

STAR CHART

THE CHICON 8 NEWSLETTER



Day 5

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Sunrise Edition: Day Five (with Con Updates)

Every journey comes to an end, and in the words of the fabulous Carol Burnett, I'm so glad we had this time together. The Worldcon community has proven itself to be a community of resilience, a community of enthusiasm, and a community to be cherished by every fan of science fiction, fantasy, and horror. I feel truly blessed to have been a part of such a community, and it has been wonderful to collaborate with our publications team and roving reporters along the way.

On our journey through the stars of fandom, our team always wanted the Chicon 8 newsletter to be about stories – not just the stories we read or watch or play, but the stories taking place all around the convention. Now, this story has come to its final chapter, ending this afternoon with the closing ceremonies. However, another story continues onward. Even as we travel to different corners of the globe and switch off our computers, we are still living the human story, taking place in this little corner of the cosmos.



When presented with this image of Earth taken by the Voyager 1 space probe, a “mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam,” astronomer Carl Sagan had the following to say about our planet, this place where we live out the stories of our existence:

“It has been said that astronomy is a humbling and character-building experience. There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we’ve ever known.”

We may look to the stars in our fiction and dream of sailing beyond the sunset, but from a certain point of view, it becomes clear that we are already a part of the universal story. We truly hope that Chicon 8, the 80th World Science Fiction Convention, has inspired you to experience this story to its fullest.

Safe voyages, my friends, and may we meet again soon.

-Rex Allen Hughes, *Newsletter Editor*

Chicon Updates, Morning of Day 5

Virtual Access to Panels

Remember, anyone who purchases a membership by 4 pm today (Monday, September 5th, 2022) will have access to all recorded panels in Airmeeet. Tell your friends!

Volunteers Needed for Program Gophers and Move Out

Do you have some time to spare and want to fill it? Stop by Program Ops in Columbian and offer to help be a Gopher. Grab a blank volunteer slip from the desk downstairs from Columbian to record your hours and get some free stuff!

Afternoon Tea with Pemmi-con / Smofcon 38

We are offering a small taste of our hospitality to those avoiding crowds. Our suite, 3176, will be open for tea and pastries after Closing Ceremony. A limit of 10 people at a time will be enforced until 5 pm.

Last Chance for WFC 2021 Book Bags

Please see us at the Smofcon 38 table, next to the formerly known as “Winnipeg in 2023 NASFiC bid” table, to acquire your WFC 2021 book bag.

Special thanks to Eddie Louise, Jannie Shea, and Karin May for contributing to this final release of the Sunrise Edition. The Star Chart newsletter was produced by members of our Publication Team, including division head Sara Felix, deputy division head James Bacon, editor Rex Allen Hughes, roving reporters Suzan Spitzberg and Michael Nelson, regular contributors Sam Lubell, Mike Glycer, and Vivian Abraham, and contributing members of the Chicon 8 community.



Glasgow 2024: A Worldcon for All Our Futures

Congratulations to Glasgow 2024, officially selected as the site of the 82nd World Science Fiction Convention! You can view full tables of the Site Selection Reports for Worldcon 2024 and NASFiC 2023 below.

Please enjoy these photos from Sunday's WSFS Business Meeting, where the site selection results were presented, and some fun pics of the Glasgow 2024 Committee elsewhere.



Some of the Glasgow 2024 Committee members in the "Tartan Landing Zone"

Chair of Glasgow 2024, Professor Esther MacCallum-Stewart, with the Chair of the Dublin 2019 Worldcon, James Bacon



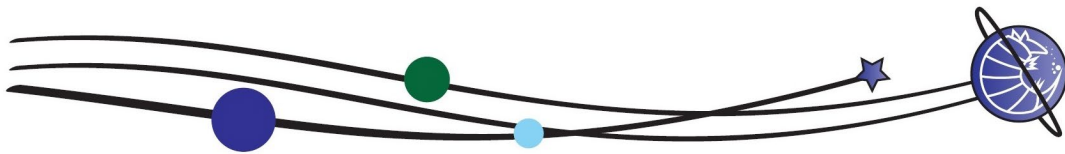
The Glasgow team wait for the announcement of Site Selection. Who will win??!!



