# Boskone 36 Program

### **Friday**

#### 6 pm

Camelot C/N: I'll Never Grow Up: Why So Many Adults Love YA Fantasy

Bruce Coville, Priscilla Olson, Tamora Pierce,

Jane Yolen

Camelot South: Special GoH Slide

**Show: Fictional Science** 

Teddy Harvia

King Henry: Deck Building 101: Magic

**Deck Building Session** Leslie J. Turek (m)

#### 7 pm

#### Camelot C/N: **Beyond Star Trek and** Babylon 5: The Rest of SF TV

So much of the discussion of SF and fantasy TV centers on Babylon 5 and Star Trek. Yet there are a host of other shows: The X-Files, Hercules, Xena, Third Rock from the Sun, Millenium, and Buffy the Vampire Slayer as well as such shows as the animated Superman, Batman, and Men in Black. This panel discusses these shows (though we'll skip quickly over Buffy, since she has her own panel later in the evening).

Ginjer Buchanan, Michael A. Burstein, Teddy Harvia, Daniel Kimmel (m), Josepha

#### Camelot South: What's the Big Deal: Why Your Friends, Housemates, and **Spouses Play Magic**

Leslie J. Turek (m)

#### Grand: **Alien Casino**

Come to the Rialto, our Alien Casino/Speakeasy, to mingle with the program participants. We provide a stake of Casino credits, the rules to a variety of exotic games, and an assortment of-peculiarprizes; there will also be refreshments and entertainment. Due to the popularity of this event last year, the Rialto will be open until 11pm.

#### Camelot C/N: Will the Web Be the **Future of Fanzines?**

Are web pages replacing fanzines? How do they differ from fanzines?

Daniel P. Dern, Teddy Harvia, Frederick Andrew Lerner (m), Laurie Mann, Edmund

#### Camelot South: The Boston Museum of Natural History

Taking its place beside such celebrated mythsturned-fact as Schliemann's Troy and the Danvers Harpy, the Boston Museum of Natural History is glimpsed through recently-discovered documents and images that hint at a rich and offtimes fantastic saga of secret expeditions and astonishing collec-

Cortney Skinner

Kildare: **NESFA Hymnal Singing** 

Lois H. Mangan

#### 9 pm

#### Camelot C/N: To Say Nothing of **Doomsday: The Works of Connie** Willis

James Patrick Kelly, Charles Ryan (m), Sarah Smith

#### Camelot South: What *Is* It About Buffy?

Why is Buffy the Vampire Slayer so popular? Keith R. A. DeCandido, Janice M. Eisen, Laura Anne Gilman, Nancy C. Hanger, Jennifer Jackson

#### Kildare: Group Singing: NESFA Hymnal Singing, continued

Lois H. Mangan

Tipperary Pub (Dragonslair): Scary **Stories** 

Barbara Chepaitis

#### 9:30 pm

Kildare: Rehearsal for Choral Performance

Edward L. Stauff

#### 10 pm

Camelot C/N: **Trivia Bowl** 

Mark L. Olson, Priscilla Olson, Mike Scott,

Joe Siclari, Bob Devney Kildare: **Open Filk** 

### **Saturday**

#### 9 am

Room 242: Odyssey Writers' Workshop

Jeanne M. Cavelos Kildare: **SFWA Meeting** SFWA members only, please!

#### 10 am

#### Camelot C/N: **SF Blockbusters: Are Big Budgets and Special Effects Hurting SF** Moviemaking?

Are special effects and big budgets ruining movies? Are they pushing producers to spend more and more time on spectacle and less time on plot and characterization? Is there an upside to the push for

Daniel Kimmel (m), Mark R. Leeper, Jim

Camelot South: **Your Ticket to the Moon: The Artemis Project (Slide** show)

Ian Randal Strock

Windsor Grille: Kaffeeklatch

Brenda W. Clough, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Jane Yolen

Shannon: Autographing: Connie Willis Tipperary Pub (Dragonslair): Mythology and Folklore for Kids

Josepha Sherman (m) Waterford: **Reading: Katya Reimann** Wexford: The Death of the Cover Art

The cover market is changing. Some companies are using computer-generated art. Some are not using cover art at all (though this is still less common in *SF than in the mainstream or some other genres).* Will this trend continue? Does it affect sales?

