

Boskone 29

Friday, February 14 to Sunday, February 16, 1992
Sheraton Monarch Place and Springfield Marriott Hotels
Springfield, Massachusetts

Guest of Honor
Jane Yolen

Official Artist
Jody Lee

Special Guest
Dave Langford

Featured Filk Performer
Kathy Mar

Progress Report

You received this progress report because you are a member of Boskone 29.

This progress report is also your *Quickie Registration form*. Bring it with you to Boskone to speed up your registration.

This progress report contains useful information, including:

- How to get to Boskone

- How to buy additional memberships, how to get a hotel room, and how to volunteer to help (hint, hint).

- Some of the activities we've planned.

- Times and places, to help you plan when to arrive and when to leave.

Our Guests

Jane Yolen is a master storyteller, author of *The Books of Great Alta* and many other fantasy and children's books (*Owl Moon* received a Caldecott Medal and *The Devil's Arithmetic* was a Newberry finalist). She is the creator of *Commander Toad*, past-president of SFWA, Nebula finalist, Skylark winner, and all-around Real Nice Person.

Dave Langford is a British fan, Hugo-winning fan writer, fanzine publisher, professional SF writer, and science writer. He is also the author of *The Leaky Establishment*, a distinguished evaluation of British nuclear research practices. This will be his second visit to the Boston area: he was TAFF delegate to Noreascon Two in 1980.

Jody Lee is one of the finest young artists to appear in recent years. Her evocative paintings have appeared on the covers of numerous books, including those by Jo Clayton and Mercedes Lackey. Boskone 29 will be her first convention as an honored guest.

Kathy Mar is our featured filk performer. Hailing from California, she is a songwriter and a singer, whose work has appeared on numerous filk tapes.

When and Where

Boskone runs from late Friday afternoon until Sunday night. Our first program items start at about 5pm on Friday and we're running full steam by about 8. Our last official items end at about 10pm on Sunday.

This year's theme is the art and practice of storytelling. We will explore storytelling in its many forms: oral, written, and visual; fantasy, SF, and fannish; serious and whimsical. On Sunday night, we'll have another round of last year's popular "Storytelling Around the Campfire." There will also be several program items

on the art of storytelling and how it relates to SF and Fantasy.

Program and Activities

Main Program

The central activity Boskone is its Program. As usual, we will have a number of writers, editors, artists, publishers, and fans who will speak on, discuss, and debate science fiction and fantasy

The program will include discussions on SF and fantasy, art, science, history, writing, fanzines, tossing zucchinis, conventions, and more. Much of the program is in the form of panel discussions, where a small number of people discuss a topic. We'll also have program items where a single person talks on a subject, where two people debate the pros and cons of a topic, or where the audience interacts.

Some of the program items planned are:

- World Building 104: Destroying Worlds
- Science Headlines: New Topics in the News
- Scratchboard and other artistic technique demos
- The Failure of SF to Predict the Fall of Communism
- A meeting of the Society for the Aesthetic Rearrangement of History
- The Dark Side of Whimsey (or, Whimsey at the Dawn of Time)
- 1991: The Year in Review: Nominating for the Hugos
- Can SF Literature Exist in a Super-Hero Universe
- Shadow of the Torturer: the Writer as God.

Hours. Program begins with an item or two on Friday at 5 and picks up a bit at 8. On Saturday, it runs all day. On Sunday, it begins to tail off in mid-afternoon. The last panels end at 5 or 6. The last, "Storytelling Around the Campfire," starts at about 9 and runs for an hour or two.

Discussion Groups. A discussion group is a small group of people who sit around and chat about a topic of interest to them, such as a favorite author or favorite TV show. These groups are organized by the attendees (that's you!). We provide the space and an area to sign up at con at Information. If you know before the convention that you would like to schedule a discussion group, please write to us, stating the topic and preferred time. We will try to list your discussion group in the pocket program.

Kaffeeklattsches and Afternoon Teas. Sign up at the convention to join an informal discussion with some of our program participants over coffee or tea.

Lunch with an Author or Artist. Would you (with a small group of fellow fans) like to buy lunch for an author or artist? Check for details on how to do so at the convention.

Autographing. You can get autographs of some of your favorite pros. Check your Pocket Program to see when and where particular signings are.

