. Brian Lumley, our toastmaster will preside over the festivities, and the 1996 World Fantasy Awards will be presented. The menu choices will be:

- #1—Woodsman Salad, Roast Prime Rib (Au Jus) Chocolate Raspberry Rumble
- #2—Woodsman Salad, Breast of Chicken Oscar (topped with Snow Peas & Jumbo Prawns in Bernaise Sauce), Chocolate Raspberry Rumble
- #3—Low-Fat Vegetarian Dinner, Low Calorie Dessert

The ticket price is \$40. per person. The order form at the back of the Progress Report can be used to buy your ticket. Please indicate choice of entree when sending in your form.

The seating is limited, so we advise ordering your banquet tickets early.

[The banquet room will be divided into "smoking" and "non-smoking" sections, so please indicate your choice on your reservation form.]

Advertising

We are accepting advertising for Progress Report #2 or #3 (circulation ~2000) for \$150 per full page ad. Advertising in the Convention Program book is available at \$400 per B&W full page, and \$550 per color full page. Call for copy details.

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

I am interested in participating in programming
(Due to limited programming and the large number of attendees,
we cannot guarantee everyone will be able to participate.)

I am an: author artist editor publisher
 agent other(_____)

Please list a few of your credits:

I would like to purchase a membership and/or banquet ticket

Qty _____ Attending Memberships: @\$80. ea. _____
Until Feb 15, 1996 (\$90. until Sept. 1, 1996, \$100 Thereafter)

Qty _____ Supporting Membership: @ \$25. ea. _____

Qty _____ Banquet Ticket: @ \$40. ea _____

Qty _____ Chicken Oscar
_____ Prime Rib
_____ Lowfat Vegetarian

Non-Smoking Smoking

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Credit Card (Specify:) MC / Visa / American Express

Card Number _____ Expr Date _____

Name on Card _____

Checks should be made payable to World Fantasy Convention 1996

All requests should be sent to:

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