

NESFA'S REGIONAL SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

# BOSKONE 51

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FEBRUARY 14-16, 2014 · WESTIN BOSTON WATERFRONT HOTEL



GUEST OF HONOR

**SEANAN  
MCGUIRE**  
[AKA MIRA GRANT]

OFFICIAL ARTIST

**DAVID  
PALUMBO**

SPECIAL GUEST

**GINJER  
BUCHANAN**

FEATURED FILKER

**BILL ROPER**

HAL CLEMENT SCIENCE SPEAKER

**BILL HIGGINS**

NESFA PRESS GUEST

**JANE YOLEN**

**RATES:** Adult \$50 Student \$35 K-12 \$25



# BOSKONE PROGRESS REPORT 1

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## INTRODUCING BOSKONE 51:

Boskone is a classic and family-friendly science fiction convention, located in Boston, and drawing participants within and far from the New England area. Boskone 51 will be held the weekend of February 14–16, 2014, at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel.

## OUR GUESTS:

Guest of Honor **Seanan McGuire** has won two Hugo Awards, and the Campbell Award. She writes about urban elves, superheroes, monsters, and (as Mira Grant) zombies. She is also a cartoonist, and a filksinger.

Official Artist **David Palumbo** has won the Chesley Award, and three Spectrum medals. His works span urban reality through dynamic fantasy to far-reaching science fiction, and he has painted zombies.

Special Guest **Ginjer Buchanan** is known as one of the “founding mothers” of the science fiction community. She works as an acquisitions editor for Penguin USA, which now includes Putnam, Berkley, and Ace Books.

Featured Filker **Bill Roper** has won the Pegasus Award three times, founded Dodeka Records, chaired Windycon twice, and is in the Filk Hall of Fame. His humorous filksongs are a delight to all who hear them.

The Hal Clement Science Speaker is **Bill Higgins**. He is an engineering

physicist who helped build the Tevatron (predecessor of the Large Hadron Collider) and who loves to explain about “spaceflight, astronomy, and planetary science.”

The NESFA Press Guest is the beloved writer and editor of science fiction and fantasy, **Jane Yolen**. She has won the Nebula Award, been President of the Science Fiction Writers of America, was Guest of Honor at Boskone 29, and has published two books with NESFA Press.

**OUR HOTEL:** The Westin Waterfront Hotel is at 425 Summer Street, Boston, MA. Its telephone numbers are 800-937-8461 and 617-532-4600. Our room rates will be \$157 for a single or double, \$167 for a triple, and \$177 for a quad.

**REGISTRATION:** Our preregistration rates are \$50 for adults, \$35 for college students, and \$25 for elementary and high school students, and will remain in effect through January 22, 2014. Check our website, [www.boskone.org](http://www.boskone.org), for full and day rates at the convention.

**PROGRAM:** Our program is known for its creativity, depth, and high-caliber speakers. Join us, our guests, and dozens of authors, artists, editors, and fans to discuss literary SF classics, zombies, steampunk, fantasy tropes, fannish history and

music, Young Adult SF, Doctor Who, the how-tos of publishing, and much more. Among those participating will be Elizabeth Bear, Bruce Coville, Charles Stross, Melinda Snodgrass, Bob Eggleton, Raymond Feist, Allen Steele, Jo Walton, Charlaine Harris, James Patrick Kelly, Ruth Sanderson, James Consolmagno, John Picacio, Tom Shippey, the Nielsen Haydens, and Walter Jon Williams.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** There will be our traditional Friday evening reception, with something special added, the Awards Ceremony, an almost-dramatic presentation, lots of filksinging, and a photo shoot area. More will be added as we confirm our guests and our plans! All events are open to all of our members.

**GAMING:** Our well-stocked gaming area will move into the middle of our activities. There we will have 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.

**ART SHOW:** The Boskone Art Show is consistently one of the best around. It features professional and amateur artists from across the country. Not only can you gawk at the elaborate science fiction and fantasy-themed artwork, you can bid on and buy many

of these original paintings and 3-D works, and learn more about each piece during a guided tour. This year, we will again have a Special Exhibit showcasing part of the history of the science fiction art field.

**DEALERS' ROOM:** Looking to buy something? You'll find it here, in our own department store of hearts' desires. Here are things you simply can't get online. Vendors include booksellers, artists, small presses, games, jewelry, those must-have shirts, and, of course, NESFA Press.

**DRAGONSLAIR:** Dragonslair is our space and program for younger fans. Here you'll find readings, toys, games, crafts, talks, and hands-on demos designed to appeal to the elementary-aged set. Adults are welcome to join in on the fun as space and materials allow.

**CON SUITE:** The center of Boskone, the Con Suite, 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 will be comfy sofas and chairs to curl up in. You can also participate in one of the many Kaffeeklatsches — cozy conversations with one of our authors — or sign up for a Discussion Group.

... *And There Is More!*  
Stay tuned as we develop our plans!

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out the below form and mail it to us at: Boskone, PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701, USA, or fax it to 617-776-3243, or go to our website [www.boskone.org](http://www.boskone.org) and pay via most major credit cards and paypal. Good though January 22, 2014.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

I have \_\_\_\_\_ kids in tow (under 6)

### PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION ABOUT:

- volunteering to help!
- obtaining space in the Hucksters' room
- entering original/resale work in the Art Show
- handicapped services
- joining NESFA

### PAYMENT INFO

\_\_\_\_\_ (Full) memberships at \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ (College) memberships at \$35

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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

I AM PAYING BY:  check/money order  credit card  
(If paying by check or money order, make it out to **Boskone**.)

credit card #: \_\_\_\_\_

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