



Boskone 46

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Jo Walton – Guest of Honor

Jo Walton comes from Wales, but lives in Montréal “where the food and books are more varied”. She is the author of the alternate history mysteries *Farthing*, *Ha’Penny*, and *Half a Crown*; *Tooth and Claw*, *The Prize in the Game*, *The King’s Peace*, and *The King’s Name*. Her latest short fantasy novel, *Lifelode*, is being published by NESFA Press for this Boskone. She won the John W. Campbell Award for best new writer in 2002 and the World Fantasy Award for *Tooth and Claw* in 2004.

Stephan Martiniere – Official Artist



Stephan Martiniere shapeshifts from whimsical to hard-core science fiction, cartoon to realistic, illustrator to director. As an illustrator and animation director, Stephan has won numerous awards including: The Grand Master Award from Ballistic Media’s *Expose 4*; Master Award and five Excellence Awards from Ballistic Media’s *Expose 3*; two Master Awards and one Excellence Award from Ballistic Media’s *Expose 2*; the British Science Fiction Association Award for Best Cover of 2004; the Chesley Award for Best Hardcover of 2006; a Silver

Award for Editorial in 1997 and a Gold Award in 2004 from Spectrum; a Thea Award for his work on the Paramount theme park Super Saturator in 2001. As a director for the animated special “Madeline,” Stephan won the Humanitas Award, the A.C.T Award and the Parent’s Choice Award and was nominated for an Emmy Award.

Irene Gallo – Special Guest

Irene Gallo has been the Art Director for Tor/Forge books since 1994, and Starscape books since its launch in 2001. She is on the board of Directors of the Society of Illustrators, and on the advisory board of the Museum of American Illustration. She regularly runs a painting demo series with Daniel Dos Santos, Art Out Loud, and an annual charity auction of miniature SF/F paintings called MicroVisions.

H. Paul “Dr. Seti” Shuch – Featured Filker

Dr. SETI®, as H. Paul Shuch is known, is something of a cross between Carl Sagan and Tom Lehrer (he sings like Sagan and lectures like Lehrer). The aerospace engineer credited with the design of the world’s first commercial home satellite TV receiver, he now directs his microwave interests toward the search for life in space. Now Executive Director Emeritus of the grassroots SETI League, he has served as a professor of physics, astronomy, and engineering on various campuses for over three decades. Within the New Warrior community, Paul’s teaching background earned him the name “Patient Owl.” Paul is the author of more than 450 publications, recipient of multiple honors, webmaster and co-vice chair of the International Academy of Astronautics’ SETI Permanent Study Group, has been an advisor to the National Science Foundation, and is a military program evaluator for the American Council on Education.

Greg & Astrid Bear – NESFA Press Guests

Greg Bear is a writer who has won two Hugos and five Nebulas, published over thirty books, was President of SFWA, acted in an advisory capacity for the CIA, Homeland Security and Microsoft, among other agencies and corporations, had artwork published in *Galaxy* and *Fantasy & Science Fiction*, and did lots of other things including writing the introduction for *Call Me Joe*, volume one of the short fiction of Poul Anderson. Astrid Bear, his wife, is the daughter of Poul and Karen Anderson, She has served on various convention committees, including SFCon 70, CostumeCon 1 and 2, the board of Clarion West, chaired the Nebula Awards weekend in Seattle 2004. She currently serves on the board of the Friends of the University of Washington Libraries. Her hobbies include fiber arts, weaving, spinning, dyeing, and knitting. Together they have served on the advisory board for the Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame in Seattle, from the preliminary planning through opening day and beyond.

Geoffrey Landis – Hal Clement Science Speaker

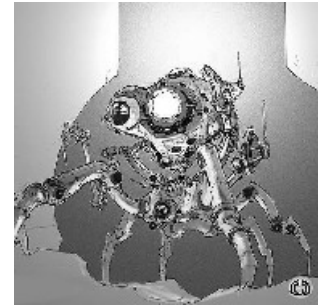
Geoffrey Landis is a scientist at the John Glenn Research Center, where he works on Mars missions and on developing advanced concepts and technology for future space missions. He is currently part of the

enormously successful Mars Exploration Rover team. His specialty is photovoltaics and astronautics, and he has published over 400 papers. Besides his scientific career, Geoff has published eighty pieces of short SF, a novel, and fifty poems, winning two Hugos, one Nebula, and a Rhysling Award in the process.

Registration

Registration for Boskone will be open Friday (starting 4pm) through Sunday in the second floor pre-function area on the left as you enter the lobby through the main doors.

