



THE

SFSFS SHUTTLE

The Official Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

APRIL MEETING The next meeting of the South Florida Science Fiction Society will be held on **Sunday**, April 16th, starting at 2 pm. Local bookseller Robert Hittel will give a slide presentation on the subject of "Turn of the Century Fantasy Illustrators."

Location: Broward County Library West Regional, in Plantation. The address is 8601 W Broward Blvd, though it's not where you might expect. Go west on Broward, past the 2nd traffic light beyond University Drive. Get in the right "must turn only" lane and turn north onto Park Center Ct (aka NW 84 Avenue). Make the next left (almost two tenths of a mile north), then left again, and you'll be in the Library's parking lot.

FILKING AT NATHANIEL'S NEW RIVER TAVERN The filksinging group Orion's Belt, composed of SFSFS stars Fran Mullens, Dina Pearlman, & Doug Wu will be the opening act of Broward Folk Club sponsored concert night. It takes place in the backroom of Nathaniel's, 408 S Andrews Avenue (behind the Courthouse, near the bridge, next to the jail). Concerting starts at 8:30, and there is a \$4 cover charge. According to Dina, it's a nice (though not inexpensive) place for drinks & dinner, too.

OCEAN WORLD OUTING On Saturday, April 8th, join Carol Gibson and a number of other SFSFS members for this special club event. Carol asks that everyone arrive early, at 10:30am, so we may get a special group discount. We'll get to pet a dolphin, kiss a sea lion, and then go on a behind the scenes tour of the facilities..for our group only!

Directions: There're several ways to get there. Here's one: Take I-95 to Davie Blvd. Go east on the Boulevard, then make a right on US 1. Heading south, make a left at the next light onto 17th street. Go east on 17th Street, to the third traffic light. That's Eisenhower Blvd, where you can make a left into the Ocean World parking lot. We'll meet in front of the box office, near the handicap parking places. To get the group discount rate remember to

BE ON TIME!!!

TOMFOOLERY- For those who signed up for the April 9th outing to the TOMFOOLERY concert, it's located at the Kendall Bowl Actor's Playhouse, 8851 SW 107 Avenue (at intersection of 109 Avenue & Kendall Drive). Please arrive before the 2pm start time. For members & friends who didn't signed up earlier, a \$10.50 discount ticket or two may still be available from Peggy Dolan. Call her ASAP, evenings at (305) 532-8008, to find out.

NEW MEMBERS Congratulations to our newest members, voted in at the March 11th meeting:

Dan Harris & Jonathan Zwickel

Dan, with his SFSFS membership less than a week old, hosted the March 17th Media Research meeting at his house. He is also one of the chief fans determined to resurrect the OMNICON SF convention (See details elsewhere), Way to go Dan!

And, accepting an honorary membership, was OMNI magazine's fiction editor, and last month's SFSFS guest speaker: Ellen Datlow

BUSINESS MEMBERS

PAPERBACK EXCHANGE's business membership has been renewed. Located at 1659 NE 163 Street, North Miami Beach, they offer 20% off total used book purchases. Show your SFSFS membership card to get the discount.

BRAIN BOWL WINNERS SFSFS Member Mitch Silverman in a team of 5 Broward Community College students won the state championships. They defeated other teams from other colleges to win the title. Next up, the national championships? Congratulations Mitch. We always knew you were a smart member.

Broward Community Blood Center

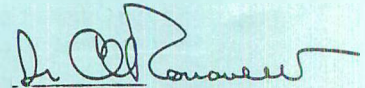


ENOUGH TO MAKE 4 NEW ADULT HUMAN BEINGS! That's about how much blood was given by the 32 contributors at Tropicon's Blood Drive last December. With Virginia Heinlein's approval, these life saving donations were made in the memory of her late husband and Science Fiction Grandmaster, Robert A. Heinlein

Certificate of Appreciation

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health and well-being of the Community.


President

SFSFS VICE Chairman Carol Gibson is putting together an South Florida SF guide with a dictionary of fannish terms. Are there any fannish terms you've wanted to know, ie: SMOF, FILK, OFFOG? Send your inquiries (or definitions) and she'll include them.

