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## HELMUTH

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### JOIN US FOR SOME BOSKONE WINTER WHIMSY!

**February 14-16, 2014.**

You are receiving this special email version of Helmuth because you are a past attendee of Boskone at the Westin Waterfront Hotel in Boston. We have an exciting combination of events and participants this year, and we hope to see you at Boskone 51!

### BOSKONE MEMBERSHIPS

This year, *Boston Magazine* named Boskone as a must-see cultural event for February!

Beat the Rush! [Online registration is available](#) through February 12, or get your membership onsite at the Westin Waterfront starting at 3pm on Friday, February 14.

- **Adult Full Convention:** \$55
- **College Student Full Convention:** \$35 (school ID required)
- **K-12 Full Convention:** \$25 (school ID may be required)
- **Adult Friday Only:** \$15
- **Adult Saturday Only:** \$40
- **Adult Sunday Only:** \$15

**[Buy Your Boskone 51 Membership Today.](#)**

Join us: Westin Boston Waterfront, 425 Summer St, Boston, MA 02210.

### GUESTS AND PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Boskone has an terrific slate of guests and program participants as well as an interactive program format that produces fun and interesting conversation.

- **Guest of Honor:** Seanan McGuire/Mira Grant

### THE POCKET PROGRAM



Boskone 51's program offers panel discussions, concerts, music craft, solo talks, interviews with our featured guests, and artist demos.

Programing topics range across space, time, and plausibility, dipping into the fantastic and horrific, giving our participants and attendees the best of what science fiction and fantasy have to offer.

[View the Schedule Online](#)

**IMPORTANT LINKS:**

- **Official Artist:** David Palumbo
- **Special Guest:** Ginjer Buchanan
- **Featured Filker:** Bill Roper
- **Hal Clement Science Speaker:** Bill Higgins
- **NESFA Press Guest:** Jane Yolen

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We also have dozens of past guests who are returning to Boskone this year to participate in programming, including:

- Ellen Asher
- Brother Guy Consolmagno
- Charlaine Harris
- Jeff Hecht
- Tom Shippey
- Charles Stross
- Walter Jon Williams
- ...and more!

[View the full list of Program Participants.](#)

## **SPECIAL EVENING EVENTS**

On both Friday and Saturday night, Boskone will feature special events that celebrate the best of what Boskone has to offer.

- Feature Events with each Guest (Fri, Sat, Sun)
- Boskone Meet the Guests & Art Show Reception (Fri)
- Book Launch Party at Boskone (Sat)
- Filk Fest, Set 1 (Sat)
- NESFA Awards Ceremony (Sat)
- Reduced William Shakespeare *Star Wars* Reading
- Filk Fest, Set 2 (Sat)
- Flash Fiction Slam (Sun)

[View the entire Boskone 51 Schedule.](#)

## **A SAMPLING OF PANELS**

With well over 250+ program items, there is sure to be something for everyone no matter if you love science, science fiction, fantasy, horror, art, comics, filking or the other special events that Boskone is known for hosting. However, here's a glimpse at just a few items. You can view the [full list of Boskone 51 program schedule on the website.](#)

### **Interview With Guest of Honor Seanan McGuire**

A good time shall be had by all as Hugo and Sturgeon Award-winning writer Elizabeth Bear interviews Boskone's Guest of Honor, Seanan McGuire. In addition to previously winning two Hugo Awards and the Campbell Award, in 2013 Seanan became the only person ever to appear five times on the same Hugo ballot. She is the author of the October Daye and InCryptid urban fantasies, plus several other works. Seanan also writes under the pseudonym "Mira Grant," whose sf/horror novel *Feed* was named one of *Publishers Weekly's* Best Books of 2010.

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### **LETTERS TO THE PUMPKIN KING**

Seanan McGuire's new book, *Letters to the Pumpkin King*, is available to Boskone members only through Sunday, February 16, 2014. Any [remaining copies may be ordered through the NESFA Press](#) site after Boskone.

## The Enduring Power of Fairytales

What is it about fairytales that holds the imagination --- and can it survive a few tweaks? Fantasy is rife with retellings of myths and legends, but why are today's authors and screenwriters so radically changing classic fairytale characters (as in *Wicked*) and/or even outcomes (as in *Once Upon a Time*)?

## Killer Plagues

A panel discussion about colds and viruses that don't turn people into zombies, but are just as deadly. What effect does science have on creating, curing, and tracking the viruses of today and those that may develop in the future? When the big civilization-killer comes, what can you expect when it hits? What symptoms should you be obsessively checking yourself out for? Will hand sanitizer help?

## True Blood Distilled

With the end of the Sookie Stackhouse books and the coming finale of the *True Blood* TV series, Boskone is honored to present this unique opportunity to hear about the Sookie experience from the perspectives of its writer, editor, and agent.

[View the Boskone 51 Schedule](#)

## ART AT BOSKONE

Not only do we have three of our past Official Artists returning to Boskone, but we have some exciting new art programming this year.

- David Palumbo, Official Artist
- Bob Eggleton
- Gregory Manchess
- John Picacio
- Frank Wu
- ...and even more!



Art Programming includes:

- Art Demos by David Palumbo, Gregory Manchess, and Frank & Brianna Wu
- Who Painted That? -- Identifying Art
- The Future of Art and Artists in SF and Fantasy
- Special Exhibit and Art Show Tours
- Art Show Tour, Featuring the Art of David Palumbo
- Creating an Art Portfolio Interview with Guest Artist David Palumbo
- Finding Your Voice as an Artist

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## YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMMING

The programming for young adult fiction is especially hot this year and features several authors who are new to Boskone as well as some panels that should be a lot of fun. Some of our YA Authors include:

- Bruce Coville
- Sarah Beth Durst
- Christopher Golden
- Nancy Holder
- Jane Yolen, NESFA Guest

Some of our Young Adult Programming includes:

- The Art of Writing Young Adult Fiction
- A Literary Wonderland
- Future Fantasy and the Teen Protagonist
- Interview with NESFA Press Guest Jane Yolen

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## **SPECIAL FEATURES**

Boskone, NESFA's regional science fiction convention, features an acclaimed Program with over a hundred writers, artists, scientists, dealers, and more!

- **Dealers:** The Boskone Hucksters Room provides a varied shopping experience for books, jewelry, comics, or the latest from NESFA Press.
- **Gaming:** Play a variety of board and video games with old friends as well as new!
- **DragonsLair/Children's Program:** All kinds of kids activities.
- **Filking:** Filksongs are fandom's folk songs, featuring science fiction, fantasy, and fannish themes.
- **Volunteering:** We need your help to build a great Boskone! You will have our eternal gratitude, some spiffy rewards, and a chance to come to Boskone in 2015 for free.
- **Kaffeeklatsches, Discussion Groups, Autographing & Readings:** Boskone promotes specialty program items that provide opportunities for unique interactions with program participants.
- **Special Art Exhibit:** Works Inspired by the Early SFWA Grand Masters - del Rey, Pohl, Knight, Van Vogt, Vance, Anderson, Clement, Aldiss, Farmer and Le Guin. Artists whose works will be included in this exhibit are Frank Kelly Freas, Jeff Jones, Bob Eggleton, Robert Foster, Dean Ellis, Harold McCauley, John Harris and Alex Ebel.

[Find out more about Boskone 51.](#)

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