

Noreascon Four, Boston Mass - 62nd Worldcon - Sept 2-6, 2004

September 29, 2001

[This Press Release was originally going to be posted on September 11. We felt that we should delay this message in light of the U.S.'s national state of mourning. We would like to extend our sympathies to all those who were affected by the attacks on September 11.]

Massachusetts Convention Fandom, Inc. is delighted to have won the right to hold the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention, Noreascon Four, September 2-6, 2004, using the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, the Sheraton Boston Hotel, and the Copley Marriott Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

Our guests of honor are Terry Pratchett, William Tenn, Jack Speer, and Peter Weston.

Terry Pratchett is Britain's best selling living novelist and is the creator of science fiction, young adult, and fantasy novels, including the richly humorous "Discworld" series. His delightful & varied writing includes 35 novels, as well as short stories, non-fiction, and even a cook book.

William Tenn [Philip Klass] is known as both an educator/scholar and a crafter of "mordantly sardonic" short stories. He is emeritus professor of English and comparative literature at the Pennsylvania State University, where he taught the second-oldest American course in science fiction.

Jack Speer is one of the "founding dinosaurs" of fandom, whose influential work includes writing fandom's first history, codifying our "fanspeak," writing the first Fancyclopedia, fanzine editing and writing, and developing the Fantasy Fiction Decimal Classification.

Peter Weston's fame as a British "fan of all trades" includes founding the longest-lived fan group in the U.K., chairing the Seacon '79 Worldcon in Brighton, England, representing England as a TAFF delegate, and lovingly creating and editing the fanzine "Speculation."

Noreascon Four information is available at our web site at <http://www.noreascon.org> (this site will be updated regularly).

We would like to thank everyone who voted in the site selection process, whether they voted for us or for our competitors in Charlotte. Your votes ensure that the Worldcon site and committee are decided by fandom.

We would also like to wish Irv Koch, chairman of South Eastern Convention Fandom, Inc., and all of the individual members of the Charlotte committee and related groups the very best with their future activities.

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Noreascon Four Membership Rates increase March 1, 2002

February 26, 2002

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Noreascon Four, the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention, to be held in Boston in 2004, will increase rates for attending memberships and children's admissions beginning March 1, 2002.

New rates will be \$120 for a new attending member, \$85 for a child's admission, and \$85 for conversion from supporting to attending. New supporting rates remain \$35.

Current rates are \$100 for a new attending member, \$35 for a new supporting member, \$65 for a child's admission (excludes voting rights and publications), and several discounted **attending** rates. Please note that discounts are valid through 28 February 2002 only.

Rates for those who **voted in the site selection** for the 2004 Worldcon are currently as follows:

- | Boston in 2004 pre-supporters convert to attending for \$50
- | Friends of Boston in 2004 convert to attending automatically
- | Non pre-supporters convert to attending for \$60

Rates for those who did **not** vote but pre-supported are currently as follows:

- | Pre-supporters: \$90
- | Friends: \$50

(Confused? Write us and we'll tell you how much you need to pay. You can email us at info@noreascon.org.)

Following the rate increase, Noreascon Four will offer installment plan memberships. Information about the installment plan will be available after 1 March 2002 at our web site (<http://www.noreascon.org>) or by writing to us at Noreascon Four, P.O.Box 1010, Framingham, MA 01701 USA.

Progress Report #1 was mailed on 14 January 2002 to those who were supporting or attending members by 31 December 2001. (The Progress Reports were sent bulk, so they are still arriving.)

Those members who join after 1 January 2002 will receive their progress reports as soon as we process them.

Progress Report #2 will be sent to members in July 2002.

Noreascon Four Names Division Heads

July 1, 2002

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BOSTON – Noreascon Four is delighted (in Bostonese, "wicked excited") to announce the appointment of two members of the Chairman's Staff and the seven Division Heads for the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention.

Chairman Deb Geisler has named Mark L. Olson and Sharon Sbarsky as Chairman's Staff for Noreascon Four. Both are Boston-area residents with a broad range of experience and talents in convention running.

Division Heads for the convention include:

- | Convention Services: Jim Mann (Pennsylvania)
- | Events: Marc Gordon (Washington, D.C.)
- | Exhibits/Fixed Functions: Laurie Mann (Pennsylvania)
- | Facilities: Ben Yalow (New York)
- | Member Services: Elaine Brennan (Colorado)
- | Program: Priscilla Olson (Massachusetts)
- | Publications: Joe Siclari (New York)

Events DH Marc Gordon and Member Services DH Elaine Brennan have also joined Massachusetts Convention Fandom, Inc., the 501 (c)(3) organizing body for Noreascon Four, as its newest members.

Noreascon Four is actively seeking volunteers to help run fandom's annual "family reunion" in 2004. For more information about the convention, or to fill out our volunteer form (you know you want to), see our web site at www.noreascon.org or read our Web Log at noreascon4.blogspot.com.

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Memberships are available for immediate purchase at various conventions, through our web site, and via postal mail. Memberships may also be bought on the installment plan. For more information about the installment plan, email installments@noreascon.org or send a request to our postal address below.

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**Noreascon Four Completists:
Help us collect the whole set!**

October 7, 2002

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Noreascon Four is delighted to note that we now have members from 47 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, 8 Canadian provinces, and 16 other nations. But we're completists. We want the whole set.

