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## A LIT FUSE: THE PROVOCATIVE LIFE OF HARLAN ELLISON

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### *An unguarded, uncensored, unquiet tour of the life of Harlan Ellison.*

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Along the way, the reader is treated to an analysis of the Connie Willis controversy, the infamous dead gopher story, the adventure of fandom, and the final word on *The Last Dangerous Visions*. What emerges is a rich portrait of a man who has spent his life doing battle with his times and himself. It's funny, wise, shocking, and—well, it's Harlan.

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## Message From The Chair

Welcome to Boskone 55! This year brings us a variety of fun and illuminating program items that are specially designed just for you. Over the last 12 months, our volunteers have been working to create a world-class convention for your enjoyment. From the addition of a Regency Dance on Friday to the final panels on Sunday, we have over 350 program items throughout the weekend. So, whether you are here for the guests, the programming, the dealers room, the Art Show, or something else, there is something for everyone at Boskone. I hope you enjoy your time at Boskone, and hope to see you again next year.

*Gay Ellen Dennett*



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Kimmel and Elaine Isaak.

Skylark Award: Joe Ross

Gaughan Award: Tony Lewis

Judges: Arnie Fenner, Cathy Fenner,

Gregory Manchess



# Boskone 55 In Memoriam Listing

Friends who have passed away since our last convention.

Brian Aldiss  
Hilary Bailey  
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Len Wein  
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Gordon Williams  
Bernie Wrightson  
John Young

Author **Ursula K. Le Guin** (b.1929) died on January 22. Le Guin is the author of the Earthsea cycle and has won the Nebula and Hugo Awards six times each and the World Fantasy Award twice, among many others. She was Guest of Honor at the 1975 Worldcon, Aussiecon 1, and was named a SFWA Grand Master in 2003. Her novels included *The Left Hand of Darkness*, *The Lathe of Heaven*, *Always Coming Home*, and *Powers*.

Thanks to Steven Silver's SF Site Obituary list for assistance in compiling this list.  
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Guest of Honor

# Mary Robinette Kowal

BY K. TEMPEST BRADFORD

The first time I met Mary Robinette Kowal in person I knew almost nothing about her except that she had rejected one of my stories. Back then she was new to professional publishing, having just taken a break from the other profession she'd spent years honing her craft in: puppetry. We happened to be sharing a ride back from a con together and, being backseat neighbors, spent about four hours getting to know each other. I absolved her of the heinous crime of not liking my story (at the time she'd been helping *Shimmer Magazine* with their slush pile) because she turned out to be a fun, pleasant person with interesting stories to tell about living in Iceland. Plus, she was coming to live in New York City, and I felt I would be much mistaken if I did not find a very charming neighbor in her.

Yes, I am going to keep quoting Austen.

The thing I came to realize quickly about Mary, and what still impresses me after all these years of knowing her, is how much the woman can do. As I said, she'd been a professional puppeteer for many years, and not only knew how to make a puppet come alive but also how to make puppets. The big, impressive ones you can see in progress if you follow her on social media. But then there's what happens when there's a small child nearby that needs to be calmed. Suddenly a sock or even a napkin becomes a living, breathing thing and you no longer have a headache because there is no tiny person screaming. They're giggling, instead.

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Mary is also an actress, a side of her that comes out when she's reading, and has served her as an audiobook narrator. Yet another thing she does really well. Few authors are suited to narrate their own books, as she does, and even fewer called upon to do other people's books on top of that.

And when she's not narrating books, making puppets for local theater productions, teaching writing classes online, recording episodes of the award-winning *Writing Excuses* podcast, or organizing the workshop and retreat for the same, she is sitting at home making her own period costumes.

At this point she's already surpassed the requirements of an accomplished woman, even by Mr. Darcy's standards, and we haven't even gotten into the books yet. Or the multiple vintage typewriters. Or the fountain pen obsession...

Any one of these different aspects of her personal and professional life would

make her an interesting person to know or talk to. All of them combined make her an author worth reading. Whenever Mary talks about writing, or explains her process, I can see how all the threads weave together and trace back to the acting or the puppetry or the crafting or the design. And when you read her books and short stories, sometimes the connections are obvious, and sometimes it's all there but woven so unobtrusively into the background that it might only be visible to someone who knows her.

Through reading her books, whether you start with the *Glamourist Histories* or the *Lady Astronaut* series or *Ghost Talkers*, you will get to know her and the things she values. First, the power of love—the love of family, of partners, of dear friends—to heal and propel you forward into greatness. A close second, the power of “women's work”, so devalued throughout Western culture and yet so foundational and necessary to the same. All this plus Regency manners, trips into space, speaking to the dead, and typewriters. So. Many. Typewriters.

Whatever aspect of Mary you know best, the writer, the teacher, the crafts-woman, the narrator, the puppeteer, the podcaster, the whiskey aficionado (oh darn, I forgot to even mention that before!), just know there are so many facets of her yet to discover, and they are all worth doing so. And if we give her another 10 years, she may surprise us all by revealing how excellent she is at the pianoforte.

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See the Boskone 55 Pocket Program or check online for a full schedule of events.

### Panels and Presentations

**Als and the Female Image** Friday at 2:00 PM  
**Interstellar Travel** Separating the Reality from the Fiction  
Friday at 5:00 PM  
**The Future of Medicine** Saturday at 10:00 AM  
**The Art of Character Portraits** Saturday at 11:00 AM  
**A Case for Space** Saturday at 12:00 NOON  
**Black Publishers in SF/F** Saturday at 11:00 AM  
**A Musical Tour of John Williams' Classics on Cello**  
Saturday at 7:00 PM  
**Fantasy and Folklore in Shakespeare** Sunday at 11:00 AM  
**LGBTQ Elements in Speculative Fiction** Sunday at 11:00 AM  
**Dark Fantasy for Children/YA** Sunday at 12:00 NOON  
**Building BIG Structures in Space** Sunday at 1:00 PM  
**Igniting the STEM Literary Movement** Sunday at 1:00 PM

### Group Readings in Griffin

**Speculative Fiction Shorts** Friday at 6:00 PM  
**Cambridge SF Workshop** Friday at 8:00 PM  
**Fiction for Kids and Young Adults** Saturday at 12:00 PM  
**Broad Universe** Saturday at 5:00 PM  
**Afrofuturism** Sunday at 1:00 PM  
**Stonecoast MFA** Sunday at 2:00 PM



**Official Artist**

# Meet Marianne Plumridge

Polymath artist, and champion lamington baker.

BY NICK STATHOPOULOS

If you think living the art-life is not an easy thing, then you'd probably imagine that living the SF and fantasy art-life would be near impossible. Yet, Marianne Plumridge is doing just that. And doing it very well, thank you. If you don't believe me...this little tribute to your Artist Guest of Honor in this program book is all the proof you need.

I'm sitting here in Sydney, Australia, wondering if Marianne's Australian accent is still discernible to an American ear. I guess so. The last time I saw her and Bob was during a fleeting trip to New York early last year. She might be living in Rhode Island, but she still bakes lamingtons (a classic Aussie cake delicacy) and she still sounded like the bubbly Marianne I've known for ages.

