A Message from Chairman Rick Katze
"Thanks to the volunteers, staff, and
committee for your help in producing this
Boskone! You did a great job!! And many
thanks to the guests."

George R. R. Martin Wins Skylark!
The New England Science Fiction
Association gave its annual Skylark Award
to George R. R. Martin.

NESFA Short Story Contest Results
Winner: "White Like Me" by Tony Reidy
Runner-up: "The Kith" by Anjani Rogenski
Honorable Mention: "Pre-Columbian Art" by
Ramon Rozas III and "The Welsh Squadron" by
Margaret Ronald.

Justin Sweet Wins Gaughan Award
Gaughan Award Administrators Bob
Eggleton and Richard Hescox announced
that Justin Sweet won the Gaughan Award.

Hal Clement Charity Auction
Boskone raised $1,509 at the Clement
Auction to benefit the Joslin Diabetes Clinic.
Thanks to all who donated materials or
bought items!

For Photos from Saturday Night’s Events
See http://www.nesfa.org. Follow the links
to Boskone 41 and Helmuth. The photos
should be up by Monday, February 16.

Program Change
Daniel Hatch will not be on “Stuff you
Probably Missed” at noon today.

Call for Volunteers
As always, Boskone needs you to give a few
hours of your time to help us tear down and
move out the convention. We need people
to help take down the art show and help get
the convention materials to the trucks. We
encourage volunteers to stop by the
Information area on the second floor (near
the stairs) or report to the Back Bay
Ballroom anytime to volunteer.

Sunday Night Parties
Convention Dead Dog, Con Suite
(Commonwealth), Tonight

Frogsmart.com Dead Dog Party, Room 904,
8pm-???

News from the Mall
The Narnia kiosk (in the mall between the
Food Court and Legal Sea Food) changed
its name recently. It used to be called
Gormenghast, but no one understood what
that meant…

The Triumphant Return of the Devniad!
Notes from Boskone panels by Bob Devney
“Robert Heinlein was pretty proud of
opening up the first nudist colony west of the
Mississippi” — Charles N. Brown,
“Changing Perceptions of Robert A.
Heinlein.

“Fantasy, like science fiction, is a field that’s
largely been defined by its own worst
examples.” — George R. R. Martin, “A Look
at the Best Recent Fantasy”

“The seems to be smart enough to wreck
things, but not smart enough to fix
anything…As far as human destiny is
concerned, I’m an optimist, but a guarded
optimist.” — Stephen Baxter, “Human
Destiny.”

“I don’t know if you know this or not, but that
painting of yours ended up in the Saddam
Hussein collection.” — Bob Eggleton
surprised Richard Hescox.
“Oxygen. He was necessary for our life.” — Tony Lewis describes the importance of Hal Clement to fandom.

“Every aspiring writer on the Internet linked to my Weblog piece on rejection letters, and said, ‘Okay, you guys need to read this.’” — Teresa Nielsen Hayden

“I was sitting in the hall at Readercon last summer and Kathryn Cramer walked by me with her kids. And I said to the friend next to me, ‘You see that woman? She doesn’t know me. But I know that 2 days ago, she dropped her baby on its head.’” — Leslie Turek on reading Kathryn Cramer’s Weblog.

Weather Whining
It’s not Sn@k*e but… Chillcon anyone? The temperature is in the 20s and very windy. Beware of the windchill.

The Boskone Dinner Thing: Meet & Eat!
Want to meet other fans at Boskone? Come to Information (2nd floor) and create your own meal group or sign up for an existing one. This is a mechanism for fans with similar interests in SF and food to get together in an informal atmosphere.

The Black Fin, a fine restaurant between the Colonnade and the Marriott, has a small menu with outstanding food, including some great desserts.

Boskone 41 Art Show Awards
Popular Choice – Best Professional Artist
Bob Eggleton
Honorable Mention
Richard Hescox
Ruth Sanderson
Popular Choice – Best Amateur Artist
Linda Champanier
Guest of Honor’s Choice
Bober, Richard: Nightside of the Long Sun (prelim)
Chairman’s Choice
Hescox, Richard: Space Vectors
Art Show Directors’ Choice
Berry, Rick: Debutante
Fishman, Marc A.: The Beast
Staff Choice
Pride, Marilyn: A Species of Insect Eating Dragon
Security Guard’s Choice
Flasher, Joleen: End of the Storm

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Judges’ Choices
Berry, Rick: Refugees
Bober, Richard: City of Bones
Champanier, Linda: Dragon Dreams
Conwell, Gloria: Galaxy Bowl
Eggleton, Bob: Cole’s Spaceship
Eggleton, Bob: Mars 1960
Fishman, Marc A.: Midsummer Night’s Dream
Hescox, Richard: Mission Tori
Hescox, Richard: Offering
Lang, Charles: Ribot
Lang, Charles: The Sad Fate That Befell the Crew of Lava One
Organ-Kean, Margaret: Far Places
Plumridge, Marianne: Old Man Kangaroo
Seeley, Dave: Heat Stroke
Seeley, Dave: Marque and Reprisal
Sisson, Abranda: Priestess of Avalon
Skinner, Cortney: (body of work)
Snellings-Clark, Lisa: Rachel

Lizards and Blizzards
Hotels burning down two weeks before the convention, hurricanes, homicidal fans, sticky-fingered treasurers, and other interesting times paled beside “Concom Hell” when it came to naming the “Worst Convention-Running Nightmare” on Saturday afternoon.

“Guest of Honor Hell” placed second following nightmarish tales from both sides of the table. Everyone agreed that it’s far worse when the convention does wrong by the guest than vice versa.

The panelists and audience spent enough of the hour laughing that it seems probable that fans will continue running conventions for the foreseeable future….