We'll be delighted to award a lovely Boston in 2004 T-shirt and our great thanks to the first member from Montana, North Dakota, or Oklahoma in the United States who joins Noreascon Four.

We also have T-shirts and thanks looking for a good home with our first members from the Canadian provinces of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador, and the Canadian territories: Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon.

And if you are the first joiner from your nation (those which are currently unrepresented), U.S. territory or associated state, planetary or lunar body, or stellar system, we'll send **you** a shirt, too (if the U.S. Postal System will deliver there).

Current members of Noreascon Four who choose to move to parts of the world not currently ~~claimed~~ represented in the convention's membership are also eligible for a shirt (but we're not paying for your moving expenses, so don't get carried away).

To see the map of where we do and do not have members, go to our web site at:
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For more information about Noreascon Four (or to join us -- no matter **where** you're from), write us at: Noreascon Four, P.O. Box 1010, Framingham, MA 01701 USA, or see us online at <http://www.noreascon.org> You can email us at info@noreascon.org

And before you ask, we have Massachusetts pretty well covered.

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Boston Named Host City For 2004 Democratic National Convention

November 22, 2002

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The Democratic National Committee announced November 13 that its 2004 presidential nominating convention will be held in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, during the week of July 26, 2004, slightly more than a month before Noreascon Four, the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention. This selection marks the first time in its history that Boston will host a major party political convention.

Said DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe in his prepared statement, "The committee has concluded that we should bring our national Democratic showcase to the shining city on the Hill."

The convention is expected to attract more than 25,000 people, use nearly all available hotel rooms and stimulate the city's economy to the tune of \$150 million. The actual convention will be held in Boston's FleetCenter, rather than the Hynes Convention Center being used by Noreascon Four. The FleetCenter arena is home to the Boston Celtics and Boston Bruins sporting teams.

The Democratic National Convention is not expected to have negative impacts on Noreascon Four. On the contrary, there is speculation that the city will push for early completion of parts of Boston's "Big Dig" Central Artery construction project and other infrastructure and transit improvements. So Worldcon members are likely to reap travel benefits from the larger convention.

Although the Democrats' convention is not directly related to the SF genre, Chairman McAuliffe is clearly a fantasy buff. He concluded, "Maybe we can even set a trend and help Boston end another long drought - a Democratic convention for Boston and a World Series Championship for the Red Sox...all in the same year."

Information about the 2004 Democratic National Convention is available at <http://www.democrats.org> (and the city of Boston's site, at <http://www.boston04.com> -- don't typo it as [boston2004.com](http://www.boston2004.com), or you get the Noreascon pages!).

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Noreascon 4 Will Award Retro Hugos

January 11, 2003

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The Noreascon Four Committee is pleased to announce that we will award the Retrospective Hugo Awards for works from 1953 as part of our celebrations during the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention in 2004.

The Retrospective Hugo Awards may be awarded by a Worldcon held 50, 75, or 100 years after a Worldcon at which no Hugo Awards were presented. The "Retro Hugos" will be awarded at Noreascon Four because none were awarded at the 1954 Worldcon, SFCon, in San Francisco, CA.

Noreascon Four will provide extensive information about the literature, art, dramatic presentations, and fannish activities of 1953 during the nomination and voting processes.

If you would like to help or make suggestions, please write to us at info@noreascon.org with your comments. Information regarding published works, fanzines, individuals, films, and so on will be posted to our web site at <http://www.noreascon.org> starting in February 2003.

For more information about the Retrospective Hugo Awards, see the World Science Fiction Society constitution at <http://www.worldcon.org/bm/rules.html> (Section 3.13).

Members of Noreascon Four and Torcon 3 (the 2003 Worldcon) are eligible to nominate for both the 2004 Hugo Awards and the Retrospective Hugo Awards for 1953. The *Hugo* awards given by Noreascon Four will be for work first published in 2003.

Please contact us for more information about Noreascon Four by writing us at Noreascon Four, P.O. Box 1010, Framingham, MA 01701, or see us online at <http://www.noreascon.org>. You can email us at info@noreascon.org.

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February 1, 2003

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Noreascon Four memberships make lovely and thoughtful Valentine's Day gifts, or you could get one for Mom while the rates are low and really surprise her for Mother's Day!

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Hugo Base Designs Solicited

May 1, 2003

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BOSTON -- From the sublime to the amazing, the elegant to the astounding, the bases for the Hugo Awards change yearly, depending on the whim and aesthetic judgment of each year's Worldcon committee.

Noreascon Four would like your creative insights and other-worldly engineering proposals for the perfect base on which to mount the treasured silver rocket denoting excellence in science fiction and fantasy.

We request that all proposals conform to certain basic principles:

1. They must be designed in such a way that the silver Hugo rocket is an integral part of the design. We will supply the rockets, which are bolted to the base from below the tailfins. Ease of attachment should be a design consideration. See our design specifications and some past Hugo Award designs at <http://www.noreascon.org/hugo/HugoBaseDesigns.html>
2. The design must stand on a flat surface in some way (please do not craft a *hanging* design, or one only appropriate for zero-G).
3. You must allow space for a plaque indicating the winner and category of the award won.
4. Oh, and just so you know: we're wicked allergic to bases that have small bits falling off of them (or which disintegrate in someone's luggage!).