Neglected Authors. When books go out of print because the author has stopped writing or died, new fans lose the opportunity to find out about their works. This mini-track has been very popular at the last few Boskones. This year we'll look at C. M. Kornbluth, Richard Matheson, James Schmitz, and others.

Readings. Come hear writers read their works. Participating writers will be listed in the pocket program.

Silent Movie. On Friday night at about 10:30 we will show the silent movie *Aelita: Queen of Mars* with musical accompaniment. This 1924 "classic" by *Yakov Protazanov* tells of a proletarian uprising on Mars.

Who's Coming? For a list of those program participants that we think are coming as of press time, see page 11.

Pocket Program and Newsletter

When you register at the convention, you'll receive the Pocket Program, which lists the program. To keep track of last-minute changes, check the convention newsletter: *Helmuth*. It's published several times over the course of the con, and features updates/changes to the program as well as lists of parties and other bits of news you may be interested in.

Writers' Workshop

The workshop will have several sections, some for short stories, and at least one for novels. Sections last an hour. Two published and two unpublished writers will be in each section. Story submissions must be under 7,500 words. Novel submissions must consist of the first chapter and a complete outline. To participate in the workshop, mail five double-spaced, single-sided copies of your SF/fantasy/horror fiction to the Boskone Writer's Workshop at the Boskone PO Box.

Submissions must be postmarked no later than December 31, 1991. You will receive the submissions for your workshop section in early January, giving you plenty of time to comment on them.

Meet-the-VIPs Party

There will be a Meet-the-VIPs Party Friday night from 8:30 to 10:30 in the Bos-Cave (Con Suite) in the Sheraton. This is a good time for you to meet your favorite writers and artists.

Banquet and Dinner Theater

The Boskone 29 banquet will again be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott on Saturday evening. As in previous years, we'll have good food and conversation. But this year we'll have more. We'll have a pre-banquet "social hour" mixer. The banquet itself will be the Restaurant at the End of the Universe. Fancy

dress is encouraged (though not required).

After the meal, Esther Friesner and friends will present Esther's latest play, *The Shame of Maudie Jones*. (To those who read our flyer carefully. Yep, we listed something different there. Esther assures us that this one will be even better.)

To sign up for the banquet, use the Multi-Purpose form in the center of this progress report. All entrees include appetizer, salad, vegetable, potato, rolls, butter, desert, and beverage. The cost is \$20 which includes tax and gratuities. All banquet tickets must be purchased *in advance*; we are limited to 220 seats. If you'd like to attend the banquet, please complete the banquet part of the Multi-Purpose form, include a check (made out to "Boskone 29") and send it to us by January 25. Your tickets will be available in Registration.

Note: Banquet tickets not picked up by 3pm on Saturday are subject to resale. Please tell us if this is a problem for you, and we'll make arrangements to hold your tickets.

After the banquet, we will open the adjacent function rooms so that those who don't attend the banquet can still hear the awards and watch the play.

Late Breaking News! After the play, come and hear "Los Paisley Guys," a rock-blues-folk-jazz band. Be there or be ... a regular polygon?

Filksinging

Filksongs are fandom's folk songs, with themes of SF, fantasy, and fandom. This year, we'll be having a filk concert. As usual, we will also be running both a "round robin" filk (where people take turns singing or choosing a song to be sung) and a "group filk," where everyone

sings in a group. A moderator and follow-along copies of our two-volume filksong compilation, *The NESFA Hymnal*, will be available at the group filk. Filksinging will begin at about 10pm and run late.

We also plan to have a filkers' lounge, that will be open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and will include refreshments and a reception for Kathy Mar.

Filk Concerts. We're planning two filk concerts. One will feature Kathy Mar. The other will feature a number of different filk performers.

Filksong Contest. We're always looking for a few good filksongs. If you want to enter the contest, please write to us for entry information. All entries must be received by January 9.

Scavenger Hunt

We're doing a different kind of Scavenger Hunt this year. Put together a team (or just do it yourself) and pick up the list of items and rules at Information.

Regency Dance

The Regency Dance (or Tea), a tradition at many conventions, is where people may dance in the splendor of a more gracious age. People are encouraged to dress in the manner of the period (early 1800s)—long skirts (or the equivalent) for ladies, jacket and tie (or the equivalent) for gentlemen. Tea will be provided. This year, we will also have live music. There will be viewing space for spectators. The dance will be held on Sunday afternoon.