The above may become part of a new membership package she's constructing. Carol also requests a search begin for remnants of SFSFS & Tropicon's past. Do you have any old news clippings, publications, or photos about our activities the last few years? If so, call Carol (305-345-9326) and add to the chronicles.

THE GREAT RUPERT (1949) and genre writer/director/producer George Pal will be the subjects of the next Media Research Meeting. RUPERT was Pal's first live-action feature, starring Jimmy Durante, and a "convincing" animated squirrel in the title role. We meet Friday, April 14th at 7:30pm. Location, Dan Harris's abode, 1632 Van Buren Street, Apartment 2, in Hollywood. For parking instructions, call Dan Harris or Domenick Fraumeni at (305) 921-2910. Their apartment is difficult to locate the first time.

COSTUMING MEETING! Our new costuming committee meets on April 22nd at Becky Peter's house, 1501 E Broward Blvd, Apartment 704, in Ft. Lauderdale. Topic this time is Patternmaking and Adapting, to be followed by show & tell & shearing sharing of ideas.

SF LITERARY DISCUSSION GROUP next meets May 5th. Suggested readings are Eros Ascending- Tales of the Velvet Comet #1, and Santiago. These are works authored by Mike Resnick, this years Guest of Honor at the fast approaching OASIS convention in Orlando. The meeting takes place at 7:30pm in the Siclari/Stern residence, 4599 NW 5 Avenue, Boca Raton. Phone (407) 392-6462 for answers and to let them know you're attending.

TROPICON 8 will not have a committee meeting in April. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th at 7:30pm. Convention chairman Linda Hill will host this meeting at, 3685 Coral Springs Drive, in Coral Springs.

We have exciting news this month. The Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hilton has been selected to host both this year's Tropicon 8 and Tropicon 9 in 1990. It's the same hotel used the past two years by the Conference for the Fantastic in the Arts. Room rates are a bit higher at \$59 single, \$69 double, but the facilities are much improved over the previous few years.

In addition to Lynn Abbey (GOH) and C. J. Cherryh (Toastmaster), Leslie Turek has joined at our Fan Guest of Honor. For a three day registration in Tropicon 8, send a check for \$15 (payable to SFSFS) to: the South Florida Science Fiction Society, Tropicon Treasurer, P.O. Box 70143, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33307. Rates go up July 31st.

LOOKING AHEAD A quick look at dates & programs set for future SFSFS monthly meetings:

May 13th- SF Fandom, Fanzines & Fanhistory.

June 10- Classic Fantasy (Before 1900).

July 14- Fantasy & Horror: Diversity & Coming of Age (1900 - 1965).

Aug 13- Worldcons: What They are & Have Been.

Sept. 23- Modern Fantasy: Repetition or Growth (Since 1965).

Oct. 14- The Works of Lynn Abbey & C. J. Cherryh.

Nov 18- Arthurian Origins & Pastiches.

Dec ??- Elections & Annual Dinner.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM REVISITED Becky Peters presented a program on Mythology and Science Fiction. The purpose of mythology is to explain things pre-scientifically. Old Gods, dragons, the sunken city of Atlantis, and "people who dwell in the woods" are typical elements of Mythology. There are literally thousands of books on Atlantis. Exemplary works of mythology from Thomas Swan's work were presented, along with Poul Anderson's THERE WILL BE TIME, Delany's HINDSIGHT INTERCEPTION, and many others. A bibliography was and may still be available from Becky.

MARCH PROGRAM REVISITED OMNI Magazine's fiction editor Ellen Datlow was our special guest speaker. She gave personal views of a number of writers with present & future potential, and discussed her methods of editing and experience in the field.

Ms. Datlow majored in English literature at New York's State University in Albany, because she liked reading. Her first editing job was as a slush pile reader, where she evaluated manuscripts from unpublished writers, or those not submitted thru an agent. Working her way through several companies publishing mainstream works, she was hired by OMNI's Ben Bova, about 1978, to read fiction submissions. Gradually, her job matured to associate, and then fiction editor.

