

Einblatt!

Calendar

- ☛ Sat, Apr 5, 2PM. Minn-StF Meeting & Laura Jean's Birthday Party. Laura Jean Fish & David Schroth's, 3637 Bloomington Ave S, Mpls. No Smoking, One Cat. FFI: Laura or David, 612-724-2514
- ☛ Sun, Apr 6, 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.
- ☛ Wed, Apr 9. Minn-StF Board Meeting canceled. Talk to a Board Member at Minicon if you need something before May 14.
- ☛ Sat, Apr 12, 2PM. Stipple-Apa collation. Sybil Smith, 2801 Irving Ave N., Mpls. Potential members welcome. FFI: Jeanne Mealy, 651-771-7226; Sybil, 612-522-7178.
- ☛ Sat, Apr 12. Misfits Team Trivia Challenge. Radisson South, Bloomington, MN. FFI: info@misfit.org
- ☛ Wed, Apr 16, 7:30. Minicon Work Party. 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.
- ☛ Thurs, Apr 17, 8PM. Steve Macdonald Music Party. Glenn & Mia McDavid's, 340 Brooks Ave, Roseville. RSVP & FFI: 651-490-1842 or mia_mcdavid@attbi.com
- ☛ Sat, Apr 19. Minn-StF Meeting cancelled in favor of Minicon.
- ☛ Thurs, Apr 24, 11:59PM. Einblatt Deadline!
- ☛ Fri, Apr 25, 7PM-Midnight. MiSFITS Geek Prom! Radisson South, Bloomington, MN. FFI: (651) MISFITS, www.misfit.org
- ☛ Fri, Apr 25, 11:30PM. Marscon Movie Night – *Heavy Metal*. \$3. Plaza Maplewood Theater, 1847 East Larpenteur, Maplewood.

FFI: 651-770-7969, www.plazamaplewood.com/late_nite.html

- ☛ Sat, Apr 26, 11:30PM. Marscon Movie Night – *Heavy Metal*. \$3. Plaza Maplewood Theater, 1847 East Larpenteur, Maplewood. FFI: 651-770-7969, www.plazamaplewood.com/late_nite.html

Advance Warning

Minn-StF Meetings, May 3rd & 17th.

Birthdays:

1: Michael Mornard; 2: Jeffrey A. Ahlstrom; 3: Mike Dorn; 7: Bill Bader, Bruce Bethke; 9: Julie Johnson; 10: John M. Ford; 13: Dave Romm; 15: Sean Novack, 18: Shannon Leslie, Richard Tatge; 22: Steven Bond, Laurel Winter; 24: Oleg Volk; 28: Peg Kerr Ihinger, Theresa Roden; 29: Martin Schafer

Announcements:

On Wednesday, March 5, 2003 the MNSTF Board signed a contract to sell all backissues and lease the name Tales of the Unanticipated (TOTU) to TOTU Ink, Inc, a corporation formed to publish TOTU by its editor, Eric M. Heideman. Any inquiries about TOTU should be directed to TOTU Ink, Inc/PO Box 8036/Lake Street Station/Minneapolis, MN 55047. The TOTU website is at <http://home.att.net/~TOTU/>.

Publishing News

Steve Brust's *The Paths of the Dead* is #2 hardcover bestseller on March 2003 LOCUS list and #10 hc bestseller on the Barnes and Noble/B. Dalton list in same issue.

Steve Brust's *Issola* is #1 paperback bestseller on March LOCUS list.

Neil Gaiman's *Coraline* is #7 hc bestseller on March LOCUS list.

Neil Gaiman's *American Gods* is #10 pb bestseller on March LOCUS list and #4 pb bestseller on BookSense.com list in same issue.