Check posted signs in the event of a Registration location change. Everyone—committee, staff, program participants, artists, hucksters—must register there to get name badges and convention materials. We will make it as painless an experience as we can! You can help: Please remember to bring government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, to registration. If you arrive late, ask in the Con Suite about after-hours registration.



If you haven't yet bought a membership and wish to do so before the convention, a registration form is available at www.boskone.org/join. You may register on-line or print and mail the form to us at PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701, or you may fax it to us at 617-776-3243. The price of an advance membership is \$46 through January 20, 2009. We accept Visa, MasterCard, checks (in US dollars drawn on a US bank), and money orders. At-con rates are: Full membership—\$56, Friday—\$16, Saturday—\$40, Sunday—\$20 We also accept cash at the con. After January 20th, at-the-door memberships will be available online.

The cost of **Dragonslair** is included in the con membership, so all children who use these services must be convention members. There is no reduced rate for children. However, children under 10 who stay with their parents at all times are considered "kids-in-tow" who need not have memberships. ("Kids-in-tow" do not receive any convention materials.) Please note that Dragonslair is not child care, but program designed for our younger members. (Boskone does not offer convention

sponsored babysitting. The Westin Hotel uses Boston's Best BabySitters (617-268-7148; www.bbbabysitters.com) as its principal provider.)

Transferring Memberships

Boskone does not refund memberships. However, you may transfer your membership to someone else. All membership transfers must be done in writing. Your transferee will be able to register much more quickly at the convention if you write to us in advance (at the PO Box or to info-b46@boskone.org) to let us know of the transfer, and have your transferee bring a copy of your transfer letter to Registration. Please note that Life Memberships are not transferable.

Program

The Boskone 46 Program offers panels, talks, discussions, demos, and workshops on many aspects of the science fiction and fantasy field. We include items about hard SF and fantasy, science and art, fandom and movies, literature and TV, horror and comics, music and singing, and heaps of related topics! The full schedule will be in the Pocket Program, and posted on the boskone.org website about a week prior to the convention.

Confirmed Program participants as of January 11, 2009 include:

Ellen Asher, Astrid Bear, Greg Bear, Alan Beck, Beth Bernobich, Patricia Bray, Michael A. Burstein, S. C. Butler, James Cambias, Yvonne Cartspowell, Jeffrey A. Carver, Suzy McKee Charnas, Bruce Coville, Don D'Ammassa, Daniel P. Dern, Bob Devney, Vince Docherty, Dan Dos Santos, Debra Doyle, Thomas A. Easton, Bob Eggleton, Paul Estin, John Farrell, Gregory Feeley, Michael F. Flynn, Irene Gallo, Craig Shaw Gardner, Donato Giancolo, Greer Gilman, Christopher Golden, Theodora Goss, Glenn Grant, Nina Harper, David G. Hartwell, Jeff Hecht, Peter J. Heck, Chip Hitchcock, Chris Howard, Walter H. Hunt, Elaine Isaak, Alexander Jablokov, Edward James, Matthew Jarpe, Jane Jewell, Jordin T. Kare, Mary Kay Kare, Robert I. Katz, James Patrick Kelly, Dan Keohane, Daniel Kimmel, Rosemary Kirstein, Dani Kollin, Eytan Kollin, Geoffrey A. Landis, John Langan, Sarah Langan, Fred Lerner, James D. Macdonald, Kat Macdonald, Jim Mann, Darlene Marshall, Stephan Martiniere, Elise Matthesen, Paul Melko, Farah Mendlesohn, Steve Miller, James Morrow, Benjamin Newman, Patrick

Nielsen Hayden, Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Sharyn November, William O'Connor, Mark Olson, Priscilla Olson, Margaret Organ-Kean, Chad Orzel, Joshua Palmatier, Paul Park, Jennifer Pelland, Stefan Petrucha, Steven Popkes, Faye Ringel, Ruth Sanderson, Lawrence Schoen, Karl Schroeder, Darrell Schweitzer, Dave Seeley, Dr. Seti (H. Paul Shuch), Alisa Kwitney Sheckley, Joel Shepherd, Josepha Sherman, Joe Siclari, Melinda Snodgrass, Wen Spencer, Allen Steele, Adam Stemple, Edie Stern, Charles Stross, Sonya Taaffe, Ian Tregillis, Paul Tremblay, Mary A. Turzillo, Rene Walling, Jo Walton, Jerry Weist, Christopher Weuve, Robert Wiener, Eleanor Wood, Jane Yolen, Ann Tonsor Zeddies.

