



# HELMUTH

## Speaking for BOSKONE 49

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### WELCOME

#### **NESFA PRESS GUEST:**

**Alas, one of our guests, Dr. Jerry Pournelle, is ill and recovering at his home in California. But through the magic of video, he will still be with us. His interview with Daniel Dern will be done via Skype at 2:00pm in the Carlton Room on Saturday. Ralph 124C41+ would be SO proud. We have a card for him at the Information Desk; please drop by and send him your best wishes.**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

ALL weapons must be legal under Massachusetts law. If it isn't legal there, it isn't legal here. Do not use anything as a weapon that is not intended to be a weapon. You would not believe the list of items that are illegal under Massachusetts Law. Go to the mass.gov website if you are really interested.

**Our program and maps are available on the FREE Guidebook app for Android, iPhone and iPad. We are listed as Boskone 49.**

Please leave balloons in place until at least 2pm on Sunday afternoon. You're welcome to take a few home with you at that time.

Boskone will be hosting a Magic the Gathering tournament with \$1000 in cash prizes starting at 10am on Sunday. The cost to enter is \$20 for Boskone members, payable at Boskone Registration. We expect that a lot of people will be coming in just for the tournament on Sunday morning, so we urge any of you who plan to enter the tournament to please pay the tournament fee in advance on Saturday afternoon when Registration won't be quite so busy. There is an upper limit of 180 players, so by reserving in advance you won't have to wait in line and you'll be sure to get a seat. The tournament is a sealed deck tournament featuring *Innistrad* and *Dark Ascension*. For more information, see the flyer at Registration.

Hotel restaurant extended hours:  
Sauciety will be open for breakfast and will serve lunch until 2:30PM. The Birch Bar will open at noon. See our restaurant guide at the information desk for more options

#### **NESFA SALES:**

There are two new NESFA Press books:  
*24 Frames into the Future* by John Scalzi consists of movie reviews and musings. The author began his writing career as a movie critic and has recently become a novelist. The trade edition is normally priced at \$28.00, but for you it's \$16.80 for Boskone members at con.

The boxed edition is normally \$49.00 but it is \$29.40 for Boskone members at con.

*Barrayar* by Lois McMaster Bujold. This continuation of *Shards of Honor* tells of the birth of Miles. Be the first on your block to own one for \$26.00.

#### **Program Changes:**

*John Scalzi:* John Scalzi will be autographing on Sunday at 14:00 in the Galleria.

*Drops from Program:* Rosemary Kirstein will not be attending Boskone. Jean-Pierre Normand will not be attending Boskone.

*Room Changes:* A Tele-Video Interview With Jerry Pournelle, Saturday at 14:00. The room has changed: from Burroughs to Carlton.

Tabletop Gaming in the Electronic Age, Saturday at 14:00. The room has changed: from Carlton to Burroughs.

#### **New Program Items:**

Reading: Charles Gannon, Sat. at 14:30

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*Tunnel in the Sky* and Other Tales of Teen Survival, Sunday, 12:00pm, Griffin Room: For the kids to have adventures, lose the parents. In the title story, Robert A. Heinlein uses

teleportation: what other ways work to get kids out of town? Once on their own, should our teens kiss or start killing something? How much adversity before readers get scared or depressed? Besides Heinlein's, what are the classics in this line? Who has written it well recently? What's done differently today? Participants: Bruce Coville, Mary Ellen Wessels, Jane Yolen, Moderator: Leah Cypress

#### **IN MEMORIAM:**

Absent Friends, Friday, 19:00 in the Lewis room. Come remember.

Song Circle: Silent Voices, Saturday, 15:00 in Griffin. Come remember and filk.

In memory of Alice "Badger" Washburn: Badger's family wanted any fannish donations in her memory to be sent to the Octavia Butler Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o the Carl Brandon Society, P.O. Box 23336, Seattle, WA 98102.

**PARTIES:** More info to come, please check the party board. If you are throwing a party, drop us a line so we can tell others. If we see enough party info for Friday night, we will put out another issue today.

**EVENTS:** Art Show Reception, 10:00PM Friday.

**HELMUTH** has an "in" box at the information desk for submissions. Please submit. Next deadline 11:00AM Saturday.

#### **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

**Cons run on volunteer power. Earn our eternal gratitude! Earn a T-Shirt! Earn a free membership for next year!**

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