



HELMUTH

Speaking for BOSKONE 49

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Unofficial new registrations for Saturday: 23 full, 16 student, 20 college, 107 Saturday only, 4 Sunday only, and -1 Friday only. Yes, for someone a taste of Boskone on Friday wasn't enough! We also already have 15 additional pre-registrations for Boskone 50. Unofficially, we've given out a total of 1294 badges; this includes a penguin, a couple dogs-in-tow, and Fluff Cthulu! We've had twenty volunteers help us at Registration so far, Thank You!

The Photo Booth is available FOR FREE at the top of the escalators, across from Registration. Have your picture taken holding an alien penguin, or sitting next to Shakespeare, or sporting a steampunk moustache! Sunday hours: 11 am to 2 pm, approximately. Boskone members are welcome to utilize their own cameras if preferred. Silliness is encouraged, but no one wishing a photo will be turned away. Crystal Huff is running this area.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Cons run on volunteer power. Earn our eternal gratitude! Earn a T-Shirt! Earn a free membership for next year!

Guru of the Game Room Winners:
Tied for First: William Mui & Daniel Farre
Second: Jesse Wertheimer

Tied for Third: Larry Dunne & Joe Watovicz

ALL weapons must be legal under Massachusetts law. If it isn't legal there, it isn't legal here. Do not use anything as a weapon that is not intended to be a weapon.

Our program and maps are available on the FREE Guidebook app for Android, iPhone and iPad. We are listed as Boskone 49.

Lost & Found: There is an Austin Book & Comics gift certificate with a name on it, please come to Information to claim it. We also have a credit card at Information. The owner can claim it with appropriate ID. The thumb drive that was at Information earlier has FOUND its owner, and they have been reunited.

FOOD:

We have heard that there is a food court at the convention center that is accessible without paying show admission. We don't know the hours, but there is an excellent chance they correspond to the BCEC hours.

Hotel restaurant extended hours: Sauciety will be open for breakfast and will serve lunch until 2:30PM. The Birch Bar will open at noon.

The Wolfgang Puck Cafe at the ICA will give a 15% discount to Boskone members who display their badge. You do not have to pay the ICA entrance fee to get into the cafe.

See our restaurant guide at the information desk for more options

Boskone will be hosting a Magic the Gathering tournament with \$1000 in cash prizes starting at 10AM on Sunday. The cost to enter is \$20 for Boskone members, payable at Boskone Registration. There is an upper limit of 180 players. The tournament is a sealed deck tournament featuring *Innistrad* and *Dark Ascension*. For more information, see the flyer at Registration

Program News

Autographing: Charlie Stross, Sunday, 13:00
John Scalzi, Sunday, 14:00

Crossover: Mysteries and Genre: Burroughs, Sunday at 13:00: Which genre do mysteries most resemble: science fiction, fantasy, or horror? What mental muscles do they use similarly, for writer and for reader? If a mystery story is a whodunit, is an SF tale often a howdunit? What works have most successfully crossed the streams?

Toni Weisskopf (M), Dana Cameron, Alexander Jablovkov, Leah Cypess, Toni L.P. Kelner

Vermont is rightly nicknamed the Green Mountain State for its lovely landscape. But the Emergency Room at the Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center in Windsor, VT has recently reported to the CDC a new and troubling epidemic: patients turning green. Is it envy or something more sinister? Come and find out at the Artifactual Game Show, Burroughs, 8:00PM Saturday.

Tunnel in the Sky and Other Tales of Teen

Survival: Griffin, Sun. at 12:00: For the kids to have adventures, lose the parents. In the title story, Robert A. Heinlein uses teleportation: what other ways work to get the kids out of town? Once on their own, should our teens kiss or start killing something? How much adversity before readers get scared or depressed? Besides Heinlein's, what are the classics in this line? Who has

written it well recently? What's done differently today?

Leah Cypess (M), Bruce Coville, Priscilla Olson, Mary Ellen Wessels, Jane Yolen

Events: Start/End Time Changes:

The "Boskone Saturday Night Award Event" starts at 9pm Saturday (as listed), but only runs for 30 minutes.

The "Late Guest Filk Concert" starts at **9:30pm Saturday**, immediately after the Awards event and runs for an hour. **Please note** that this is half an hour earlier than what is published in the Pocket Program.

Dropped from Program: Jean-Pierre Normand will not be attending Boskone. Therefore, he will not participate in "*The Big Bang Theory & Other Images of Geeks in Mass Media*," Sun. at 11:00.

Allen Steele has had to leave the convention, and he will not be autographing, Sun. at 10:00.

Added to Program: Lawrence Schimel will be on "Unpacking SF's Sexual QUILTBAG," Sun. at 11:00.

Laurie Mann will be on "*The Big Bang Theory & Other Images of Geeks in Mass Media*," Sun. at 11:00.

PARTIES: Jean Berman's birthday party, Room 401, Saturday, 8-11PM (maybe later). Lots of good food. Jean's birthday is 2/19.

Spokane, Room 407, Saturday, 9:00PM to whenever (2:00AM?).

HELMUTH has an "in" box at the information desk for submissions. Please submit. Next deadline 10:00AM Sunday. Submissions can also be made via e-mail: helmuth@boskone.org

Please drop by the Information Desk to sign the card for Jerry and Roberta Pournelle and send them your best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Helmuth for Boskone 49 is brought to you by Susan Carson Isaacs and Fred Isaacs (SCIFI). Our roving reporter is Wally Ballou. Art is by "Our Little Ray" Isaacs.