



Program Changes

Thursday, 2 September 2004

Additions

- 1 pm Liz Gorinsky added to "Did We Win? SF and Its Takeover of Popular Culture"
- 7 pm Scott Westerfeld added to the "Seven Deadly Sins of SF and Fantasy"

Canceled Items

- 2 pm "Tour of the Retro Art Exhibit"

Changed Items (time, date, or location)

- 3:30 pm "Lying With Statistics" (Michael Flynn) will be starting at 3:30 pm (moved from 4 pm)
- 5 pm Autographing at the Asimov's Table: Mike Moscoe moved from Saturday, 5 – 6 pm
- 6 pm "Developing On-Line Games" (Jessica Mulligan) moved to Monday at 10 am (1 hour, Dalton)
- 7:30 pm "Set Phasers to Stun" (Liza Steele) will be starting at 7:30 pm, Room 303 (moved from 8:30, Dalton)

Removals

- 2 pm Dave Clements from "Time Travel"
- 4 pm Nick DiChario from "Writers' Tricks and Tips"
- 6 pm Ben Rosenbaum from "Slipstream"

Friday, 3 September 2004

Additional

- 11 am Farah Mendlesohn to "What Should Good Fantasy Do?"
- 2:30 pm Irene Pepperberg to "Parrot Intelligence"

Canceled Items

- 12:30 pm "H.G. Wells"
- 6:30 pm "Kindred" item in H203

Changed Items (time, date, or location)

- 9 pm "The Well-Read Fan" moved to Saturday at 2 pm

Removals

- 10 am Jael from "Self Promotion"
- Noon Dave Clements from "Invisible"
- 4 pm Jael from "Color"

Saturday, 4 September 2004

Canceled Items

- 1 pm "Rubbings"

Additions

- 1 pm New Children's Program item (to replace "Rubbings") – "Puppet-Making Workshop" (Michael Sharrow): Explore the world of make believe and make some puppets (Beacon D)
- 1 pm Autographing at the NESFA table: Michael Swanwick
- 4 pm Farah Mendlesohn to "The Numinous in Science Fiction and Fantasy"
- 5 pm Autographing at the NESFA table: William Tenn

- 5 pm New Special Interest Group "Kingdom of Gondor and Arnor" – Holding "American Idol"-style auditions for the position of King! (Liberty A)

Changed Items (time, date, or location)

- Noon Autographing at the NESFA table: Jack Speer from 2 pm
- 2 pm "The Well-Read Fan" moved from Friday at 9 pm
- 5 pm Autographing at the Asimov's Table: Mike Moscoe moved to Thursday 5 – 6 pm

Removals

- 11 am Jael from Autographing
- 1 pm Dave Clements from "Super Science"
- 4 pm Dave Clements from "Speculative Physics"

Sunday, 5 September 2004

Additions

- 10 am Farah Mendlesohn to "Memorable Scenes"
- 1 pm New Special Interest Group item "Writers of the Future" (Liberty A)

Canceled Items

- 3 pm "Art of Jael"
- 6 pm "Portfolio"

Removals

- 10 am Brad Lyau from "Scenes"
- Noon Bill Higgins from "The Kids Next Door... in Space!"
- 2 pm Brad Lyau from "Heinlein"
- 4 pm Brad Lyau from "Philosophy"

Changed Items (time, date, or location)

- 3 pm "Lonely Planet" to H101 from H306
- 3 pm Art Auction moved from 2 pm
- 4 pm "Jewish Time-Based Mitzvot" to H101 from H306
- 5 pm "Us and Them" to H101 from H306

Monday, 6 September 2004

Additions

- 11 am Autographing at the NESFA table: Terry Pratchett
- 11 am Farah Mendlesohn to "The Serious Side of Terry Pratchett"

Canceled Items

- 10 am "Print on Demand"

Changed Items (time, date, or location)

- 10 am "Developing On-Line Games" (Jessica Mulligan) moved from Thursday, 6 pm (1 hour, Dalton)

Removals

- 1 pm Tina Beychok from "Rewrite"
- 1 pm Laurie Marks from "Finding a Home in Fandom"
- 2 pm Dave Clements from "Forcefields"

Chairman's Greeting

Welcome to Noreascon Four, the 62nd time we've gotten together as a community to celebrate science fiction and the myriad of things we all do as fan activities. We are delighted you could join us as we honor our very special guests — Terry Pratchett, Jack Speer, William Tenn, and Peter Weston. We have been preparing for you for three years, and we want to ensure that this is one of the finest convention experiences you have had. Please let us know about any problems (tell Information in the ConCourse) that we might be able to help you solve. And we do hope you enjoy Boston as much as we do! — Deb Geisler

T Station Closings

The MBTA has announced several station closings for this weekend that will affect Noreascon attendees. From 9 pm Friday until late Monday, the Blue Line will be running shuttle buses from Wonderland to Maverick. This will be bad for people arriving by air.

