



**HELMUTH 58, NUMBER 8, SUNDAY 143 FEBRUARY 2021**

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## Recorded Program Items

Anyone Wanting To View Recorded Sessions: Enter the recorded session through the schedule. Click **Enter Virtual Room**. The Video is embedded in the Virtual Room.

Info from Louis Galvez.

## Fan Funds Auction

Thanks to “The Spirit of Fannish Giving,” Boskone members raised \$1,039 for TAFF, DUFF, GUFF, and the Otherwise Award at Saturday’s auction. That’s **48% more** than last year’s auction proceeds. Way to go Boskone 58!

Auction highlights: One of the few remaining first edition copies of “Her Smoke Rose Up from Supper” went for \$65. Pat Virzi will attend a Tiara Workshop led by Sara Felix thanks to spirited and collaborative bidding that added \$73 to the auction proceeds. (Yes, Geri Sullivan had a hand in the winning bid ending up at that particular number.)

Direct sales of Deb Geisler’s “Recipes for Disaster” chapbook also stand at \$73, this time by pure happenstance. It should be hard for a \$7 chapbook to bring in \$73, but Chris Garcia’s approach sealed the deal. He

exclaimed, “I’d like to pay 10 dollars for it, because it’s worth 3 bucks extra!”

Priscilla Olson was the winning bidder of the stunning hand-made shawl featured in Saturday morning’s *Helmuth*. We all agree that her \$120 bid makes the shawl quite the bargain.

There were lower-cost bargains as well. Toni Kelner declared “I’m going to put it on my skeleton!” as she parted with \$10 for the Grim Readers Book Club tank top that Mort once sported.



Speaking of bargains and auction antics, Pat Virzi outbid herself to pay \$100 for a box of rocks during the auction’s final seconds. Jack Butterworth made Pat work for it, quickly running the total from \$35 to \$75 in \$5 increments as they both kept outbidding each other at a lightening pace. Pat then bid \$80. As Jack was dropping out, Auctioneer Alison Scott declared she wanted the rocks to bring \$100. The clock ticked 6:55 and our brilliant tech host Kristina Palmer pointed out we were out of time. Pat rose to the

occasion and bid the \$100 Alison was looking for. Yay!

Fair notice to fandom, and future fan fund auctions: Geri has a lot of rocks. Because Fandom Rocks, don’cha know?

Cheers to all who made the auction so fun and successful! A few items from the auction catalog are still available. Stop by the Fan Funds table in the Galleria between 11 & 3 Sunday or come to the Dead Dog Party starting at 4 to see what’s on hand.

Geri Sullivan

### **Souvenir Book**

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### **Thank you**

Thanks to all the people who worked and attended to make Boskone 58 a success. As far as *Helmuth* goes, I would like to particularly like to thank Sharon Sbarsky for all the work she did generating the PDF files and posting them. As a reward for her hard work she gets to run Boskone 59 next year. Sharon thanks Gail Terman and Anna Bradley for help on *Helmuth* #7.

Tony Lewis, *Helmuth* Editor

We hope you enjoyed Boskone 58. We look forward to seeing you again at Boskone 59.

## **Boskone 59, 18-20 February 2022**

Boskone 59 is coming in 2022 and we are planning to return in person to the Boston Westin Waterfront Hotel. We look forward to seeing you there!

**GUEST OF HONOR: Ted Chiang**  
**OFFICIAL ARTIST: Sara Felix**  
**SPECIAL GUEST: Tamsyn Muir**  
**MUSICAL GUEST: Tim Griffin**

### **Buy now for the early bird rates!**

Year-ahead rates good through the end of March 2021.

Adult: \$50

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