Emma Bull has a column, "Past Lives," on RenFests and such, in the April 2003 *Realms of Fantasy*

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M.A.R. Barker novel, *Lords Of Tsamra* (Zottola tp, 2003), now out; both author and publisher are local, as are cover artist Giovanna Fregni and book designer Victor Raymond

Lois McMaster Bujold: novel *Paladin of Souls* due in hc from HarperCollinsEos in October and in tp in UK from HarperCollins Voyager, also October. *Diplomatic Immunity* due in pb reprint in UK from Simon & Schuster/Earthlight in September. Upcoming pb reprints of *Diplomatic Immunity* (June), *Young Miles* (July) and *Miles, Mystery & Mayhem* (August) are coming out from Baen, not Tor (as we had earlier listed them)

Gordon R. Dickson: omnibus *The Human Edge* due in pb from Baen in December

Ignatius Donnelly: novel reprint *Caesar's Column* due in hc from University Press of New England / Wesleyan U.P. in September

Neil Gaiman: reprints of *Stardust* (pb, Harper Collins/Avon, August); *American Gods* and *Neverwhere* (both tp, HarperPerennial, November); and *Coraline* (tp in UK, Bloomsbury, October) scheduled

Kij Johnson: novel *Fudoki* due in hc from Tor in October

Patricia C. Wrede: reprint of *Calling On Dragons* and *Talking To Dragons* (both pb from Harcourt/Magic Carpet) now out; hc reprint (and first hc edition) of her *Sorcery and Cecilia*, co-authored by fellow local Caroline Stevermer, on Harcourt May list

The audiotape version of Neil Gaiman's *Coraline* won a "Cuffie" (children's booksellers) award from *Publishers Weekly*. *Coraline* also made the 2003 Best Books for Young Adults list from the Young Adult Library Services Association.

Lois McMaster Bujold's *Diplomatic Immunity* is a Romantic Times Book Club Award finalist in Best Science Fiction Novel class. Bujold also sold Italian translation rights to the novel. Bujold was named Author of the Year by Fictionwise.com (the eBooks Awards) and her *The Vor Game* was named eBook of the Year. Bujold

had eight of the top 20 bestselling eBooks and nine of the 20 highest-rated eBooks; lists at <http://www.fictionwise.com/2002.htm> (registration required) or at http://palmstation.com/view_article.php?article=5442&flat_mode=1

Neil Gaiman sold Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish translation rights to *Coraline*.

Mirror Mask, with a script by Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean, is being made as a straight-to-video film for Him Henson Pictures.

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

Conventions

Apr 4-6, Odyssey Con 2003, Madison, WI. GOHs: Harry Turtledove, Catherine Asaro, John Kovalic. <http://www.oddcon.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. www.seacon03.org.uk

Apr 17-20, Norwescon 26, SeaTac, WA. GOHs: Jane Yolen, Jim Burns, Geoffrey Landis, Michael Whelan. 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. www.whc2003.org

May 2-4, DemiCon 14, Des Moines, IA. GOHs: Octavia E. Butler, Lubov, Lynda Sherman, Rusty Hevelin. <http://www.demicon.org>

May 23-25, ConQuest 34, Kansas City, MO. GOHs: Elizabeth Moon, Ellen Datlow, Vincent DiFate, John Ringo, Suzanne Carnival-Reece. www.kcsciencefiction.org/con34.htm

Jun 6-8, Duckcon 12, Chicago, IL. GOHs: Tanya Huff, Patricia D. Breeding-Black, Beill and Brenda Sutton, Trace Beaulieu, Jim Rittenhouse. <http://www.duckcon.org>

Jun 26-29, Midwestcon 54, Cincinnati, OH. <http://www.cfg.org/midwestcon/>

July 4-6: CONvergence 2003: Time Flies, Radisson Hotel South, Bloomington, MN. \$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: Kevin Austin, Laura Jean Fish, Dean Gahlon, Scott Raun, and Larry Sanderson. Email

board@mnstf.org. Mn-STF meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Saturday every month, Board meetings are typically the 2nd Wednesday of the 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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