



Boskone 47, Sunday, February 14, 2010

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Copies of all issues of *Helmuth* (they'll be reprinted as needed) will be available at Information in the Galleria, at Boskone Registration on the second floor, in the Freebie rack, and on our website at <www.boskone.org/helmuth.html>.

Literary Beer Location

On Sunday, all Literary Beers will be held in Saucyety.

Volunteers [Always] Needed

Volunteer to help us run Boskone at the Information table in the Galleria.

We specifically need people to help with teardown and truck loading mid to late Sunday afternoon (this volunteer time counts double). Pizza will be provided for helpers after the truck is loaded, about 6 pm.

Monday morning starting at about 10am we will be loading the last of Boskone 47 onto the truck at the hotel. We will unload the truck at the NESFA clubhouse in the early afternoon. Call Rick Kovalcik at 1-508-259-6819 for more exact times and information. (This time also counts double.)

The "books for volunteers" will be for sale (cheaply) to all after noon.

Art Show: Bid to Buy Before Noon

Bidding to purchase artwork will end at noon. If you want to bid, sign up for a bidder number at the Art Show desk. Prints are available for immediate purchase. The show will reopen for sales from 1-3:30pm. Come see who won ribbons.

Suggestions for Improvement Sought

If you have ideas on how to improve next year's Boskone, attend the Gripe Session at 3 pm. Alas, so far we can do little about the weather, but at least we didn't have a 'Sno-Kone' this year.

Dead Dog

There is no Dead Dog Dinner this year due to the competition from Valentine's Day. The Con Suite will remain open until everyone drops.

Boskone 48

(February 18-20, 2011)

Guest of Honor: Charles Stross

Special Guest: Charlaine Harris

Official Artist: Gregory Manchess

Featured Filker: Erica Neely

To get the lowest rate, join before the end of Boskone 47. Memberships are available for \$40 at Registration (until it closes at noon) and at the NESFA Sales table. After that the rate is \$49.

Gaming

Please keep all food and drink away from the video game table. Equipment can be (and has been) damaged.

Balloons

They are available to all at 3 pm; please do not take any before then.

Lost & Found

Items held at Information: One Registered Marrow Donor bag containing a "Registered Marrow Donor" sweatshirt (size XL); one pair black Prima Royal slip-on shoes; one tan Nautica baseball cap; one black 4G "Geek Squad" thumb drive; one plastic bag containing G. I. Joe action figures and two keys; a pair of brown-framed eye glasses; a box of portable table games; a pair of white earbuds left at the Readercon party on Friday; one lost badge with a gopher ribbon.

Lost on Saturday Night

A 3" black button with silver letters: "Speak softly and carry a light saber." If found please email kshayes513@cox.net. I've had it since 1977!

Awards Winners

Joni Brill Dashoff was elected to the Fellowship of NESFA.

Gaughan Award – Tyler Jacobson

Skylark Award – Omar Rayyan

Art Show Awards

Popular Choice – Best Artist: Michael Whelan

Honorable Mention: Omar Rayyan, Kelly Kotulak

GOH Choice: Bob Eggleton – Rediscovery of

Apollo 8

Chair's Choice: Bob Eggleton – Green Hills of Earth

Art Director's Choice: Omar Rayyan – Captain Cur

Staff Choice: Tamu – Winter's Child

Guard's Choices: Bob Eggleton – Rainbow Dragon

Mike Maung – Alchemist

Best in Show: John Picacio – The Well-Built City

Judges Choices:

Rick Berry – Machine Complaint

Bob Eggleton – Green Hills of Earth

Johnna Klukas – Space Opera

Kelly Kotulak – "Body of Work: Shadow Boxes"

Charles Lang – The Fly 1958 (black & white)

Jean-Pierre Normand – Probe One

Omar Rayyan – "Body of Work"

Marc Scheff – Earth Elemental

Joan Turner – Flourished Fish

Donna Lee Young – Sorrow

Olympic Skating Schedule – Fantasy on Ice

Sunday evening: Pairs figure skating

Monday evening: More pairs figure skating

Tuesday evening: Mens figure skating

And more to come...

Registration Numbers (Saturday final)

700 Pre-registered attendees

At-door members:

145 Full

31 Friday

94 Saturday all-day

17 Saturday evening

5 Sunday

992 Total badges issued

Registration Numbers (10:15 am preliminary)

1007 badges issued (including one-days)

Quotes

From Bill Todd

"Not for nothing, but if you get the black Committee ribbon you should've also received the black Committed ribbon."

From James Marshall

(Who will be out of town by the time the below-quoted see this. He hopes.)

Luckily, the authors at Boskone are all *nice* people, since Jo Walton advised "Life is too short to read books written by jerks."

– From the "Suck Fairy" panel.

Tom Shippey had probably spent a little too much time around the fans: "Why can't we torture the audience? If we don't do it to them, they'll do it to us."

– From the "Language and Linguistics" panel.

Come to the Boskone Debriefing

On Sunday, March 7, 1 pm at the NESFA clubhouse (504 Medford Street, Somerville, Mass.) we will review (some say interminably) what worked and did not work at this Boskone, with the aim of improving future Boskones.

Or learn more about NESFA. After the debriefing there will be a (usually short) NESFA Business Meeting. That may not be the best place to start, since much of it is boring business details, but you could try Wednesday evenings at the clubhouse or "Other Meetings" (which are more social). See www.nesfa.org for additional information.

Come say hi!

Nomi and Michael Burstein will be in the Con Suite all day with Muffin and Squeaker.

Bag Check

If you have luggage that needs storing until you leave, ask the hotel bell staff. They have a good-sized checkroom.

Thanks

Thank you all for attending, volunteering, being on program, partying (including all you zombies) and generally making Boskone what it is. Travel home safely, and come back next year!