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*** NEW TIPTREE T-SHIRT DESIGN REVEALED!

Go to--

<http://www.deadzoom.com/member/fbaer1952/tiptree12.jpg>

to see silkscreen artist Freddie Baer's artwork for the 12th annual Tiptree t-shirt. What a gorgeous piece of work! Pat Murphy says she loves the feminine gears and Karen Joy Fowler thinks it's her favorite design so far. T-shirts will go on sale at 9:30 a.m. in the Art Show/Tiptree Display room (University BCD).

*** THE DEADLINE HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

It's official, the deadline for registering by mail for WisCon has passed. If you haven't purchased your membership you will need to buy it at the convention. WisCon memberships are not available AT ALL between May 1 and May 23 (postmark controlling). If you try to send them in, we will hand you back your envelope at the door, assuming we've even gotten it. Full-con membership rates will increase to \$50 (\$25 youth) as of May 23, available only at the door.

Day rates:

Friday Only: \$15 adult, \$5 youth

Saturday Only: \$25 adult, \$10 youth

Rest of Con: \$25 adult, \$10 youth

Memberships for BOTH 2003's WisCon 27 AND 2004's WisCon 28 will be available at the registration desk all weekend. WisCon 28 Guests-of-Honor will be announced on Sunday. Your membership will never be cheaper.

The deadline has also passed for signing up for childcare and submitting art to the art show.

***CONGRATULATIONS TO CHINA MIÉVILLE FOR HUGO NOMINATION

WisCon 27 Guest of Honor China Miéville received a Hugo Nomination for his novel, THE SCAR. Congratulations China!

Other regular WisCon attendees received Hugo nominations as well:

Novella: Richard Chwedyk, "Bronte's Egg"

Novelette: Ursula Le Guin, "The Wild Girls"

Short Story: Molly Gloss, "Lambing Season"

Related Book: Justine Larbalestier, THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES IN SCIENCE FICTION

Related Book: Judith Merrill and Emily Pohl-Weary, BETTER TO HAVE LOVED: THE LIFE OF JUDITH MERRILL

Fanzine: Cheryl Morgan, EMERALD CITY

John W. Campbell Award: David Levine (first year of eligibility)

*** VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS!

At my first SF convention (yikes! more than 30 years ago?!?), I was told that volunteering would be the best way to figure out what was going on, make friends, and keep from feeling lost in the shuffle of hundreds of people who all seemed to know each other. It must have worked, or I wouldn't still be doing this 30 years later.

WisCon 27 is going to be one of the biggest WisCons in a long time, which means that lots of you are new and trying to find your feet, and all of us need more help keeping the convention going, even though we number in the hundreds rather than the thousands.

Volunteer six hours and get a \$20 refund on your membership (or the opportunity to make a \$20 donation to WisCon or one of the several groups that congregate at WisCon). Volunteer usefully (regardless of the number of hours) and get a Special WisCon Gift.

Things that volunteers can do include:

--working in the con suite, chopping vegetables, putting food out, and making people feel welcome (this is far and away our biggest volunteer need)

--working in the Art Show, especially at set-up and tear-down times

--helping at the Registration desk

--working in the Green Room where panelists gather before program items

--helping set up and take down the Friday Gathering

--picking up daily newsletters at Kinko's

And there's always more.

Ways to volunteer:

--If you've let us know beforehand that you want to volunteer, you should get an email from me before the convention. It's not too late to send your name in to volunteer@sf3.org

--If you come in early, packet stuffing on Thursday evening is a great place to start volunteering and get into the swing of things. Packet stuffing takes place in Conference Room 1, on the second-floor corridor (to the right as you face the registration tables, beyond the freebie area).

--Whenever you come in, come by the registration desk. A volunteer (!) will be there to take your name and help you figure out good times and places for your time and energy.

We know that it's almost impossible to find times to volunteer at WisCon without missing irresistible programming, but we'll do our best to help you find the best match for your schedule.

I'm looking forward to meeting you at WisCon 27!

--Debbie Notkin, Volunteer Coordinator

***** THE TIPTREE BAKESALE NEEDS YOUR BAKED GOODS**

Here's a message from the bakesale queen herself, Julie Humphries:

"Greetings, everyone! I'm Julie Humphries and I run the bakesale at WisCon. This will sound like a broken record to those who have baked before, but the basic info is as follows: The bakesale is held on Saturday afternoon in the 6th floor parlor across the hall from consuite. Please make only a single batch or pan of whatever you choose to make. If you make brownies or bars, please cut them up before-hand, and don't forget to label your pans and Tupperware, so I can get them back to you! I prefer home-made items as much as possible, and non-perishables are best. There is a tiny refrigerator in the bakesale room, and it fills up fast (with cheesecake and rhubarb pie, mmmm...)."

Before you bake, please send Julie an email through the concom address! "...just to give me an idea of what folks are planning to bring. The bakesale always ends up being a

random assortment of wonderful things, and I look forward to seeing what comes across my table this year! A BIG thanks to everyone who's willing to bake to raise money for the Tiptree award! Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. Thanks!"

*** AN ECONOMICAL ALTERNATIVE TO THE CONCOURSE HOTEL

WisCon attendees on a tight budget might want to consider staying at the Madison Hostel (a Hostel International member). Madison Hostel offers extremely economical accommodations. Shared rooms cost \$16 for HI members, \$19 for non-members; Private rooms cost \$35 for HI members; \$38 for non-members. Linens and towels are provided at no cost, as well as use of common kitchen and laundry facilities. Internet access is available; and there is a library, television and VCR in the common living room. There are no curfews. People of all ages are welcome.

