

MINICON 50-The Gold Edition

Greetings! This is the first of three progress reports from Minicon 50, to be held Easter weekend, April 2-5, 2015 (that's 4 days!), at the DoubleTree in Bloomington, MN. Minicon features panel discussions, readings, signings, costuming, the Costume Revel, the 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, teen-run teen programming, and various special events.

Our guests of honor will be authors **Larry Niven**, **Jane Yolen** and **Brandon Sanderson**, musician **Adam Stemple**, artist **Michael Whelan** and publisher **Tom Doherty**.

Memberships: If you are registered, a ® should appear on your mailing label. You can register at mnstf.org/minicon50 or by mail to Minicon 50, Lake Street Station, PO Box 8297, Minneapolis, MN 55408. If you don't have a form, print one from the web or 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 info: registration@minicon50.mnstf.org or write to the PO box.

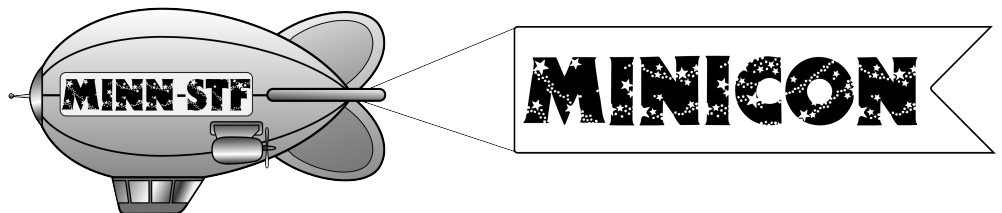
Hotel: We're in the Bloomington DoubleTree again this year. Rooms are \$92 if booked by March 5. The room block is not yet open. See PR2 for an update, or check mnstf.org/minicon50/hotel.

Programming: We will continue to have excellent panel discussions, readings, demonstrations and other events. To suggest a topic or volunteer, see mnstf.org/minicon50/programming. Panel idea submissions close Dec 1 and the deadline for panelist volunteers is Dec 31 (earlier than last year).

A longer version of this PR is at mnstf.org/minicon50. Members of Minicon 47-50 will get a full PR2 by mail in Dec and a PR3 by postcard or email in Feb. A full or supporting membership will keep you on the mailing list.

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If everything has gone well, this year the toner will stick to the cardstock and you will be able to read this tiny text. Did you know that there is a UTC+14:00 time zone? That means that for a few hours every day, there are three legal days in progress. So Minicon 50 might be 7 days somewhere in the Pacific. Here we go round the mulberry bush, the mulberry bush, here we go round the mulberry bush. Trouble is, mulberries grow on trees.



4 days: To celebrate our anniversary, we made Minicon 50 four days. Panels, gaming, consuite/bar, Rumpus Room, art show, dealers room & science room will all run Th-Sun. More detail to follow in PR2.

Gaming: Some tidbits to look forward to: Special Magic: the Gathering events, life-sized Robo Rally, and an even *bigger* game library! Bring your favorite Magic decks and a laser gun/sonic screwdriver that lights up and makes noise!

Fan Assistance Fund: If your financial situation would prevent you from being able to come to Minicon, you can apply for a free or reduced membership. Email fanfund@minicon50.mnstf.org by Feb 1, letting us know how we can help you.

Minicon is run entirely by volunteers. Please join us. Mail volunteers@minicon50.mnstf.org to participate. We're all in this together!



Mnstf, the club that sponsors Minicon, is also running METHOD Con 2 Oct 10-12 – see mnstf.org/methodcon2. And we hold bimonthly parties, see mnstf.org/einblatt.