

# Einblatt!

## Calendar

- ☛ Sat, Dec 6, 2PM. Minicon Meeting at/before the Minn-StF Meeting. (See below)
- ☛ Sat, Dec 6, 2PM. Minn-StF Meeting. Irene & Scott Raun's, 3928 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Mpls. No smoking indoors, dogs. FFI: 612-822-0451, [sraun@fireopal.org](mailto:sraun@fireopal.org), [realitychallenged@fireopal.org](mailto:realitychallenged@fireopal.org)
- 🌐 Tues, Dec 9, 7PM. ESP MN Speculative Fiction Writers Meetup. Topic: How to avoid the "Info Dump". Davannis, 310 White Bear Ave Saint Paul. FFI: <http://www.meetup.com/MNspec/>
- 🌐 Fri, Dec 12, 6:30-8:30PM. Lois McMaster Bujold reads. DreamHaven Books, 2301 E 38th St, Mpls. FFI: 612-823-6161
- 🌐 Sun, Dec 14, 12N. MN Speculative Fiction Writers Meetup. Topic: Insanity and Your Characters – Mess with their Heads! Guest Speaker: Rebecca Chesin Lunds Market (Uptown) Community Room, 1450 W Lake St, Mpls. FFI: <http://www.meetup.com/MNspec/>
- ☛ Sat, Dec 20, 2PM. Minn-StF Meeting. Dean Gahlon & Laura Krentz', 4323 France Ave, Mpls. Cats, no smoking. FFI: 612-929-2150
- 🌐 Sun, Dec 21, 2-5PM. Ladies Sewing Circle. Laura Krentz', 4323 France Ave, Mpls. Cats, no smoking. FFI: 612-929-2150
- ☛ Thurs, Dec 25, 11:59PM. Einblatt! Deadline
- ☛ Wed, Dec 31, 4PM. Minn-StF New Year's Eve. Jonathan Adams & Carol Kennedy's, 3328 Colfax Ave S, Mpls. Chili at 6, contributions welcome – food or alcohol suggested. Cats. FFI: 612-823-2784, [adamskennedy@comcast.net](mailto:adamskennedy@comcast.net)
- 🌐 Wed, Dec 31, 7:30PM. Borderlands Reunion House Concert to benefit the Southern Harriet Adopt a Russian Project, followed by a music circle and New Years Party. Ann Viviano & John Thompson's, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 4516 Colfax Ave S, Mpls. RSVP to [jthompson@otslawyers.com](mailto:jthompson@otslawyers.com)

## Advance Warning

Minn-StF Meetings – Jan 3: probably cancelled; Jan 17; Feb 14: Pool Party & 1<sup>st</sup> Board Nominations; Feb 28: 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Nominations; Mar 28 Board Election.

## Announcements

This issue is the last free Dead Tree version of Einblatt. If you want to continue to receive a Dead Tree version, it will be available by subscription at \$10/year. You may pay by check mailed to the Minn-StF PO Box, check or cash hand-delivered to Your Faithful Einblatt Editor, Scott Raun or PayPal to [webmaster@minicon.org](mailto:webmaster@minicon.org). The various electronic versions will continue to be free. Note: the PDF version is configured to print nicely on 8.5x11 paper.

If you received the December Dead Tree Einblatt, it included a new Dead Tree Minn-StF Directory. If you are not included and want to be in the next version, please fill out the form at [http://www.mnstf.org/einblatt/directory\\_form.pdf](http://www.mnstf.org/einblatt/directory_form.pdf). **Note:** additions will **only** be accepted using this form, other submissions will be accepted only for corrections or deletions. Scott Raun is currently accepting additions, corrections, etc.