Ms. Datlow's personal tastes lean toward well written, hard hitting, sophisticated science fiction. Good plotting and characterization are extremely important. As an editor, she follows up on submissions that interest her, usually dealing directly with writers. Sometimes changes are suggested in the stories. Points she looks out for are inconclusive endings, problems in timing or structure, or inconsistencies of characters. She sees a part of her job as determining if "the author is expressing what he means to express."

OMNI Writer's Guidelines for Fiction were distributed at the meeting. Copies should be available thru our SFSFS Writer's Workshop (see Terri Wells). Lead time on OMNI publications is about 3 months, and it may even take over a year to see print once a story is bought.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE ON THE FANTASTIC IN THE ARTS was held in Ft. Lauderdale March 15 - 19. Guest of Honor was British novelist Doris Lessing. She is noted for her **Children of Violence** and **Canopus in Argos: Archives** series, and other works. Guest Scholar was C. N. Manlove. Guest Artist was Suzanne Benton. Attending authors, editors & scholars included Brian Aldiss, Orson Scott Car, Joe Haldeman, Ellen Datlow, Tom Maddox, Robert Silverberg, Stephen Dolandson, F. M. Busby & many others. Academic papers on an enormous variety of genre subjects were presented. Capping the activities were the Tenth Annual IAFA Awards Banquet with Toastmaster (& IAFA President) Marshall Tymn. The Conference was held at the Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hilton.

CONTACT/IT CAME IN THE MAIL A listing of newszines, fanzines, and selected other correspondence received by SFSFS. The list is prepared by Tony Parker, and comments herein may or may not reflect those of other SFSFS members.

Bruzzfuzzel News, 8-9/88,10-11/88,12/88-1/89- Newsletter of the Baton Rouge Science Fiction League. Three issues all at once, with local news & con review, articles, and letter of comment packed into 6 to 10 pages, each of small type.

Robots and Roadrunner, 12/88- publication of Ursa Major, The Literary S.F. & F. Society of Bexar County. This zine includes some fiction among the more usual staples (not just the metal ones). There is also the briefest of reviews of the SFSFS Shuttle #43. To quote its entirety, "same as always."

OASFiS Event Horizon, 12/88- clubzine of the Orlando SF Society. What can I say; same as always.

Westwind #136, 12/88- the usual fine clubzine of the North West S.F. Society. This issue mentions the SFSFS Shuttle and includes the Green Book- A partial directory of the Northwest S.F. Society's Membership.

The NASFA Shuttle, 12/88- newsletter of the North Alabama S.F. Association, with more locs than news this issue.

DASFAX, 1/89- newsletter of the Denver Area S.F. Association. More discussion than usual of Milehicon and election of officers.

Instant Message #453, 2/5/89- newsletter of the New England S.F. Association. Much discussion of Boskone, including an 8 page Boskone 26 debriefing dated 2/4/89.

The Insider #147, 2/89- Newsletter of the St. Louis S.F. Society. This issue actually has club meeting minutes and election campaign articles. Previous issues hardly mentioned such administrivia.

The Intergalactic Reporter, 2/89- Newsletter of the New Jersey S.F. Society. Among the usual reviews & news is a filk to the tune of "Banned from Argo" that almost scans. As for the filk's subject matter: I guess you had to be there.

The NASFA Shuttle, 2/89- Newsletter of the North Alabama S.F. Association. This was a short but very thought provoking issue, padded by the inclusion of a Hugo nomination ballot.

Westwind #137, 1/89- Newsletter of the North West S.F. Society. This issue doubles as a Norwescon 11 Progress Report and features an interview with their upcoming Fan Guest of Honor, Mike Glyer.

ConNews, 3/1/89- billed as "The New SF & F Convention Newspaper" this publication out of Westminster, Colorado continues to stick to its unfannishly regular schedule. It is an experiment that will be interesting to watch.

Last of the Writers of the Purple Page- A spirit duplicator (i.e. ditto) produced zine of fanzine reviews that reads a bit like a personal diary from "Dr. Shack the Quack" (a.k.a. Harry Andruschak). This came with a brief note to SFSFS.

Transmissions #275/276, 2/27/89- Newsletter of Nova Odysseus, United Gulf Coast Fandom. Congratulations are in order for the Ciccarelli's on the birth of their daughter.