Nicholas Jainschigg, Charles Ryan, Jamie Warren-Youll, Stephen Youll (m)

Market

#### Hucksters Room: Hal Clement autographs his new book at the NESFA Sales table

### Art Show: Cortney Cuts Up in the Art

Cortney Skinner provides a demonstration of direct cutting of silhouette portraits with a display of authentic tools of the trade and a little historic

Cortney Skinner

#### Camelot C/N: Fifteen Microns and **Closing: Bad Science in Science Fiction**

Science fiction often can get the science right, but it also can get it badly wrong. A panel of noted hard SF writers and scientists (including an expert in bad science) discuss how and why SF can go

Marc Abrahams, Jeffrey A. Carver, Hal Clement (m), Thomas A. Easton, Jeff Hecht Camelot South: Slide Show: Bob

#### Grand: The Seventies: SF's Forgotten Silver Age

At times, the Seventies seem like a forgotten time for SF, stuck between the New Wave excitement of the

Sixties and the Renaissance of the Eighties. Yet even a quick glance at the award winners shows that the Seventies deserve attention. They featured such novels as The Dispossessed, Ringworld, The Mote in God's Eye, To Your Scattered Bodies Go, and The Forever War. Writers such as Gene Wolfe, Michael Bishop, George R.R. Martin, Ursula LeGuin, John Varley, and James Tiptree produced major short works. The panel looks at the SF of the Seventies.

Ellen Asher, David G. Hartwell, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Allen Steele (m)

#### Kildare: The Regency and the Emperor: Popularity of the Late 18th/Early 19th Centuries

The late 18th and early 19th centuries are popular both with readers in general and with science fiction readers in particular. On one side you have the popularity of books set in the Napoleonic Wars, such the Hornblower novels and the Sharpe novels. You also have many fans of Jane Austen and Georgette Heyer. And of course you have many fans of Patrick O'Brian, whose works reflect both of these sides of the time period. Why is this period and these works so popular with SF fans?

Leigh Grossman (m), Sharon Lee, Madeleine E. Robins. Susan Shwartz

Windsor Grille: Kaffeeklatch

Tamora Pierce, Josepha Sherman, Ann Tonsor Zeddies

Shannon: Autographing: Keith R. A. DeCandido, Laura Anne Gilman Waterford: **Reading: Sarah Zettel** 

#### Wexford: The Relationship between Fanzines and Professional SF

The panel discusses the relationship between fanzines and the professional SF field. Have fanzines ever had any real influence on the literary or economic development of SF? Do fanzines provide a channel of communication between reader and writer, or are they seen by SF professionals as the hobby of a few insignificant fans?

Frederick Andrew Lerner (m), Edmund R. Meskys, Joe Siclari

### 11:30 am

Tipperary Pub: Reading in Dragonslair: Jane Yolen

Waterford: **Reading: Paul Levinson** 

#### Room 242: Web Pages for Writers: Does and **Don'ts**

More and more writers are creating their own Web pages. Some do it well, but far too many don't. Timothy Liebe, an experienced Web designer, provides advice.

Timothy E. Liebe (m)

#### Camelot C/N: **Horror Beyond New Jersey: The Boundaries Between Horror and Fantasy**

At times, there seems to be a rigid line between the the settings of "horror" and "fantasy." A story about a man who comes back from the dead, and with awful and heart-rending desperation tries to regain his widow's affection, is horror if it's set in New Jersey. But, if it's set in Atlantis or Hellenistic Peru, by marketing standard, it's fantasy. Do we need to redefine what we mean by "horror"?

Kathryn Cramer, Don D'Ammassa, Madeleine E. Robins, Darrell Schweitzer (m)

#### Camelot South: Slide Show: Nick Jainschigg **Grand: Hollywood Musicals**

Where else can you break out in spontaneous song and always be on key? Where else can you be swell, be great, and have the whole world on a plate? Things may not quite be coming up roses (even the day before Valentine's Day), but by the time this panel is over, we promise you'll leave with a list of our favorite sings.

Brenda W. Clough (m), Bruce Coville, Esther Friesner, Connie Willis, Sarah Zettel

Kildare: Concert Set 1

Gary Ehrlich

#### Windsor Grille: Kaffeeklatch

Michael A. Burstein, Keith R. A. DeCandido, Michael

Shannon: **Autographing: Paul Levinson**,

Tamora Pierce

Tipperary Pub (Dragonslair): Fossil Show

Hal Clement

Waterford: **Reading: Jane Yolen** 

# Wexford: The Year in Physics and Astronomy: Not with a Bang or a Whimper: The End of Everything

We'll review a really exciting year in the hardest sciences, with particular attention to the very, very long term future of the Universe.

