

NESFA's regional science fiction convention

BOSKONE 49

February 17–19, 2012 • Westin Waterfront, Boston, MA

GUEST OF HONOR

JOHN SCALZI

OFFICIAL ARTIST

DANIEL DOS SANTOS

SPECIAL GUEST

TONI WEISSKOPF

FEATURED FILKER

TRICKY PIXIE

S. J. Tucker, Betsy Tinney
and Ben Deschamps

Membership Rates: Full membership: \$49 / College: \$35 / Student (K–12): \$25

For more info email info-B49@boskone.org or visit www.boskone.org

ABOUT BOSKONE⁴⁹

WHEN

February 17–19, 2012

PRE-REGISTRATION RATE

\$49 until January 17th, 2012

HOTEL

Westin Waterfront Hotel, Boston, MA

(800) 937-8461

\$153 single/double

\$163 triple

\$173 quad

PROGRAM

Boskone's program is known for its creativity and high-caliber speakers. Join us and our guests, along with authors, artists, editors, and fans to discuss such diverse topics as literary SF classics, steampunk, fantasy tropes, fannish history, Dr. Who, music, writing styles, breaking into publishing, and much more. Well-known Boskone regulars include young adult-children's authors Jane Yolen, Tamora Pierce, and Bruce Coville, as well as SF writers like Charles Stross, and artists like Bob Eggleton.

SPECIAL EVENTS

In addition to our traditional Friday evening art show reception, we will have a "fascinators" event (can you top Princess Beatrice?), hall costume awards, a Magic tournament, the Skylark Awards ceremony, concerts by both Tricky Pixie and Heather Dale, and a photo shoot area. All events are open to all of our members, young and old.

GAMING

Our well-stocked gaming area has everything from Agricola to Zombie Dice. Take a turn at the Xbox, save the world with Pandemic, or just play Dominion to your heart's content. In addition, we'll

have a special collectible card gaming area with Magic, Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh, and the like. Don't miss our sanctioned Magic: The Gathering™ tournament Sunday afternoon (for a small, additional fee).

ART SHOW

Consistently one of the best art shows around, we feature professional and amateur artists from across the country. You can bid on and buy original paintings and 3-D works, gawk at the elaborate science fiction and fantasy-themed artwork, or learn more about each piece during a guided tour. This year, our special exhibit showcases dust jacket art from the golden era of science fiction.

HUCKSTERS' ROOM

Looking to buy something? You'll find it here! There's stuff you just can't get online in our selective dealers' room. Vendors include booksellers, artists, small presses, games, jewelry, and, of course, those must-have shirts. While there, don't forget to pick up your limited-edition Boskone book by our Guest of Honor, John Scalzi, published by NESFA Press.

KIDS' STUFF

In our Dragonslair program, you'll find readings, toys, games, crafts, and hands-on demos designed to appeal to the elementary-aged set. Adults are welcome to join in on the fun as materials allow.

CONSUIE

The center of Boskone, the Consuite is the place to pick up a quick snack, have a conversation, or just sit and watch the rest of the con go by. There are comfy sofas to curl up in (maybe with that Scalzi book). You can also participate in one of the many Kaffeeklatsches—cozy conversations with one of our authors—or sign up for a Discussion Group. Or perhaps just sit & knit.

GUESTS

Guest of Honor **John Scalzi** is a writer, blogger, and film critic. Winner of both the Hugo and Campbell Awards, and has appeared on the New York Times bestseller list twice.

Official Artist **Daniel dos Santos** was the 2007 Jack Gaughan Award winner, and has also won both a Chesley Award and a Silver Medal Award from Spectrum. His work spans a variety of genres, and his clients include Disney, Tor Books, and Wizards of the Coast.

Special Guest **Toni Weiskopf** became the head of Baen Books after Jim Baen's death in 2006. Before that, she edited numerous books and anthologies, and co-wrote *Greasy Grimy Gopher Guts* (1995) with Joseph Sherman.

Featured Filker **Tricky Pixie** is a fusion of S. J. Tucker, Betsy Tinney, and Ben Deschamps. They use a wealth of instruments, including all manner of strings, voices, and drums, to entertain and delight.

NESFA Press Guest **Jerry Pournelle** is well-known for his classic Science Fiction writing with strong military themes, and his curmudgeonly computer reviews in *Byte* magazine. He is best known for his collaborations with Larry Niven, including *The Mote in God's Eye*, and the Prometheus Award winner *Fallen Angels* (with Michael Flynn).

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out the below form and mail it to us at: Boskone 49, PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701, USA, or fax it to 617-776-3243, or go to www.boskone.org and pay via most major credit cards and PayPal.

name: _____

(Please attach additional membership names and addresses on separate sheets. Thank you!)

street address: _____

city: _____ state: _____ zip/postal code: _____

country: _____

email address: _____

I have _____ child(ren) who will have membership(s) and be using Dragonslair, and their name(s)

& age(s) are: _____

PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION ABOUT:

volunteering to help!

entering original/resale work in the Art Show

I have _____ kids in tow (under 6)

joining NESFA

obtaining space in the Hucksters' room

PAYMENT INFO

_____ (Full) memberships at \$49

_____ (College) memberships at \$35

_____ (Student) memberships at \$25 (Grades K-12)

\$ _____ total

I AM PAYING BY: check/money order credit card

Do not mail cash! If paying by check or money order, make it out to **Boskone**.

credit card #: _____

exp. date: _____

name on card: _____

signature: _____