

# HELMUTH

## Speaking for Boskone

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### PROGRAM UPDATES

**The following program participants will not be making it this weekend:**

- David Kyle
- Laird Barron
- Melissa Marr
- Kate Baker
- Alison Sinclair

### General announcement:

With the inclement weather upon us please be aware that participants may not be able to make their program items at the last moment.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Item Changes:

- Friday 8:00 pm, How to Get Your Story Rejected: Teresa Nielsen Hayden will not be on this panel.
- Saturday 2:00 pm, Non-Western Folklore and Fairytales: Elaine Isaac will not be on this panel.
- Saturday 9:00 pm, Jodorowsky Effect: Paul Di Filippo will not be able to attend this panel.
- Sunday 10:00 am, SF/F Art for Children: Michael Burstein will not be on this panel.

### WELCOME TO BOSKONE ...

Congratulations on making it past the immense snowbanks and over the frozen Boston tundra (!!) to Boskone 52, here in the lovely Westin Boston Waterfront. Stay warm, enjoy your stay, and enjoy the con!

### It's COLD Out There!

Please use the huge revolving door when going between the lobby and the outside. Using the swinging doors lets in a blast of cold air.

Generally, if you have to go out, be careful out there. The temperature's about 15–18°, and that doesn't take into account the wind chill whipping off the waterfront.

The National Weather Service has posted a blizzard warning for Eastern Massachusetts, in effect from 7 pm Saturday to 11 am Sunday.

Be safe ... be warm ... be careful ...

### Wanted — Minions!!

We need volunteers! Stop by the Volunteer table in the Galleria to talk to us, and to see the lovely gifts we have waiting for everyone who volunteers for at least 6 hours. And for 12 hours, you get a membership to Boskone 53.

### Complimentary Internet Access:

Hotel guests get free wi-fi in their rooms. Select the **gold** level. Ignore any charges, they won't show up on your bill.

### Parties?

#### *Friday*

*Lunarians/Lunacon 2016:  
Room 456, 8:30 until ~ 12*

There are also rumors of a Helsinki in 2017 bid party and an Albacon party. Check the party boards and the wing of the 4th floor where all the parties are located.

*The MBTA announced it will suspend all service Sunday, February 15 due to the declared blizzard warning this weekend for Eastern Massachusetts.*

## Of Interest to Stargazers:

Venus and Mars will appear close together during Boskone. If the skies are clear in the evening, go down D St. to the far end of the little park beyond the hotel and look across the convention-center parking lot around 6pm. (D St. runs along the Art Show and Con Suite side of Galleria but all of the doors on that side are for emergencies only; take the escalator down from the far end of the lobby instead.) Venus will be visible more on line with D St. around 5pm, but Mars may not be visible until full dark.

For after the convention, note that Venus will appear very close to the Moon on February 20; people who look repeatedly over an hour may observe the relative positions changing.

*N.B. The doors at the bottom of the escalator are automatic, but later in the evening may be locked; plan accordingly.*  
(Via Chip Hitchcock)

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## Announcements

Be Boskone's Valentine! Visit the MidAmeriCon II fan table and sign their card to Boskone. (At the same time, let them try to convince you to visit Kansas City in 2016 for the Worldcon.)

Spiritual or Geek? Why not both? Morning Prayer Services are taking place both Saturday and Sunday mornings in Marina 2 at 8:30 AM. These are ecumenical Christian services (but all are welcome) based on the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and the Iona Abbey Worship Book.

## Mobile App for the Boskone Schedule:

Have a mobile device? You can access the Boskone schedule on your smartphone or tablet by going to: <http://boskone.org/guide>

## Next Helmuth Deadline

Sat 9am for  
11am edition!

## Next Year in Boston ...

Boskone 53 will be taking place on February 19–21, 2016 at the Westin Boston-Waterfront Hotel. We're pleased to announce our guests for next year's event:

*Guest of Honor:*

Garth Nix

*Official Artist:*

Richard Anderson

*Special Guests:*

Arnie Fenner and Cathy Burnett Fenner

*Featured Filkers:*

Vixy & Tony

*NESFA Press Guest:*

Bob Eggleton

*Pre-registration until the end of Boskone 52 is \$40. Boskone 53 memberships are available at Boskone 52 Registration and at the NESFA Sales Table in the Dealers' Room. (<http://store.nesfa.org>)*

Please make note of the dates for Boskone 53. This is the weekend after our normal weekend.

**Helmuth Submissions:**

Send email to [helmuth@boskone.org](mailto:helmuth@boskone.org) or leave a note in the Inbox at the Info Desk.

