

MINICON 48

Greetings! This is the first of two progress reports from Minicon 48, to be held this coming Easter weekend, March 29-31, 2013, at the DoubleTree in Bloomington, MN. Minicon features panel discussions, readings, signings, costuming, a Medallion Hunt, films, gaming, an art show, dealers, kids' programming, a science room, filk and folk music, a well-stocked consuite and bar, room parties, and various special events. New this year is a department devoted especially to teen fans, *lower* membership rates, and a new layout in the hotel. Read on for details. Our guests of honor:



Author Julie Czerneda:
In the Company of Others, A Turn of Light, the Clan Chronicles & Species Imperative series

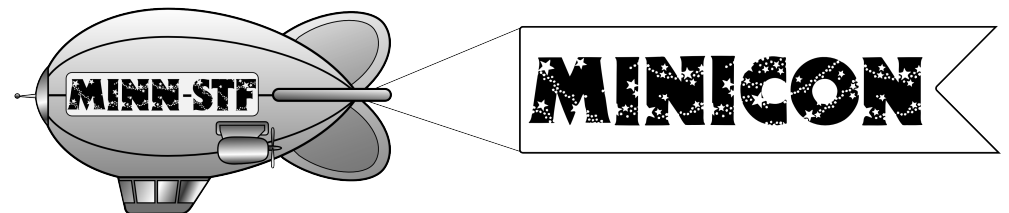


Fan Richard Tatge:
Minn-stf member since 1968, gamer-extraordinaire, famous for tie dye and light shows.

Memberships: If you are already registered, a ® should appear on your mailing label. You can register at mnstf.org/minicon48 or by mail to Minicon 48, PO Box 8297, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408. If you don't have a form, just send the usual info and we'll figure it out. \$40 adult, \$20 student (13-20), \$10 kid (6-12), \$0 child (0-5), \$15 supporting. Pre-reg deadline: March 5. For more information: registration@minicon48.mnstf.org or write to the PO box above.

Hotel: We're in the Bloomington DoubleTree again this year (a.k.a. the Sheraton, a.k.a. the Radisson) Rooms are \$89 if reserved by March 5, otherwise \$99. For normal rooms call 952-835-7800, or go to mnstf.org/minicon48/hotel. To book poolside cabana rooms for sleeping and/or running a room party, please send your request to parties@minicon48.mnstf.org

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Layout: We are trying a new hotel layout this year. The consuite will be back by the pool, but we'll use the programming rooms in the north tower (they have real walls). To avoid spreading the con out too much, we'll keep as much as possible on the 2nd floor.

Programming: Minicon 48 will have panel discussions, readings, demonstrations, and other events. To suggest a topic or volunteer, see mnstf.org/minicon48/programming. Deadline for submission of programming ideas: Dec 1.

Minicon: the Next Generation: We have a new department this year for teens and other young fans. Activities that may occur include a juggling show, boffing, and/or a sword fighting demonstration. We'll also have a new teen lounge.

A longer version of this progress report is available at mnstf.org/minicon48/. You will get the full second progress report by mail this winter.



MNStf, the club that sponsors Minicon, holds about 24 very small conventions every year. We call them "meetings", but don't let that fool you. They're parties with a 5 minute announcement period. See mnstf.org/einblatt for the schedule.

Minicon is run entirely by volunteers. Please join us. Mail volunteers@minicon48.mnstf.org to participate. We're all in this together!