Designs should be submitted by 1 October 2003 and should include drawings/sketches/sample of the proposed base unit. Please tell us (1) how much it would cost to fabricate 20 bases, (2) the lead time needed for fabrication, and (3) your ability to either craft the bases or arrange for the work to be done. As a guideline, bases should cost \$100 each or less to fabricate, and the finished bases should be sent to Noreascon Four not later than 15 July 2004.

Noreascon Four will also be awarding Retrospective Hugos for work done in 1953, and we will use a different Hugo base design for those awards. If you have a remarkable idea for a base honoring this historic work in the field, please send that to us, too. You may submit designs in either or both categories.

Please send designs, sketches, comments, and samples to us at: Noreascon Four, P.O. Box 1010, Framingham, MA 01701, by October 1, 2003. You may also submit a proposal to us electronically; see the instructions at <http://www.noreascon.org/hugo/HugoBaseDesigns.html>

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From Sea to Shining Sea...

June 19, 2003

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Noreascon Four is pleased to inform the world that the United States is now completely ours, as we have finally captured that most elusive of science fiction fans: the North Dakotan. (Okay, so we didn't capture him. His aunt bought him a membership.) (But still, we've got him now. Bwahahahaha.)

This North Dakota member (bagged by N4 committee member Geri Sullivan) means that we now have members in each of the 50 United States.

One of our secret agents recently moved to the Phillipines (shirt's on the way), and others are looking into time-share options in unrepresented Canadian provinces.

We'll be delighted to award a lovely Boston in 2004 T-shirt (we sent our new North Dakota member two shirts -- it gets cold there) and our great thanks to the first member from each of the Canadian provinces of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador, and the Canadian territories: Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon.

And if you are the first joiner from your nation (those currently unrepresented), U.S. territory or associated state, planetary or lunar body, or stellar system, we'll send you a shirt, too (if the U.S. postal system will deliver there). Extraterrestrials, please specify number of sleeves.

Current members of Noreascon Four who choose to move to parts of the world not currently ~~claimed~~ represented in the convention's membership are also eligible for a shirt (but we're not paying for your moving expenses, so don't get carried away)(or **do** get carried away, but don't send us the bill).

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Thousands to invade Boston by sea

July 31, 2003

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Aquatic invasion has Boston on high alert; supertankers, sailors make way for ducklings

A "floating flock of bathtub toys," including the battered, salt- and sun-bleached remains of a flotilla of 29,000 rubber duckies, is expected to wash in to the shoreline of New England over the next few weeks, note oceanographers.

The duckies, which escaped from a container ship on a China to Seattle run in 1992, have made an 11-year trans-Arctic journey to reach Boston -- only to discover they are more than a year *early* for Noreascon Four.

Floating along the Alaska coast, through the Bering Strait, wafting past Iceland, and drifting over the sink point of the Titanic, the yellow avian tub-buddies have continued their arduous journey, only to be disappointed at the end.

"We left in 1992, when we heard from our buddies at the Peabody Hotel in Orlando that Boston had started a new bid for a Worldcon," quacked one anonymous fannish floater. "I don't think you understand how long a trip that is for a rubber duckie with no bubble bath."*

Curtis Ebbesmeyer of Seattle, a retired oceanographer who has been tracking the toys' progress, told CNN that "Some kept going, some turned and headed to Europe." Ebbesmeyer did not speculate on whether the small contingent of European-bound duckies was hoping to reach Glasgow in time for Interaction in 2005.

Although the duckies might be early, they *will* be able to get Noreascon Four memberships before the next rate increase, due October 1, 2003.

Any wayward rubber duckies arriving at Torcon3, the 2003 Worldcon in Toronto next month, will be able to buy their memberships at the Noreascon Four table in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Boston-bound ducks, fans, alien life forms, and others with a credit card may purchase memberships online at the Noreascon Four web site, <http://www.nreascon.org>.

And, of course, everyone can feel free to write us at our postal address, above.

Any rumor that Noreascon Four plans to deliberately re-release the stalwart duckies into the Gulf Stream in 2005, aimed at the United Kingdom, is a base, um, canard.

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* Okay, so rubber duckies can't talk. But if they could, they might have said that.

Blast off -- for Boston

August 21, 2003

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Noreascon Four would like to invite *you* to party with us as we begin the countdown to the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention. We're going to initiate launch sequence for Boston on Sunday of Torcon 3.

What: Starting the Noreascon Four Countdown

Where: Fairmont Royal York, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

When: 9:30 p.m., Sunday, 31 August 2003

Who: Everybody who's anybody in the galaxies will be there!

Why: Well, we have this suite, and we have some time, and you *know* how much we love throwing parties!

How: Walk, run, take an elevator, shoot up the stairs, take a flying car, a blimp, a jetpack, your teleporter...but don't climb up the outside of the hotel. They just hate that.

The Worldcon's coming to Boston in a year, and we want to start the year with a blast-off! T minus 368 days, and counting.

Noreascon Four Rates to Increase October 1, 2003

September 8, 2003

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N4's Wicked Awesome Masquerade Prize

December 19, 2003

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Nanny Ogg's Fashion Show?