Credit card is required to make a reservation. Call 608-441-0144 or email madisonhostel@yahoo.org

www.madisonhostel.org

141 South Butler Street, Madison, WI 53703 (7 blocks from the Concourse Hotel)

*** FANCY DRESS PARTY ON SUNDAY NIGHT

Get your Glad Rags on! Let's have a party that shows off your fancy side. No matter if it's your drop-dead ball gown, court garb, dress uniform, best leathers, or your wildest decorated t-shirt, show up in whatever's fancy for you! Sunday, 6th floor, 9-ish.

*** ARE YOU MAFIA?

If you plan to play Mafia during WisCon weekend, you should consider checking out the Mafia leather valise with its garrote scarf and beautiful, custom designed deck of Mafia created by artist, Barth Anderson. In 2001, the Tiptree auction audience of angels threw money into a hat in order to preserve this wonderful set for use by future WisCon Mafia players. It is now in the custody of a simple Madison villager who wishes to remain anonymous for obvious reasons. The leather case will be available in the Green Room if you'd like to check out the valise for an evening of play.

*** PLEASE HELP US STUFF PACKETS ON THURSDAY NIGHT!

In order to get ready for registration, we need all the help we can get on Thursday night, May 22. Packet Stuffing will start earlier than usual this year -- at 4:30 p.m. Please come to Conference Room 1 on the second floor of the Concourse Hotel and join the crew of early WisCon celebrants, stuffing pocket program books, souvenir books, and assorted

information flyers and cool stuff into the registration packets. We need help to get the stuffing done by 6:00 p.m. so that everyone can get down to ROOO reception. Hint: this is a good way to get an early look at the pocket program book. Everyone who helps can pick up their packet a day before registration officially opens!

*** TIARAS FOR EVERYONE!

[From Ellen Klages, who was in London when she wrote this note:]

"You'll get a kick out of this. We went to a Gollancz party Thursday night, where I met most of London's SF community. It was Gollancz's 75th anniversary party, and there was much wine and beer and nibbly food, and a large cake.

"There was a small amount of speechifying, and the director of Gollancz mentioned Mike Harrison winning the Tiptree, and how proud they were, and how sorry they were not to have been at Eastercon, where they'd heard he was quite fetching in a tiara. [John Kessel will also wear the Tiptree Tiara when he is presented with the Tiptree Award at WisCon.]

"Then they presented Mike with a tiara of his very own, to keep. It was a costume one, silver plastic and faux rhinestones, in a clear plastic presentation box. He put it on, to much applause, but didn't wear it around.

"*Then* they presented Chris Priest with *his* own tiara, for winning the BSFA. [the British Science Fiction Award was presented to Christopher Priest for his novel, SEPARATIONS].

Once again, I think we've started something....."

*** CURRENT LUMINARY LIST.

Here's a list of names of folks we currently expect to attend. But you can also find an annotated list on the WisCon web page. The annotated list includes published works by each of our luminaries.

Brian Atteberry
Marleen Barr
Elizabeth Barrett
Christopher Barzak
Judith Berman
Suzanne Alles Blom
Janice Bogstad
Lois McMaster Bujold
Suzy McKee Charnas
Ted Chiang

Richard J. Chwedyk
Bill Clemente
Leah Cutter
Beverly DeWeese
Candas Jane Dorsey
L. Timmel Duchamp
Carolyn Dunn
Suzette Haden Elgin
Heinz Insu Fenkl
Karen Joy Fowler
Diana Pharaoh Francis
Jim Frenkel
Gregory Frost
Terry A. Garey
Sally Miller Gearhart
Molly Gloss
Joan Gordon
Angelica Gorodischer
Hiromi Goto
Gavin Grant
Susan Marie Groppi
Eileen Gunn
M.J. Hardman
Jorjet Harper
Anne Harris
Jed Hartman
Eric Heideman
P.C. Hodgell
Elizabeth Anne Hull
Kij Johnson
Steven Vincent Johnson
Pam Keeseey
Sylvia Kelso
Peg Kerr
John Kessel
Greg Ketter
Paul Kincaid
Ellen Klages
Naomi Kritzer
Ellen Kushner
Justine Larbalestier
Ursula K. LeGuin
David Levine
Kelly Link
Catherine Lundoff
Nick Mamatas

Laurie Marks
Louise Marley
Elise Matthesen
Susan R. Matthews
Elizabeth Matson
Farah Mendlesohn
Mary Anne Mohanraj
Nancy Jane Moore
Lyda Morehouse
Jim Munroe
Pat Murphy
Vera Nazarian
Debbie Notkin
Susan Palwick
Emily Pohl-Weary
Katya Reimann
John Calvin Rezmerski
Carrie Richerson
Diana Rivers
Lori Selke
Nisi Shawl
Delia Sherman
Diane Silver
Kristine Smith
Midori Snyder
Maureen Kincaid Speller
Caroline Stevermer
Susan Stinson
Amy Thomson
Charles Vess
Joan D. Vinge
Élizabeth Vonarburg
Scott Westerfeld
Terri Windling
Laurel Winter
Patricia Wrede

Jeanne Gomoll
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