

HELMUTH

Speaking for Boskone

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Brought to you by Laurie Mann, Ruth Sachter, and Sarah Prince

A Message from Chairman Rick Katze

"Thanks to the volunteers, staff, and committee for your help in producing this Boskone! You did a great job!! And many thanks to the guests."

George R. R. Martin Wins Skylark!

The New England Science Fiction Association gave its annual Skylark Award to George R. R. Martin.

NESFA Short Story Contest Results

Winner: "White Like Me" by Tony Reidy
Runner-up: "The Kith" by Anjani Rogenski
Honorable Mention: "Pre-Columbian Art" by Ramon Rozas III and "The Welsh Squadron" by Margaret Ronald.

Justin Sweet Wins Gaughan Award

Gaughan Award Administrators Bob Eggleton and Richard Hescoc announced that Justin Sweet won the Gaughan Award.

Hal Clement Charity Auction

Boskone raised \$1,509 at the Clement Auction to benefit the Joslin Diabetes Clinic. Thanks to all who donated materials or bought items!

For Photos from Saturday Night's Events

See <http://www.nesfa.org>. Follow the links to Boskone 41 and Helmuth. The photos should be up by Monday, February 16.

Program Change

Daniel Hatch will not be on "Stuff you Probably Missed" at noon today.

Call for Volunteers

As always, Boskone needs you to give a few hours of your time to help us tear down and move out the convention. We need people to help take down the art show and help get the convention materials to the trucks. We encourage volunteers to stop by the Information area on the second floor (near

the stairs) or report to the Back Bay Ballroom anytime to volunteer.

Sunday Night Parties

Convention Dead Dog, Con Suite (Commonwealth), Tonight

Frogsmart.com Dead Dog Party, Room 904, 8pm-???

News from the Mall

The Namia kiosk (in the mall between the Food Court and Legal Sea Food) changed its name recently. It used to be called Gormenghast, but no one understood what that meant...

The Triumphant Return of the Devniad!

Notes from Boskone panels by Bob Devney
"Robert Heinlein was pretty proud of opening up the first nudist colony west of the Mississippi" — Charles N. Brown, "Changing Perceptions of Robert A. Heinlein."

"Fantasy, like science fiction, is a field that's largely been defined by its own worst examples." —George R. R. Martin, "A Look at the Best Recent Fantasy"

"Should we use the frozen sperm of a dead man? Technology constantly presents us with these brand-new ethical dilemmas."
"We seem to be smart enough to wreck things, but not smart enough to fix anything...As far as human destiny is concerned, I'm an optimist, but a guarded optimist." — Stephen Baxter, "Human Destiny."

"I don't know if you know this or not, but that painting of yours ended up in the Saddam Hussein collection." — Bob Eggleton surprised Richard Hescoc.

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"Oxygen. He was necessary for our life." — Tony Lewis describes the importance of Hal Clement to fandom.

"Every aspiring writer on the Internet linked to my Weblog piece on rejection letters, and said, 'Okay, you guys need to read this.'" — Teresa Nielsen Hayden

"I was sitting in the hall at Readercon last summer and Kathryn Cramer walked by me with her kids. And I said to the friend next to me, 'You see that woman? She doesn't know me. But I know that 2 days ago, she dropped her baby on its head.'" — Leslie Turek on reading Kathryn Cramer's Weblog.

Weather Whining

It's not Sn*k*ne but... Chillcon anyone? The temperature is in the 20s and very windy. Beware of the windchill.

The Boskone Dinner Thing: Meet & Eat!

Want to meet other fans at Boskone? Come to Information (2nd floor) and create your own meal group or sign up for an existing one. This is a mechanism for fans with similar interests in SF and food to get together in an informal atmosphere.

The Black Fin, a fine restaurant between the Colonnade and the Marriott, has a small menu with outstanding food, including some great desserts.

Boskone 41 Art Show Awards

Popular Choice – Best Professional Artist
Bob Eggleton

Honorable Mention

Richard Hescox

Ruth Sanderson

Popular Choice – Best Amateur Artist

Linda Champanier

Guest of Honor's Choice

Bober, Richard: Nightside of the Long Sun
(prelim)

Chairman's Choice

Hescox, Richard: Space Vectors

Art Show Directors' Choice

Berry, Rick: Debutante

Fishman, Marc A.: The Beast

Staff Choice

Pride, Marilyn: A Species of Insect Eating
Dragon

Security Guard's Choice

Flasher, Joleen: End of the Storm

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Judges' Choices

Berry, Rick: Refugees

Bober, Richard: City of Bones

Champanier, Linda: Dragon Dreams

Conwell, Gloria: Galaxy Bowl

Eggleton, Bob: Cole's Spaceship

Eggleton, Bob: Mars 1960

Fishman, Marc A.: Midsummer Night's
Dream

Hescox, Richard: Mission Tori

Hescox, Richard: Offering

Lang, Charles: Ribot

Lang, Charles: The Sad Fate That Befell the
Crew of Lava One

Organ-Kean, Margaret: Far Places

Plumridge, Marianne: Old Man Kangaroo

Seeley, Dave: Heat Stroke

Seeley, Dave: Marque and Reprisal

Sisson, Abranda: Priestess of Avalon

Skinner, Cortney: (body of work)

Snellings-Clark, Lisa: Rachel



Lizards and Blizzards

Hotels burning down two weeks before the convention, hurricanes, homicidal fans, sticky-fingered treasurers, and other interesting times paled beside "Concom Hell" when it came to naming the "Worst Convention-Running Nightmare" on Saturday afternoon.

"Guest of Honor Hell" placed second following nightmarish tales from both sides of the table. Everyone agreed that it's far worse when the convention does wrong by the guest than vice versa.

The panelists and audience spent enough of the hour laughing that it seems probable that fans will continue running conventions for the foreseeable future....