

Einblatt!

Calendar

- ☛ Wed, Dec 31, 7PM-1AM. Minn-StF New Year's Eve. Space has restrooms, light & heat, full sound system (bring CD, DVD or flash drive if you have something you'd like played). Beer similar to that at Minicon will be provided. Sidhe Brewing, 990 Payne, St. Paul. No smoking, no pets. FFI: Kathleen, 612-554-3776, <http://www.sidhebrewing.com/about-us>
- ☛ Sun, Jan 4, 2PM. Minn-StF Board Meeting. Beth Friedman's. FFI: Any board member
- ☛ Mon, Jan 5, 6:30-8:00PM. Friends of Nokomis Library Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Group: *Ringworld* by Larry Niven. Nokomis Library, 5100 34th Ave S, Mpls. FFI: Carrie Mercer, 612-718-2934, cmcermnn@comcast.net
- ☛ Fri, Jan 9, 7:00PM. GPS Read the Book/See the Movie. Movie based on *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J. K. Rowling. FFI: <http://geekpartnership.org/read-the-booksee-the-movie/>
- ☛ Sat, Jan 10, #. Minn-StF Meeting. David Wilford & Erin McKee, 549 E 3rd St, New Richmond, WI. Cats, dogs. Musical instruments especially welcome. FFI: 715-222-9167
- ☛ Sun, Jan 11, 2:00-5:00PM. LSC&TS. Terry Garey's, 3149 Park Ave S, Mpls. Cats, no smoking, no guns, no kids without prior arrangement. FFI: t-gare@umn.edu
- ☛ Tues, Jan 13, 7:00-9:30PM. ESP Speculative Fiction Meetup. Topic: Plotting your novel – 3-act vs. 5-act. Davannis, 310 White Bear Ave, St Paul. FFI: <http://meetup.com/minnspec>
- ☛ Sun, Jan 18, 12N-1:45PM. MinnSpec Meeting. Topic TBA. Followed by January Crit Group. Lund's Community Room, 1450 W Lake St, Mpls. FFI: www.meetup.com/MinnSpec/
- ☛ Sun, Jan 18, 2:00-4:00PM. Second Foundation discusses Octavia Butler's work. Parkway Pizza, 44th

St & Minnehaha. FFI: Dave 651-292-8887, d-lena@umn.edu

- ☛ Sat Jan 24, 1:30PM. Minicon Open Meeting. Clay Harris's, 3601 Towndale Dr, Bloomington
- ☛ Sat, Jan 24, #. Minn-StF Meeting & Clay's Birthday Party. Clay Harris (& Hershey Lima), 3601 Towndale Dr., Bloomington. Dog. Smoking outside. Talk to Clay about alternate parking if you're there after 2AM. FFI: 952-832-9194
- ☛ Thurs, Jan 29, 11:59PM. Einblatt! Deadline

Advance Warning

Minn-StF Meetings: Feb 7 – 1st Board Nominations, TBD; Feb 21 – 2nd Board Nominations, TBD

Announcements

Kickstarter to support a Cat's Laughing Reunion Concert at Minicon 50: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/214684691/create-a-cats-laughing-twenty-year-reunion-event-a>

Inventory Reduction Sale at Uncle Hugo's & Uncle Edgar's: Fri, Dec 26-Wed, Dec 31

Our president Peer Dudda has set up an e-mail address specifically for his duties - MNstf_Prez@comcast.net.

The Minn-StF Board has been informed that Joel and Matt have no interest in running Minicon 51. As such, we are soliciting bids to run Minicon 51. Bids should include enough budget to allow for rates to be set so as to allow for memberships to be purchased at Minicon 50, a timeline of events for the year, and qualifications of the Chair / Co-Chairs and any other currently known committee members.

The Minn-StF Board is soliciting bids for FallCon 2015.

- Minn-StF Meetings start at 2pm, but there are rarely a lot of people showing up before 4pm. The business meeting will typically be between 5-6pm.

January 2015

Thanks to recent meeting hosts: Jonathan Adams & Carol Kennedy, Irene & Scott Raun, Sharon Kahn & Richard Tatge, Erin McKee & David Wilford, Emily Stewart & Aaron Vander Giessen, Liz Fish, Bill Christ, Kelly James, Polly Peterson, Rachel Kronick & Eric Forste, Blaisdell Polytechnic, Mark Richards & Peer Dudda, Josh More, Shaun Kelly, Clay Harris, Ann Totusek, Corwin & Dee Brust, Linda Lounsbury, Dean Gahlon & Laura Krentz, Beth Friedman.