Parties

One of the best places to meet people at a convention is at a party. Many parties are open, meaning anyone can attend. One may be hosted by Star Trek fans, interested in meeting other Trek fans, another

by a local SF club, interested in finding other locals, and so forth. Some are thrown by people who just like to throw parties. Most parties are generally held in fans' hotel rooms, although some of the large ones may be held in suites or connecting rooms.

If you want to hold an open party, please consider staying in the Marriott. Most of the parties will be there.

When Worlds Collide: On Friday night, Boskone is sponsoring another "When World's Collide" party. (The idea was shamelessly stolen from the very successful party thrown by the Boston Star Trek Association.) If your group is interested in participating, write to us for more info.

Thumper II

Last year, we had a Sunday night Dead Doe party (aka BambiCon) in the back room of The Student Prince, a restaurant that has a special game menu in February. Thumper II is this year's sequel. We'll have more information and sign-up sheets at con.

Closing Ceremonies

As you may know, next year Boskone is moving to Framingham. We've had five great years in Springfield. To commemorate that, we plan a special closing ceremony as well as a thank you/going-away party on late Sunday afternoon in the Marriott.

Exhibits

Art Show

The Art Show is where you go to see anything from large oil paintings to small ink sketches; from personalized name badges to book covers; from finely painted eggs to hand-woven rugs.

Buying Art: Some folks come to the Art Show just to look. Others like what they see so much they want to buy it. To buy art, you must bid on it. To bid on it, you must register to bid at the Art Show desk and obtain a bidder's number. Bids can be written (starting on Friday night and running till noon Sunday) or at the auction on Sunday afternoon. The winning bidder must pick up purchases between 1pm and 4pm on Sunday.

Print Shop: At the Print Shop, you will find SF art reproductions for sale at a fixed price. You can buy the piece with no bidding and take it away with you.

Hours: The Art Show and Print Shop will be open the following hours:

Friday	8pm-10pm
Saturday:	10am-10pm
Sunday:	10am-Noon 1pm-4pm

Hucksters' Room

A Hucksters' Room is where you can buy SF merchandise (the sellers of which are called hucksters or dealers). Besides a number of book sellers (selling new, used, and rare books), you'll find magazines, jewelry, toys, t-shirts, buttons, cassette tapes, and countless items of interest.

The Huckster Room will be open the following hours:

Friday:	6pm-9pm
Saturday:	10am-6pm
Sunday:	10am-3pm

Directions to Boskone

Springfield is located at the intersection of Routes 90 (the Mass. Pike) and I-91, about 90 miles west of Boston. The hotels are located just off I-91 (Exit 7) and are adjacent to Columbus Ave., Boland Way (formerly Vernon Street), and Main Street. They are connected to the Bay State West Mall. You can see the hotel/mall complex from routes 91 and 291. The BayBank Tower at the far end of the mall is visible from the highways.

1. By Car from the East. Take the Mass Pike to Exit 6 (I-291). Follow I-291 to I-91. You will enter I-91 from the left, and *must* exit at the right only a few hundred yards later, at Exit 7 (the next exit). [Continue with #5.]

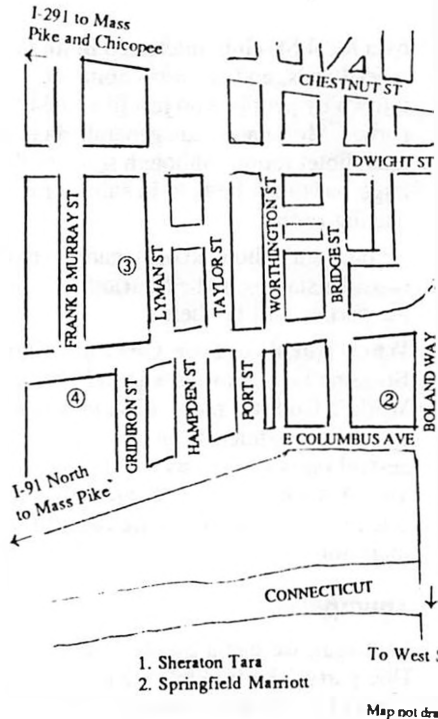
If you miss Exit 7: Go to the next exit to turn around. Then follow the directions that start at #4.