Mark L. Olson

#### 12:30 pm

Kildare: Concert Set 2

Ed Hutnik, Jane Sibley, Jeanne Wardwell Waterford: **Reading: Susan Shwartz** 

#### 1 pm

Art Show: Origami Demo

Mark R. Leeper

Room 242: Voice Workshop

Mary Ellen Wessels

Camelot C/N: From Wells to Willis — Variations on Time Travel in Science Fiction

Michael A. Burstein, Paul Levinson (m), Connie

Willis

Camelot South: **The Science of the X-Files** 

Jeanne M. Cavelos (m)

#### Grand: Advances in Improbable Research

This slide show presents outstandingly improbable research, a surprising amount of it genuine, from The Annals of Improbable Research. The talk includes highlights from the Ig Nobel Prize Ceremonies held annually at Harvard. Topics span the full range of the sciences and beyond, including the taxonomy of barney, a spectographic comparison of apples and oranges, tabletop fusion, and other diverse areas of research. Heckling is encouraged, as are lab coats and other appropriate and inappropriate regalia.

Marc Abrahams

### Kildare: Resolved: Editors Should Not Be Involved in Art Direction

John R. Douglas, Bob Eggleton (m), Laura Anne Gilman, Stephen Youll

Windsor Grille: Kaffeeklatch

William Keith Jr., Allen Steele, Ian Randal Strock

Shannon: Autographing: Darrell Schweitzer, Cecilia Tan

Waterford: Reading: Sharon Lee, Steve Miller

Wexford: Writing Fast/Writing Slow Jeffrey A. Carver, Alexander Jablokov, Sarah

1:30 pm

Smith, Joan D. Vinge

Waterford: Reading: Esther Friesner

#### 2 pm

#### Camelot C/N: Classic Fantasy: Fantasy Before It Was a Genre

Before fantasy was a genre (which many folks consider started with the paperback publication of The Lord of the Rings), there was a rich tradition of fantasy. Dunsany, Eddison, and Peake were just three of the important fantasy authors. The panel discusses the important fantasy writers from before 1960 and the impact that fantasy becoming its own genre has had.

Greer Gilman, Jennifer Jackson, Darrell Schweitzer (m), Lawrence Watt-Evans, Ann Tonsor Zeddies

## Camelot South: Writing Screenplays Daniel Kimmel, Timothy E. Liebe, Steven

Sawicki (m)
Grand: **Bride of How to Lie With Statis**tics

Michael F. Flynn

### Kildare: The Past and Future of SF Short Stories: A Dialog

One of SF's best short story writers and one of our best editors discuss the state of the SF short story.

James Patrick Kelly, Patrick Nielsen Hayden Windsor Grille: **Kaffeeklatch** 

Nicholas Jainschigg, Sharon Lee, Steve Miller Shannon: **Autographing: Jeffrey A. Carver** Tipperary Pub (Dragonslair): **Filking** 

Mary Ellen Wessels

Waterford: Reading: Hal Clement

### Wexford: The NESFA Index: Where It Is and Where It's Going

Anthony R. Lewis, Mark L. Olson

2:30 pm

Waterford: Reading: Allen Steele

3 pm

Art Show: **ASFA Meeting** 

Room 242: Releasing Your Inner Music

Denise Gendron

Camelot C/N: Green Blood and Exoskeletons: Alien Biology

Hal Clement (m), Jeff Hecht, William Keith Jr., Amy Thomson

Camelot South: Slide Show: Stephen Youll Kildare: Crossing the Lines: Mysteries and SF

Many SF and fantasy readers also like mysteries. Likewise, a number of SF writers cross the lines and write mysteries. What are the similarities and differences in writing one vs. the other? What mystery writers are particularly popular with SF readers and writers?

Barbara Chepaitis, Alexander Jablokov (m), Sarah Smith, David A. Smith, Diana Thayer

Windsor Grille: **Kaffeeklatch** 

Thomas A. Easton, Madeleine E. Robins Shannon: **Autographing: Josepha** 

Sherman, Allen Steele

Tipperary Pub (Dragonslair): **Hats as Costume** 

Ann Broomhead

# Waterford: Reading: Connie Willis Wexford: Masters of SF Satire: The Science Fiction of Tenn, Sheckley, and Pohl

SF has always been a great field for satire and the 1950s and 1960s produced some of the best. There were a number of SF satirists, but the leading figures were Robert Sheckley, William Tenn, and Fred Pohl. The panel discusses the works of these three as well as other SF satirists.