BOSTON - Noreascon Four is wicked excited (that's Bostonian for "very pleased") to announce that [Harper Collins Publishers](#) will offer a US\$500 prize at Noreascon Four for the best masquerade entry based on Guest of Honor [Terry Pratchett](#)'s Discworld books. So sharpen up your sewing needles, and get ready for the Noreascon Four Masquerade.

For details about entering the Masquerade, please see our web site at <http://www.noreascon.org/masquerade/> (or the article in [Progress Report #4](#), sent to members in July 2003.)

Harper Collins Publishers, based in New York, is Mr. Pratchett's U.S. publisher.

All participants in the Noreascon Four Masquerade must be members of the convention. For more information about the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention, or to join us for this celebration of science fiction and fantasy, see our main web site at <http://www.noreascon.org>.

Oh, and all CMOT ("Cut-Me-Own-Throat") Dibblers are advised that Massachusetts guidelines on health and safety will definitely prohibit you from selling your version of "food" anywhere in the Commonwealth.

Hugo and Retro-Hugo Nominations Online

January 13, 2004

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Online and paper-ballot nominations are now open for the 2004 Hugo Awards and for the Retrospective Hugo Awards for work done in 1953, both to be given at Noreascon Four this summer.

Information about the Hugo and Retrospective Hugo Awards, including an online nomination form and printable copies of the paper nomination forms, can be found on the Noreascon Four web site at <http://www.noreascon.org/hugos/>

Noreascon Four has produced a booklet about the science fiction and fannish work done in 1953. You may download a PDF version of this booklet at <http://www.noreascon.org/files/Retropub.pdf> or you may write us at either our [postal](#) or [email](#) addresses, and we will be happy to send you one.

In order to nominate, you must be a Supporting or Attending member of Noreascon Four by January 31, 2004 (see <http://www.noreascon.org/memb/> to join the convention now), or you must have been a member of [Torcon 3](#), the 2003 Worldcon in Toronto.

Only Noreascon Four members will be eligible to vote in the final ballot, which is scheduled for release in April 2004.

Noreascon Four

January 24, 2004

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We're pleased to announce that Noreascon 4 will *not* increase its membership rates on March 1, 2004 as originally planned. The cost for a new attending membership will remain at \$180 until the end of pre-registration on July 31, 2004.

Supporting memberships in the convention are \$35, and upgrades to attending from supporting will continue at \$145. Children's admissions (not a voting membership) are \$105; children in tow are free.

For more information about all memberships and children's admissions, to purchase a membership online, or to download a membership form for postal mail, see our [membership web site](#) (and just follow the links).

Anyone who is a member of Noreascon Four by January 31, 2004 may nominate in the 2004 Hugo Awards and in the Retrospective Hugo Awards for work done in 1953. Please see our web site at <http://www.noreascon.org/hugos/> for information about nominating your favorite people and works.

(Now, if you decide that you want to send us more than the \$180, just earmark any extra for the "Chairman's Discretionary Practical Joke Fund," and we'll make sure it's put to ~~seary~~ good uses.)

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The deadline is looming for nominations for the 2004 Hugo Awards and the Retrospective Hugos for work done in 1953, as nominations are due in two weeks, on 25 March 2004.

To nominate online, see <http://www.noreascon.org/hugos/index.html> for general information and links to the online nomination forms. In order to nominate, you must either have joined Noreascon Four before 31 January 2004, or you must have been a member of Torcon 3, the 61st Worldcon, in Toronto in 2003.

Online nomination requires a Personal Identification Number (PIN). Hugo PINs were printed on the address labels of Noreascon Four's Progress Report 5. Noreascon Four members not receiving publications and Torcon 3 members were sent postal cards with their Hugo PIN information.

If you have lost your PIN, please see [the instructions](#) with the online ballots.

Printed Hugo/Retro-Hugo nomination forms were included in Progress Report 5. You can also view and download printable versions at <http://www.noreascon.org/files/HugoNomination.pdf> and <http://www.noreascon.org/files/RetroHugoNomination.pdf> for sending by postal mail. No PIN is required for ballots sent via postal mail.

Information about the work done in 1953 (and eligible for nominations for the Retrospective Hugo Awards) in science fiction and fantasy writing, art, dramatic presentations, and fandom can be found by reading our publication "Introduction to the Retro Hugo Awards for 1953," available online at <http://www.noreascon.org/files/Retropub.pdf>

All nominations sent in postal mail must be **received** by 25 March 2004. Online nominations close at **midnight, 25 March 2004**. The final Hugo and Retrospective Hugo ballots will be released in April 2004 and will be included in Noreascon Four's Progress Report 6.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Noreascon Four is delighted to announce the nominees for the 2004 Hugo Awards (for work done in 2003) and the 1954 Retrospective Hugo Awards (for work done in 1953). The Hugo Awards are science fiction's highest honor for professional and fan work, and the Retrospective Hugo Awards honor people and work from years when Hugo Awards were not given.

The winners will be announced in ceremonies at the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention in Boston, MA, Sept. 2–6, 2004.

Final voting for the Hugo and Retrospective Hugo Awards will begin in May; only supporting and attending members of Noreascon Four may vote on the Hugo and Retrospective Hugo Awards. Physical ballots will be included in Progress Report 6, due to be mailed in late April. Online voting will be available to all eligible voters, and printable versions of the ballot will also be included on the Noreascon Four web site (see www.noreascon.org).

