

Einblatt!

Calendar

- ☛ Sat, Feb 1, 2PM. Minn-StF First Nominations Meeting. Joe Agee & Andrew Bertke's, 7433 Humboldt Ave S, Richfield. Directions at: www.drewan.net/directions.html, Smoking outside only, dogs, not childproof, wheelchair accessible only with the help of a couple strong bodies (we've gotten Doug in before). FFI: Andrew's cell phone 612-387-8265
- ☛ Sun, Feb 2, 2PM. Minicon 38 Open Meeting. Larry Sanderson's, 519 W 27th St, Mpls. No Smoking. FFI: Laura Jean, 612-724-2514, laurafish@visi.com; Larry Sanderson, 612-872-8468, larry@lsanderson.net.
- ☛ Tues, Feb 4, 7-10PM. North Country Gaylaxians Book Discussion. *Hominids*, by Robert J. Sawyer. Betsy's Back Porch, 5447 Nicollet Ave S, Mpls. (SE corner of Nicollet & Diamond Lake Rd.) FFI: www.ncgaylaxians.com/calendar.htm
- ☛ **Sat, Feb 8, 3:00PM. Minn-StF Pool Party. Radisson South, Bloomington, MN.**
- ☛ **Sat, Feb 8, 3:30PM. Minicon 38 PR3 Collation. At the Pool Party. FFI: publications@minicon.mnsth.org**
- ☛ Sat, Feb 15, 2PM. Minn-StF Second Nominations Meeting. Irene & Scott Raun's, 3928 11th Ave S, Mpls. Dogs, smoking outside. FFI: Scott or Irene, 612-822-0451
- ☛ Sat, Feb 15, 7:30PM. Riverfolk Concert. Jerry Corwin's, 3040 Grand Ave. S, Mpls. \$5-15 donation request, RSVP's requested but not required. Cats. FFI: Jerry Corwin, 612 824-7800, pros_parts@yahoo.com.
- ☛ Sun, Feb 16, 2PM, Minicon 38 Open Meeting. Laura Jean Fish's, 3637 Bloomington Ave S, Mpls. No Smoking, One Cat. FFI: Laura Jean, 612-724-2514, laurafish@visi.com; Larry Sanderson, 612-872-8468, larry@lsanderson.net.

- ☛ Sun, Feb 15, 2-5PM. Ladies Sewing Circle & Terrorist Society. Laura Krentz, 4323 France Ave. S., Mpls. Cats. FFI: 612-929-2150
- ☛ Thurs, Feb 27, 6-8PM. Sharon Lee & Steve Miller sign at Uncle Hugo's. 2864 Chicago Ave S, Mpls. FFI: 612-824-6347
- ☛ Thurs, Feb 27, 6-8PM. Joel Rosenberg signs at Uncle Edgar's. 2864 Chicago Ave S, Mpls. FFI: 612-824-9984

Advance Warning

Mar 1 – Minn-StF Room Party at Marson, Mar 15 – Voting Meeting, Mar 2 & 16 – Minicon 38 Open Meetings

Birthdays:

2: Don Fitch; 4: Shandra Duval; 5: Faun Bonewits, Peer Dudda, Miranda Novack; 6: Elizabeth Cooper; 8: Mark Abbott, Kathy Grantham; 10: Bill Colsher; 11: Page Appelbaum; 14: Blue Petal; 15: Erik Biever; 16: John Stanley; 18: Linda Novack, Mary Boyom; 20: Dan Goodman; 23: Bev Elmshouser, Peter Larsen; 25: Charles Piehl, Steve St. Onge; 28: Steven Bush

Announcements:

CoA: Joe Agee & Andrew Bertke have dropped their land-line. Please use their cell-phone numbers as listed in the December Minn-StF Directory.

Denny Lien is researching history of the MinnSTF tradition of assassinating its outgoing presidents at the close of each Minicon, starting with himself in the mid-seventies, but has only his only very incomplete memories to go on. If anyone can help him pin down dates, names, and methods of past assassinations, please email him at d-lien@tc.umn.edu Thanksarrghh...

Publishing News

Among the 26 entries on the preliminary Nebula ballot for Best

February 2003

Novel are Lois McMaster Bujold's *The Curse Of Chalion* and Neil Gaiman's *American Gods*. Final ballot will be announced February 15th.

Steven Brust, *The Paths of the Dead* (Tor hc) now out

M.A.R. Barker, *Prince Of Skulls* (Zottola tp) now out

Neil Gaiman's *Coraline* was #4 hardcover and *American Gods* #5 pb on the December *LOCUS* Bestsellers" list; *Coraline* was also #4 on BookSense.com list reported in same issue. Lois McMaster Bujold's *Miles Errant* was #4 trade pb on *LOCUS* list.

