

Einblatt!

Calendar

- ☛ Sat, Apr 1, 4PM. Minn-StF Meeting. Marian Turner's, 4042 Wentworth Ave S, Mpls. Children welcome, childproof, no guns. FFI: Marian, 612-825-4423
- ☛ Tues, Apr 4, 7PM. North Country Gaylaxians book discussion - *Ammonite* by Nicola Griffith. Betsy's Back Porch, 5447 Nicollet Ave S, Mpls. FFI: Andrew Bertke, 612-387-8265, drewan@drewan.net
- ☛ Tues, Apr 7, 6:30PM. Barth Anderson reads & signs. Dreamhaven, 912 W Lake St, Mpls. FFI: 612-823-6161, dream@dreamhavenbooks.com
- ☛ Sat, April 8, 1-2 PM. South Minneapolis Clutterers Anonymous, Pillsbury House, 3501 Chicago Ave S, Mpls. FFI: 612-821-3934, dsgood@iphouse.com.
- ☛ Sat, Apr 15. Minn-StF Meeting cancelled in favor of Minicon.
- ☛ Sun, Apr 16, 5:00PM. Harlan Ellison autographs. Dreamhaven, 912 W Lake St, Mpls. FFI: 612-823-6161, dream@dreamhavenbooks.com
- ☛ Thurs, Apr 20, 6:30PM. Elizabeth Moon reads & signs. Dreamhaven, 912 W Lake St, Mpls. FFI: dream@dreamhavenbooks.com, 612-823-6161
- ☛ Sat, April 22, 1-2 PM. South Minneapolis Clutterers Anonymous, Pillsbury House, 3501 Chicago Ave S, Mpls. FFI: 612-821-3934, dsgood@iphouse.com.
- ☛ Sun, April 23, 12N. April Meetup and Group Reading. Lunds Market (Uptown), 1450 W Lake St, Mpls. FFI and to RSVP: <http://scifiwriting.meetup.com/2/>
- ☛ Sun, Apr 23, 2:00 PM. SF Writers' Workshop (immediately following the April Meetup), Lunds Market (Uptown), 1450 W Lake St, Mpls. FFI and to RSVP: <http://scifiwriting.meetup.com/2/>
- ☛ Tues, Apr 25, 6:30PM. Speculations Reading Series sponsors Laurel Winter. Dreamhaven, 912 W Lake St, Mpls. FFI: 612-721-5959, ehedeman@dhzone.com
- ☛ Tues, Apr 25, 8:15PM. After-reading gathering. Dulono's Pizza, 607 W Lake St, Mpls.

Advance Warning

May 6 & 20: Minn-StF Meetings

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, 16: Carole Vandal, 18: Shannon Leslie, Richard Tatge; 22: Steven Bond, Laurel Winter; 24: Oleg Volk; 28: Peg Kerr Ihinger, Theresa Roden; 29: Martin Schafer

Announcements:

Mark Richards will be chairing Minicon 42. Contact him for more info, merichards@visi.com.

The old Minn-StF Directory is being tossed out. You should have received an opt-in announcement in your mailbox. There will **NOT** be electronic *submission* of the opt-in form - see the instructions on the form. The form is available at mnstf.org/einblatt/2006_directory_form.pdf.

Publishing News

The "2005 Recommended Reading List" in the February *Locus* includes *The Hallowed Hunt* by Lois McMaster Bujold and *Anansi Boys* by Neil Gaiman (Fantasy Novels); *Singer Of Souls* by Adam Stemple (First Novel); *Hanging Out With The Dream King* <about Gaiman> (Non-Fiction); and "Sunbird" by Gaiman and "Rocket Fall" by David Prill (Short Stories).

Neil Gaiman's *Anansi Boys* was #4 on the hc Bestsellers list in the Feb. *Locus*; it was also #5 hc on the Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton and #4 on the Borders/Waldens lists in the same issue. Both *Anansi Boys* and MaryJanice Davidson's *Undead And Unreturnable* made the *New York Times Book Review* bestseller lists in November.

Neil Gaiman's *Anansi Boys* made year-end wrap-up "best of" lists in the *Washington Post*; *San Francisco Chronicle*; *Publishers Weekly*; and Amazon.com ("Top Ten SF and Fantasy"); which also named his *1602* as one of their top Comics and Graphic Novels of the year.

Raphael Carter's "Congenital Agenesis of Gender Ideation" is reprinted in *The James Tiptree Award Anthology 2* (Tachyon tp, 2006)

Dave Wixon completed Gordy Dickson's *The Antagonist* and sold it to Tor.

Local publisher: *Firmin: Adventures Of A Metropolitan Lowlife* by Sam Savage, forthcoming from Coffee House Press

Local publisher/author: DreamHaven reprinted Neil Gaiman's "A Study in Emerald" as a poster.

Neil Gaiman has an introduction to *The Year's Best Graphic Novels, Comics, and Manga* (St. Martin's tp)

Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett are interviewed in the January *Locus*; their collaborative *Good Omens* has been reprinted as a hc from Morrow.