Boskone Program includes: items spotlighting our guests, panels, interviews, slide-shows, individual presentations, and...

Filksinging—Filksongs are fandom's folk songs, with themes of SF, fantasy, and fannish interests. Planned items include concert sets, Song Sequitur, and NESFA Hymnal singing.

Anime/Video—On Friday and Saturday nights, watch your favorites during our "film festivals." The complete schedule will be in the Pocket Program.

Readings—Hear writers read and discuss their own works (and as before, the Pocket Program tells all.)

Kaffeeklatsches/Literary Beers—Participate an informal discussion with one of our program participants over coffee, tea, or beer. Sign up for these at Information.

Autographs—As usual, you'll find the full schedule in the Pocket Program.

Art Demos—More than ever!

Discussion Groups—Join program participants and other members in the Boskone consuite, our very own "living room of fandom." This year, we'll have even more individual presentations and focused discussions. We invite you to form your own last-minute group ("Birds of a



Feather”). E-mail us your idea at info-b46@boskone.org or sign up at Information at-con. Two spotlighted and special elements to our Discussion Groups:

Knitalong (KAL)—A very special “discussion group”...Since half of our NESFA Press Guest team is a dyer of fine yarn, we will be having a Boskone knitalong! On Saturday morning, you will be able to get some of Astrid Bear’s “Boskone Colorway”, and find out more about we have planned for our weekend knitting project!

Geek Corner—Interact with other fannish technogeeks in this small exhibit and discussion space designed to highlight obsolete items of technology...carbon paper, punch cards, floppy discs, core memory boards...ah...do you remember them well? More importantly, do you want to bring some such stuff to exhibit and talk about? Well, we want you to do just that!

Higgins, etc.—Expanded this year, with a survey of fighting styles with demos ranging from medieval dagger displays to light saber duels! We’ll also have audience-interactive halberd and pike drills...all in the comfort of (yes, really!) the Con Suite. The scripted Higgins fights will be followed by a wide-open medieval combat tournament offered by the Kunstbruder group.

Boskone will also host a number of large events, open to all members, including:

The Friday evening **Boskone Reception**, but wait, there’s more! Also in our Con Suite on Friday night, we’ll be celebrating **Jane Yolen’s Birthday Party**, with treats, games, singing, (and maybe even dancing!). There will be a musical **Jam Session** after the party, so bring your instruments and join in. (Note that this is in the style of a “Minnesota Music Party” —it doesn’t replace filk, but brings even more music to the party we call Boskone!) And that’s only Friday.

On Saturday there will be a **NESFA Book Launch Party** in the Con Suite some time in the afternoon. Our spectacular Saturday evening line-up includes a hilarious interactive improv event (“**Cast of Characters**”), followed by the **Awards Ceremony** (who will get the Skylark this year?) and a **play based on Tam Lin** (created by Guest of Honor Jo Walton).

Finally, if you have any energy left, join us in the Con Suite for a late night **Monster Mash** (in honor of Forry Ackerman).

On Sunday, join us for the **Dead Dog Party** (after tear-down and going late into the night.)

Is that it? Nope. We're still working on it. Work with us. Enjoy.

Late-Breaking News

Last-minute information about Boskone will be available in the week preceding Boskone 46 on the web. In addition, the near-final Program will be uploaded to our web site about a week before the con.

Exhibits & Services

Area	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Registration	4 p.m. to 9 p.m.	9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	9:30 a.m. to Noon
Art Show	6 p.m. to midnight	10 a.m. to 10 p.m.	10 a.m. to Noon
Con Suite	4 p.m. to 1 a.m.	9 a.m. to 1 a.m.	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Hucksters' Room	5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Information	4 p.m. to 9 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dragonslair	6 p.m. to 9 p.m.	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Con Suite—The Con Suite will be in the Galleria Ballroom, adjacent to the art show and hucksters' room. Everyone is welcome for some soda and munchies, and fun, and to meet new and old friends. And....please note that this short description doesn't really explain what we do at Boskone.

Art Show & Print Shop—The Art Show will have about 100 4'x6' panels and a dozen tables full of SF and Fantasy artwork, most of which will be available for sale by written bid, including about a dozen panels for the Print Shop displaying prints available for immediate sale at a fixed price, an expanded area for resale of previously-purchased art, and a special exhibit of the work of Official Artist Stephan Martiniere. Write to us for complete rules and an entry form, or find them on our website at www.boskone.org/artshow.html. The Art Show will be located in the Galleria (lower) floor. You are also invited to attend the Boskone Reception starting at 10:00 pm on Friday.

