

Einblatt!

Calendar

- 🌐 Sat, Dec 5. Readings from Rivendell – annual reading of original works. Southeast Community Library, 1222 4th St SE, Mpls. Library: 612-382-4240. FFI: david_lenander@mac.com
- 🌐 Sat, Dec 5, 11AM-1PM. Inventory Minicon Signs. The new Storage Locker, 970 Pelham Blvd, St Paul. FFI: Matthew Strait.
- 🌐 Sat, Dec 5, 2PM. Minn-StF Board Meeting at Blaisdell Polytechnic
- 🌐 Sat, Dec 5, 2PM. Minn-StF Meeting. Blaisdell Polytechnic, 3721 Blaisdell Ave S, Mpls. Front rooms cat free, but not guaranteed cat dander free, smoking outside only. FFI: Lydia Nickerson, 612-827-6521.
- 🌐 Tues, Dec 8, 6:30-7:30PM. Talk: Masters of Mystery: Edgar Allan Poe and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Southeast Community Library, 1222 4th St SE, Mpls. "Poe and Doyle buff Eric Heideman will speak about their lives and works, and invite discussion." FFI: ehaideman@hclib.org, 952-847-2728.
- 🌐 Tues, Dec 8, 7PM. ESP MN Speculative Fiction Writers Meetup. Topic: Creating Cultural Frameworks. Davannis, 310 White Bear Ave, St. Paul. FFI: www.meetup.com/MNspec/
- 🌐 Fri, Dec 11, 6:30-8:00PM. Lois McMaster Bujold reads at Dreamhaven Books. 2301 E 38th St, Mpls.
- 🌐 Sat, Dec 12, 1-2PM. Local author Alan DeNiro signs *Total Oblivion, More or Less*. Uncle Hugo's, 2864 Chicago Ave S, Mpls. FFI: 612-824-6347
- 🌐 Sat., Dec. 12, 7PM. Player Piano Caroling & Joint Birthday Party. Dean Gahlon & Laura Krentz., 4323 France Ave, Mpls. Cats, no smoking. FFI: 612-929-2150
- 🌐 Sun, Dec. 13, 2PM. Ladies' Sewing Circle. Cookie Exchange and Player Piano Caroling Party. Bring 2 dozen or more cookies to exchange. Also small hand-made gift items to sell or exchange if you want. Laura Krentz., 4323

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- 🌐 Sun, Dec 13, 3PM White Hart Spec. Fiction Discussion Meetup. Unstructured Writing Discussion. Arcadia Café, Mpls.
- 🌐 Thurs, Dec 17, 7PM Retrofits Writers Group. Lunds Uptown, Mpls.
- 🌐 Sat, Dec 19, 2PM. Minn-StF Meeting. Minn-StF Meeting. Irene & Scott Raun's, 3928 11th Ave S, Mpls. Dogs, smoking outdoors. FFI: 612-822-0451, sraun@fireopal.org, realitychallenged@fireopal.org
- 🌐 Sun, Dec 20, 12N. December MinnSpec Meetup - Members Read. Lunds Uptown, 1450 W Lake St, Mpls. FFI: www.meetup.com/MNspec/
- 🌐 Sun, Dec 20, 2PM. MinnSpec Writers Workshop, immediately following the MinnSpec Meetup. Lunds Uptown, Mpls.
- 🌐 Thurs, Dec 24, 11:59PM. Einblatt! Deadline.
- 🌐 Thurs, Dec 31, 5PM. Minn-StF New Year's Eve. Shaun Kelly's, 2246 Lincoln St NE, Mpls. No pets, smoking outside, gun lockbox available upon request. FFI: meeting@impsec.net

Advance Warning

Minn-StF Meetings: Jan 2, cancelled in favor of NYE; Jan 16, TBA.

Announcements

Thanks to recent meeting hosts: Dean Gahlon & Laura Krentz, Matt+Kelly Strait, Sharon Kahn & Richard Tatge, Irene & Scott Raun, Betsy Lundsten, Marian Turner, Shaun Kelly, Bill Christ, Erin McKee & David Wilford, Blaisdell Polytechnic.

