PROGRAM UPDATES

NB: With the inclement weather upon us please be aware that participants may not be able to make their program items at the last moment. Thank you for your understanding.

The following program participants will not be here the rest of this weekend:

- Kate Baker
- Laird Barron
- Chris Golden (new)
- David Kyle
- Melissa Marr
- Hillary Monahan (new)
- Margaret Ronald (new)
- Alison Sinclair
- Jane Yolen

Cancelled Items

Saturday, 8 PM: Murder, Mystery and Mayhem
Saturday, 10 PM: The Jodorowsky Effect

Other Item Changes

The following Saturday items will not have the following participants:

8 PM: NESFA Awards Ceremony
Jane Yolen
9 PM: Small Press Marketing Roundtable
Steve Davidson
10 PM: Magical Relics
Steven Sawicki

Let It Snow ...

What we’ve said before doesn’t need repeating, but we’ll say it anyway. There’s a lot of snow out there. It’s cold. In here, it’s warm and dry. Draw your own conclusions ...

Transit Blizzard Reminders:

The MBTA has suspended all service as of tomorrow.

Parking will be prohibited in all MBTA station parking lots from 7 PM 5AM Monday.

Boston will enact a parking ban starting at 10 PM Saturday. The city will also turn South Boston into a warren of one-way streets in an effort to reduce congestion and allow first responders easier access into the neighborhood.

(Refer to the previous Helmuth for the full text of these items.)


Reinstating Rooms: If you check out of the hotel tomorrow, and your flight/train/whatever is cancelled, you can return to the hotel and ask them to reinstate your reservation. The hotel should then be able to give you the Boskone rate for Sunday night.

Crash Space: Need crash space for Saturday or Sunday night? Have crash space available? Connect with other fen at the Self-Service Room Share Board in the Con Suite!

Parties

Tonight’s parties run the gamut from the savory to the sweet:

Montreal in 2017: Smoked Meat Party, Room 406, 9 PM
DC in 2017: Dessert Party, Room 466, 9 PM

Boskone 53

A reminder: Boskone 53 will be taking place on February 19–21, 2016 at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel. Pre-registration is $40 until the end of this Boskone, at Registration or the NESFA Sales Table.
Minneapolis fans at Boskone are declaring Sunday “Minnesota Day” in honor of the blizzard, and of course Boskone GoH Steven K. Zoltan Brust. Felicia Herman and Geri Sullivan will be wearing their Minnesota Geek shirts featuring Steve’s name as well as several of his fellow Scribblies, Fourth Street Fantasy Convention, (which Steve co-founded), Minicon (which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year complete with a Cats Laughing Reunion Concert featuring, um, Steve on drums), and many other names you’re likely to recognize.

Back in the early 1980s, Boston folk musician and journalist Scott Alarik wrote “Minnesota’s Got To Me.” It’s a fitting tune not just for Minnesota Day at Boskone, but also the blizzard, and the 75+” of snow that preceded it in the 3 weeks before Boskone.

Here’s a pertinent taste of the lyrics:

“People will say that there’s hell to pay,
the whole long year around.
If the heat don’t beat you, the
mosquitoes eat ‘ya,
y’a slip in the mud and drown.
Before you know it, it’s always snowin’
so deep you cannot see.
But once or twice, it’s so damned nice,
it’s just like heaven to me.”

You can hear the whole song at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vy_WPLMN1m4 ... and maybe at Boskone’s Dead Dog Sunday evening.