Stone Hill Launch Times, 2/12/89- Newsletter of the Stone Hill group in the Tampa, FL area. This issue again has more recipes than news (some of them look good, too), and it arrived in perfect condition this time (I guess the envelope helped).

The Mad 3 Party #32, 2/89- Published by Noreascon 3 and edited by Tropicon VIII's Fan Guest of Honor, Leslie Turek. This publication bills itself as "more than you ever wanted to know about running a Worldcon." This issue is excellent as usual, except for misidentifying our Smofcon 7 proposal for Ft. Lauderdale as being an "Orlando" proposal

-----Compiled by Tony Parker

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Additional information(received by the editor for SFSFS):

Scientific?! A Magazine, The Tohopekaliga, Okefenokee and Okeechobee Gazette #4, 3/89- The official bid zine of Magicon/Orlando in '92. Contains interview with Magicon bid co-chairman Tom Veal, listing of Friends of Orlando (FOO), hotel updates, and an impressive list of 1703 pre-supporters as of February.

Subtropical Speculations flyer- An invitation for previously unpublished Florida Writers, to submit material. Nebula-winning SF author Joe Haldeman will judge a contest in conjunction with this publication. Deadline is June 1, 1989. For information send SASE to Rick Wilber & Richard Mathews, Editors, SUBTROPICAL SPECULATIONS, USF Box 3182, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 33620

Necronomicon 1989 flyer- Annual Tampa convention by the Stone Hill SF Association. Dates are October 20 - 22 at the Ashley Plaza Holiday Inn. Guests of Honor are George Alec Effinger and Tom Kidd. Three day registration \$15 till September 15. For information, write to Stone Hill SF Association, PO Box 2076, Riverview, FL 33569.

The Second Annual
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Guests of Honor

Joe Haldeman
Gay Haldeman

July 21, 22, 23, 1989

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A tropical festival to enjoy the sun; fan by the pool; have a drink with our Guests; and, of course, relax with your friends.

We don't schedule many items but you won't want to miss them!

Saturday night: *The Movable Feast* will be a special banquet in their honor.

We have tentative plans for a personally guided astronomical tour of the locations for Joe's stories and possibly tubing or rafting on the Ichetucknee. Of course, our *Everlasting Consuite* will be open virtually all weekend with tropical specialties. And don't forget your inflatable dinosaur, or whatever, for the pool party.

Registration: only \$15.00 until July 1, 1989.

Room rates: only \$42.00 single; \$48.00 double occupancy

Holiday Inn West I-75, 7417 NW 8 Ave., Gainesville, FL 32605; (800) 426-4287

The Movable Feast: only \$16.50 for our Guest of Honor banquet.

(Please order your banquet ticket by July 1, 1989)

Make checks for registration and banquet payable to: South Florida Science Fiction Society.

Mail to: Fête Treasurer, SFSFS, P.O. Box 70143, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307.

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Joe Siclari, Chairman

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TROPICON 8

Guest of Honor

Lynn Abbey

Fan Guest of Honor

Leslie Turek

Toastmaster

C. J. Cherryh

Dec. 1-3, 1989

Fort Lauderdale area

There will be the normal fantastic Art Show, Programs, Video & Films, Costume Party, Banquet, Dealers Room, Gaming, and special exhibits about our Guests, PLUS some special surprises!