In fact, I've known Marianne for so long I'm having some difficulty actually figuring out how long exactly. When did we first meet? It must have been sometime in the 80's. Probably while she was still in the Royal Australian Air Force. Anyway, around that time I was just discovering fandom, and having my work published; first in fanzines, then professionally on actual book covers. And I started exhibiting my work at conventions.

Now, you have to realize, that an Australian convention, even in the heady post-Star Wars days, was nothing like an American con. Five hundred attendees was a good turn out if you were lucky. Occasionally a big-name author or B-Grade TV celebrity would be coaxed over and the stuff of fannish



legends would occur. But art shows were often a second thought, and relegated to some back room in the hotel. And that's probably where I encountered her first tentative steps with paint.

There was nowhere you could go to learn to paint 'genre art', so anyone with an interest gravitated together at cons and we basically taught each other. Marianne would often visit my studio, and she would bring work over and we'd critique each other's work. It was pretty obvious she had the burgeoning skills and tenacity to make it happen.

In the intervening years I've seen her work blossom. She was always curious, dedicated, willing to learn; her subjects as varied as her interests. There were fannish tribute portraits, fairies, classic golden-age spaceships, robots, tin toys, space-whales, vampires, even the odd Mothra. What distinguishes Marianne's

art is a deep sense of humanity. Her work is infused with a quality that is often absent in the hard-edged realms of genre art, while her painterly style would sit comfortably on the walls of any fine-art gallery.

I'm fascinated by the way she has staunchly maintained her personal style despite living with Bob Eggleton – you know, the Zilla guy – larger than life, and one of the legends of the genre. Big hair. Charismatic. So charismatic in fact, that Marianne crossed oceans and continents to be with him. Love may have been the incentive, but it was still an incredibly brave thing to do. Marianne jumped, and I for one, am so glad she did.

Because a whole new world opened up for Marianne. It must have been such a cultural shock. In Australia, we may have grown up on a diet of American TV shows and movies, but nothing could ever prepare you for driving on the wrong side of US roads, or burgers with no beetroot. Or snow. Or living with another artist.

I can't imagine what it must be like living with another artist. Yet Marianne and Bob's work remains distinctly individual. Their work hasn't morphed like Julie Bell and Boris Vallejo. They are not creatively joined at the hip like Dianne and Leo Dillon were. At least, not when it comes to painting. Nevertheless, they have indeed collaborated. Not with art, but with books.

Marianne and Bob's first collaboration as writer and artist was a children's picture book called "If Dinosaurs Lived in My Town", which Sky Pony Press released in 2013. She is currently in the throes

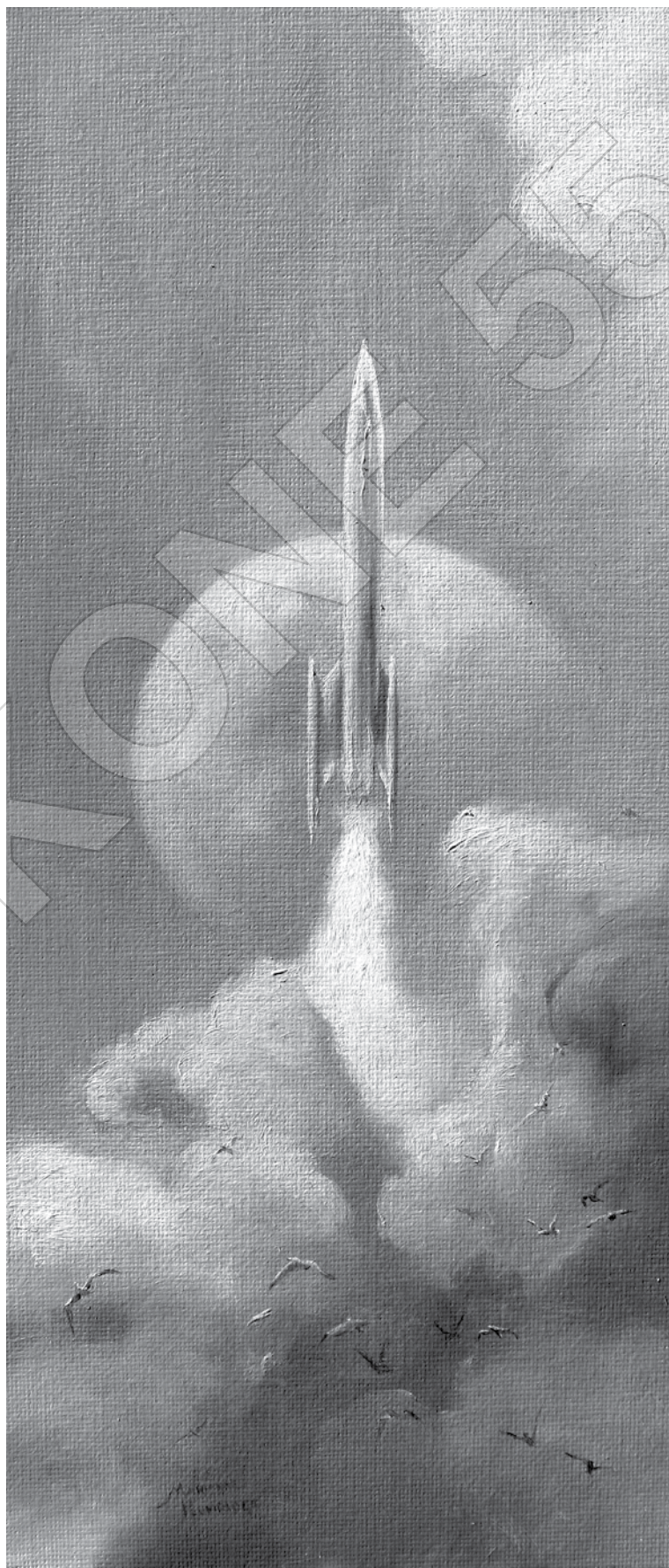
of finishing the text for a book called “Bob Eggleton’s Ice Age America” for Impossible Dreams Press. Marianne’s skills extend beyond these projects, having contributed work for others over the years in various capacities as an illustrator, writer, reviewer, critic, and editor.

You see, Marianne is a creative polymath, in every sense of the word.

As I write this, Marianne has just achieved one of my own personal unrealized dreams. The November/December issue of ANALOG Magazine sports a handsome cover by none other than your Artist Guest of Honor. I am so envious! No, that’s not entirely true: I think I’m more proud than envious. She has worked hard, honed her skills, and seeing her work gracing the cover of such an iconic SF magazine fills me with joy and admiration. I guess when you’re struggling and yearning so hard to get somewhere, you’re not often aware that you’re already there.

Marianne...you are there. If there were no gallery walls, no conventions, no books, no fanzines for you to share your art, would you still create SF and fantasy art? Of course you would. That’s what makes you the real deal—a true artist. Congratulations. Enjoy the GOHship. You’ve earned it.