Also from 9 pm Friday until late Monday, the Red Line will be running shuttles from Kendall to Park Street. This will affect locals, and people who were planning to park at Alewife and take the subway to Noreascon.

Single-track service continues every night (as it has since the end of March) on the Orange Line from Haymarket north; evening trains are slower than normal because of it.

Pro Photo Gallery

The Pro Photo Gallery location was unintentionally left off the Convention Guide maps. It may be found on the third level of the Hynes, near Room H308.

The Filkado

D. J. Thoris's dreaded Music Pirates are threatening the planet Nesfan and only the forbidden Power of the Pun can stop them! **The Filkado**, a parody of Gilbert & Sullivan's **The Mikado**, is premiering in Club SF (Hynes 210) on Saturday at 5 pm. If you'd like to join the chorus, come to the rehearsal on Thursday at 4 pm in Hynes 102!

Sunday Art Auction at 3 PM

The art auction scheduled for 2 pm in the Convention Guide will actually start at 3 pm.

WE WANT YOU

The Volunteer Office is located on the second level of the Hynes (H207). Help is needed in all areas of the convention.

Have You Been To All Four?

We're wondering how many people have attended all four Noreascons since the first Noreascon in 1971. We know of a few dozen of you, but there are probably many others that we don't know about. If you're been to all four Noreascons, please come and sign the guest book at the Information Desk in the ConCourse (Hynes Hall C). We'll give you a gold star to wear on your badge, and after the convention, we'll post the list on our web site.

Live From Noreascon 4

Get the latest convention news from **Live From Noreascon 4** <noreascon4.blogs.com/live>, our real-time collaborative convention-reporting weblog. Our roster of guest bloggers, including Leslie Turek, Amy Proni, Michael Nelson, Chaz Boston Baden, Dawn Burnell, Michael Burstein, Ariel Franklin-Hudson and Kate Nepveu, will be writing each day about their convention experiences. We're still looking for more contributors, so if you'd like to join in, send an e-mail to blog@noreascon.org.

ConCourse Map

The map of the ConCourse on the back cover of the Convention Guide is orientated 180° from the map on page 108.

Miss Con Manners

Please, gentle readers, try to remember the 5-2-1 rule of convention attendance — every day you should try to get at least five hours of sleep, two meals, and one shower. Your fellow convention attendees will thank you.

Remember to leave a tip for your hotel room maid every day. The person who makes up your room today may not be the same person who does it tomorrow. One dollar per person staying in the room is a good starting point. Party hosts should be extra generous.

Newsletter Submissions

Submissions for the *Triplanetary Gazette* may be placed in the mailboxes located on our newsletter distribution kiosks; dropped off at our office behind Information in the ConCourse (Hynes Hall C); or may be e-mailed to newsletter@noreascon.org. The deadline for the morning editions is 8 am of the day you wish your item to appear. Material (including party notices) for the afternoon editions should be submitted by noon of the day you wish it to appear. We will publish some evening editions if we have the time and energy — check at the newsletter office. Submissions for the evening editions should be received before 3 pm.

Autographing Location

Unless otherwise noted, all autographing will take place on the second level of the Hynes in the Boylston Street hallway outside rooms H201 – H203.

Site Selection Voting

Help choose the site for the 2007 Worldcon and become a supporting member automatically in the process! Site Selection polling is from 12 noon – 6 pm Thursday, 10 am – 6 pm Friday and Saturday. Please visit us in the Concourse (Hynes Hall C).

Con Suite Opening

According to an anonymous source, C.M.O.T. Dibbler's (and people complained Bucconeer used obscure names for function areas) will be opening tonight at 10 pm.

Restaurant Reviews

Bangkok Cuisine

We just had a very pleasant dinner at Bangkok Cuisine, a short walk over on Massachusetts Ave (177 Mass. Ave.). This is one of the oldest Thai restaurants in the area (they claim to be the first one in New England) and it is one of the best. It's in a very unpretentious space, basically a long narrow storefront with rows of tables along each side. But the dishes have a depth of flavor that you don't always find. We had the sweet and sour shrimp soup, which was tangy with fresh lime juice and lemongrass, a very rich and gingery beef ginger, and the tofu with bean sprouts and snow peas. Coconut and ginger ice cream finished off this repast, and the bill was only \$16/person with tax and tip. The only negative was that the service was a bit slow. — Leslie Turek

Men-Tei

Men-Tei, 66 Hereford Street (between Boylston & Newbury), about one block from the Hynes (617-425-0066). The name means "Noodle Shop" in Japanese and that's what they specialize in. Basic everyday Japanese food. Cash only. They can't handle large groups. Monday to Saturday 11:30 am to 10 pm; Sunday 11:30 am to 9 pm. — Tony Lewis

Tuesday Badge Count

Registration reports that 228 people picked up badges on Tuesday. Our thanks to everyone who showed up early to help set up.

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