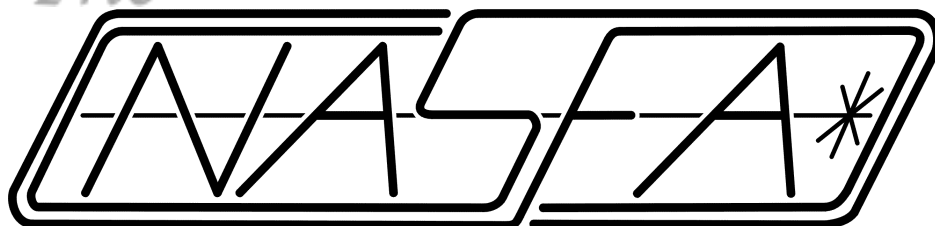


The



Shuttle
October 2016

The Next NASFA Meeting is 6:30P Saturday
22 October 2016 at the Regular Location
This is a week later than usual because of Con†Stellation

! Oyez, Oyez !

The next NASFA Meeting will be 22 October 2016, at the regular meeting location—the Madison campus of Willowbrook Baptist Church (old Wilson Lumber Company building) at 7105 Highway 72W (aka University Drive). Please see the map at right if you need help finding it.

PLEASE NOTE that is the 4th Saturday—a week later than usual—due to Con†Stellation XXXIV.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

The October program will be the annual Con†Stellation Postmortem. Come prepared to talk about what went well at the con and areas we should improve.

OCTOBER ATMM

The October After-The-Meeting Meeting will be hosted by Mary & Doug Lampert at the church. The usual rules apply—that is, please bring food to share and your favorite drink. Also, please stay to help clean up. We need to be good guests and leave things at least as clean as we found them.

CONCOM MEETINGS

By the time this issue is to bed, Con†Stellation XXXIV Concom Meetings will have finished. The first Con†Stellation XXXV Concom Meetings haven't been set yet.

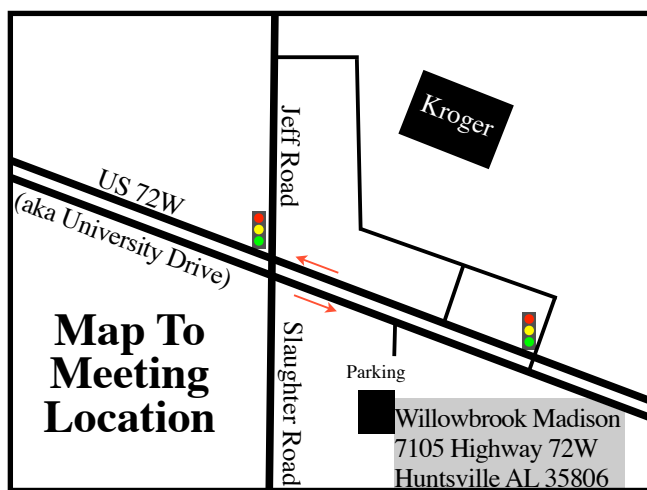
NOVEMBER MEETING INFO

The 19 November NASFA meeting/program will be a special one. While it will be on the regular day, it will *not* be at the regular time *or* location. We will gather at the **Huntsville Museum of Art** <hsvmuseum.org>—300 Church Street South in downtown Huntsville near Big Spring Park—for a docent tour

of their special exhibit “My Hero: Contemporary Art & Superhero Action.” Please gather starting at 2P; we need to be all together and ready to go about 2:30P.

There *is* an admission charge for folks who are not Museum of Art members (\$10 adult, \$8 student/senior/military/educators, \$5 child ages 6–11). We will be using money raised at the More-or-Less Annual NASFA Auction in September to pay as many admissions as possible. If insufficient funds were raised, priority will be based on need.

The After-the-Meeting Meeting will be held offsite from the museum, probably at Mike Kennedy's house in south Huntsville.



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Deadline for the November 2016 issue of *The NASFA Shuttle* is Monday 31 October 2016

FUTURE PROGRAMS

All future programs for 2016 have been set:

- November: See the segment on the previous page for info on the November meeting/program.
- December: NASFA Christmas Party (to be hosted by Sue Thorn at the church after the club meeting).

FUTURE ATMMs

All After-The-Meeting Meeting volunteers are accounted for. However, we do still need volunteers for all months in 2017.

Also stay tuned for a probable New Year's Eve party.

FUTURE CLUB MEETING DATES

- This month's NASFA meeting (**October**) *has been changed off of the normal 3rd Saturday* due to Con†Stellation. The meeting will be on the 22nd, **one week later than usual**.
- The *location and time* (though not the date) of the **November** meeting has been changed—see info above on that month.

CHANGING SHUTTLE DEADLINES

In general, the monthly *Shuttle* production schedule has been moved to the left a bit (versus prior practice). Though things are a bit squishy, the current intent is to put each issue to bed about 9 days before each month's meeting.