## Birthdays:

2: Martin McClure; 3: Lynn Anderson; 4: Jerry Corwin, Felicia Herman, Anne Gay; 9: Larry Sanderson; 10: Laura Krentz; 11: Reen Brust, Ken Fletcher, David Wilford; 12: Joan Marie Verba; 13: Emma Bull; 15: Scott Raun; 23: Dean Gahlon; 24: Karen Johnson; 25: Eric Forste; 31: Jan Appelbaum, Erik Emery

## Publishing News

Michael Merriam's short story "All the Leaves your Bed" appears in the November issues of the Australian YA magazine *Shiny*. He also sold his short story "At the Edge of Twilight, Melissa Remembers Flight" to *The Morrigan* for their debut issue.

## December 2008

Ruth Berman has a short-short story, "Dreaming a Cartoon," in *Dreams and Nightmares* #81, September 2008.

Terry A. Garey was interviewed about home winemaking ("Pro vs. Amateur Winemaking") in issue 2 of a new online wine magazine, *Spezzatino* ([www.spezzatino.com](http://www.spezzatino.com)). Her *Joy of Home Winemaking* book was also just cited in an article in v.15 of *Human Ecology Review*.

Local publisher Llewellyn has published *The Pagan Anthology of Short Fiction* (tp, 2008); most or all of the stories are of sff/f interest.

Neil Gaiman, "The Witch's Headstone," reprinted in *Best Science Fiction and Fantasy of the Year*: vol. 2 (NightShade tp, 2008, ed. Jonathan Strahan)

Ex-local Steven Brust's *Jhegaala* was #5 hc on the November *Locus* Bestsellers list.

Neil Gaiman's *American Gods* and *Fragile Things* were #2 and #3 tp bestsellers for Barnes and Noble/B. Dalton listed in November *Locus*.

*Action Alert!* by Joan Marie Verba, the latest novel in the Thunderbirds series, is now available from FTL Publications. FFI: <http://www.ftlpublications.com>

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

## Conventions

Feb 19-22, 2009. Camp Capricon 29, Wheeling, IL. GoH: Sharon Shinn, Gary Lippincott, Christian McGuire. (Pre-reg deadlines: Dec 31, Jan 31) <http://www.capricon.org/>

Apr 10-12, 2009. Minicon 44. Bloomington, MN. GoHs: Karl Schroeder, Stephan Martinieri, Seth Shostak. Atnd: \$44, Student: \$25, Kid: \$20, Support: \$15. (Pre-reg deadline: Mar 15). <http://www.mnstf.org/minicon44/>

Apr 24-26, 2009. Odyssey Con 9, Madison, WI. GoH: Emma Bull. \$35

to 4/10, \$45, ATD, more rates on web site.

<http://www.oddcon.com/about.php>

Jun 19-21, 2009. Fourth Street Fantasy Con, Mpls, MN. GoH: Cory Doctorow.

<http://www.4thstreetfantasy.com/>

Aug 6-10, 2009.

Anticipation/Worldcon 67, Montréal, QB, CA. GoH: Neil Gaiman, Elisabeth Vonarburg, Taral Wayne, David G. Hartwell, Tom Doherty, Ralph Bakshi. (Pre-reg deadline: Jan 1, July 15)

[www.anticipationsf.ca/English/Home](http://www.anticipationsf.ca/English/Home)

### **Ongoing Information**

Board of Directors: Kevin Austin, Lisa Freitag, Dean Gahlon, Scott Raun & Matt Strait - [board@mnsf.org](mailto:board@mnsf.org). Mn-STF meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday every month, for Board meetings check the minutes are posted at [mnsf.org/records/board-minutes/](http://mnsf.org/records/board-minutes/), or the events mailing list.

Minn-STF web site: [www.mnsf.org/](http://www.mnsf.org/).

Minicon web site:

[www.mnsf.org/minicon/](http://www.mnsf.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. FFI: Rich Brown, 651-646-2159, [rab@freemars.com](mailto: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

Einblatt is posted on Usenet groups [rec.arts.sf.fandom](mailto:rec.arts.sf.fandom), [rec.arts.sf.announce](mailto:rec.arts.sf.announce) and [mn.sf//](mailto:mn.sf//)

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**SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION FOR MORE DETAILS.**

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