2. By Car from the West. Take the Mass Pike to Exit 4, then follow I-91 south to Exit 7. [Continue with #5.]

3. By Car from the North. Take I-91 South to Exit 7. [Continue with #5.]

4. By Car from the South. Take I-91 north to Exit 6. Go straight ahead onto East Columbus Ave. at the traffic light at the end of the ramp, then follow the road as it bears right and then left and continue to the next traffic light. To go to the Marriott, go straight [and continue with #6]. To go to the Sheraton, turn right onto Boland Way [and continue with #7].

5. At the traffic light at the end of the ramp, turn left onto Boland Way and cross under I-91 to another traffic light. To go to the Marriott, turn left onto East Columbus Ave. [and continue with #6].



1. Sheraton Tara
2. Springfield Marriott

To West

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To go to the Sheraton, go straight [and continue with #7].

6. East Columbus Ave. to the Marriott. Go up the ramp (marked Marriott and Baystate West) on the right side of the street and enter the parking garage. The clearance is 6'4". Levels B and C connect directly to the hotel.

7. Boland Way to the Sheraton. Go 1/2 block and turn right into a tunnel through the building. Unload your car from the tunnel area (the lobby door is on your right), then follow the signs to the Sheraton parking lot.

Parking

Parking in the Sheraton lot is currently \$6/day for registered guests and \$12/day

Volunteer Information Form

Please return to Boskone 29, Box G, MIT Branch PO, Cambridge, MA 02139 by January 15, 1991, or bring it with you to the convention.

Name: _____

Address: _____

I'm willing to work as follows:

Day	Times at Which I'm Willing to Work
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	
Monday	

Note: It's OK to say things like "I'll work Saturday evening, except during Banquet."

I want to work in the following area(s): (If you have a preference, mark your first choice "1", etc.)

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|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Fan Lounge | <input type="checkbox"/> Parties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Babysitting | <input type="checkbox"/> Films | <input type="checkbox"/> People Mover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BosCave | <input type="checkbox"/> Huckster Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Den | <input type="checkbox"/> Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DragonsLair | <input type="checkbox"/> Logistics | <input type="checkbox"/> Whimsy Zone |
| Other: _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference (I'll work almost anywhere) | | |

Please mark as many areas as you want to work in. If you mark one area, you will most likely be assigned to just that area.

Boskone 29 Registration Form

Memberships: \$29 until January 15, 1992. \$40 at the door.

Mail to: Boskone 29, P.O. Box G, MIT P.O., Cambridge, MA 02139-0910

Name: _____

Address: _____

If you are buying more than one membership at the SAME address, you may simply list the other names below. If the memberships are for people at a different address, please list names AND addresses on a separate sheet of paper.

Additional Memberships: _____

I am buying _____ memberships at \$29 each.

I'm also buying _____ banquet tickets at \$20 each and have filled out the banquet information at the bottom of this form.

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Payment method: ___ check/money order ___ MasterCard ___ VISA

Make checks payable to *Boskone 29*.

If paying by credit card, please complete the following:

Visa/MasterCard Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

___ I'd like to find out more about NESFA.

___ Check here if one or more of the memberships is for a child who will be attending babysitting.

Banquet Information

Banquet Tickets (\$20 each)	Quantity	Total
Roast Baron of Beef	_____	\$ _____
Chicken Cordon Bleu	_____	\$ _____
Sole Almondine	_____	\$ _____
Vegetarian Plate	_____	\$ _____

(Place total cost in space provided in the middle of this form.)

Please seat me:

___ Whimsy Zone ___ Whimsy-free Zone ___ Don't Care

Boskone 29 Hotel Form

Friday, February 14—Sunday February 16, 1992

Send this form to: Boskone 29, P.O. Box G, MIT Branch P.O, Cambridge, MA 02139-0910 *This form must be postmarked by January 10, 1992.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Roommates' Names: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Departure Date: _____

Rank hotels in order of preference. A "1" designates your preferred hotel, "2" your second choice. If you would be happy in either the Sheraton or the Marriott, please mark "Either." Once you rank your hotels, note the type of room you want.