Steven Brust, *The Lord of Castle Black* (Tor hc novel) scheduled for August; also Tor pb reprint of *Paths of the Dead*, also August

Lois McMaster Bujold, *Diplomatic Immunity* (Tor pb novel reprint) scheduled for June; also Tor pb reprints of omnibus titles *Young Miles* (July) and *Miles, Mystery & Mayhem* (August)

Emma Bull, *Finder* (Tor Teen pb reprint novel), scheduled for July

Neil Gaiman, "October in the Chair," in *Conjunctions* issue (special "New Wave Fabulists" issue guest-edited by Peter Straub, 2002)

Neil Gaiman, introduction to new (Pocket Books tp, 2002) edition of Robert Silverberg's novel *The Man in the Maze*

Lyda Morehouse, *Messiah Node* (Penguin/Roc pb novel) scheduled for June

Joel Rosenberg, *Home Front* (Tor Forge hc novel; not sff) should be out by time this EINBLATT appears

Clifford D. Simak, *City*, new SFBC hc edition scheduled for September

John Sladek, *Maps: The Uncollected John Sladek*, ed. Dave Langford (Big Engine tp from the UK, 2002), after several delays, is now available

Francis Stevens, *The Nightmare And Other Tales Of Dark Fantasy* (U of Nebraska Bison tp) scheduled for May; Stevens (1884-1939) was the first important Minnesota-based female sff/writer

Jack Zipes, *The Brothers Grimm: From Enchanted Forests To The Modern World* (St Martin's/Palgrave Macmillan) now reprinted in tp

Neil Gaiman, "Closing Time," appears in current issue of *Mcsweeney's Magazine* (a Vintage tp, ed. Michael Chabon, titled *Mcsweeney's Mammoth Treasury Of Thrilling Tales*, and done in neopulp format)

January "LOCUS Bestsellers" list includes *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman (#7 hardcover); *The Curse Of Chalion* by Lois McMaster Bujold (#2 pb); and *Blood & Ivory* by P.C. Hodgell (#4 tp).

Lois McMaster Bujold's first published short story, "Barter," has been reprinted in *Wondrous Beginnings* (DAW pb, 2003) ed. Silver and Greenberg

pb=mass market paperback. hc=hardcover. tp=trade paperback nf=nonfiction. coll=collection. anth=anthology. r=reissue

Conventions

Feb 6-9, Capricon XXIII, Arlington Heights, IL. GOHs: Tim Powers, Amy K. Brown, Bill Roper.
<http://www.capricon.org>

Feb 14-16, Boskone 40, Boston, MA. GOHs: David Brin, Jam Burns, Charles N. Brown, Clam Chowder.
<http://www.boskone.org>

Feb 14-16, Gamicon Mu (gaming con), Cedar Rapids, IA. GOH: Jolly Blackburn.
www.mindbridge.org/gamicon

Feb28-Mar 2, Marscon 2003, Holiday Inn Select, Bloomington, MN. GoH's: Sharon Lee & Steve Miller, Julie Caitlin Brown, Lev Mailer, John Garner, David

Mendez, & The Nick Atoms. \$40 to 1/31/03, \$50 ATD, Supporting \$15 to 1/31/03, Converting \$25, Child \$15 to 1/31/03, \$25 ATD. FFI:
www.marscon.org

Mar 7-9, Congenial 13 (relaxicon), Racine, WI. Guests: Fred A Levy Haskell (confirmed), Steven Brust (possible), The Gunderson Corporation SF Comedy Troupe.
<http://www.congenial.org>

Apr 18-20, Minicon 38, Mpls. GOHs: Robert J. Sawyer & Carolyn Clink, Sue Mason, Steve Macdonald. \$30 early bird (see your local con for Minn-StF/Minicon party for this rate through 10/31, \$35 through 10/31, \$45 through 3/17, \$70 ATD. \$15 Supporting, Child: \$15 through 3/17, \$30 ATD. FFI:
www.mnstf.org/minicon/minicon38/

Apr 18-21, Seacon 03 (54th UK National Easter SF Convention), Hinckley, GB.
<http://www.seacon03.org.uk>

Apr 17-20, Norwescon 26, SeaTac, WA. GOHs: Jane Yolen, Jim Burns, Geoffrey Landis, Michael Whelan.
<http://www.norwescon.org>

Apr 17-20, World Horror Con 2003, Kansas City, MO. GOHs: Graham Masterton, Laurell K. Hamilton, Forrest J Ackerman, Don D'Auria, Nick Smith.
<http://www.whc2003.org>

July 4-6, 2003: CONvergence 2003: Time Flies, Radisson Hotel South, Bloomington, MN. \$30 through 12/31, \$40 through 5/15, \$55 ATD. Children 6-12, \$15 through 5/15, \$20 ATD. Supporting \$20 through 5/15, converting \$20. FFI:
www.convergence-con.org

Ongoing Information

Board of Directors: Laura Jean Fish, Dean Gahlon, Sharon Kahn, Scott Raun, and Larry Sanderson. Email board@mnstf.org. Mn-STF meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Saturday every month.

Minn-STF Hotline: Provides latest information and accepts messages: 612-824-5559; web site at:
<http://www.mnstf.org/>. Minicon web site at:
<http://www.mnstf.org/minicon/>.

Gamesday Players: Board & card gaming almost every Friday evening. FFI: Richard Tatge at 612-827-3228.

Filk Circle: open to all who like to participate in music with f/sf lyrics. 4th Saturday at 5pm: 3236 Cedar Ave South; FFI: 612-721-6076. Cats.

Artists and Writers: Get your art and thoughts in print in Stipple-Apa, small-and-cozy general-interest publication. FFI: Jeanne Mealy 651-771-7226

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