To join Noreascon Four and vote for your favorite works and people, write us at the address above or see our web pages for more information.

The 2004 Hugo Awards nominations listed below include finalists in 13 categories, plus the John W. Campbell Award (not a Hugo).

2004 Hugo Award Nominees

Best Novel (462 ballots)

Paladin of Souls — Lois McMaster Bujold (Eos)
Humans — Robert Sawyer (Tor Books)
Ilium — Dan Simmons (Eos)
Singularity Sky — Charles Stross (Ace Books)
Blind Lake — Robert Charles Wilson (Tor Books)

Best Novella (215 ballots)

"Walk in Silence" — Catherine Asaro (*Analog*, April 2003)
"Empress of Mars" — Kage Baker (*Asimov's*, July 2003)
"The Green Leopard Plague" — Walter Jon Williams (*Asimov's*, Oct.–Nov. 2003)
"Just Like the Ones We Used to Know" — Connie Willis (*Asimov's*, Dec. 2003)
"The Cookie Monster" — Vernor Vinge (*Analog*, Oct. 2003)

Best Novelette (243 ballots)

"**Empire of Ice Cream**" — Jeffrey Ford (*Sci Fiction*, scifi.com, Feb. 2003)

"**Bernardo's House**" — James Patrick Kelly (*Asimov's*, June 2003)

"**Into the Gardens of Sweet Night**" — Jay Lake (*Writers of the Future XIX*, Bridge, 2003)

"**Hexagons**" — Robert Reed (*Asimov's*, July 2003)

"**Nightfall**" — Charles Stross (*Asimov's*, April 2003)

"**Legions in Time**" — Michael Swanwick (*Asimov's*, April 2003)

Best Short Story (310 ballots)

"**Paying It Forward**" — Michael A. Burstein (*Analog*, Sept. 2003)

"**A Study in Emerald**" — Neil Gaiman (*Shadows over Baker Street*, Del Rey, 2003)

"**Four Short Novels**" — Joe Haldeman (*Fantasy & Science Fiction*, Nov. 2003)

"**The Tale of the Golden Eagle**" — David D. Levine (*Fantasy & Science Fiction*, June 2003)

"**Robots Don't Cry**" — Mike Resnick (*Asimov's*, July 2003)

Best Related Book (243 ballots)

Scores: Reviews 1993–2003 — John Clute (Becon Publications, 2003)

Spectrum 10: The Best in Fantastic Contemporary Art — Cathy & Arnie Fenner (Underwood Books, 2003)

The Chesley Awards for SF & Fantasy Art: A Retrospective — John Grant, Elizabeth L. Humphrey, & Pamela D. Scoville (Artist's & Photographer's Press Ltd., 2003)

Dreamer of Dune: The Biography of Frank Herbert — Brian Herbert (Tor Books, 2003)

The Thackery T. Lambshead Guide to Eccentric & Discredited Diseases — Jeff Vandermeer & Mark Roberts (Night Shade Books, 2003)

Master Storyteller: An Illustrated Tour of the Fiction of L. Ron Hubbard — William J. Widder (Bridge, 2003)

Best Dramatic Presentation — Long Form (363 ballots)

28 Days Later (DNA Films/Fox Searchlight). Directed by Danny Boyle; written by Alex Garland.

Finding Nemo (Pixar/Walt Disney Pictures). Directed by Andrew Stanton & Lee Unkrich; screenplay by Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson & David Reynolds; story by Andrew Stanton.

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (New Line Cinema). Directed by Peter Jackson; screenplay by Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens & Peter Jackson; based on the novel by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (Walt Disney Pictures). Directed by Gore Verbinski; screenplay by Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio; screen story by Ted Elliott, Terry Rossio, Stuart Beattie & Jay Wolpert.

X2: X-Men United (20th Century Fox/Marvel). Directed by Bryan Singer; screenplay by Michael Dougherty, Dan Harris & David Hayter; story by Zak Penn, David Hayter & Bryan Singer.

Best Dramatic Presentation — Short Form (212 ballots)

"Chosen" — Buffy the Vampire Slayer (Mutant Enemy Inc./20th Century Fox). Written and directed by Joss Whedon.

"Gollum's Acceptance Speech at the 2003 MTV Movie Awards" (Wingnut Films/New Line Cinema). Written and directed by Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens & Peter Jackson.

"Heart of Gold" — Firefly (Mutant Enemy Inc./20th Century Fox). Directed by Thomas J. Wright; written by Brett Matthews.

"The Message" — Firefly (Mutant Enemy Inc./20th Century Fox). Directed by Tim Minear; written by Joss Whedon & Tim Minear.

"Rosetta" — Smallville (Tollin/Robbins Productions/Warner Brothers). Directed by James Marshall; written by Al Gough & Miles Millar.