John R. Douglas, David G. Hartwell (m), Mark Keller, Daniel Kimmel

#### 4 pm

### Camelot C/N: **The Legacy of Donald A. Wollheim**

John Campbell is often given credit for the course of modern science fiction. However, Donald Wollheim was perhaps as important as Campbell. This panel discusses his impact on the field.

Ellen Asher, John R. Douglas, David G. Hartwell (m), Charles Ryan, Darrell Schweitzer

#### Camelot South: **Pictionary**

Craig Shaw Gardner, Teddy Harvia (m), Katya Reimann, Allen Steele, Diana Thayer, Amy Thomson, Stephen Youll

Grand: Filk Concert

Edward L. Stauff, Mary Ellen Wessels

#### Kildare: **Long Live the Legion**

Michael A. Burstein, Brenda W. Clough, Priscilla Olson (m)

Windsor Grille: **Kaffeeklatch** Glen Cook, Paul Levinson

Shannon: Autographing: Jane Yolen, Sarah

Tipperary Pub (Dragonslair): **Effects for Radio Drama** 

Timothy E. Liebe

Waterford: Reading: Tamora Pierce
Wexford: You Probably Haven't Heard of
... But You Should Have and You Will

Who are the new writers who look to be some of the significant writers in the field over the next decade? Ginjer Buchanan, Janice M. Eisen, Laura Anne Gilman, Evelyn C. Leeper, Patrick Nielsen Hayden (m)

#### 4:30 pm

Waterford: Reading: Bruce Coville

#### 5 pm

Camelot C/N: Rampaging Dinosaurs, Jet

### **Propelled Turtles, & Giant Spiders: BIG Monster Movies**

From King Kong to Godzilla, from Them to Gammera, giant monsters have attracted movie goers. The panel discusses the popularity of movies about big monsters—and why some work (despite plot absurdities) and others don't.

Bob Eggleton, Daniel Kimmel (m), Mark R.

Leeper, Jim Mann

### Camelot South: From MUD to Mush: Gaming on the Net

A look at text-based online games of the past and the graphical games of the future. Are the new games better or just a waste of bandwidth?

Eric Paul

#### Kildare: Rome Never Fell

Rome continues to fascinate writers. There have been a number of novels set in Ancient Rome, including several popular mystery series. Rome has been the setting for a number of popular fantasies. And a number of science fiction books have based their societies loosely (or not so loosely) on that of Rome. The panel looks at the continuing lure of the Roman Republic and the Roman Empire.

Esther Friesner, Mark Keller, Darrell Schweitzer, Susan Shwartz (m)

Susan Shwartz (n

Windsor Grille: **Kaffeeklatch**Laura Anne Gilman, Connie Willis

Shannon: Autographing: Michael F. Flynn, David G. Hartwell Waterford: Reading from the Works of Ken MacLeod

Patrick Nielsen Hayden

## Wexford: The Science Fiction and Fantasy of Ursula Le Guin

Ursula LeGuin has been one of the most significant writers of SF and fantasy of the last 35 years. She has produced such landmark works as The Left Hand of Darkness, The Dispossessed, the Earthsea Series, and, more recently, a number of powerful short stories and novellas. Her writing is popular not only within the SF community but outside of it. The Dispossessed is often used in college courses and is a good book to give to that mainstream-reading friend who wants to try an SF book. The panel looks at the works of Ursula K. LeGuin.

Kathryn Cramer, Keith R. A. DeCandido, Katya Reimann, Jane Yolen, Sarah Zettel

#### 5:30 pm

Waterford: Reading: Debra Doyle

6 pm

Kildare: Concert Set 3
Denise Gendron

#### 6:30 pm

Kildare: Concert Set 4
Jonathan Turner

7 pm

**Grand: Boskone Banquet** 

8 pm

Kildare: Open Filk

9 pm

Grand: Boskone Banquet GoH Speech, Awards, and Choral Presentation

Tipperary Pub (Dragonslair): Scary Stories

#### 10 pm

#### Grand: Whose Line Is It Anyway?

Michael A. Burstein, Nomi Burstein, Keith R. A. DeCandido, Esther Friesner, Josepha Sherman

11 pm

## Camelot C/N: Horror Today: The Current State of the Horror Field

The best-seller lists are dominated by King and Koontz, but there is much more to the horror field. The panel looks at the best of recent horror and speculates on future trends.