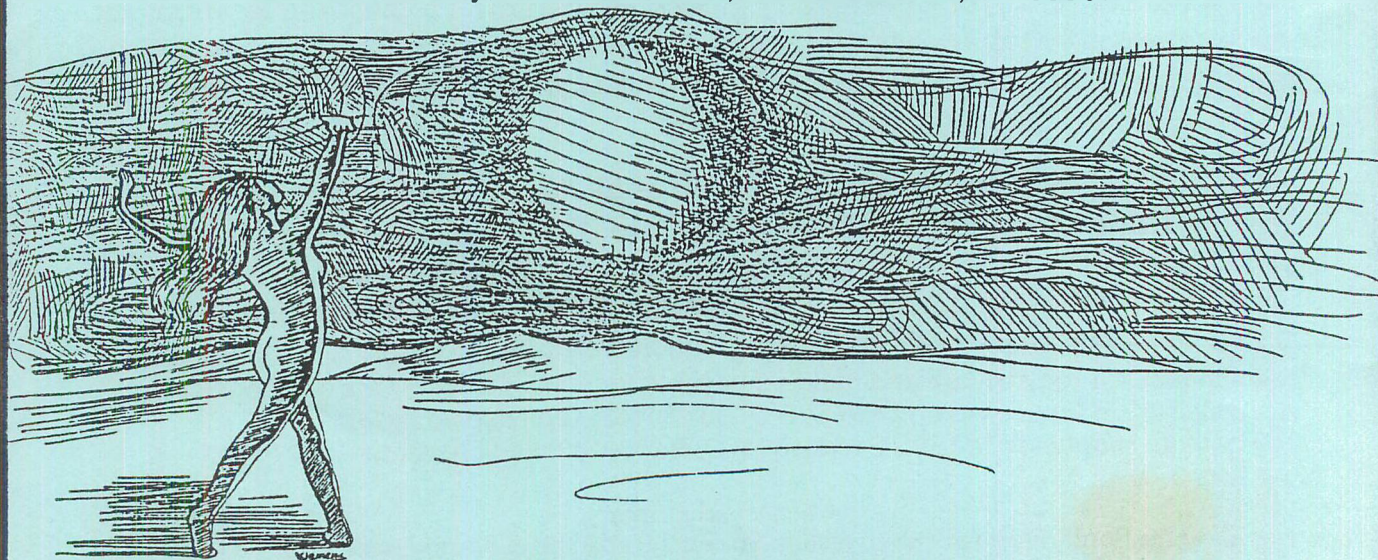
Registration: only \$15.00 until July 31, 1989.
\$20.00 until Nov. 1, 1989.

Join now while the reates are low!

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For more information, including Dealers' Room and Art Show, please write to:
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GOINGS CON The latest listing of Florida SF conventions & national cons where a SFSFS member is expecting to attend.

	Apr 28-30	Minneapolis, MN
Corflu 6		
Oasis 2	May 19-21	Orlando, FL
Disclave	May 26-28	New Carrollton, MD
Deepsouthcon 27	June 8-11	Memphis, TN
Vulcon Orlando	Jun 17-18	Orlando, FL
Midwestcon	Jun 23-25	Cincinnati, OH
Westercon 42	Jun 30-Jul 4	Anaheim, CA
OKon '89	July 14-16	Tulsa, OK
Traveling Fete 2	July 21-23	Gainesville, FL
Noreascon 3, 47th World Science Fiction Convention		
	Aug 31-Sep 4	Boston, MA
Necronomicon '89	Oct 20-22	Tampa, FL
Tropicon VIII	Dec 1-3	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Omnicon Cruise*	Jan 7-14, 1990	Miami, FL
Confiction, 48th World Science Fiction Convention		
	Aug 23-29, 1990	The Hague, Holland
Condiego 1990, North American Science Fiction Convention		
	Aug 30-Sep 3, 1990	San Diego, CA
Chicon V, 49th World Science Fiction Convention		
	Aug 29-Sep 2, 1991	Chicago, IL

If you're a SFSFS member going to a con not on this list, please notify the editor, Bill Wilson, so it may be added.

*OMNICON CRUISE dates have been changed from previous issue. According to Dan Harris, this was done to "save everybody about \$100 per person. More about OMNICON, South Florida's media interests convention, an upcoming issue of the Shuttle.

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AT A GLANCE

Apr 7	Orion's Belt at Nathiels	8:30pm	Ft. Lauderdale
Apr 8	Ocean World Outing	10:30 <u>am</u>	Ft. Lauderdale
Apr 9	Tomfoolery Concert	2:00pm	Kendall
Apr 14	Media Research Committee	7:30pm	Hollywood
Apr 16	SFSFS APRIL GENERAL MEETING	2:00pm	Plantation
Apr 22	Costuming Workshop	2:00pm	Ft. Lauderdale
May 5	Literary Discussion Group	7:30pm	Boca Raton
May 13	SFSFS MAY GENERAL MEETING	2:00pm	Ft. Lauderdale

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