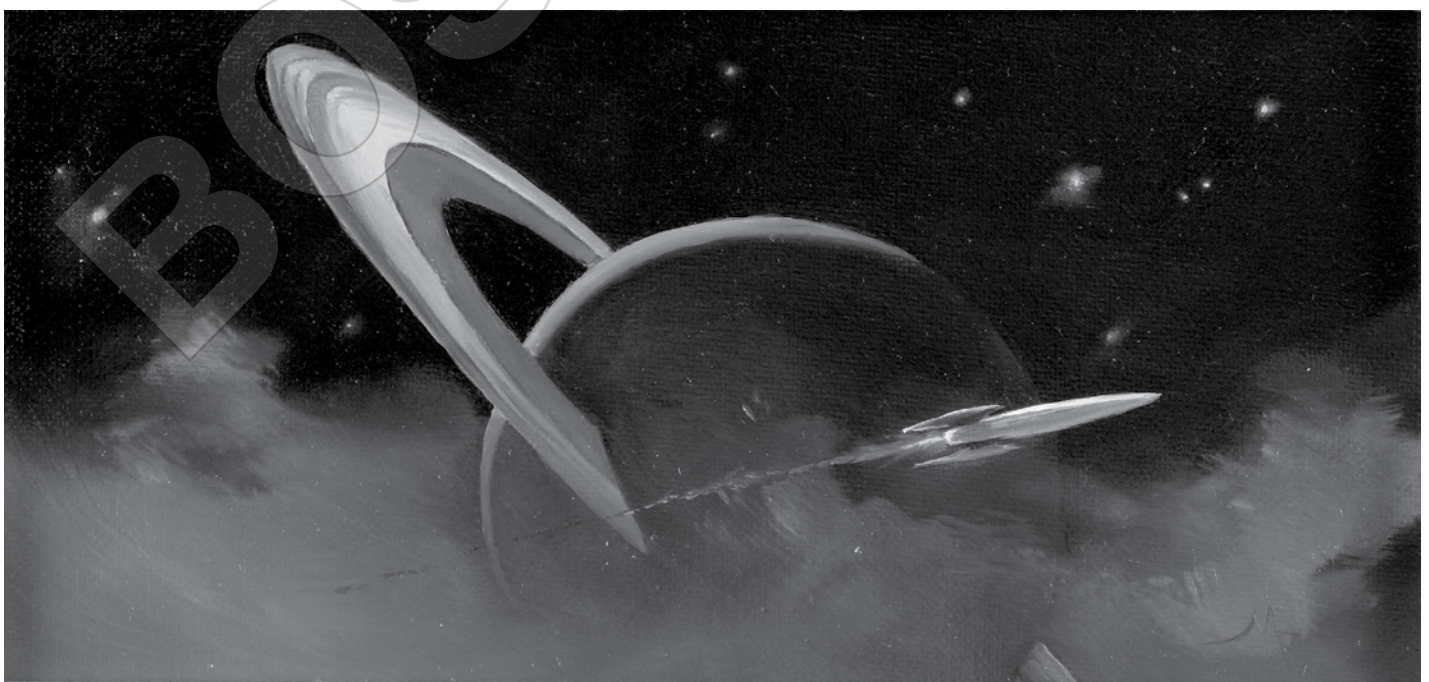
*Nick Stathopoulos*  
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## Special Guest

# About Craig Miller

BY NOEL & MARV WOLFMAN

**Noel:** So, we're supposed to write something about Craig.

**Marv:** Why?

**Noel:** Because he's this year's special guest at Boskone 55.

**Marv:** Okay. Cool. Craig is both a fan and a professional and has been active in both worlds. Where should we start?

**Noel:** I guess we should start at the beginning.

**Marv:** Well, Craig and I aren't exactly sure when we first met. I mean it might have been at a convention; Craig was involved with putting on many of them, but I'm thinking it was when he was a publicist on the movie *Superman 2*. He visited the DC Comics offices and I was a writer and editor there.

**Noel:** I know exactly when I first met Craig. He was a publicist for Lucasfilm coming to Texas A&M University to speak about their new film, *The Empire Strikes Back*. I was a student and picked him up at the airport in College Station, Texas. Small car. Lots of luggage. Hilarity ensued.

**Marv:** Yeah. Craig told me he did a lot of travelling. He went all around the world doing publicity, marketing and licensing for a lot of fan favorite movies. *Star Wars*, *Excalibur*, *The Dark Crystal*, *Superman II*...

**Noel:** ...*Altered States*, *The Wicker Man*, *The Muppets Take Manhattan*, *Splash*, *My Science Project*, *Real Genius*...

**Marv:** You can stop now. We get the idea.

**Noel:** Funny thing is his college degrees were actually in Child Development and



Social Psychology. How did he go from there to the movie biz?

**Marv:** We're talking Hollywood. What better way to deal with the executives than to have degrees in child psych?

**Noel:** No argument there. And child psych probably prepared him for writing children's animation.

**Marv:** He and I co-created the cartoon show, *Pocket Dragon Adventures*, based on the work of artist Real Musgrave. We did 104 episodes.

**Noel:** But he did a lot of animation writing and development before you teamed up.

**Marv:** Yeah, everything from *The Real Ghostbusters*, *The Smurfs*, *Bionic Six*, *Flash Gordon* and a million other shows, too. And of course he later worked on shows like *Curious George*, *Beast Wars*, *Godzilla* and God knows what else.

**Noel:** And that's just in the U.S. He also did a lot of work overseas.

**Marv:** So many, including Majid and Karamella for Abu Dhabi, *Flute Master* for China, *Trash Pack* for Italy, *Booksterz* for France. I've run out of fingers to count them all on.

**Noel:** He also wrote comics.

**Marv:** I know. I hired him myself on comics like *Duck Tales*, *Rescue Rangers* and other strips for *Disney Adventures Magazine*.

**Noel:** And he also wrote live action TV shows like *Captain Power*, *Resistance*, *the Hunger* and others.

**Marv:** Even though when I met Craig he was a professional, he has a long list of fan activities, too.

**Noel:** I didn't know about all of Craig's fan work until I moved to LA. He and his wife, Genny, were the only two people I knew in Los Angeles. They introduced me to LA fandom.

**Noel:** He'd been involved in fandom since 1968 when he joined LASFS, the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society.

**Marv:** He worked on countless convention committees, handled programming for many of them, and served ten years as chairman of the LASFS Board of Directors.

**Noel:** Not to mention co-chairing a *WorldCon* and a *Westercon* as well as chairing a *LosCon*.

**Marv:** You know Craig and I both got our starts in fanzines... different ones on different coasts. I did a comics newszine called "What Th—?" while he did an SF zine called *SFinctor*. It really is strange our paths hadn't crossed years earlier.

**Noel:** But I think he's better known for something else. Something really big and important, something that dwarfs everything else.

