

World Fantasy Convention

2009

Progress Report 1



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San Jose, California

Celebrating 200 Years of Poe

We're very pleased to be hosting the World Fantasy Convention for 2009 in San Jose, California. This Progress Report contains information about our guests, our facilities, and a few other items of interest. The most current information about the convention can be found on our website at www.worldfantasy2009.org; the quickest way to get information from us is via email, and you will find a number of addresses on the back cover of this PR. If you have questions, please check the website first.

Included in the center of this PR is a sheet for you to fill out and mail back to us. It is a programming questionnaire, which will allow you to help us develop a program for the convention that will be interesting and fun for everyone.

—Dave Gallaher, Chair

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Guests of Honor

Garth Nix

Garth Nix was born in 1963 in Melbourne, Australia. A full-time writer since 2001, he has previously worked as a literary agent, marketing consultant, book editor, book publicist, book sales representative, bookseller, and as a part-time soldier in the Australian Army Reserve. Garth's short fiction has appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies; many are collected in his book *Beyond the Wall*. His novels include the award-winning fantasies *Sabriel*, *Lirael* and *Abhorsen* and the cult favorite young adult SF novel *Shade's Children*. His fantasy books for children include *The Ragwitch*, the six books of The Seventh Tower sequence, and the seven books of The Keys to the Kingdom series. His books have appeared on the bestseller lists of *The New York Times*, *Publishers Weekly*, *The Guardian*, *The Sunday Times* and *The Australian*, and his work has been translated into 37 languages. He lives in a Sydney beach suburb with his wife and two children.

Lisa Snellings

Lisa Snellings' art tends to inspire stories. She has a knack for finding talented authors to write them. Currently, she is working on projects with Larry Niven and Neil Gaiman. Most recently her art inspired stories by Peter S. Beagle, Gene Wolfe, and Neil Gaiman, published by Dreamhaven Books. In 2000, her *Strange Attraction* anthology gathered stories by some of the best authors of fantasy, science fiction and horror, inspired by her kinetic Ferris Wheel. Next year, the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore will open an exhibit of her kinetic carnival, commissioned as a ten-year project by Howard and Jane Frank. Lisa's work defies classification and utilizes a wide variety of materials and techniques, mixing two and three dimensions, kinetics and writings. Some works employ her two-inch tall "Poppets" which, on their own, are adored and collected all over the world.

Michael Swanwick

Michael Swanwick is one of the most acclaimed and prolific science fiction and fantasy writers of his generation. He has received a Hugo Award for fiction in an unprecedented five out of six years and his work has been honored with the Nebula, Theodore Sturgeon, and World Fantasy Awards, as well as receiving nominations for the British Science Fiction Award and the Arthur C. Clarke Award. His most recent novel is *The Dragons of Babel*, a fantasy. *Hope-in-the-Mist*, a nonfiction book about the great fantasy author Hope Mirrlees, will be published in July, 2009, by Temporary Culture. He lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Marianne Porter.

Ann VanderMeer

Ann VanderMeer is the founder of the award-winning Buzzcity Press and currently serves as the fiction editor for *Weird Tales*, for which she is a Hugo finalist. She is also a finalist for the Shirley Jackson Award for co-editing *Fast Ships, Black Sails*. Work from her press has won the British Fantasy Award, the International Rhysling Award, the IHG Award, and appeared in several year's best anthologies. Ann has partnered with her husband, Jeff VanderMeer, on such editing projects as the World Fantasy Award-winning Leviathan series and *The Thackery T. Lambshead Pocket Guide to Eccentric & Discredited Diseases*. A guest editor for Best American Fantasy, she has also co-edited the following published or forthcoming anthologies: *The New Weird* and *Steampunk* (for Tachyon Publications), *Last Drink Bird Head*, and *The Leonardo Variations*. She and her husband live in Tallahassee, Florida.

Jeff VanderMeer

World Fantasy Award winner Jeff VanderMeer grew up in the Fiji Islands and has had fiction published in over 20 countries. His books, including the bestselling *City of Saints & Madmen*, have made the year's best lists of *Publishers Weekly*, *LA Weekly*, Amazon.com, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and many more. He has worked with the rock band The Church, 30 Days of Night creator Ben Templesmith, Dark Horse Comics, and Playstation Europe on various projects, including music soundtracks and short films. He reviews books for, among others, *The New York Times Book Review*, the *Washington Post Book World*, Huffington Post, and the *Barnes & Noble Review*, as well as being a regular columnist for the Amazon.com book blog. With his wife Ann (they have been cited by the pop culture website Boing Boing as a literary "power couple"), he is also an award-winning editor whose books include the iconic *Steampunk* anthology for Tachyon Publications. Current projects include *Booklife: Strategies and Survival Tips for Twenty-First Century Writers* and the noir fantasy novel *Finch*. He currently lives in Tallahassee, Florida, with his wife Ann, and serves as assistant director for Wofford College's Shared Worlds writing camp for teens in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Toastmaster – Jay Lake

Jay Lake lives in Portland, Oregon, where he works on numerous writing and editing projects. His 2009 novels are *Green* from Tor Books, *Madness of Flowers* from Night Shade Books, and *Death of a Starship* from MonkeyBrain Books. His short fiction appears regularly in literary and genre markets worldwide. Jay is a winner of the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and a multiple nominee for the Hugo and World Fantasy Awards.