	Sheraton	Marriott	Either
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Room Type			
_____ Single	\$81	\$86	
_____ Double (one king size bed)	\$89	\$86	
_____ Double (two double beds)	\$89	\$86	
_____ Triple (two double beds)	\$93	\$86	
_____ Quad (two double beds)	\$96	\$86	

Complete the lines below if you are interested in finding out about suites, need a handicapped room, a non-smoking room, rollaway cot, crib, or have some other hotel-related question. We'll do our best to see that you get your request, but cannot guarantee it.

Special Requests: _____

If you plan on arriving after 6 PM, you must guarantee one night's room payment on a major credit card, or with a deposit check.

_____ My deposit check (one night's room rate) is enclosed (payable to Boskone 29).

_____ Charge my VISA/MasterCard/American Express (circle)

Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Boskone will send you a hotel confirmation upon receipt of this form. You should receive a separate confirmation from the hotel later.

Legal Release Form

I, _____ (name, please print) volunteer to help at Boskone 29, which is run by the New England Science Fiction Association (NESFA), a Massachusetts non-profit organization.

I understand that I will not be paid for this work. I further understand that no one is authorized by NESFA and/or the Boskone 29 Committee to make any private offer of payment.

I hereby authorize NESFA and the Boskone 29 Committee, individually and as a group, and all their officers, agents, and servants to authorize emergency medical treatment for me at my own expense if I cannot give informed consent for such treatment.

I hereby release and forever discharge NESFA and the Boskone 29 Committee, individually and as a group, and their officers, agents, and servants from any and all liability and responsibility should I be injured or hurt while in the performance of the duties I have voluntarily undertaken.

Signed: _____

If under 18, parent or guardian must also sign below:

I, _____ (parent's name, please print), the parent or guardian of the above minor, authorize him/her to help at Boskone 29.

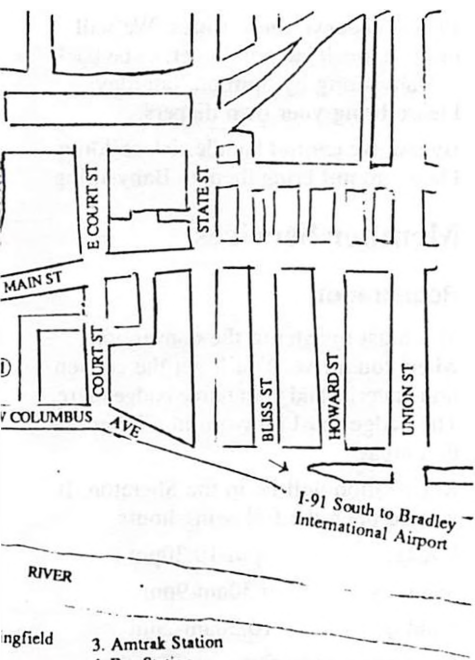
Signed: _____

Special Medical Information

Please let us know if you have any allergies or medical conditions which could be affected by medical treatment.

Medical problems/allergies/medications:

In case of emergency, contact: (include phone):



Springfield
3. Amtrak Station
4. Bus Station

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for others. Parking at the Marriott Garage is currently \$4/day for registered guests and \$10/day for others. The Marriott Garage is part of the Baystate West Mall Garage. There is additional parking under I-91.

By Air

Fly into Bradley International Airport. Airlines serving Bradley include Piedmont, Northwest, United, and American. Bradley is located in Connecticut and serves both Hartford and Springfield. Take an airport bus to the hotels. The bus costs about \$7 and takes 30 minutes. It is run by *Peter Pan Bus Lines* and currently leaves the airport every two hours from 9:15am to 5:15pm and also at 7am, 6:50pm, 9pm, and 10:15pm (except on

Saturdays). (Since such schedules are subject to change, you should check these times when you arrive at the airport.)

By Train

Springfield has Amtrak service from Boston, Washington (via Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York) and Chicago (via Toledo, Cleveland, and Buffalo), as well as connections from many other cities. The station is just under half a mile from the hotels, which are just beyond the BayBank Tower visible ahead and to your right when you exit from the station. On leaving the station, turn right, walk along Lyman Street to the light at the end of the block, and turn left onto Main Street. Go four blocks to Boland Way (just beyond a second-story connection between buildings). Turn right and walk one block. The Sheraton is on your left and the Marriott is on your right.

By Bus

Springfield is served by four long-distance bus companies: Bonanza (with direct service from Albany and Providence), Greyhound (with direct service from New York and White River Junction), Peter Pan (with direct service from New York, Boston, and Buffalo), and Vermont Transit (with direct service from Burlington and New York).