Besides the spotlight on Stephan Martiniere, special exhibits in the Art Show will include: a look behind-the-scenes at Boskone's Special Guest, Irene Gallo, displays honoring Jo Walton and other guests, a homage to recently-deceased artists, and whatever else our fertile minds devise!

(Art Show Sales will be from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Sunday; there is no Art Show Auction. Contested pieces which have the maximum number of bids will be auctioned at the location of the artwork at closeout which will be about noon on Sunday.)

New Resale Scheme for the Art Show

We're excited to announce a new method of resale in the Art Show. There will be only a minor upfront cost (\$1 per piece), and we will charge a 10% commission on sales (to be capped at \$100 per piece). So, if your piece fails to sell, it will only cost you \$1!

Hucksters' Room—The Hucksters' Room will feature a wide variety of science fiction, fantasy, and genre books, jewelry, clothing, and all manner of other fun stuff. Check the Boskone web site (www.boskone.org) after January 22, 2009 for a list of dealers scheduled to attend. The Hucksters' Room will be in the Galleria Ballroom, sharing space with the Art Show, Con Suite, Gaming, and Dragonslair. It can be reached by taking the escalator, stairs or elevator located on the left-hand side of the hotel when facing Hotel Registration.

Gaming Room—Gaming will be located in the Galleria Ballroom. In your race to build the galaxy did you forget to hit the casino? Not to worry, lots of old and new games for beginners as well as experienced players, covering all the bases. The Tournament is back! Yes, you can be the Guru of the Game Room if you win the tournament being held on Saturday. Four games to play. Four prize winners in the end. And, of course, the video games will be here as well. Some new games for Wii and XBox 360. There's even a video game tournament! That's right, the Super Smash Bros. Brawl tournament will take place on the Wii on Saturday. Check the website for updates as the convention draws near.

Dragonslair—Dragonslair is not child care: it is our version of kid's program, geared for ages 7 to 12. We will once again keep your children entertained with activities throughout the weekend. Games, readings, and crafts will be part of the schedule. If you have ideas for Dragonslair

programming, please e-mail kids@boskone.org. We have firm hours of operation; please see the list. Come and have fun.

Volunteers—Boskone welcomes volunteers of all kinds: from newbies to veterans, from sitting down to weight lifting. For the third year Boskone has a membership carryover policy for those working the convention. If you work at least sixteen hours (setup and teardown count double), we will thank you with a non-transferable membership in Boskone 47. We will also have some interesting freebies for all volunteers and a T-Shirt for those working eight hours or more. All volunteers are encouraged to



use the volunteer/staff lounge for a quick snack or something cool or hot to drink; please remember to check at Information for its location.

Information—Information will be in the Grand Ballroom pre-function space on the Lower Lobby of the Westin Waterfront. Information is your place to find answers to your questions. You'll also be able to pre-register for a discussion group, a kaffeeklatsch, or any other event that requires sign-up, to drop off items for the convention newsletter, and to get the latest copy of *Helmuth* (Boskone's newsletter). Stop by the Information desk and see what we can do for you!

Club & Bid Tables—Want to publicize your club, convention, or bid? We will have a limited number of tables available for you. Table space is limited, so please write or email us (at info-b46@boskone.org) in advance for information and reservations.

Newsletter—*Helmuth, Speaking for Boskone*, the convention newsletter, features updates and changes to the program as well as lists of parties and other news. Copies of *Helmuth* will be distributed around the hotel: Art Show, Hucksters Room, Con Suite, et al. You can always find copies at Information. *Helmuth* is always looking for line art. If you have any

convention-related illustrations, please e-mail them to:
helmuth@boskone.org.

NESFA Press—This year's Boskone Book will be *Lifelode* by Guest of Honor Jo Walton, who gives us a domestic fantasy set in a world which combines disparate societies: one where scholarship is prized and people live matter-of-fact lives; one where the people have god-like powers and are hardly recognizable as human; and one, where the central part of the story takes place, in which a small farming community faces challenges to its very existence. In this community, family life is the focus and people incorporate a kind of magic in their everyday lives. But when conflict arises, it takes the combined effort of people from each the societies of this world to resolve it.

The trade state is \$25 and the boxed state is \$49.

In addition we will be featuring *Sibyls & Spaceships*, a poetry chapbook by Jo Walton. It focuses on poems Jo has written since her first chapbook, *Lurkers & Muses*, was published by Rune Press in 2001. *Sibyls & Spaceships* includes a section of works commissioned for the John M. Ford Endowment Fund, Jo's entertaining Nigerian Spam poem, and dozens more poems addressing subjects both timeless and topical. The price is \$12.