**Marv:** What? What is it? What?

**Noel:** He and Genny introduced me to you.

**Marv:** And the rest, as they say, is history.

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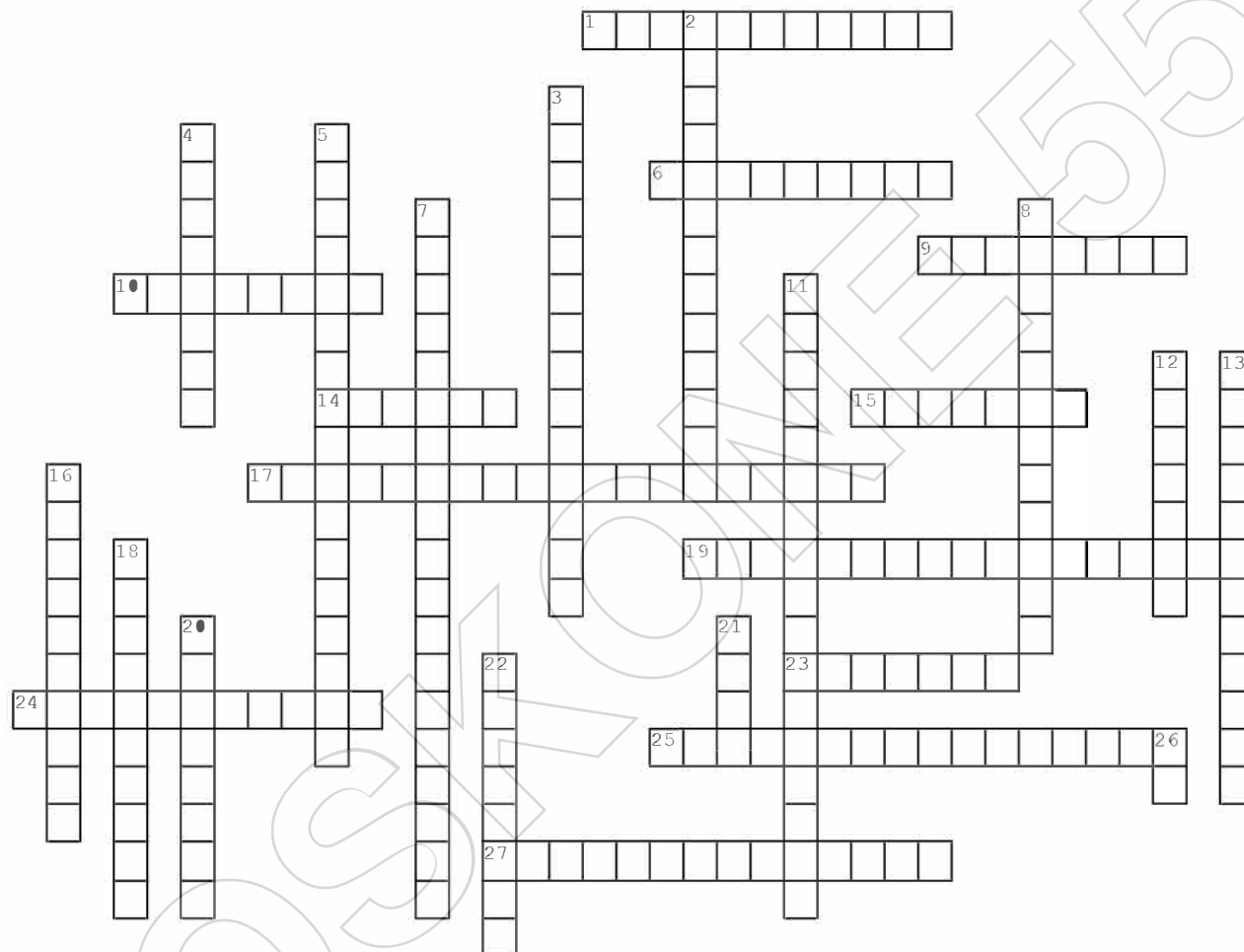
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## Across

1. May the odds be ever in your favor.
6. Bow ties are cool.
9. Live long and prosper.
10. Second star to the right and straight on 'til morning.
14. Get away from her, you bitch!
15. Repressive societies always seemed to understand the danger of 'wrong' ideas.
17. Life, the universe, and everything.
19. We can never anticipate the unseen good or evil that may come upon us suddenly out of space.
23. The blood is the life!
24. Avada Kedavra!
25. Hello. My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die.
27. Speaking of ways, pet, by the way, there is such a thing as a tesseract.

## Down

2. Winter is coming.
3. A day may come when the courage of men fails ... but it is not this day.
4. M-O-O-N. That spells MOON!
5. I'm sorry, Dave. I'm afraid I can't do that.
7. So say we all.
8. If I cannot inspire love, I will cause fear!
11. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.
12. We aim to misbehave.
13. God creates dinosaurs. God destroys dinosaurs. God creates man. Man destroys God. Man creates dinosaurs...
16. I'll be back.
18. There is no place like home
20. It's a Bird. It's a Plane. It's \_\_\_\_\_!
21. He who controls the spice controls the universe.
22. May the force be with you.
26. \_\_\_\_\_, phone home.

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Young Adult Fiction Guest

# Tamora Pierce

BY SARAH BETH DURST

When I was ten years old, my best friend loaned me a book she'd taken out from the library. "You'll love this," she said. It was *Alanna: The First Adventure*, a YA fantasy about a girl who disguised herself as a boy in order to become the first knight in her medieval land.

Ten was the year that I'd decided I wanted to become a writer. (Before that, I wanted to be Wonder Woman.) I didn't know any writers, though, and wasn't sure it was possible for an ordinary person to become a writer. In my mind, all writers were mythical. Or dead.

So I read it, loved it, and as I closed the book, I remember having one very clear thought: "If Alanna can become a knight, then I can become a writer."

That book changed my life.

Tamora Pierce writes books that change lives. She writes books that make people feel stronger and braver. She writes books that give you hope—and that's a powerful and necessary thing in the world these days.

With her stories of hope and heroism, she has touched the lives of countless readers, a fact that was acknowledged by the American Library Association when she won the Margaret A. Edwards Award, a lifetime achievement award that honors

her significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature.

Tamora Pierce was born in western Pennsylvania, lived in the San Francisco Bay area for a time, then returned to PA, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania. She began writing when she was in sixth grade and completed her first novel while in college—a 732-page fantasy novel for adults called *The Song of the Lioness*. Soon after, she became a housemother in a group home for teenaged girls and told them Alanna's story, edited for teenagers, and not long after that, while she was working for a New York literary agency, she adapted that hefty first novel into four books for teenagers. Book one was published in 1983.

Her twenty-ninth novel comes out in 2018, *Tempests and Slaughter, Book One of The Numair Chronicles*. (Actually, by the time you read this at Boskone, it will have been out for a week. Go buy it, preferably from someone in the Dealer's Room!) It's a marvelous and magical



addition to her Tortall Universe, with characters you'll fall in love with and a setting you'll never want to leave.

All of Tammy's stories are true, you see. They might not be fact, but they're true. She writes about the best and worst of human nature, heroes and those who could have been heroes if they hadn't made a lot of... unfortunate life choices.

She has created two universes for her stories: the Tortall books and the Circle books. In the Tortall books, which began with *Alanna* and the *Song of the Lioness* quartet, you have a sprawling world with knights and wizards that's occasionally invaded by dragons, carnivorous horses, and meddling gods. In the Circle books, which started with *Sandry's Book* in the Circle of Magic quartet, you're introduced to four mages whose unusual magic comes from crafts and nature. All of Tammy's books operate under the Awesome Principle of Plot: whatever happens next will be the most awesome thing that could happen next. And all the little bits of awesomeness stick

together in this ever-growing snowball of Story that gathers speed as it hurtles down the mountain. I've heard it called the Pierce Juggernaut, and it is a thing of splendor.