The station is about 0.4 miles from the hotels. On leaving the station, turn right on main street and walk under the stone railroad bridge. In the distance and just to your right, you will see the BayBank Towers and Baystate Mall West. Go four blocks to Boland Way (just beyond a second-story connection between buildings). Turn right and walk one block. The Sheraton is on your left and the Marriott is on your right.

Children's Activities

DragonsLair

Most parents know that what interests them does not necessarily interest their seven or ten year old. DragonsLair is a type of program for kids aged five to twelve, where they can do fun things with other kids, away from boring adults.

DragonsLair will be run in two rooms. One room will be for planned activities like building space ships, costume-making, playing games, etc. The other room will be for talking and watching video tapes.

Participating children **must** be convention members. Please note that lunch is **not** provided.

Dragonslair hours are:

Friday	7pm-9pm (videos only)
Saturday	10am - 6pm
Sunday	10am - 4pm

We also plan to hold a pizza and video party for the kids opposite the banquet.

Babysitting

Boskone will provide babysitting for your child (age 5 and under). For your child to use babysitting services, he or she must be a member of Boskone 29. However, there will be no additional charges. Children older than 5 should go to DragonsLair during the day, though older children are welcome at night. Babysitting will be in the Marriott on a sleeping room floor. Check the Pocket Program for the room.

Babysitting will be open:

Friday	6pm-midnight
Saturday	9am-5pm 7pm-midnight
Sunday	9am-4pm

Please observe these times. We will provide lunch but not dinner, so be back at Babysitting by 5pm on Saturday. Please bring your own diapers.

By law, we **cannot** handle sick children. Please do **not** bring them to Babysitting.

Member Services

Registration

You must register at the convention when you arrive. You'll get the convention material and your name badge there. The badge must be worn in all convention areas.

Registration will be in the Sheraton. It will be open the following hours:

Friday:	5pm-10:30pm
Saturday	9:30am-9pm
Sunday:	10:30am-2pm

Everyone—committee, staff, artists, program participants, hucksters—must register at regular registration in the Sheraton. *On Thursday evening only:* preregistered members can register in Boskone Services (Sheraton, Hampton Room, 4th floor).

If you haven't yet bought a membership and wish to do so before the convention, please fill out the form in this PR and return it to use by January 15. The cost of memberships is \$28. If you wait and buy at the door, the cost is \$40. One-day memberships are available. They cost \$20 on Friday, \$25 on Saturday, and \$15 on Sunday.

The cost of Babysitting and DragonsLair is included in the con membership, so all children who use these services **must** be convention members. Children under 12 who are with their parents at all times are considered "kids-in-tow" and need not purchase memberships.

Lost Badges: If you lose a badge, and it does not turn up at information, a re-

placement will cost you \$20. If you lose your badge a second time, you must re-register for \$40.

Transferring Memberships: We do not refund memberships. However, if you can't make it, you can transfer your membership to someone else. All membership transfers must be done in writing. Your transferee will be able to register much more quickly at the convention if you write to us *in advance* to let us know of the transfer and have your transferee bring a copy of the transfer letter with him/her. Don't forget to give your transferee your quikkie sheet.

Our Hotels

This will be our fifth year at the Sheraton Monarch Place and the Springfield Marriott. Both hotels have health clubs, pools, and Jacuzzis, and the Sheraton has a great Sunday brunch.

Reservations: Hotel reservations for Boskone 29 must be made using our hotel form (found in this Progress Report or as part of our flyer) or a copy of it. Please do not contact the hotels directly. We will make your reservations for you. If you contact the hotel directly, you will not be able to get our room rates, which are substantially less than the hotels' usual rates.

Up to four people may share a room. All major credit cards are accepted. If you will be arriving after 6pm, you should guarantee your reservation. You can guarantee using a credit card or check, as described on the hotel form.

Only one room may be reserved on each hotel form. Please rank your hotels in order of preference. If you have no preference, please mark "Either" on the form. We will try to assign you to your preferred hotel.

A few suites are available. If you want a suite, please let us know as soon as pos-

sible by indicating your interest in a suite on the hotel form. Please state why you want a suite (for example, you're throwing a bidding party).