Esther at the Glasgow table with 'Wee Clyde', their armadillo



Tammy Coxon prepares the 'Glasgow Gimlet' at the afternoon party on Saturday



Meg MacDonald and Esther MacCallum-Stewart wait to get the party started in the Glasgow Suite



Site Selection Reports

Worldcon 2024 Site Selection Report

Site	Online & Mail-In	Friday	Saturday	Total
Glasgow	303	281	192	776
None of the Above	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins				
Moomin Valley	3			3
Caribou, Maine		2		2
XERPS in 2010			2	2
Alpha Centauri	1			1
Secundus	1			1
Boston in Christmas (because a winter Worldcon was so much fun last year . . .)	1			1
St. Petersburg	1			1
Any country with an acceptable human rights record	1			1
Malmö, Sweden	1			1
Reykjavik in 2042	1			1
Minneapolis in 73	1			1

Wonderland	1			1
Peggy Rae's House	1			1
Boseman, MT (to celebrate Zefram Cochrane's historic flight)	1			1
Chamblin Bookmine in 2024	1			1
Stargate Command in 2024	1			1
Dark Brandon's Top Secret Lair	1			1
Derry	1			1
Davis Base, Antarctica	1			1
Yngvi is a Louse!	1			1
Level 15 Illusion		1		1
Grantville, WV		1		1
Fabulous Bungalow Blimp			1	1
Glasgow Scotch Store			1	1
Total Ballots Expressing a Preference	323	285	194	802
Spoiled	0	0	0	0
No Preference	1	3	3	7
Total Ballots	324	288	197	809

NASFiC 2023 Site Selection Report

Site	Online & Mail-in	Friday	Saturday	Total
Winnipeg	89	115	108	312
None of the Above	2	2		4
Orlando	6	5	2	13
Write-Ins				
Minneapolis in 73	1			1
Random Closet of a Resort with a whole bunch of Top Secret documents that shouldn't be there.	1			1
Tenopah, NV	1			1
Any State or Province with an Acceptable Human Rights Record	1			1
Hawley, PA	1			1
Xerps	1			1
Grantville WV		1		1
Fabulous Bungalow Blimp			1	1
Total with Preference	103	123	111	337

Spoiled		3	1	4
No Preference	1	1		2
Total	104	127	112	343



Ad Astra: To the Stars and Back Again

Chicon 8 may be over, but for many of our members, so many wonderful memories were made in five short days. And as the Chengdu committee reminded us during the closing ceremony, welcoming us in song to celebrate Worldcon 2023, we have a lot to look forward to as a community.

During the closing ceremonies, Chicon 8 staff members were recognized for their tremendous efforts, including David Kushner for 50 hours of volunteer work and Marinda Darnell, staff member of the year. We also learned that Tamora's Legends sponsored 20 children and their families at the convention.

Chicon Party awards were as follows:

Best Food: Discon 3

Best Drink: Glasgow 24 (The Glasgow Gimlet)

Best Overall: The Royal Manticoran Navy

Hospitality/Community Choice: Seattle 2025

Remember, you can still view virtual panels and content through Airmeet with your Chicon 8 membership. The Hugo Award Ceremony is also available through YouTube, regardless of membership status.

Now, let's take one final look at some of the memories made along the way, whether it be an unforgettable night at the Hugo Award Ceremony or one last stroll through Chicago.

Safe journeys, everyone, and may the enthusiasm of Worldcon be your guiding star in the days to come!

One Enchanted Evening: Hugos 2022



All Good Things: Closing Ceremonies



The Star Trek Improv group gave the ASL interpreters uniform shirts for Friday's event. We're all very glad they didn't get red shirts.



He looks rather mischievous...



Stephen Korshak with the collection



Fan Guests of Honor, Joe and Edie Seclari, joined their interview audience for a group photo



When it comes to the future, the sky's the limit...



Special thanks to Suzan Spitzberg for contributing to the Closing Ceremonies report and Michael Nelson for Hugo Award and Closing Ceremonies photography.

End of Day Five Newsletter Posts