As a writer, you can learn a lot from Tamora Pierce's books. As a person, you can learn a lot from Tammy herself. She's just as kind, wise, funny, and great-hearted as any of the characters in her books.

I first met her in 1999 at Boskone. It was one of my first conventions, and I think it may have been one of hers too. It was certainly my first Boskone, back when Boskone was held in that hotel in

Framingham that looked a little like a castle.

I knew absolutely no one at the con, and I remember eating a PB&J sandwich in my car for dinner because I was too shy to ask anyone to eat with me and too self-conscious to eat by myself in the hotel restaurant. But despite feeling shy and moderately terrified, I was determined not to miss my chance to meet my childhood hero. So when I saw her going into the same panel I was going into, I sat next to her, gathered up my courage, and introduced myself. The rest of the weekend, I peppered her with writing questions. She was both encouraging

and supportive. And when I saw her the following fall at World Fantasy Convention, we had dinner together. Not PB&J.

Eight years later, when my first book was published, she sent me flowers.

This is the kind of person that Tamora Pierce is. She makes people feel stronger and braver. She gives them hope. Just like her books. She has inspired thousands and continues to inspire thousands more. I am honored that she's my friend. And I'm thrilled that Boskone is honoring her as this year's Young Adult Fiction Guest.



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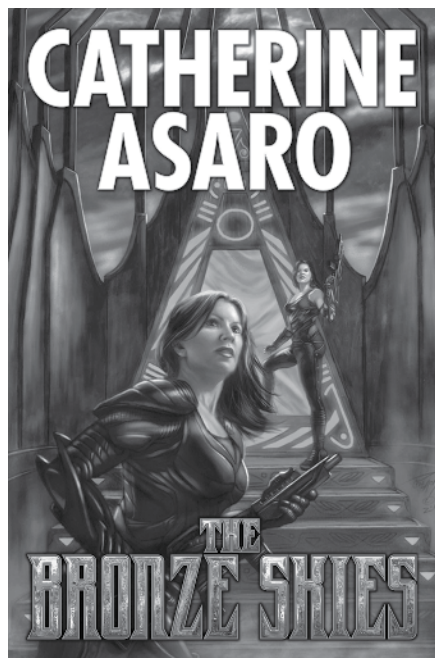
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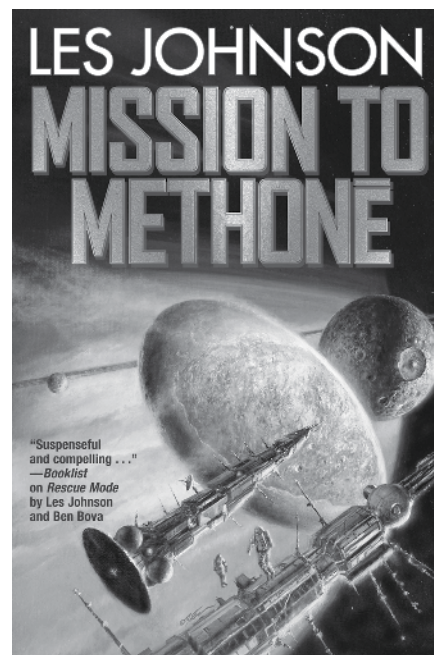


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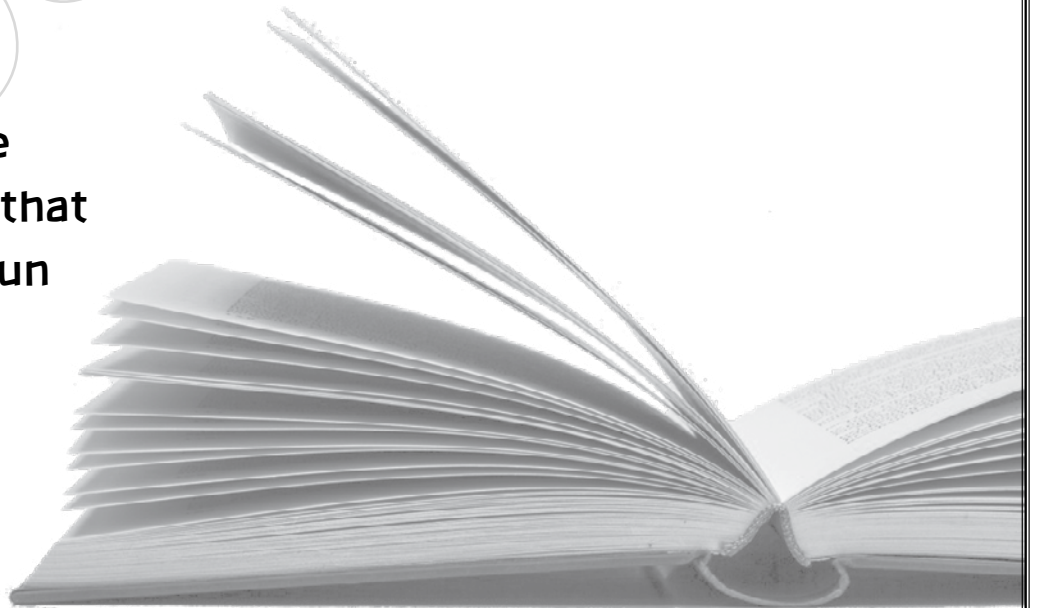
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# Meeting Catherine Asaro

BY ERIN UNDERWOOD

Catherine Asaro PhD is everything that makes a perfect Hal Clement Science Speaker Guest, and I cannot wait to meet her in person! She's smart, funny, talented, loaded with science degrees, and (as we say in Boston) she's wicked smart. Oh, did I mention that she's also an incredible award-winning science fiction author?

Before I get too far along in this introduction, I think it's important to share a little bit about the Hal Clement Science Speaker role in order to understand why Catherine is such a great fit as Boskone's Science Speaker.

Hal Clement (aka Harry Stubbs: the hard science fiction author, holder of multiple science degrees, SF&F Hall of Fame member, and SFWA grandmaster) was a fixture on the Boskone program from the first Boskone until he passed away in 2003—40 consecutive conventions (and that's no small thing!). He embodied a deep knowledge of science blended with the wonder of science fiction and the joy of learning and teaching. After his death, NESFA honored him by establishing the Hal Clement Science Speaker as a memorial to acknowledge his legacy ... and Boskone's Science Speaker role was born.

To say that Boskone takes its science programming seriously is a woeful understatement as the thoughtful consideration and debate to fill this role is always vigorous. I am sure that Hal would be both proud and deeply pleased to know that Catherine Asaro has assumed this year's mantle as the Hal Clement Science Speaker since she embodies the same



joyful love of science, science fiction, learning, and teaching that was his trademark.

