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Speaking for Boskone

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AWARDS

Jane Yolen, Bruce Coville, and Andrea Senchy became the newest **Fellows of NESFA**.

The **Edward E. Smith Memorial Award for Imaginative Fiction** (the **Skylark**) was awarded to *Moshe Feder* by colleague and 2006 winner David G. Hartwell.

New Fellow of NESFA Bruce Coville joined them on stage to deliver the traditional, Jane Yolen tale on how best to (not) display and store one's Skylark.

(Photo courtesy of Leslie Turek)

Short Story Contest Winners:

1st place:

James J. Seals, *Purpose Is But A Slave To Memory*

Runners up:

Raluca Balasa, *For The Heart I Never Had* & Sherry Peters, *Ashan Like Me*

Honorable Mention:

Adam Vocale, *Coalescence*

Art Show Awards

Watchman's Awards

Clark Huggins, *Aquaman*

Mike Maung, *69th Infantry 1862*

Popular Choice

Best of Show: Aedan C.

Roberts, *Shackled*

Body of Work: Bob Eggleton

Art Show Director's Choice

Vincent DiFate, *Concept Painting, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*

Judge's Awards

Best of Show:

Jason Cheeseman-Meyer, *Velocity: Self-Creation*

Kristina Carroll,

The Frog Queen's Revenge

Jason Cheeseman-Meyer, *Body of Work*

Bob Eggleton, *Castaway Planet*

Linda Graves, *Baba Yaga*

Clark Huggins, *Body of Work*

Jonathan Hunt, *Juliette in the Airlock*

Kimberly Leach, *Timmay - Creature*

Jonas Insinga, *Cthulhu Idol D*

Jim Zaccaria, *The Changeling*

Remembering Stu Shiffman

Hugo-award-winning fan artist Stu Shiffman died in November at the age of 60 two years after suffering a massive stroke. His memorial service starts at noon today in Seattle. Since we can't be in Seattle today, if you were a friend of Stu's or admired his work, please come to MJ O'Connor's at 3 PM, buy a beverage of your choice and raise a glass to Stu. Ask for "Stu's table."



David Hartwell, Moshe Feder, Bruce Coville; Bruce relates the canonical Jane Yolen Skylark story.

PROGRAM UPDATES

NB: With the inclement weather upon us please be aware that participants may not be able to make their program items at the last moment. Thank you for your understanding.

The following program participants will not be here the rest of this weekend:

- Michael A. Burstein
- Marjorie Liu

The above are in addition to the last complete list published in Helmuth #3.

Other Item Changes

Refer to the listings in Helmuth #3 for the complete list of program items which on which participants have cancelled. There have been no additions for Sunday.

Boskone 53

A reminder: Boskone 53 will be taking place on February 19–21, 2016 at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel. Pre-registration is \$40 until the end of this Boskone, at Registration or the NESFA Sales Table.

Reminder: This is the weekend after Presidents' Day.

Registration

FINAL, as of Sunday Noon:
911 Warm Bodies
1409 Members

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WEATHER. WE HAVE IT. OY.

Transit Blizzard Reminders:

MBTA service is suspended.

You can't park in their parking lots either.

A parking ban has been in effect since 10 PM yesterday. South Boston is also being turned into a maze of one-way streets in an effort to reduce congestion and allow first responders easier access into the neighborhood. Refer to conventional news outlets for more detail

(Refer to the previous Helmuths for more on the above.)

I am informally informed that the Massachusetts Turnpike has a 40 mph speed limit "all the way to the New York border."

Coat Check Hours

Limited Space ... First Come, First Served:
Sunday 9 AM – 2 PM

Not By Bread Alone

The delicious bread is from the Brookline Food Co-op. (And to answer the quip that came in to Helmuth: Yes, it is wonderful despite not being Wonder® bread.) Please consider donating for their expenses.

Taking Over the World is Easier with ... Minions

We've already given you the pitch, more than once, so we'll just leave you with this reminder:

Doubled opportunities on Sunday: Doubled hours for volunteers will begin at 1 PM on Sunday, instead of at 5 PM.

* Teardown, particularly for Art Show and Tech, starts at 3 PM. Please come to Volunteers to help.

** People who can help pack art, please see Lisa at the Art Show desk at 1:30 PM

Lodging

Limited Maid Service: The hotel advises that there will be limited maid service. So please, *don't* freak out if your room isn't made up. But *do* let the hotel know if you need fresh towels and sheets, and they will accommodate you as quickly as their temporarily reduced staff allows.

Reinstating Rooms: Remember, if you check out/ have checked out of the hotel today, and your flight/train/whatever is cancelled, you can return to the hotel and ask them to reinstate your reservation. The hotel should then be able to give you the Boskone rate for Sunday night.

Crash Space: Need crash space for Sunday night? Have crash space available? Connect with other fen at the Self-Service Room Share Board in the Con Suite!

Helmuth Submissions:

We're done ... Boskone's over!
(At least for this year)

