Minicon 41
April 14-16, 2006
(Easter Weekend)
Progress Report 2

Guest of Honor: Harlan Ellison
Artist Guest of Honor: John Picacio
Fan Guest of Honor: Doug Friesen

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
$45.00 until March 17th, 2006
$55.00 at the Door

Sheraton Bloomington South
(Formerly the Radisson South)

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE:
March 15th, 2006

mnstf.org/minicon41/

Minicon 41 PO Box 8297
Lake Street Station, Mpls., MN 55408
Deadline for Mincon Hotel rate is March 15. Please make your reservations before that date.
Shenandoah Bloomington Hotel
(Formerly the Radisson South)
7800 Nonsdale Blvd, Bloomington, MN 54519
Rates - Single, Twin: $82.00 plus tax
Pondside Cabin: $92.00 plus tax
You can book regular rooms on the Mincon website under “Hoot” or call the Shenandoah at 952-835-7800 or their toll-free number 1-800-325-5353.
Cabin - For only $10 a night more than a standard room you can have a poolside cabin. We’re hoping you’ll host a party if you do take a cabin, but it’s not required. We will run a list of folks if you can provide details in advance.
Registration - You can get the $45.00 pre-registration rate if your membership is postmarked by March 17. There is a registration form included with this program report. After that the rate will be $55.00, available only at the door.
If you sign up in the registration before December, check the label on the PB. It should indicate ATNO for Attending, SUP for Supporting, or CHILD for Child. If not, email registration@mincon.mnf.org or contact us via the Mincon PO Box.
We’re still processing registrations from December and January, so don’t panic if you registered later and the label doesn’t indicate that you’re registered. Between now and the convention, everyone who pre-registers will receive a confirmation, either by email or via the post office. Things will run more smoothly if you bring your confirmation to Mincon.
Volunteers - Mincon is an all-volunteer convention. We need your help! If you would like to help out in any way before, during, or after the convention, please contact greg@dreamhavenbooks.com
Volunteers will receive incentives, including free books, prizes and more.

Writers’ Workshop - This will be held at 8am Friday. We will have small sessions of 4 to 5 participants, each hosted by a local writer. Participants must contact Lisa Fesing in advance (lisaf@vti.com), and must be registered for Mincon. Participants will critique each other’s work, Clarion-style. Please submit five (5) copies of either a short story or a chapter of a novel (less than 7500 words), with standard double-spaced, 10-12 point, New York or Times type. Manuscripts must be received by March 22. Send your five copies to: Mincon Writer’s Workshop, Dreamhaven Books, 613 W. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55401.
Charity Auction - We’ve not yet chosen a charity, but will be accepting suggestions from attendees. We are looking for donations of materials that we can offer at auction. If you have some handiwork items (furnishings, artwork, etc.) or books, posters, or miscellaneous, we would be delighted to offer them at the auction. This will coincide with the art auction.
Blood Drive - Give the gift of life! The Mincon Society is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the convention, from noon to 6pm on Saturday, April 13. A special pin designed by Robert A. Heinlein for the Blood Drive at MadAxiom on 3/9 will be given to all contributors, as well as a goody bag with books and things. To help us know how many to expect, please pre-register at mincon.org/mincon/blooddonation.html
Programming - Mincon has been known for its spirited and thought-provoking program. We also have a lot of fun. If you have programming ideas or would like to participate on the program, contact Rachel Knosak (rachl.knosak@juno.com).
Art Show - The art show is open to fan art as well as 3-D works. If you are interested in displaying your work, please contact David Wilford (wilfordd@hotmail.com). We do accept mail-in work but you must have a Mincon supporting membership ($15.00).

An Evening with Harlan Ellison - Thursday, April 13, at 7pm, we will host an event with Harlan Ellison in the 2nd floor bathroom at the Shenandoah. He will read, talk, and answer questions. He’s articulate, funny, storytelling, thought-provoking, and always entertaining. This event is open to the public. Admission is $10.00 (free with Mincon badge).
Films - We will have a limited schedule of films, each followed by a discussion. We hope to show Forbidden Planet and A Boy and His Dog (based on the story by Harlan; he will participate in the discussion). And there will be some surprises.
Music - Nao Backlund is accepting requests from musicians who would like to do concert slots at Mincon. We have one hour, half-hour, and one or two song (open stage) slots on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening. Please let him know if you will need more than four microphones. Contact him at 651-827-7121 (evening/weekends) or 651-373-5312 (weekday afternoons).
Dealers Room - The Dealers Room is sold out. To be placed on the waiting list or contacted for next year, contact Lisa Fesing (lisaf@vti.com).
Hospitality - We are fortunate to have Joel and Britt-Phillips hosting our Hospitality Suite again. Expect plenty of good food, drink and conversation. If you would like to help out with hospitality, contact Joel at 612-730-7996.
If you would like to host a party, we have special rates on the poolside cabins, which are on the way to the con site. A party list should appear on our website before the convention.
If you have other questions or concerns, or if you wish to volunteer, please contact Greg Ketter at greg@dreamhavenbooks.com

We hope to see you there!