Boskone 47, Sunday, February 14, 2010

Copies of all issues of Helmuth (they’ll be reprinted as needed) will be available at Information in the Galleria, at Boskone Registration on the second floor, in the Freebie rack, and on our website at <www.boskone.org/helmuth.html>.

Literary Beer Location

On Sunday, all Literary Beers will be held in Sauciety.

Volunteers [Always] Needed

Volunteer to help us run Boskone at the Information table in the Galleria.

We specifically need people to help with teardown and truck loading mid to late Sunday afternoon (this volunteer time counts double). Pizza will be provided for helpers after the truck is loaded, about 6 pm.

Monday morning starting at about 10am we will be loading the last of Boskone 47 onto the truck at the hotel. We will unload the truck at the NESFA clubhouse in the early afternoon. Call Rick Kovalcik at 1-508-259-6819 for more exact times and information. (This time also counts double.)

The “books for volunteers” will be for sale (cheaply) to all after noon.

Art Show: Bid to Buy Before Noon

Bidding to purchase artwork will end at noon. If you want to bid, sign up for a bidder number at the Art Show desk. Prints are available for immediate purchase. The show will reopen for sales from 1-3:30pm. Come see who won ribbons.

Suggestions for Improvement Sought

If you have ideas on how to improve next year’s Boskone, attend the Gripe Session at 3 pm. Alas, so far we can do little about the weather, but at least we didn’t have a ‘Sno-Kone’ this year.
Lost on Saturday Night

A 3” black button with silver letters: “Speak softly and carry a light saber.” If found please email kshayes513@cox.net, I’ve had it since 1977!

Awards Winners

Joni Brill Dashoff was elected to the Fellowship of NESFA.

Gaughan Award – Tyler Jacobson

Skylark Award – Omar Rayyan

Art Show Awards

Popular Choice – Best Artist: Michael Whelan
Honorable Mention: Omar Rayyan, Kelly Kotulak

GOH Choice: Bob Eggleton – Rediscovery of Apollo 8
Chair’s Choice: Bob Eggleton – Green Hills of Earth
Art Director’s Choice: Omar Rayyan – Captain Cur
Staff Choice: Tamu – Winter’s Child
Guard’s Choices: Bob Eggleton – Rainbow Dragon
Mike Maung – Alchemist

Best in Show: John Picacio – The Well-Built City

Judges Choices:
Rick Berry – Machine Complaint
Bob Eggleton – Green Hills of Earth
Johnna Klukas – Space Opera
Kelly Kotulak – “Body of Work: Shadow Boxes”
Charles Lang – The Fly 1958 (black & white)
Jean-Pierre Normand – Probe One
Omar Rayyan – “Body of Work”
Marc Scheff – Earth Elemental
Joan Turner – Flourished Fish
Donna Lee Young - Sorrow

Olympic Skating Schedule – Fantasy on Ice

Sunday evening: Pairs figure skating
Monday evening: More pairs figure skating
Tuesday evening: Mens figure skating
And more to come…

Registration Numbers (Saturday final)

700 Pre-registered attendees
At-door members:
145 Full
31 Friday
94 Saturday all-day
17 Saturday evening
5 Sunday
992 Total badges issued

Registration Numbers (10:15 am preliminary)

1007 badges issued (including one-days)

Quotes

From Bill Todd
“Not for nothing, but if you get the black Committee ribbon you should’ve also received the black Committed ribbon.”

From James Marshall
(Who will be out of town by the time the below-quoted see this. He hopes.)

Luckily, the authors at Boskone are all nice people, since Jo Walton advised “Life is too short to read books written by jerks.”
– From the “Suck Fairy” panel.

Tom Shippey had probably spent a little too much time around the fans: “Why can’t we torture the audience? If we don’t do it to them, they’ll do it to us.”
– From the “Language and Linguistics” panel.

Come to the Boskone Debriefing

On Sunday, March 7, 1 pm at the NESFA clubhouse (504 Medford Street, Somerville, Mass.) we will review (some say interminably) what worked and did not work at this Boskone, with the aim of improving future Boskones.

Or learn more about NESFA. After the debriefing there will be a (usually short) NESFA Business Meeting. That may not be the best place to start, since much of it is boring business details, but you could try Wednesday evenings at the clubhouse or “Other Meetings” (which are more social). See www.nesfa.org for additional information.

Come say hi!

Nomi and Michael Burstein will be in the Con Suite all day with Muffin and Squeaker.

Bag Check

If you have luggage that needs storing until you leave, ask the hotel bell staff. They have a good-sized checkroom.

Thanks

Thank you all for attending, volunteering, being on program, partying (including all you zombies) and generally making Boskone what it is. Travel home safely, and come back next year!