So, yes, without a doubt, the delightful Catherine Asaro is a perfect Science Speaker for Boskone 55. You might even say that science is in her genes with a father who was a nuclear chemist, a husband who is an astrophysicist, and a daughter who majored in math. Even still, these descriptions barely touch the surface of who Catherine is and why we are lucky to have her as this year's Science Guest.

When Catherine was announced as Boskone's Science Speaker, there was nobody more excited than me because

not only am I a fan, I also saw an incredible opportunity (as Boskone's Head of Programming) to feature a champion for bringing girls and women into STEM who was also a successful science fiction author.

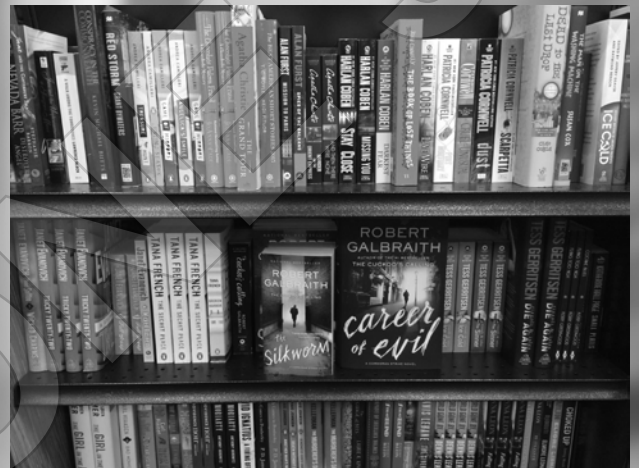
With a degree in chemistry from UCLA, a masters in physics, and a doctorate in theoretical chemical physics from Harvard to draw upon as a teacher and as a writer, it's no surprise that Catherine has become a celebrated adult and young adult science fiction author. She has also coached nationally ranked math teams for national tournaments including the Princeton and Harvard-MIT competitions and she is a member of SIGMA — a think tank of speculative fiction writers who advise the government on future trends affecting national security. (How amazing is that?)

From her space opera to hard science fiction and everything in between, there is a little something for everyone in Catherine's writing, especially if you like smart science in your science fiction! For me, the last few months getting to know Catherine have been fantastic. I am sure you will also enjoy getting to know her, too.

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NESFA Press Guest

# Nat Segaloff

By MALLORY LEWIS

If the truth be known, my old friend Nat Segaloff was dragged into the science fiction universe by Q on one side and Spock on the other with Harlan Ellison pushing from behind. This combination, rather than confer a pedigree, triggered in him a sense of obligation as well as a terrifying level of intimidation that he still struggles to overcome.



His science fiction credentials are spotty but intense. Like most kids of the Baby Boomer generation, Nat grew up in front of the television. Rather than watch the shows that all the other kids talked about at school the next day (McHale's Navy, The Beverly Hillbillies, Batman, etc.), he sought such mind-expanding fare as The Twilight Zone, Way Out, Thriller, and The Outer Limits. His first feature-length science fiction film was The Thing

From Another World on television, for which his father allowed him to stay up late, and then abandoned him as soon as it started to go bad. Nat didn't sleep much that night and hasn't thought of carrots the same way since.

His second experience was more nurturing as his mother sat

beside him watching The Day the Earth Stood Still on NBC Saturday Night at the Movies (she liked Michael Rennie). After that, he was raised by Forry Ackerman. The first science fiction story he remembers reading was "A Filbert is a Nut," Rick Raphael's 1959 fantasy about a mental patient who could conjure miracles. He was so impressed that he started to make it into an 8mm home

movie but, lacking budget for special effects (the final image is the Washington Monument taking off like a rocket), he settled for an audio version with his friends as actors. The Washington Monument's launch became a sound effect, impressing no one, but it presaged his later work.

That later work took place in 1994 when John de Lancie, who had directed a staged reading of the blacklist play "The Waldorf Conference" (which Nat co-wrote with Daniel M. Kimmel and Arnie Reisman) for NPR, asked him to work on a sequel to Howard Koch's "Invasion from Mars." Koch had famously written the adaptation of H. G. Wells' The War of the Worlds for Orson Welles's Mercury Theatre of the Air, and it was John's idea to direct a new version of it for LA Theatre Works with an all-Star Trek® cast headed by Leonard Nimoy, Brent Spiner, Wil Wheaton, and

Gates McFadden, among others. Planned for NPR airing on Halloween, 1994, the Koch script ran only an hour and needed a companion piece. John first asked Koch to write something. The elderly writer successfully pitched “we go after them back to Mars” but was then unable to write anything beyond that.

With the airdate approaching, John asked Nat to collaborate with him on a sequel which they eventually called “When Wells Collide.” It was a cheeky concept: picking up from the end of the “Invasion From Mars” broadcast, it followed the actors, now using their real names, as Martians actually attack Santa Monica. Try as they might, the actors cannot get anyone to believe it’s happening, and the world ends, not with a bang, but with a moral lesson that tabloid journalism had eroded public faith in the news media.

John, Leonard, and Nat had so much fun doing it that the next year they formed Alien Voices®, landed a contract from Simon & Schuster Audio, and began producing a series of dramatic adaptations of science fiction novels starring Star Trek actors. Hoping to inspire the public with the classics that had inspired them, they chose *The Time Machine*, *A Journey to the Center of the Earth*, *The Invisible Man*, *The Lost World*, and *The First Men in the Moon* as their first efforts. This led to the first-ever live TV/Internet simulcast of *The First Men in the Moon* on the Sci-Fi Channel in November 1997.

The Harlan Ellison connection was more casual but just as portentous. Nat interviewed H.E. for an A&E Biography he was directing on Stan Lee. (He also directed the Biography on Shari Lewis & Lamb Chop which is how we met) In the course of the give and take, a friendship