Special Guests

Richard A. Lupoff

Richard A. Lupoff wears many different hats. He's been an editor, a novelist, a fan, and a historian. The fanzine, *Xero*, that he edited in the early sixties with his wife, Pat Lupoff, was one of the major starting points of comics fandom. It featured, among others, early poetry from movie critic and SF fan, Roger Ebert. He edited a series of Edgar Rice Burroughs books for Canaveral Press, and wrote one of the first book-length criticisms of Burroughs' work, *Edgar Rice Burroughs, Master of Adventure*. His SF/F novels, from *One Million Centuries* onward, have been quirky and individual, including the Japanese-inspired *Sword of the Demon*, the Buddhist *The Triune Man*, the psychedelic *Sacred Locomotive Flies*, and the Lovecraft roman a clef, *Lovecraft's Book*. He's received great acclaim for his series of mysteries featuring Hobart Lindsey and Marvia Plum. And he's one hell of a nice guy.

Donald Sidney-Fryer

Donald Sidney-Fryer bills himself as "The last of the courtly poets." His biographical and bibliographic work on Clark Ashton Smith has done a great deal to keep Smith's name current among lovers of lapidary fantasy: his biographical book on Smith, *Emperor of Dreams*, was many years in the writing and was published by Donald M. Grant. His first book of poetry, *Songs and Sonnets Atlantean*, was published by Arkham House in 1971. His most recent publication, *The Sorcerer Departs: Clark Ashton Smith (1893-1961)*, was published by Silver Key Press in 2007.

Dealers' Room

Applications for Dealers' Tables at the 2009 World Fantasy Con are still being accepted. To apply for a table, download and print the application form at the website, fill it out, sign it, and return it by paper mail to our mailing address. Copies may be obtained by paper mail upon request.

The World Fantasy Convention uses a juried system for filling the Dealers' Room with a strong emphasis on the bound, printed word (i.e., booksellers, specialty press, independent publishers), and applications will be juried accordingly.

WFC 2009 Dealers' Tables are \$100.00 per table, with a request limit of two tables per dealer. This fee does not include membership to the convention. A third table may be available in exceptional circumstances; contact Dealers' Room Liaison Dave Clark for details. The first round of applications were due by April 30, 2009; some tables may still be available.

For more information, check the Dealers' Room page on the website (under Exhibits), or contact Dave Clark at World Fantasy Convention 2009, ATTN: Dealers' Room, PO Box 61363, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-1363; or email dealers@WorldFantasy2009.org.

Art Show

The Art Show is a juried show. For further information about the show or the jury procedure, check the Art Show page on the website (under Exhibits), or contact Carl Zwanzig at World Fantasy Convention 2009, ATTN Art Show, PO Box 61363, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-1363; or email artshow@worldfantasy2009.org

Banquet

The banquet will be Sunday at 1:00 PM. There will be a choice of a beef, chicken or vegetarian entree. The cost is \$75 per person, exclusive of beverages, or \$750 for a table of 10. Reserve early – space is limited. A few tickets may be available at the convention, but not all entree choices may be available. The deadline for pre-convention purchases and any special dietary requests is Tuesday, October 13. Questions? Email banquet@wfc2009.org or write to:

World Fantasy Convention 2009, ATTN Banquet
PO Box 61363
Sunnyvale, CA 94088-1363

Facilities

The 2009 World Fantasy Convention is being held at:

The Fairmont Hotel
170 South Market Street
San José, CA 95113

Standard room rates begin at \$130 for one or two people. See the Hotel Information Page on the website for additional rates and further details. Suites are available through the Hotel Liaison on our website. Please do not try to book a suite on your own.

If you plan to host a gathering, be it a book launch, a publisher's party, or similar function in your room or in a suite, please let us know in advance so that we can put your room or suite in the appropriate area so we can buffer any noise. Even if you plan to host your event in a regular sleeping room rather than a suite, we need you to email us at hotel@worldfantasy2009.org so that we can book your room in the correct area. Help us make it a pleasant and fun experience for everyone.

If you don't mind having your sleeping room near an evening event, and particularly if you are helping out with organizing one, we'd like to hear from you. We need volunteers we can put between those talking and those trying to sleep. If you're willing to have us book your room near the rooms/suites with parties and events, please email ASAP to our hotel/facilities liaison at hotel@worldfantasy2009.org.

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Mykia Adams	64A	Sandra Cuddy	238A
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Scott Baker	95A	Anna Davidson	344A
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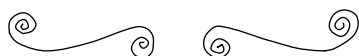
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