Craig Shaw Gardner, Darrell Schweitzer, Cecilia Tan, Lawrence Watt-Evans

Waterford: Theme Concert: Great Escapes

#### 12 midnight

Waterford: Open Filk

### **Sunday**

10 am

Art Show: The Best of the Art Show: A Guided Tour

Stephen Youll (m)

Camelot C/N: **Not-So-Forgotten Authors: Bringing the Classics Back Into Print** 

Many people have expressed concern about keeping the SF classics in print. Yet over the last half dozen years a number of sources have brought many classic SF books into print. These sources have ranged from bigger publishing organizations like Tor and the Science Fiction Book Club to smaller presses like NESFA Press and Old Earth Books. The panel examines what's been done to date and what the prospects are for the future.

Ellen Asher, Anthony R. Lewis (m), Priscilla Olson, Ben Yalow

### Camelot South: Taking Small Children to SF Conventions: Advice and Experiences

Engaging in SF-related activity—ranging from going to conventions to writing—can be a challenge if you have a family. This is especially true when you have young children. How do you manage?

Kathryn Cramer (m), James D. MacDonald, Joan D. Vinge, Ann Tonsor Zeddies

Shannon: **Autographing: Brenda W. Clough, Susan Shwartz** 

Waterford: **Reading: Greer Gilman**Wexford: **Kaffeeklatch** 

David G. Hartwell, Katya Reimann

10:30 am

Waterford: Reading: Ginjer Buchanan

#### 11 am

## Camelot C/N: Getting Older: How SF and Fantasy Treat Aging

Most SF and fantasy novels are about heroes in their primes. Older characters are often just background characters, and the issues of aging are rarely treated. There are exceptions, including Heinlein's "Requiem" and Moon's Remnant Population. The panel discusses how SF and fantasy treats aging, citing both good and bad examples.

Geary Gravel, Jane Yolen, Ann Tonsor Zeddies, Sarah Zettel (m)

Camelot South: The World with Three North Poles

Hal Clement

#### Grand: Is This the New Golden Age of SF?

To most people, the Golden Age of SF started when John Campbell became editor of Astounding. Yet a good case can be made that we're now going through a new Golden Age, one even richer than the first. SF is producing fiction Campbell would have loved as well as fiction that can stand alongside the great fiction of the last fifty years. Any age that can boast of such writers as Wolfe, Robinson, Banks, Baxter, Butler, and Willis—just to name a few—deserves the adjective "golden." The panel looks at the great SF of today.

James Patrick Kelly, Patrick Nielsen Hayden (m), Allen Steele, Connie Willis

### Kildare: This Book Sucks: How and How Not To Write Reviews

What makes a good book review or a good critical piece? What kinds of things should book reviewers do? What kinds of behaviors should the avoid?

Thomas A. Easton, Janice M. Eisen, Peter J. Heck, Steven Sawicki

Shannon: Autographing: Sharon Lee, Steve Miller, Stephen Youll

Tipperary Pub (Dragonslair): Radio play

"Live from Transylvania" Waterford: Reading Brenda W. Clough

Wexford: **Kaffeeklatch**John R. Douglas, Nancy C. Hanger

11:30 am

Waterford: Reading: James D. MacDonald

### 12 noon

### Camelot C/N: **Time Travel and Riverboat Rafts: The Many Worlds of Mark Twain**

Mark Twain's appeal is widespread, both in the culture at large and in science fiction fandom. There have been SF and fantasy works inspired by him and mystery novels centered around him. The panel looks at Twain and his works.

Michael F. Flynn, Peter J. Heck (m), Tamora Pierce, Connie Willis

## Camelot South: Where Are We Going? Changes in the Publishing Industry

Ginjer Buchanan, John R. Douglas, Nancy C. Hanger, Jane Jewell

# Grand: Why Is This Timeline Different from All Other Timelines? Jewish Alternate History

There have been some works that have explored Jewish alternate history, such as Poul Anderson's "In the House of Sorrows" and Robert Silverberg's "To the Promised Land." There have also been many potential turning points that could be explored — "What if the Maccabees had permanently freed Israel from foreign domination?" or "What if the Roman Empire adopted Judaism as the official religion?" The panel looks at the possibiliies.

Esther Friesner, Mark Keller, Evelyn C. Leeper, Susan Shwartz

#### Kildare: The State of Fantasy

Although it often seems that the fantasy shelves are dominated by the massive volumes of Jordan, Goodkind, and Eddings, there is much more to the field than that. Fantasy is both broader and deeper than the best sellers. The panel looks at the best fantasy of the last decade.