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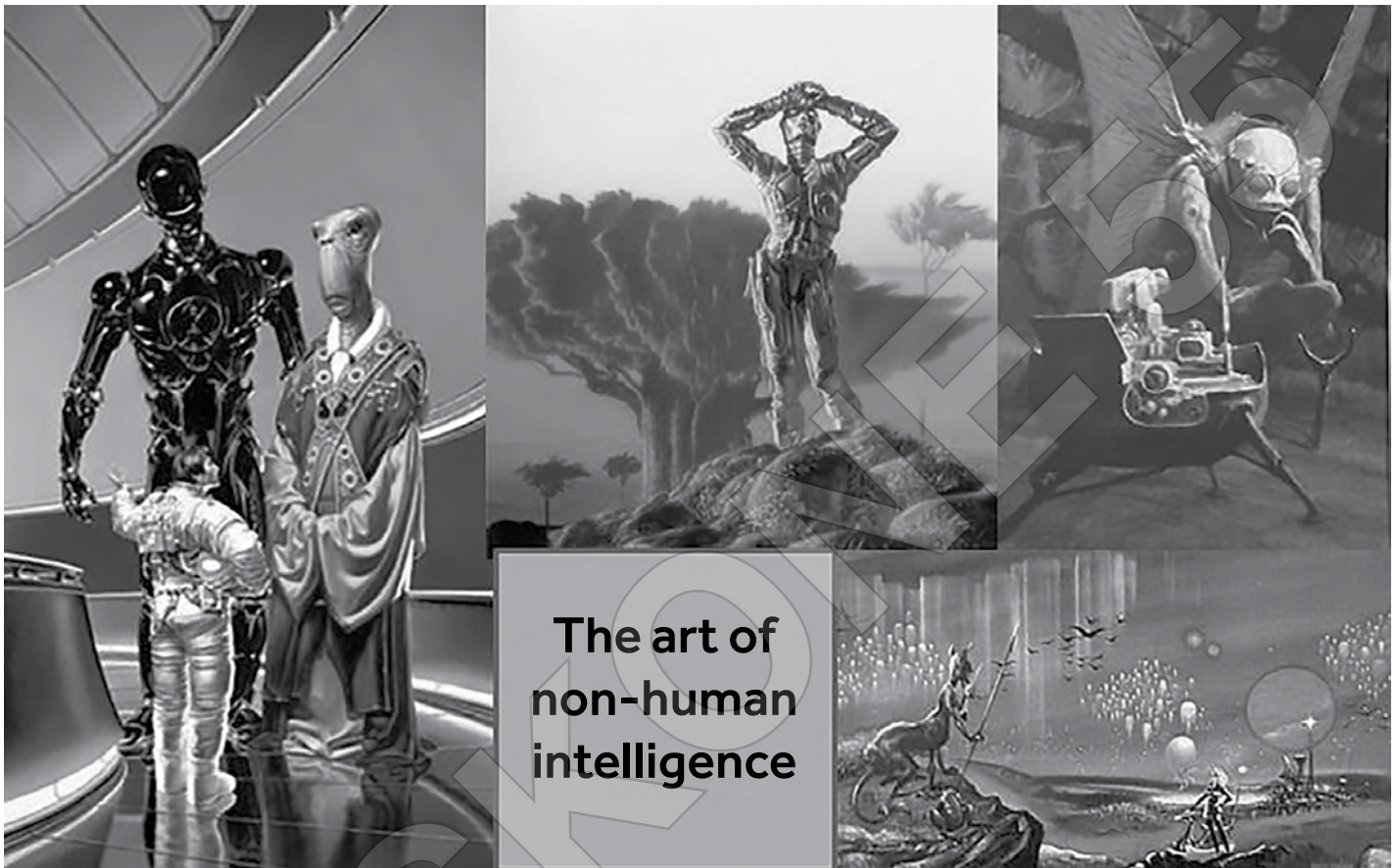
was born. Harlan later acted for Nat in the 2003 revival of “The Waldorf Conference” that he produced (and John de Lancie directed) for the Writers Guild Foundation and the Hollywood ACLU. When Nat’s biography of director Arthur Penn was published in 2010, Harlan was impressed enough to ask him if he was interested in writing his. The happy result was *A Lit Fuse* (from NESFA Press).

The first Harlan Ellison story Nat says he remembers reading was “The Whimper

of Whipped Dogs,” but he has done a lot of catching up, though he remains modest about his knowledge of the genre while having great respect for those in it. He also realizes that he has had the opportunity to not only meet his heroes but work with them as colleagues. “I still get impressed that I know Harlan Ellison and John de Lancie and that I knew Leonard Nimoy,” he says, “but I have long since gotten my mind around the fact that they knew me, too.”



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Usually, the award has been presented to individuals, but three times in the past it has gone to couples — Joe & Gay Haldeman, Patrick & Teresa Nielsen Hayden, and Sharon Lee & Steve Miller.

The winner of the Skylark Award will be announced at the Saturday evening ceremonies.

## PAST WINNERS

1966 Frederik Pohl†	1993 Tom Doherty
1967 Isaac Asimov†	1994 Esther M. Friesner
1968 John W. Campbell†	1995 Mike Resnick
1969 Hal Clement†	1996 Joe & Gay Haldeman
1970 Judy-Lynn Benjamin del Rey†	1997 Hal Clement†
1971 No Award Given	1998 James White†
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1973 Larry Niven	2000 Bruce Coville
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Jack Gaughan and fans, Boskone 6, 1969

## PAST WINNERS

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1986 Stephen Hickman  
1987 Val Lakey Lindahn  
1988 Bob Eggleton  
1989 Dell Harris  
1990 Keith Parkinson  
1991 Richard Hescox  
1992 Jody Lee  
1993 Nicholas Jainschigg  
1994 Dorian Vallejo  
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2004 Justin Sweet  
2005 Adam Rex  
2006 Scott M. Fischer  
2007 Dan Dos Santos  
2008 Shelly Wan  
2009 Eric Fortune  
2010 Tyler Jacobson  
2011 No Award Given  
2012 No Award Given  
2013 No Award Given  
2014 Sam Burley  
2015 No Award Given  
2016 Tommy Arnold  
2017 Kirbi Fagan





# Signature Events at Boskone

## FRIDAY

5:00 PM in Harbor III  
*YA Fiction Guest Interview: Tamora Pierce*

5:30 PM in Harbor II  
*Boskone's Regency Dance with Guest of Honor  
Mary Robinette Kowal*

8:30 PM in Marina 1  
*Jordin Kare Memorial Concert*

8:45 PM in the Galleria  
*Opening Ceremony: Meet the Guests*

9:00 PM in the Galleria  
*Boskone 55 Reception*

10:00 PM in Harbor II  
*Boskone's 2000s Dance Party*

## SATURDAY

11:00 AM in Harbor III  
*NESFA Press Guest Interview, Featuring  
Nat Segaloff*

1:00 PM in Harbor III  
*Guest of Honor Interview, Featuring  
Mary Robinette Kowal*

4:00 PM in Harbor II  
*Science Guest Interview, Featuring  
Catherine Asaro*

6:30 PM in the Galleria  
*Boskone Book Party*

8:00 PM in the Galleria  
*Open Mic: Myths & Legends!*

8:00 PM in Harbor II & Harbor III  
*Saturday Night Special Event: Boskone Awards  
and Rapid-Fire Theater*

9:15 PM in the Galleria  
*Group Reading: Noir at the Boskone Bar —  
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## SUNDAY

9:30 AM in Marina 4  
*Flash Fiction Slam*

10:00 AM in Harbor III  
*Official Artist Interview with Marianne  
Plumridge*

12:00 NOON in Harbor I  
*Lego Robotics Demo & Programming*

1:00 PM in Harbor III  
*Boskone Special Guest Talk by Craig Miller*

# Name that SF Title

## Answer Key

### ACROSS

1. May the odds be ever in your favor. (hungergames)
6. Bow ties are cool. (doctorwho)
9. Live long and prosper. (startrek)
10. Second star to the right and straight on 'til morning. (peterpan)
14. Get away from her, you bitch! (aliens)
15. Repressive societies always seemed to understand the danger of 'wrong' ideas. (kindred)
17. Life, the universe, and everything. (thehitchhikersguide)
19. We can never anticipate the unseen good or evil that may come upon us suddenly out of space. (thewaroftheworlds)
23. The blood is the life! (dracula)
24. Avada Kedavra! (harrypotter)
25. Hello. My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die. (theprincellsbride)
27. Speaking of ways, pet, by the way, there is such a things as a tesseract. (awrinkleintime)

