

# HELMUTH

## Speaking for BOSKONE 49

Number 2, Saturday, February 18, 2012

The Photo Booth is available FOR FREE at the top of the escalators, across from Registration. Have your picture taken holding an alien penguin, or sitting next to Shakespeare, or sporting a steampunk moustache! Hours are Saturday from 11 am to 6 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm, approximately. Boskone members are welcome to utilize their own cameras if preferred. Silliness is encouraged, but no one wishing a photo will be turned away. The conchair is rumored to be in line for a photo session. Crystal Huff is running this area and can be bribed, if the Concom wishes to see the results!

Unofficial Registration count for Friday: 95 full, 12 student, 12 college, 4 staff rate, 1 pre-reg rate, 15 Friday only, 3 Saturday, 1 Sunday, 2 Boskone 50. (This does not include online sales that came in today.)

### PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

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

### WINNERS OF Trivia for Chocolate:

Jordin Kare	69
Bob Devney	48
Christopher Davis	40
Dan Dern	35
Team of Burton, Klein-Burton, Wall & Moore	30

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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.

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

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: Saucyety will be open for breakfast and will serve lunch until 2:30PM. The Birch Bar will open at noon.

The Wolfgang Puck Cafe at the ICA will give a 15% discount to Boskone members who display their badge. You do not have to pay the ICA entrance fee to get into the cafe.

**See our restaurant guide at the information desk for more options**

## Program News

**Autographing:** Charlie Stross, Sunday, 13:00  
John Scalzi, Sunday, 14:00

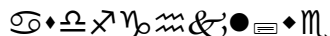
Reminder: Jewish Havdalah Service, Janice Gelb, Independence, Saturday, 6:00PM. Special Interest Group, Jewish service to mark the end of the Sabbath and enable people to say kaddish. Please arrive by 6:00.

Vermont is rightly nicknamed the Green Mountain State for its lovely landscape. But the Emergency Room at the Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center in Windsor, VT has recently reported to the CDC a new and troubling epidemic: patients turning green. Is it envy or something more sinister? Come and find out at the Artifactual Game Show, Burroughs, 8:00PM Saturday.

### *Tunnel in the Sky and Other Tales of Teen*

*Survival:* Griffin, Sun. at 12:00: For the kids to have adventures, lose the parents. In the title story, Robert A. Heinlein uses teleportation: what other ways work to get the 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?

Leah Cypress (M), Bruce Coville, Priscilla Olson, Mary Ellen Wessels, Jane Yolen



### Events: Start/End Time Changes:

The "Boskone Saturday Night Award Event" starts at 9pm Saturday (as listed), but only runs for 30 minutes.

The "Late Guest Filk Concert" starts at **9:30pm Saturday**, immediately after the Awards event and runs for an hour. **Please note** that this is half an hour earlier than what is published in the Pocket Program.

**Dropped from Program:** Jean-Pierre Normand will not be attending Boskone. His slide show (Sat. at 10am) has therefore been cancelled. He will not be here for "Breaking into the Art Field," Saturday at 15:00 and

"*The Big Bang Theory & Other Images of Geeks in Mass Media*," Sun. at 11:00.

Allen Steele has had to leave the convention, and will miss his items: "My Favorite Writer and Why," Sat. at 12:00, "Character and Hard SF," Sat. at 13:00, "Actuarial Studies in the Year 3000", Sat. at 17:00, and he will not be autographing, Sun. at 10:00.

**Added to Program:** Lawrence Schimel will be on "Unpacking SF's Sexual QUILTBAG," Sun. at 11:00.

Laurie Mann will be on "*The Big Bang Theory & Other Images of Geeks in Mass Media*," Sun. at 11:00.

**PARTIES:** Jean Berman's birthday party, Room 401, Saturday, 8-11PM (maybe later). Lots of good food. Jean's birthday is 2/19.

Spokane, Room 407, Saturday, 9:00PM to whenever (2:00AM?).

More info to come, please check the party board. If you are throwing a party, drop us a line so we can tell others.

HELMUTH has an "in" box at the information desk for submissions. Please submit. Next deadline 6:00PM Saturday. Submissions can also be made via e-mail: [helmuth@boskone.org](mailto:helmuth@boskone.org)

Lost & Found: we have a thumb drive at Information--identify it (and maybe its contents) and it's yours.

**Please drop by the Information Desk to sign the card for Jerry and Roberta Pournelle and send them your best wishes for a speedy recovery.**

*Helmuth* for Boskone 49 is brought to you by Susan Carson Isaacs and Fred Isaacs (SCIFI). Art is by Jon Hunt.