Glen Cook, Craig Shaw Gardner, Josepha Sherman, Cecilia Tan

### Shannon: **Autographing: Bruce Coville, Bob Eggleton**

Tipperary Pub (Dragonslair): **Painting an Alien** 

Stephen Youll

#### Waterford: Reading: Darrell Schweitzer Wexford: Literary Food: Cooking for Readers

Cooking and books seem to go together. There are cookbooks with recipes from authors. (The latest NESFA book even features a recipe of Anthony Boucher's.) There are literary cookbooks, such as books containing recipes from the works of Patrick O'Brian, Rex Stout, and James Joyce (The Joyce of Cooking). The panel discusses these two most important of topics.

Barbara Chepaitis, Deb Geisler, Priscilla Olson, Diana Thayer (m)

#### 1 pm

**Grand: Art Show Auction** 

Anthony R. Lewis

### Camelot C/N: From Mowgli to Fuzzy Wuzzy: The Works of Rudyard Kipling

Rudyard Kipling has had a marked influence on SF. There have even been several SF anthologies of works dedicated to him. Moreover, his work is very popular with SF writers and SF fans. The panel looks at the lasting legacy of Rudyard Kipling.

Hal Clement, Debra Doyle, Frederick Andrew Lerner (m), Gary D. McGath

Camelot South: Writing for the YA Audience

## Bruce Coville, Tamora Pierce, Jane Yolen (m) Kildare: **Discovering—and Rediscovering—the Classics**

How do readers new to SF approach the classics of the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s for the first time? Is the fact that the universe presented in them is wrong a barrier to appreciating them? Does a new reader have problems with Heinlein's Venusian swamps or his Martians? And how about readers re-reading the classics? How do they approach them? Is it nostalgia or something more?

Robert Devney, Jim Mann, Steve Miller, Mark L. Olson

### Shannon: Autographing: Kathryn Cramer, Esther Friesner

Tipperary Pub (Dragonslair): Cartooning
How to draw endless expressions with simple lines and

Teddy Harvia

Waterford: Reading: Michael F. Flynn Wexford: The Origins of Consciousness: Julian Jaynes's Theories and Science Fiction

Julian Jaynes's theories of the origins of consciousness are intriguing and controversial. He speculates that

early humans weren't really conscious but that consciousness evolved in relatively recent times. The panel discusses Jaynes's theories and science fiction that has explored this topic.

Mark Keller, Evelyn C. Leeper (m), Paul Levinson

#### 1:30 pm

Waterford: Reading: Michael A. Burstein

#### 2 pm

### Camelot C/N: From Watchmen to Sandman: Graphic Novels, SF, and Fantasy

Many SF fans ignore graphic novels because they don't like "comic books." But there are some graphic novels that even those folks normally hostile to comics would like — if they only tried them. The panel discusses graphic novels from the perspective of SF and fantasy readers.

Brenda W. Clough, Keith R. A. DeCandido, Madeleine E. Robins

#### Camelot South: Collaboration: How Can Two People Write Together without Their Egos Interfering?

Debra Doyle (m), William Keith Jr., Sharon Lee, James D. MacDonald, Steve Miller

#### Kildare: Images from Fantasy

Fantasy and SF have often created images that stick in our mind: the sandworms of Dune, the Nazgul dying on the Fields of Pelennor, the great castle of Gormenghast. Why do SF and fantasy seem particularly good at this?

Kathryn Cramer (m), Greer Gilman, Tamora Pierce, Susan Shwartz, Stephen Youll

#### Waterford: Storytelling for Adults

Note to the storytellers: This is nominally a one-hour slot, in which each of you can tell a half hour story. However, it is also the last slot of the day. You can tell longer stories if you'd like. In fact, you're welcome to go on for as long as the audience wants and your voices can hold out.

Barbara Chepaitis, Josepha Sherman (m)

### Wexford: Cheeblemancy: The Hamster Wheel Predicts the Future

The Queen of the Hamsters predicts the future based on the spinning hamster wheel. Have your fortune told for a one dollar donation to the SFWA Emergency Fund. Esther Friesner, Sarah Zettel

#### 3 pm

Camelot South: Alternative Natural
History: Other Earthly Biologies
Mark Keller

Camelot North: Gripe Session: How Can

We Do This Better Next Year?

Waterford: M.A.S.S. F.I.L.C. Meeting

Wexford: **SFWA Auction**Auction to benefit the SFWA Medical Fund

Peter Heck, et al.

Grand: Regency Tea and Dance

5 pm

Kildare: Open Filk