Please check the deadline below the Table of Contents *each month* to submit news, reviews, LoCs, or other material.

JOINING THE NASFA EMAIL LIST

All NASFAns who have email are urged to join the NASFA email list, which you can do online at <tinyurl.com/NASFAEmail>. The list is usually low traffic, though the rate is rather variable. Generally the list is limited to announcements about club activities plus the occasional message of general interest to north-Alabama sf/f/h/etc. fans. Non NASFAns are both *encouraged* and *welcomed* to join the list, but please only do so if you're interested in the above restricted topics.

NASFA CALENDAR ONLINE

NASFA has an online calendar on Google. Interested parties can check the calendar online, but you can also subscribe to it and have your Outlook, iCal, or other calendar automatically updated as events (Club Meetings, Concom Meetings, local sf/f/h/etc. events) are added or changed. You can view the calendar online at <tinyurl.com/NASFACal>.

News & Info

GUFF SEEKING CANDIDATES

The Get Up and Over (aka Going Under) Fan Fund is looking for candidates for the 2016 northbound (Australasia to Europe) race. The winner will be expected to attend Worldcon 75 <www.worldcon.fi>—the 75th World Science Fiction Convention, to be held at the Messukeskus (Helsinki Expo and Convention Centre) in Helsinki Finland on 9–13 August 2017. Visits to other parts of European fandom would also be desirable.

Nominations are open until 17 November 2016. Voting will run until 1 April 2017. Full info can be found at <rantalica.com/2026/guff-call-for-nominations-northbound-race-2016>.

FFANZ ANNOUNCES CANDIDATE

The Fan Fund of Australia and New Zealand <ffanz.sf.org.nz> has announced that Lynelle Howell is standing as the sole candidate for the 2017 westbound (NZ-to-Australia) election. Barring a win by “Hold Over Funds,” Ms Howell will be expected to attend Continuum XIII—Triskaidekaphilia <www.continuum.org.au>, which will host the 56th Australian natcon 9–12 June 2017 in Melbourne VIC Australia.

The voting form is available at <dan.rabarts.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/FFANZ-2017-Voting-Form.pdf>. While vot-

ing is available only to members of Australian and New Zealand fandom, but I'm sure they'd love to receive donations from other fans.

FIRST FANDOM AWARDS

Winners of the several 2016 First Fandom Awards were announced during the Retro-Hugo Awards Ceremony at MidAmeriCon II <midamericon2.org>—the recent Kansas City Worldcon.

First Fandom Hall of Fame.....**Ben Bova** and **Joseph Wrzos**
FF Posthumous Hall of Fame.....**Olon F. Wiggins,**
Lew Martin, and **Roy V. Hunt**
Sam Moskowitz Archive Award.....**Stephen D. Korshak**
and **Ned Brooks** (Posthumous)

BIG HEART—AWARD AND SUCCESSION

Winners of the 2016 Big Heart Award <www.sfawardswatch.com/?page_id=615> (for service to the sf community) were also announced at MidAmeriCon II.

Big Heart Award.....**Edie Stery** and **Joe Siclari**

Many of you have heard that Dave Kyle recently passed away. Kyle had run the Big Heart Award since it was handed over to him when Forry Ackerman stepped down. Prior to Kyle's death, arrangements had been made to turn over administration of the award to Steve Francis.

TOR.COM ACCEPTS (SOME) NOVELLA SUBMISSIONS

After announcing in late 2015 that they would not be accepting unsolicited short fiction submissions, Tor.com has, for the second time recently, opened a *limited* window. They had a *very* short window for much of June 2016 for sf novellas in one of a few sub-genres, but that closed at the end of that month.

Now, they have announced that from 12 October 2016–12 January 2017 they will accept unsolicited epic fantasy, sword and sorcery, high fantasy, and quest fantasy novellas “that are not modeled on European cultures.” They are particularly looking for “submissions from writers from underrepresented populations.” Full submission guidelines can be seen at <www.tor.com/submissions-guidelines/#Novella-Submissions-Guidelines>.

BEST SERIES 2017 HUGO TRIAL

As noted in the last issue of the *Shuttle*, a change to the WSFS Constitution to add a Best Series Hugo received first passage at the 2016 Worldcon. The amendment will be up for possible ratification at the 2017 Worldcon and *if it passes* will take effect for the 2018 Worldcon.

However, each Worldcon is entitled—if they choose to do so—to add a single special Hugo category for that year only. Pursuant to that, Finland's Worldcon 75 has chosen to use that power to try out the Series Hugo category. This approach was previously taken in 2009 when Montreal chose to have a trial of the Graphic Story Hugo category before it was ratified.