Best Professional Editor (319 ballots)

Ellen Datlow
Gardner Dozois
David Hartwell
Stanley Schmidt
Gordon Van Gelder

Best Professional Artist (241 ballots)

Jim Burns
Bob Eggleton
Frank Frazetta
Frank Kelly Freas
Donato Giancola

Best Semi-Prozine (199 ballots)

Ansible, ed. Dave Langford
Interzone, ed. David Pringle
Locus, ed. Charles N. Brown, Jennifer A. Hall, and Kirsten Gong-Wong
The New York Review of Science Fiction, ed. Kathryn Cramer, David G. Hartwell, and Kevin Maroney
Third Alternative, ed. Andy Cox

Best Fanzine (211 ballots)

Challenger, ed. Guy H. Lillian III
Emerald City, ed. Cheryl Morgan
File 770, ed. Mike Glycer
Mimosa, ed. Rich and Nicki Lynch
Plokta, ed. Alison Scott, Steve Davies, and Mike Scott

Best Fan Writer (260 ballots)

Jeff Berkwits
Bob Devney
John L. Flynn
Dave Langford
Cheryl Morgan

Best Fan Artist (190 ballots)

Brad Foster
Teddy Harvia
Sue Mason

Steve Stiles
Frank Wu

The John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer (192 ballots)

Jay Lake (second year of eligibility)
David D. Levine (second year of eligibility)
Karin Lowachee (second year of eligibility)
Chris Moriarty (first year of eligibility)
Tim Pratt (second year of eligibility)

Note: This award is not a Hugo; it is sponsored by Dell Magazines.

Retrospective Hugo Awards for work done in 1953

Below are nominations in 10 categories for the best work of 1953. Three categories were dropped for insufficient nominees: Best Dramatic Presentation — Long Form, Best Semi-Prozine, and Best Fan Artist.

Best Novel of 1953 (113 ballots)

The Caves of Steel — Isaac Asimov (*Galaxy*, Oct.–Dec. 1953)
Fahrenheit 451 — Ray Bradbury (Ballantine)
Childhood's End — Arthur C. Clarke (Ballantine)
Mission of Gravity — Hal Clement (*Astounding*, Feb.–July 1953)
More than Human — Theodore Sturgeon (Ballantine)

Best Novella of 1953 (67 ballots)

"Un-Man" — Poul Anderson (*Astounding*, Jan. 1953)
"A Case of Conscience" — James Blish (*If*, Sept. 1953)
"The Rose" — Charles L. Harness (*Authentic Science Fiction Monthly*, March 1953)
"Daughters of Earth" — Judith Merrill (*The Petrified Planet*, Twayne, 1953)
"...And My Fear is Great..." — Theodore Sturgeon (*Beyond Fantasy Fiction*, July 1953)

Best Novelette of 1953 (66 ballots)

"Sam Hall" — Poul Anderson (*Astounding*, Aug. 1953)
"The Adventure of the Misplaced Hound" — Poul Anderson & Gordon R. Dickson (*Universe*, Dec. 1953)
"Earthman, Come Home" — James Blish (*Astounding*, Nov. 1953)
"The Wall Around the World" — Theodore Cogswell (*Beyond Fantasy Fiction*, Sept. 1953)
"Second Variety" — Philip K. Dick (*Space Science Fiction*, May 1953)

Best Short Story of 1953 (96 ballots)

"Star Light, Star Bright" — Alfred Bester (*Fantasy & Science Fiction*, July 1953)
"It's a Good Life" — Jerome Bixby (*Star Science Fiction Stories #2*, Ballantine)
"The Nine Billion Names of God" — Arthur C. Clarke (*Star*

Science Fiction Stories #1, Ballantine)

"**Seventh Victim**" — Robert Sheckley (*Galaxy*, April 1953)

"**A Saucer of Loneliness**" — Theodore Sturgeon (*Galaxy*, Feb. 1953)

Best Related Book of 1953 (21 ballots)

Conquest of the Moon — Wernher von Braun, Fred L. Whipple & Willy Ley (Viking Press)

Modern Science Fiction: Its Making and Future — Reginald Bretnor (Coward-McCann)

Science-Fiction Handbook — L. Sprague de Camp (Hermitage)

Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form, of 1953 (96 ballots)

The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms (Mutual Pictures/Warner Brothers). Directed by Eugène Lourié; screenplay by Louis Morheim and Fred Freiberger; based on the story by Ray Bradbury.

Duck Dodgers in the 24 1/2 th Century (Warner Brothers). Directed by Chuck Jones; written by Michael Maltese.

Invaders from Mars (National Pictures/20th Century Fox). Directed by William Cameron Menzies; screenplay by Richard Blake; story by John Tucker Battle.

It Came from Outer Space (Universal). Directed by Jack Arnold; screenplay by Harry Essex; story by Ray Bradbury.

The War of the Worlds (Paramount Pictures). Directed by Byron Haskin; screenplay by Barré Lyndon; based on the novel by H.G. Wells.

Best Professional Editor of 1953 (49 ballots)

Anthony Boucher

John W. Campbell, Jr.

H. L. Gold

Frederik Pohl

Donald A. Wollheim

Best Professional Artist of 1953 (68 ballots)

Chesley Bonestell

Ed Emshwiller

Virgil Finlay

Frank Kelly Freas

Richard Powers

Best Fanzine of 1953 (36 ballots)

Hyphen, ed. Chuck Harris & Walter Willis

Quandry, ed. Lee Hoffman

Science Fiction Newsletter, ed. Bob Tucker

Sky Hook, ed. Redd Boggs

Slant, ed. Walter Willis; art editor James White

Best Fan Writer of 1953 (38 ballots)

Redd Boggs

Lee Hoffman

Bob Tucker

James White

Walter A. Willis

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Noreascon Four has posted an *amended* listing of the nominees for the 2004 Hugo Awards and the Retrospective Hugo Awards for work done in 1953 on its web site at <http://www.noreascon.org/hugos/nominees.html> to correct a significant error in the Retrospective Hugo list.