### DOWN

2. Winter is coming. (gameofthrones)
3. A day may come when the courage of men fails . . . but it is not this day. (lordoftherings)
4. M-O-O-N. That spells MOON! (thestand)
5. I'm sorry, Dave. I'm afraid I can't do that. (2001aspaceodyssey)
7. So say we all! (battlestargalactica)
8. If I cannot inspire love, I will cause fear! (frankenstein)
11. Why, sometimes I believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast. (aliceinwonderland)
12. We aim to misbehave. (firefly)
13. God creates dinosaurs. God destroys dinosaurs. God creates man. Man destroys God. Man creates dinosaurs . . . (jurassicpark)
16. I'll be back. (terminator)
18. There is no place like home. (wizardofoz)
20. It's a Bird. It's a Plane. It's . . . ! (superman)
21. He who controls the spice controls the universe. (dune)
22. May the force be with you. (starwars)
26. \_\_\_\_\_, phone home. (et)



# Program Participants

**Mary Robinette Kowal**, *Guest of Honor*

**Marianne Plumridge**, *Official Artist*

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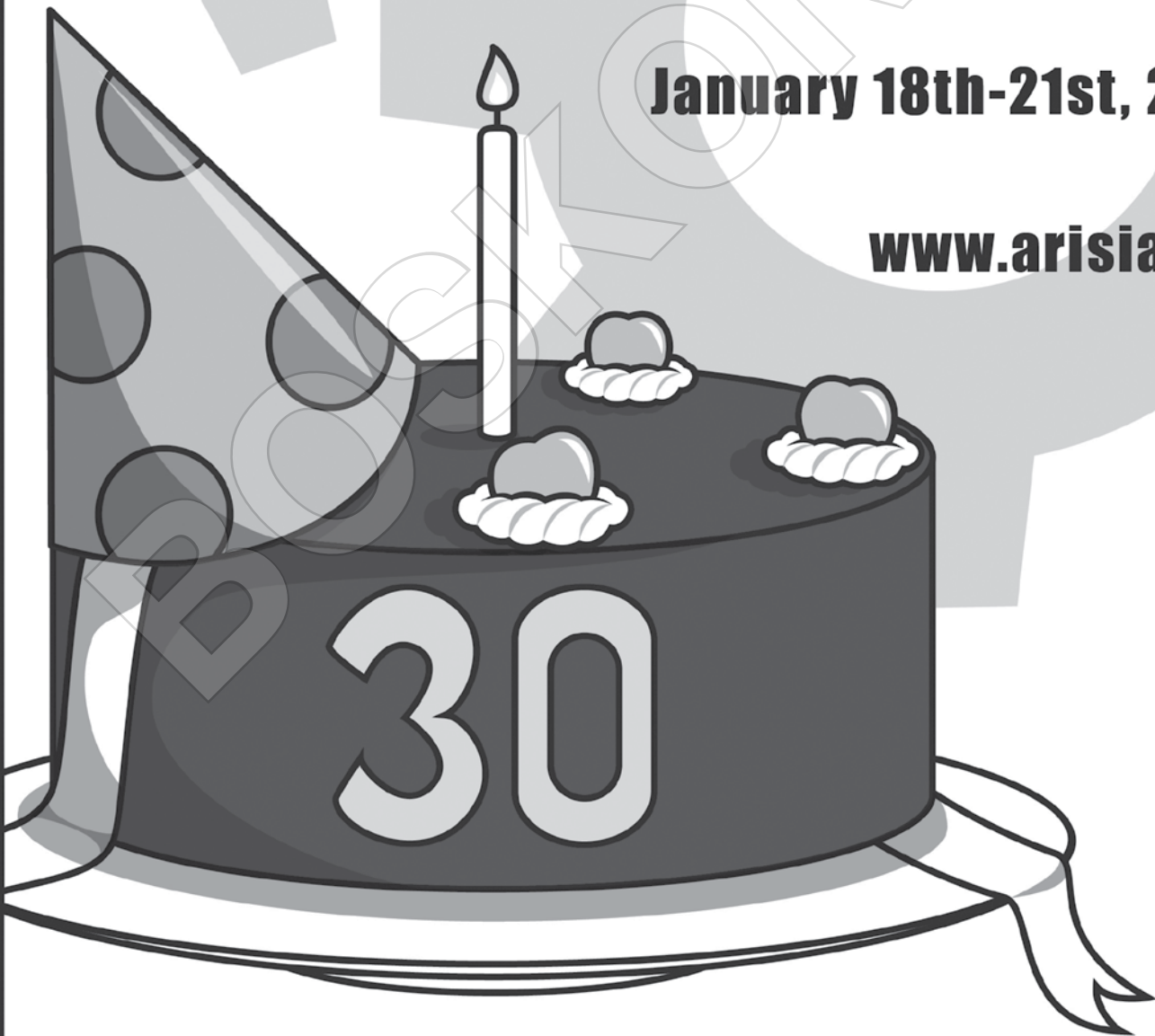
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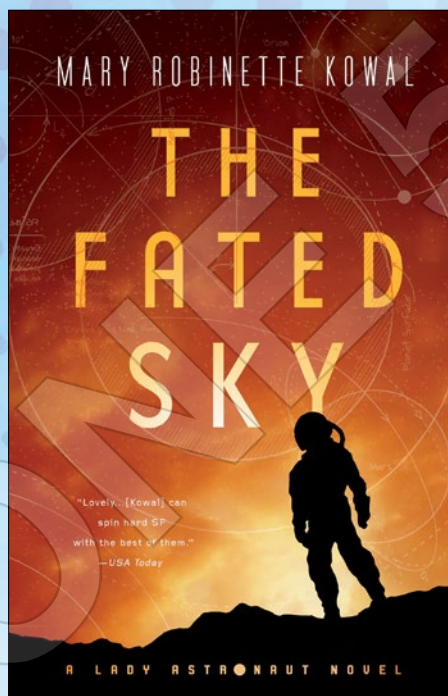
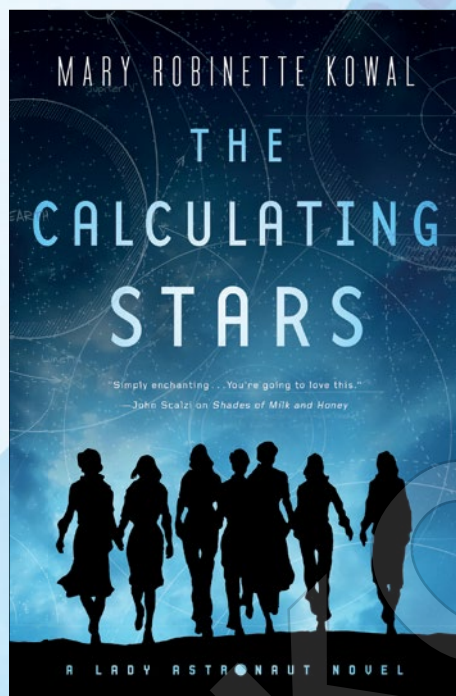
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