April 2006

Neil Gaiman's *Anansi Boys* is one of ten winners of a 2006 Alex Award from the Young Adult Library Services Association. It's #3 hc on the *Locus* Bestseller list (March issue) and also #3 on Barnes and Noble / B. Dalton list and #6 on Borders/Walden list in same issue.

The Hallowed Hunt by Lois McMaster Bujold and *Freedom's Apprentice* by Naomi Kritzer are nominees for the *Romantic Times* Reviewer's Choice Award in the Fantasy Novel category.

Local publisher--Bethany House: *Waking Lazarus* by T.L. Hines and *Relentless* by Robin Parrish, both hcs scheduled for July.

Barth Anderson, *The Patron Saint Of Plagues*, tp novel from Bantam, now out.

Steve Bein (Rochester MN) has a story, "Datacide," in the April/May 2006 *Asimov's*.

Denny Lien has another "Curiosities" column in the May 2006 *Magazine Of Fantasy And Science Fiction*.

Lawrence Sutin's *Divine Invasions: A Life Of Philip K. Dick* has been reprinted in tp by Orion in the UK.

Joel Rosenberg's *Knight Moves* (hc) scheduled by Baen for December; also reprint of *Paladins* in pb by Baen in November.

Patricia C. Wrede & Caroline Stevermer's *The Grand Tour* (pb reprint), April, Harcourt/Magic Carpet.

Neil Gaiman, *Coraline* and *Stardust*, tp reprints from Harper Perennial scheduled for October; *Anansi Boys*, pb reprint, HarperTorch, October; *Good Omens* (with Terry Pratchett), pb reprint, HarperTorch, December.

Lois McMaster Bujold, *The Sharing Knife 1: Beguilement* (hc novel) scheduled for October from HarperCollins/Eos.

Llewellyn (local publisher): *Witch Circle* by Debbie Federici & Susan Vaught (tp); *The Seer: Sword Play* by Linda Joy Singleton (pb); *Diadem: Worlds Of Magic: Book Of Doom* by John Peel (tp); *Alhazred: Author Of The Necronomicon* by Donald Tyson (tp, cited as nonfiction) and *Curse Of Arastoid* by Jo Whittemore (tp), scheduled May, June, or July.

Firebirds Rising ed. Sharon November (Penguin/Firebird hc anthology) includes stories by Pamela Dean ("Cousins," a Liavek tale) and Emma Bull ("What Used to be Good Still Is").

Susan Sizemore, *MASTER OF DARKNESS*, hc reprint from the SFBC in April

Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett, *Good Omens*, hc reprint from the SFBC in October.

Pete Hautman, *Rash*, hc, Simon & Schuster, June.

David Prill, "The Star System," in *Subterranean Magazine* #3 (2006)

Conventions

April 7-9 Odyssey Con, Madison, WI. GoH: Jane Lindskold, Gardner Dozois. <http://www.oddccon.org/>

April 13-16 Norwescon 29, SeaTac, WA.
GoH: Lois McMaster Bujold, Donato
Giancola. <http://norwescon.org/>

Apr 14-16. Minicon 41, Sheraton
Bloomington Hotel, Bloomington, MN. GoH:
Harlan Ellison. www.mnstf.org/minicon/

May 26-29 Balticon 40, Baltimore, MD. GoH:
Neil Gaiman, Lisa Snellings-Clark, Lorraine a'
Malena, Gene Wolfe. (Pre-registration
deadline: Apr. 30). <http://balticon.org/>

July 7-9. Convergence 2006. Sheraton
Bloomington Hotel, Bloomington, MN. GoH:
David Weber, Miles Teves, Kenneth Hite,
Greg Weisman. Pre-reg deadline May 15.
www.convergence-con.org

Aug 4-7. MythCon 37, Norman, OK. GoH:
Lois McMaster Bujold.
www.mythsoc.org/mythcon37.html

Sept 1-3. SF3 - MN Multi Media Festival.
Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Bloomington,
MN. GOH: John Noble, Debi Derryberry,

Daniel Falconer, Billy Boyd, Stephanie
Gannaway-Osborn, Ron Glass www.sf-3.com

Ongoing Information

Board of Directors: Lisa Freitag, Dean Gahlon,
Carol Kennedy, Laurle Krahn and Rachel
Kronick. Email board@mnstf.org. Mn-STF
meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Saturday every
month, Board meetings are typically the 1st
Thursday of the month.

Minn-STF web site at: www.mnstf.org/. Minicon
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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. FFI:
Rich Brown, 651-646-2159, rab@freemars.com

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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Thursday, April 20th, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

ELIZABETH MOON will be reading, answering
questions, and autographing. She is the author of
numerous science fiction and fantasy novels, including
the Nebula Award-winning *The Speed of Dark*. Her new
book *Engaging the Enemy* (latest in the *Vatta's War*
series) goes on sale March 28th.

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