Please note that this significant correction is to substitute "Three Hearts and Three Lions" by Poul Anderson for "Daughters of Earth" by Judith Merrill on the Retrospective Hugo Best Novella listing.

The Merrill work was actually published in 1952, and it was included on the ballot through our failure to verify publication information.

The Anderson story, which is eligible and fully qualified for nomination, is the novella-length version of this work; it was originally published in *Fantasy & Science Fiction*, Sept. and Oct. 1953.

We apologize for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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Just when we thought we had the entire United States ~~conquered~~ represented at Noreascon Four, the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention, our Montana representatives left town for greener pastures.

Here at Noreascon Four, we're completists. When North Dakotans were in short supply, we put out the word and offered a bounty, and soon after that we'd bagged the elusive North Dakotan.

Now, we're going hunting in Montana, the Treasure State, whose motto is "Oro y Plata" (Spanish for gold and silver); it is the land of mountain men, grizzly bears, and the cutthroat trout (official state fish).

[Sign up](#) a Montanan today, and we'll send you AND the new member lovely Boston in 2004 T-shirts. Move to Montana, and we'll send you a shirt, too. Drive through Montana, and all you get is a really pretty trip.

Our agents are lurking almost everywhere (except Montana), including Andorra, China, Vatican City, England, Ireland, Israel, and many other nations, territories, locales, and icebergs.

We'll be delighted to award a lovely Boston in 2004 T-shirt and our great thanks to the first joiner from any currently unrepresented nation, U.S. territory or associated state, planetary or lunar body, or stellar system -- wherever the U.S. Postal Service will deliver them.

Extraterrestrials, please specify number of sleeves.

Current members of Noreascon Four who choose to move to parts of the world not currently *c/l/a/i/m/e/d/* represented are also eligible for a shirt (but we're not paying for your moving expenses, so don't get carried away)(or do get carried away, but don't send us the bill).

To see the map of where we do and do not have members, go to our web site at:
<http://www.noreascon.org/images/memb-map.gif>

For more information about Noreascon Four (or to join us -- no matter where you're from), write us at: Noreascon Four, P.O. Box 1010, Framingham, MA 01701 USA, or see us online at <http://www.noreascon.org>. You can email us at info@noreascon.org.

And before you ask, we have Massachusetts pretty well covered.

Help us make the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention a Worldcon of intergalactic proportions!

Noreascon Four, the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention, will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, September 2-6, 2004. Our Guests of Honor are Terry Pratchett, William Tenn, Jack Speer, and Peter Weston.

Noreascon Four

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If you want to travel from Middle Earth to the far reaches of the galaxy, the best place for you to be over Labor Day weekend is Boston, for the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention, Noreascon Four.

Do you only have time for dinner at the restaurant at the end of the universe? We've got you covered: we're pleased to announce our one-day and at-the-door full, attending rates for Noreascon Four:

One-day rates:

Thursday, Sept. 2:	\$50 adult; \$25 child
Friday, Sept. 3:	\$75 adult; \$35 child
Saturday, Sept. 4:	\$80 adult; \$40 child
Sunday, Sept. 5:	\$80 adult; \$40 child
Monday, Sept. 6:	\$50 adult; \$25 child

Full, attending, at-the-door rate (all 5 days):
\$200 adult; \$100 child's admission (includes 6 hours of daycare)

Please note that one-day children's admissions include access to children's programming and activities but do **not** include supervised day care. All children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult parent or guardian who also attends the convention. For more information about children at Noreascon Four, see our web site at <http://www.noreascon.org/children/>

Pre-registration for the full convention memberships closes July 31, so you can still join us for a reduced rate and experience all five days of wonder and vote for the Hugo and Retrospective Hugo Award nominees. For more information about this year's nominees, see <http://www.noreascon.org/hugos/>

All convention activities (or activities for the day purchased in the case of one-day admissions) are included in the price, including access to hundreds of program items, films, anime, exhibits, special events, convention hospitality suite, art show, and dealers room. For more information about Noreascon Four, see <http://www.noreascon.org>

Join us and our very special guests of honor for the best five days all year. Everyone who's anyone in the worlds will be there!

World Science Fiction Convention to Invade Boston Labor Day Weekend

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Boston will be invaded Labor Day Weekend. The world's most renowned science fiction and fantasy writers, scientists, artists, editors, filmmakers and fans will descend upon Boston from countries around the world. This diverse gathering, with people from all walks of life, will come together for a celebration of science fiction and fantasy literature, art, music and media.

They will all have one thing in common: stars in their eyes, the future in their dreams, and a sense of wonder in their minds. They will be in Boston, MA to attend the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention, September 2-6.

Confirmed convention attendees will arrive from more than 25 different countries and all 50 of the United States. Even the Guests of Honor are multi-national as well as multi-dimensional: Terry Pratchett and Peter Weston are from the U.K. while Philip Klass (known to several generations of science fiction readers as William Tenn) and Jack Speer live in Pennsylvania and New Mexico, respectively.

