

ChamBanaCon XXVIII

The Champaign-Urbana Science Fiction Convention

November 27-29, 1998

CoH: Andrew J. Offutt

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This Year's Theme: 50's Retro SF (Think about it.....)

Central Illinois' longest running Science Fiction Relaxacon. ChamBanaCon has been run in the same hotel through 3 name changes. Our motto is "Something for Everyone". Featured activities include: Author Panels, Films, Filking, Hucksters, Art Show

Regular Authors in attendance:

Christopher Stasheff

Glen Cook

Robert & Juanita Coulson

Paula Robinson

Pat Beese

Winston Howlett

Juanita Nesbitt

Panels, and Readings. Activities will begin Friday and continue through Sunday noon. Writers wishing a particular time-slot should contact the ConCom at the address given in the Registration section.

Dealer Room:

Sales confined to the DEALER room. No selling out of sleeping rooms can be allowed. Hucksters MUST contact the Con BEFORE 1 November. NO TABLES SOLD AFTER 15 NOVEMBER. NO TABLES SOLD AT CONVENTION!!! For information, send SASE to the Convention Committee.

All Night Con Suite

Our hospitality suite is divided into a Smoking suite with the bartenders, and a Nonsmoking suite with coffee, teas, soda, and a wonderful assortment of goodies, fruit and veggies, and cheese and crackers.

Videos

We will again be featuring a film room from Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The film theme will follow the Convention theme (i.e. 50s Sci-Fi/Horror). Any suggestions on specific films to be shown are appreciated.

Childcare

Due to an overwhelming and staggering lack of interest, we will not be offering childcare services.

Filk

ChamBanaCon enjoys a generous filk room for the traditional Friday and Saturday night bash. We also make that room available for the Die Hard Jam on Sunday afternoon.

Ray Vantilberg, the airbrush artist, not only designs a ChamBanaCon T-shirt each year, but he does fantastic custom request shirts on the premises. Steve Scherer, hot glass artist, sells SF and fantasy pieces and will design and execute your fantasy in stunning detail right before your eyes.

Banquet - Saturday night. Tickets are \$17.00. We have a limit of 50 seats. Fare will include a buffet with turkey and dressing, seafood newberg, and roast beef with salad bar and hot vegetables. Dessert is apple turnovers.

Program Book - \$30.00 buys a full page advertisement (5 1/2" x 8 1/2"). B&W Camera ready deadline is 1 November, 1998. Include check for full amount.

ChamBanaCon Art Show - The Hanging Fee for the ChamBanaCon Art Show is ABOLISHED. We continue to charge only the traditional and reasonable ten percent of selling price. We will be still accepting prints for immediate sale. We are accepting mail-in art, as long as each package received is accompanied by a check or money order to cover return shipping. There will be a limit of fifteen original pieces of art per artist, and we

encourage artists to limit the size of their work to something easily transported by car. Artwork can be sold outright or taken to the auction which will be held Saturday night after the Banquet. Artwork must be of a Science-Fiction or Fantasy nature. Borderline work will be accepted or rejected at the discretion of the Art Show Chairman. For more information, send SASE to ChamBanaCon Art Show, P.O. Box 2908, Springfield, IL, 62708.

Hotel Information - The Clarion Hotel and Convention Center (formerly the Chancellor Hotel) 1501 S. Neil Street, Champaign, Illinois 61824-1250. Rooms are \$56 for Singles, \$64 for Doubles, extra guests are \$8 each. Please specify your arrival date (i.e. 27th, 28th, or 29th). Cut off date for Con Rate is 27 October, 1998. Clarion phone numbers are (800)257-6667 for reservations, (217)352-7891 front desk.

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Registration

\$25.00 until 15 November, 1998

\$30.00 at the door

No registrations will be accepted post-marked after 15 November. Mail will NOT reach the ConCom after 23 November. Any checks received after 23 November will be returned after the con, attendee will NOT receive a reduced rate on the strength of a check residing at the Post Office. Children under 6 are free. Children 6 - 11 years of age are half price. All children 12 years and older are considered adults and will pay full price. Make all registration checks to ChamBanaCon, P.O. Box 2908, Springfield, IL, 62708, Con-Chair M. David Brim, (217)753-8934. e-mail: mongoose@fanvid.com