For current purposes, a series is defined as “a multi-volume science fiction or fantasy story, unified by elements such as plot, characters, setting, and presentation, which has appeared in at least three volumes consisting of a total of at least 240,000 words by the close of the calendar year [2016], at least one volume of which was published in [2016].”

Several lists of series that would be eligible under these rules are cropping up on teh interwebs including at <file770.com/?p=30940>.

TREK FAN FILM LAWSUIT MAYBE MESSIER

The ongoing copyright infringement lawsuit between Paramount, *et al.* (Star Trek reboot producers) and Axanar Productions (Trek fan film producers) may be heading for a phase change. Earlier this year director J.J. Abrams had expressed the opinion that the lawsuit might be resolved. (Abrams, it should be pointed out, is not a named plaintiff.) Well, that didn't happen.

Defendant Axanar is now seeking to compel discovery for the substance of any discussions between Paramount and both Justin Lin (director/producer of 2016's *ST Beyond*) and Abrams (who directed 2009's *Star Trek* and 2013's *ST Into Darkness* and produced all 3 films).

September Minutes

by Steve Sloan

The September meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, September 17, 2016, in the Madison satellite location of Willowbrook Baptist Church at 6:31:32 P by President Mary Lampert and the crickets.

OLD BUSINESS

None I can see.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections for next year's NASFA offices start in October. "Come or you might get elected for things."

Instead of meeting at the usual time and place in November, we will be going to the superheroes exhibit at the art museum. Please spend money at tonight's auction to pay for your entry fee. We will be taking a docent tour starting at 3P on November 19.

CON BUSINESS

Con†Stellation 2016 is less than a month away from tonight's meeting.

We will be having Thursday dinner at the hotel. Someone will send out an email with more details. It will be a buffet that includes brisket and fried chicken.

After tonight's meeting, you will have one more week to order a Con†Stellation 2016 t-shirt online. [Tees and Polos can still be ordered online or at the con, but delivery will be post-convention and there will be a shipping fee. Earlier orders can be picked up at the convention. -ED]

A concom (Con†Stellation convention committee meeting) was held earlier that day. The main topic of discussion was next year's Con†Stellation, a discussion that continued at the NASFA meeting. The con has been having massive money loss. We will lose an estimated \$3000-4000 on this year's con. How does the club feel about the 35th being the last Con†Stellation?

We could have a big bash, and invite all previous guests. We would name it Horologium, the clock, because it's "time" to say goodbye.

The people who put on Con†Stellation are getting older, it's always the same people doing all of the work, and we can't get free hotel function space in Huntsville anymore. In the past, we could get free function space at Huntsville hotels by guaranteeing a minimum number of room nights, but nowadays we have to pay hotel catering for a minimum number of meals to get free function space, which works for business conventions, but not for recreational conventions.

Judy moved that NASFA accept that Con†Stellation 35 in 2017 will be the last convention, and it will be marketed as such. Mike S. seconded. The motion carried 10 to 1.

A "relaxacon" would still lose money. Sam doesn't want Con†Stellation to just slowly die out like Kubla Khan. We don't want to become a pitiful event. After 2017, we can have a one-day party in October every year.

Doug moved to adjourn at 6:45:21P.

The September program was the more-or-less Annual NASFA Auction, which raised funds to pay for art museum entry fees in November. The After the Meeting Meeting was hosted by Adam and Maria Grim at the meeting location.

NASFA Calendar

OCTOBER

- 01 Toymania—Franklin TN.
- 03 Rosh Hashana.
- 03 Muharram.
- 07-09 Monsterama—Atlanta GA.
- 08* Con†Stellation XXXIV Concom Meeting—3P; at the church.
- 08 Cleveland Geekster—Cleveland TN.
- 10 Columbus Day/Native Americans' Day/Indigenous People's Day.
- 10 Thanksgiving Day (Canada).
- 12 Yom Kippur.
- 12 Día de la Raza.
- 13* Con†Stellation XXXIV Concom Meeting—All-day Setup. Pickup of material at various sites around town and setup at the hotel.
- 14-16 Con*Stellation—Huntsville AL.
- 15 BD: Robert Buelow.
- 17 First Day of Sukkot.
- 17 Boss's Day.
- 21-23 SciFi Fantasy Fest—Hoover AL.
- 21-23 Salute To Supernatural—Atlanta GA.
- 22* NASFA Meeting—6:30P Business, 7P Program, at Willowbrook Madison. Program: Con†Stellation Post-mortem discussion. ATMM: Doug & Mary Lampert, at the church. **PLEASE NOTE** that this meeting is one week later than usual due to Con†Stellation.
- 22-23 Memphis Comic Expo—Memphis TN.
- 23 Last Day of Sukkot.
- 25 BD: Marie McCormack.
- 27-30 Atlanta Game Fest 28—Atlanta GA.
- 27-30 FangCon—Birmingham AL.
- 28-30 HallowCon—Dalton GA.
- 28-30 Walker Stalker—Atlanta GA.
- 28-30 Fanboy Expo—Knoxville TN.
- 29 BrigadeCon—Online <www.brigadecon.org>.
- 29-30 Fanaticon—Ozark AL.
- 31 Halloween.