We will mail you a confirmation card shortly after we receive your hotel form. You will eventually receive a confirmation directly from the hotel, but this may take a while since we send the room requests to the hotel only about once a month. (Thus, if we confirmed your room, but you call the hotel and they haven't heard of you, don't panic. We may not have sent the reservation in yet.)

Special Requests: There are a limited number of handicapped access rooms and non-smoking rooms available, so please let us know right away if you have any special needs. We will try to assign you to the type of room you request, and you are more likely to get a special request if you ask early. Likewise, rollaway beds and cribs are in short supply, so let us know if you think you'll need one. Both hotels have a no pets rule.

Making Changes: Through January 31, any changes to your reservation should be made through us. The hotels will refer all requests or queries about Boskone to us. If you must make changes after February 1, please notify both Boskone and the hotel. Changes must be received one week before the convention to be effective.

Check-in and Check-out: You can check in beginning at 3pm. Check-out time is 1pm (2pm may be available on request at con). You can avoid morning check-out lines by pre-paying as early as the night before.

Cash: If you plan to pay for your stay in cash, you cannot charge items, not even phone calls, to your room. If you give the hotel money when you check in, you may charge against the amount deposited, but not above it.

Checks: If you are paying for your room with a check, you must have a valid driver's license or picture ID. The hotel may also require a major credit card.

Guest of the hotel may cash one check per day with two valid IDs.

Local Banks

Local banks will be open until 5pm on Friday. There are BayBank automatic teller machines (on the Cirrus, Plus, NYCE, and Yankee 24 networks) in the mall next to the hotels.

Special Fan Activities

Con Suite

If you want a break from convention activities, stop by the Con Suite (aka the BosCave). The BosCave is the site of the Boskone-sponsored party where fans can meet and talk over light refreshments. It is a center of activity and excitement.

The BosCave will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

There will be games, autographing, refreshments and other activities. We're also planning a number of whimsical items for the BosCave, including:

- Fannish Olympics
- Domino fall
- Morris folds mutants
- Instant costume contest
- Zucchini toss
- SF charades

A British-style fan loungewith traditional amenities will also be located in the recesses of the BosCave.

Club and Worldcon Bidder's Tables

Boskone provides table space to any SF club that wants the space. We also provide space for upcoming worldcon and for groups bidding on worldcons. If you

want a table, please write to us soon. *Space is limited.*

We may also be able to provide meeting space for your club. Write us for details.

A Few More Things

Volunteer to Help!

Boskone needs you! Science fiction conventions are run entirely by volunteers. People Mover allocates volunteers among the many different areas that need them. If you are willing to help, please fill out the volunteer information form elsewhere in this progress report. Those who work at least eight hours will receive one of our unique gopher's tee-shirts.

Important: Before you can work on the convention, you need to sign the Legal Release Form (which is included in this progress report). If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must sign.

Thursday night: If you live in the Springfield area and are willing to help us move in and set up the Art Show on Thursday night, please let us know. We'll send you more information on times and places.

NESFA Sales

As usual, we'll be selling a book (*Storyteller*) by our Guest of Honor (both boxed and unboxed editions) and a tee-shirt featuring art by our Official Artist. This year, we'll also be selling a fanzine (*Let's Hear It for the Deaf Man*) by our Special Guest. These will be on sale at the NESFA Sales Table.

Boskone Weapons Policy

As at past Boskones, no weapon, or anything that looks like a weapon is allowed at Boskone at any time. This includes clubs, quarterstaves, wizard's staves, lasers, toy zap guns, and anything else that

looks like a weapon. This provision will be strictly enforced. If you violate this rule you will be told to leave the convention and your membership fee will not be refunded.

Press Policy

If you are with the press, please register for the convention like any other attendee. Press Releases are available and the convention Information area. Upon publication or broadcast of a story about Boskone, and our receipt of a copy of the publication or broadcast, we will refund your membership.

Program Book Ads

For information on Program Book Ads, call Ben Yalow at 212-543-7792 (evenings from 7-10).

Late Changes

Late breaking information may be available during the week before Boskone on our answering machine (617-625-2311).

We'll also post program highlights (or, if possible, a near complete program) on USENET, GENIE, and CompuServe about a week before the con.



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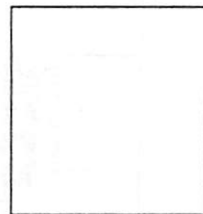
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