As usual, we offer both items at a 40% discount to Boskone members. Order in advance by using the form in this booklet and sending it with payment to: Boskone 46 Advance Sales, P.O. Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701. Deadline for receipt of advance orders is February 1st, 2009. Pick-up will be at the NESFA Sales table in the Huckster's Room.

NESFA Press will also have three new publications, volume one of the short works of Poul Anderson and volumes one and two of the short works of Roger Zelazny, which will be available for sale at the NESFA Sales table in the Huckster's Room.

Restaurant Guide—The restaurant guide will be available on-line at www.boskone.org/rest-guide a few weeks before Boskone. We've got great seafood restaurants in the neighborhood of the hotel and Chinatown is less than a mile away.

Hotel Information

Boskone's hotel is the Westin Waterfront in South Boston, Massachusetts, located just south of Chinatown off the Massachusetts Turnpike. The hotel rates per night are: single \$153, double \$153, triple \$168, quad \$168, all plus tax. (Please contact us at hotel@boskone.org for suite availability.)

Reserve your hotel room online by going to www.boskone.org/hotel.html and following the instructions. You can pick a room in either the party or the non-party block. Reservations can also be made by phone at 800-937-8461.



Reserve your room now!

If reserving by phone, specify "Boskone 2009 Party Block" or "Boskone 2009 Main (Non-Party) Block" to get the convention rate. Additional rooms may be available after the deadline, but only on a first-come first-served basis.

Reservation deadline: January 31st 5pm EST

Reservations must be canceled by 6 pm, two days before your check-in date, or the credit card used to guarantee the room will be charged for the first night's stay.

Directions to Boskone

By Car

From the NORTH

Take I-93 South and go into the tunnel.

Take exit 20A, "South Station".

At the top of the ramp, cross a pedestrian walkway and turn left on Summer St.

Go 0.8 miles on Summer St.

Turn right at the light just past the convention center, then left into the hotel driveway.

From the NORTH SHORE via route 1A

Take 1A south towards Logan airport.

From Logan airport, the Westin is about 3 miles. Take the Mass Pike westbound (Ted Williams Tunnel) to exit 25, South Boston. Make slight right onto Congress St.

Turn right onto D St. Turn right onto Summer St. Turn left at the next traffic light (very close), then left into the hotel driveway.

From the SOUTH

Take I-93 north to exit 20 toward I-90/Logan Airport/South Station/BCEC.

Take the left fork towards Logan Airport and South Boston.

In the tunnel, take the right fork for South Boston.

At the top of the ramp, bear right toward D St.

Cross B St. (traffic light) then turn right on D St. (next traffic light).

The first light on D St. is Summer St.; turn right. Turn left at the next traffic light (very close), then left into the hotel driveway.

From the WEST

Take I-90 (Mass Pike) eastbound to the South Boston exit

Exiting the Pike, take the left (of 3) choices which is marked "local traffic".

At the first light, turn right onto Congress St. and go under an elevated roadway.

Turn right at the next light which is D. St.

The first light on D St. is Summer St.; turn right. Turn left at the next traffic light (very close), then left into the hotel driveway.

Parking: there is some free evening/weekend parking on both sides of Summer St. beyond the convention center; turn left at the traffic light as you leave the hotel. Check the signs carefully, as some parking is limited on Saturday and a large part of the near side of the street is reserved for taxis.

By Air

From Logan International: The simplest way is to take the Silver Line Bus Rapid Transit to the World Trade Center station. (see from World Trade Center Station, below). A taxi is also a reasonable choice and will cost in the low teens (somewhat more during rush hour), or you can take a shared van service to the hotel for about \$10. See details at the airport or at www.massport.com/logan/getti_typeo_share.html.

Rail

Take Amtrak to South Station and transfer there to the Silver Line to World Trade Center Station (see below).

By the 'T'

Go to South Station and transfer there to the Silver Line to the World Trade Center Station (see below). For details, see www.mbta.com/schedules_and_maps/subway/lines/?route=SILVER#Wa terfront or call 617-222-3200 or 1-800-392-6100.

From World Trade Center Station

Go up the escalators (following the signs to Viaduct St.). After you leave the station, turn left and walk along World Trade Center Drive until it ends at Summer Street. Cross the street and turn left. The hotel is about halfway down the block. Total walk is about ¼ mile.

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See you at Boskone!