Starting this month, subscription expiration dates for the Dead Tree Edition are printed above your name.

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;

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13: Emma Bull; 15: Scott Raun; 23: Dean Gahlon; 24: Karen Johnson; 25: Eric Forste; 31: Jan Appelbaum, Erik Emery

Publishing News

Local publisher Bethany House: *Nightmare* by Robin Parrish (hc) and *Heartless* by Anne Elisabeth Stengl (tp) set for June 2010.

Local publisher Lerner/Carolrhoda: *Breathe* by Cliff McNish (tp); *Dead Girl In Love* by Linda Joy Singleton (tp); and *City Of Screams* by John Brindley (hc), all out now

Neil Gaiman, *Neverwhere*, hc reprint from HarperCollins/Morrow due December 2009; also *Prince Of Stories: The Many Worlds of Neil Gaiman* by Hank Wagner et al tp reprint from St. Martin's Griffin should be out now; also *Who Killed Amanda Palmer* (hc from Eight Foot Books), which is essentially a photography book with several vignettes by Gaiman serving as captions. His *The Graveyard Book* is a nominee for the Amelia Elizabeth Walden Book Award. His short-short "The Shadow" is in Susan Rich, ed., *Half-Minute Horrors* (Harper hc, 2009). He wrote and directed *Statuesque*, a short film for Sky 1 (British television) per *Locus*.

Ex-locals: Laurel Winter's *Growing Wings* scheduled for tp reprint from HarperTeen in February 2010, and Will Shetterley's *The Gospel of the Knife* as tp reprint from Tor in May 2010.

Ex-local Kij Johnson won the World Fantasy Award for short fiction with "26 Monkeys, Also the Abyss."

St. Paul-based writer David J. Schwartz is interviewed in the October 2009 *Locus* (title: "Cynics and Believers").

Neil Gaiman's *Coraline* was #5 bestselling Borders/Walden tp as reported in the September *Locus*; ex-local Steven Brust's *Jhegaala* was #2 hc on the October "Locus Bestsellers" list. *Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman (and Terry Pratchett) was #3 on the Borders/Waldenbooks best seller list in the November *Locus*.

Ruth Berman's poem "DoT Acolytes," *Asimov's Science Fiction*, January 2010.

Adam Stemple (with Jane Yolen), "Mesopotamian Fire," in *Eclipse Three* (ed Jonathan Strahan, Night Shade tp)

Local publishers (all now out): Timothy Carter, *Evil?*; and Maggie Stiefvater, *Ballad: A Gathering of Faerie* (both Llewellyn/Flux tp); John Brindley, *City of Screams* and *The Rule of Claw* (both Lerner/Carolrhoda hc).

Alan DiNiro, *Total Oblivion, More Or Less* (novel, Bantam Spectra tp)

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

Conventions

Feb 12-14, 2010. Boskone, Boston, MA. GoHs: Alastair Reynolds, John Picacio, Tom Shippey, Mary Crowell, Lois McMaster Bujold, Michael Whelan, Vernor Vinge. FFI: <http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/>

Jun 18-20, 2010. DuckKon, Naperville, IL. GoHs: Sharon Lee & Steve Miller, Scott Raun, Talis Kimberly. <http://www.duckkon.org/>

Nov 19-21, 2010. SFContario. Toronto, ON, Canada. GoHs: Michael

Swanwick, Patrick & Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Geri Sullivan, Karen Linsay. FFI: <http://www.sfcontario.ca/>

Aug 17-21, 2011. Renovation (69th WorldCon). Reno, NV. GoHs: Tim Powers, Ellen Asher, Boris Vallejo. FFI: www.renovationsf.org

Ongoing Information

Board of Directors: Seven (Jennifer Anderson, Dean Gahlon, Betsy Lundsten, Scott Raun & Matt Strait - board@mnsf.org). Mn-STF meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Saturday every month, for Board meetings check the minutes that are posted at mnsf.org/records/board-minutes/.

Minn-STF web site: www.mnsf.org/.
Minicon web site: 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

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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