Birthdays:

1: Peggy O'Neill; 2: Don Blyly, Thorin Tatge, Patrick Nielsen Hayden; 4: David Messer; 5: Claire Lenander; 7: Margo Bratton; 9: Greg Ketter; 11: Victor Raymond; 12: Seth Breidbart; 14: Lisa Sanders; 15: Bruce Schneier; 17: Giovanna Fregni, Andrew Bertke; 18: Pamela Dyer-Bennet; 20: Kij Johnson; 24: John Houghton, Katie Krantz; 30: Linda Lounsbury.

Publishing News

Eleanor Arnason: new stories now out, "Ruins" in *Old Venus* (ed. GRRMartin & GDozois) and "Telling Stories to the Sky" (Jan/Feb '15 *F&SF*)

Naomi Kritzer: "Jubilee: A Seastead Story," is also in the Jan/Feb *F&SF*

Points of Departure by Patricia Wrede and Pamela Dean, a "Liavek" anthology (including two new stories) will be published by Diversion Books

Dark Orbit by Carolyn Ives Gilman is scheduled as a July hc/eb from Tor

Thorn of Emberlain by Scott Lynch is due "mid to late 2015" (Orion/Gollancz in the UK lists as September hc/eb)

New Neil Gaiman titles: *Trigger Warning* (collection) due February (HarperCollins/Morrow tp in US; Headline hc in UK) and *Chu's Day at the Beach* (w/Adam Rex artist; April Harper hc/eb); hc version of *The Sleeper and the Spindle* (Bloomsbury UK out now); *Eternity's Wheel* (w/Michael and Mallory

Reeves; HarperTeen tp due May); audio version of *The Graveyard Book* out now from HarperAudio

Gaiman reprints: *The Silver Dream* (w/M & M Reeves; HarperTeen tp April); *The Truth Is a Cave in the Black Mountains* (w/Eddie Campbell art; HarperCollins/Morrow hc February; Headline UK tp June)

Hawk by Steven Brust is short-listed for Reviewers' Choice Award ("Epic Fantasy Novel" category) from *Romantic Times Book Reviews*

Bestsellers list in December *Locus* include *Captain Vorpatril's Alliance* by Lois McMaster Bujold (#2 pb) and *The Republic of Thieves* by Scott Lynch (#4 pb), plus *The Incrementalists* by Steven Brust & Skyler Wilde as runner-up (e.g. #11); Lynch's *The Lies Of Locke Lamora* is #4 tp and Neil Gaiman's *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* is #3 tp. In the Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton list in the same issue, Brust's *Hawk* is #5 hc and Gaiman's *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* is #2 tp.

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

Conventions

Feb 13-15. Boskone 52, Boston, MA. GoHs: Steven Brust, Charles Land & Wendy Snow-Lang, Maya & Jeff Bonhoff, Robert K. Wiener, Dave Clements, Vincent DiFate. FFI: www.nesfa.org/boskone/

Mar 6-8. MarsCon 2015. Bloomington, MN. GoHs: Robert Odegard, Richard Tatge, Dave Duca, Lyda Morehouse. FFI: <http://marscon.org/2015>

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Mar 12-15. OperaCon w/ Somtow Sucharitkul. Milwaukee, WI. FFI: www.fijaqdh.com/operacon

Apr 2-5. Minicon 50, Bloomington, MN. GoHs: Jane Yolen, Larry Niven, Brandon Sanderson, Michael Whelan, Adam Stemple & Tom Doherty. FFI: www.mnstf.org/minicon50/

May 22-2. MantiCon 2015, Bloomington, MN. GoHs: David Weber, Timothy Zahn, Eric Flint. FFI: <http://www.manticon.org/>

June 26-2. Fourth Street Fantasy, St. Louis Park, MN. www.4thstreetfantasy.com/2015/ (I assume)

Jul 24-26. Diversicon 23. Twin Cities, MN. GoH: Yatasha L Womack. FFI: <http://diversicon.org>

Aug 19-2. Sasquan, Worldcon 2015. Spokane, WA. FFI: <http://sasquan.org/>

Oct 9-1. JOFCon Minneapolis 2015. St. Louis Park, MN. FFI: jofconmsp2015.blogspot.com/

Aug 17-21, 2016. MidAmeriCon II, Worldcon 2016. FFI: <http://midamericon2.org/>

Ongoing Information

Board of Directors: Beth Friedman, Dean Gahlon, Lydia Nickerson, Scott Raun & Matt Strait - board@mnstf.org. Mn-STF meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Saturday every month, for Board meetings check the minutes that are posted at mnstf.org/records/board-minutes/.

Minn-STF web site: www.mnstf.org/.
Minicon web site: 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 Sunday at 5pm. FFI: Rich Brown, 651-646-2159, rab@freemars.org

PRINT FANDOM LIVES! Stipple-Apa is a healthy general-interest publication with members in four countries. Local collations are every six weeks except for December. Chat with fellow fans the classic way. FFI: Jeanne Mealy, 651-771-7226

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