Lasting for five days, Noreascon Four will include a wide range of activities including writers reading their own works, popular authors signing their books, numerous simultaneous tracks of programming with demonstrations, debates, speeches and discussions about everything from recent scientific discoveries to alternative histories and the writing secrets of best-selling authors.

In addition, members may enjoy traditional and electronic games; movies; anime and videos; and theatrical performances as well as have the opportunity to participate in intimate kaffeeklatches and "literary beers" with science fiction professionals.

Four science fiction luminaries have been chosen as the 62nd Worldcon's Guests of Honor:

Terry Pratchett is Britain's best-selling living novelist and is the creator of numerous science fiction, young adult and fantasy novels, including the richly humorous "Discworld" series. His delightful and varied writing includes 35 novels, as well as short stories, non-fiction and even a cook book. Recent books, best-sellers in the U.S. and around the world include *The Wee Free Men*, *A Hat Full of Sky* and *The Monstrous Regiment*.

William Tenn [the pseudonym for Philip Klass] is both an educator/scholar and a crafter

of "mordantly sardonic" short stories. Tenn published his first story in 1946, in *Astounding Science Fiction*, then the premier magazine of the field. He wrote many short stories, often for *Galaxy* magazine, throughout the late 40s and early 50s. Among his best-known stories is the chilling "Down Among the Dead Men" (1954), dealing with the use of reanimated corpses as front-line troops in a savage interstellar war. Tenn's sole full-length novel, *Of Men and Monsters*, serialized in *Galaxy* in 1963 and published in book form in 1968, deals with an alien-occupied Earth in which humans live, mouse-like, in the walls of the aliens' dwellings. He is emeritus professor of English and comparative literature at the Pennsylvania State University, where he taught a popular course in science fiction. His non-fiction work has recently been collected in a publication which will be available for sale at Noreascon Four.

Jack Speer is one of the "founding dinosaurs" of science fiction fandom, whose influential work includes writing fandom's first history, codifying the "fanspeak" language of fandom, writing the first *Fancyclopedia*, writing and editing small magazines called fanzines and developing the Fantasy Fiction Decimal Classification.

Peter Weston's fame as a British "fan of all trades" includes founding the longest-lived fan group in the U.K., chairing the 1979 Worldcon in Brighton, England, representing England at American conventions and lovingly creating and editing the fanzine *Speculation*. His company, in the U.K., also produces the actual rockets for the Hugo Awards.

Other major highlights include:

- | The Hugo Awards Ceremony, where science fiction's highest honor will be given to deserving writers, artists, fans and filmmakers for work published or displayed in 2003.
- | The Art Show, featuring thousands of pieces of artwork, from book covers to sculptures, with a special "Retrospective Art" collection.
- | An exhibit hall packed with everything from the scientific to the whimsical.
- | More than 150 vendors in the dealers' room selling books, magazines, toys, memorabilia, curio and other "must haves".
- | The Masquerade with contestants in beautiful, profound or whimsical costumes.
- | Other special events, including First Night at the Worldcon, the Retrospective Hugo Awards Ceremony (for work published in 1953), Guest of Honor Interviews, major films, studio sneak-peeks, a "One-Man Star Wars" presentation and more.

The all-volunteer convention has been hosted in recent years by committees in Toronto, Canada (2003); San Jose, California (2002); Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2001); Chicago, Illinois (2000); Melbourne, Australia (1999); Baltimore, Maryland (1998) and San Antonio, Texas (1997). The last Worldcon held in Boston was Noreascon Three in 1989.

Next year's Worldcon, InterAction, will be held in Glasgow, Scotland, UK in August 2005. Columbus, Ohio, USA and Yokohama, Japan are competing for the privilege of hosting the 65th World Science Fiction Convention in 2007.

"Worldcon committee members like science fiction and fantasy so much that they are willing to volunteer their time to share what they love with the world," said Chairman Deb Geisler, who fits organizing the 5000-person convention around her real job as a professor at Suffolk University. "Fans actually compete for a chance to have a Worldcon in their home town even though that means they have to run

it."

Noreascon Four will be held at the Hynes Convention Center and the Sheraton Boston over Labor Day Weekend. Memberships (full and one day) and other convention information, are available online at www.noreascon.org. Full, attending memberships include all activities during the five days of wonder.

Noreascon Four: everybody in the worlds will be there!

Press Credentials for Noreascon Four

Please let us know if you desire press credentials for Noreascon Four. Credentials will be issued by the Noreascon Four Press Relations Department to officially accredited members of the news media in Room H108 on the ground floor of the Hynes Convention Center, beginning Wednesday, September 1, 2004 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The Press Relations Office will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday through Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday.

The Press Relations Office can arrange for guided tours of the convention, interviews and priority seating at the Hugo Awards Ceremony and Masquerade. No flash or flood photography will be permitted during these events; however, photo opportunities will be available. Details will be available in the Press Office.

We would appreciate receiving clippings, printed commentaries, reader comments or tapes of all stories about Noreascon Four. You may send copies to the convention address: Noreascon Four, P.O. Box 1010, Framingham, MA USA 01701-1010. Email: pressrelations@noreascon.org. Phone: (508) 331-6765.