NOVEMBER

- 02 Día de Muertos.
- 06 Daylight Saving Time ends.
- 04-06 CONjuration—Atlanta GA.
- 04-06 PhreakNic 20—Nashville TN.
- 05 Diecast and Toy Show—Memphis TN.
- 06-13 Furry Cruise—Miami, FL.
- 08 Election Day.
- 11 Veterans Day/Remembrance Day.
- 11-12 Nerdacon v11—Columbus GA.
- 11-13 AetherCon V—Online.
- 11-13 Grand Ole Gameroom Expo—Franklin TN.
- 12 HamaCon Minicon—Huntsville AL.
- 19* NASFA Meeting—Business/Program: Meet at the Huntsville Museum of Art <hsvmuseum.org>—300 Church Street South (downtown Huntsville; near Big Spring Park)—starting 2P-2:30P. Docent tour of "My Hero: Contemporary Art & Superhero Action" will start by 3P *at the latest*. Admission: \$10 adult, \$8 student/senior, \$5 child ages 6-11. Free for HMoA members. Some scholarships will be available depending on need. ATMM: Mike Kennedy's house (subject to change).
- 21 Aniversario de la Revolución Mexicana.
- 22 BD: Nancy Renee Peters.

Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society. The winner of the 2016 award (named for Forrest J Ackerman) is **Gregory Benford**.

SUNBURST AND COPPER CYLINDER AWARDS

Winners of the 2016 Sunburst Awards for Excellence in Canadian Literature of the Fantastic <www.sunburstaward.org> and the 2016 Copper Cylinder Awards <coppercylinderaward.ca> were each announced recently by the Sunburst Award Society.

Winners of the juried Sunburst Awards receive a cash prize of \$1,000CAD for the Adult and YA categories and \$500CAD for the Short Story category. The Copper Cylinder Awards are “members’ choice” awards for novel-length works—the winners receive a handcrafted, copper cylinder trophy. The winners are:

Adult Fiction Sunburst*Experimental Film*, Gemma Files (ChiZine Publications)

YA Fiction Sunburst*An Inheritance of Ashes*, Leah Bobet (Scholastic Canada)

Short Story Sunburst*“Hide and Seek,”* Catherine A. MacLeod (*Playground of Lost Toys*, Exile Editions)

Adult Copper Cylinder*Signal to Noise*, Silvia Moreno-Garcia (Solaris)

YA Copper Cylinder*An Inheritance of Ashes*, Leah Bobet (Scholastic Canada)

WSFA SMALL PRESS AWARD

The winner of the 2016 **Washington Science Fiction Association Small Press Award** <wsfa.org/site/?p=510> was announced at Capclave <www.capclave.org/capclave/capclave16>, held 7-9 October 2016 at the Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg in Gaithersburg (Washington DC area) MD. The winner is **“Today I Am Paul,”** Martin L. Shoemaker, (*Clarkesworld Magazine* August 2015, Neil Clarke and Sean Wallace, ed.).

BRITISH FANTASY AWARDS

Winners of the 2016 British Fantasy Awards <www.britishtantasociety.org/category/british-fantasy-awards> were announced at FantasyCon <fantasyconbythesea.com>, held at The Grand Hotel and The Royal in Scarborough UK on 23–25 September 2016. The winners are:

Anthology *The Doll Collection*, Ellen Datlow, ed. (Tor Books)
Artist**Julie Dillon**
Collection*Ghost Summer: Stories*, Tananarive Due (Prime Books)

Comic/Graphic Novel*Bitch Planet*, Kelly Sue DeConnick, Valentine De Landro, Robert Wilson IV, and Cris Peter (Image Comics)

Fantasy Novel (aka Robert Holdstock Award)*Uprooted*, Naomi Novik (Macmillan)

Film/Television*Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell*, Peter Harness (BBC One)

Horror Novel (aka August Derleth Award)*Rawblood*, Catriona Ward (Weidenfeld & Nicolson)

Independent Press*Angry Robot* (Marc Gascoigne)

Magazine/Periodical*Beneath Ceaseless Skies*, Scott H. Andrews, ed. (Firkin Press)

Newcomer (aka Sydney J. Bounds Award)*Zen Cho, Sorcerer to the Crown* (Macmillan)

Non-Fiction*Letters to Tiptree*, Alexandra Pierce and Alisa Krasnostein, eds. (Twelfth Planet Press)

Novella*The Pauper Prince and the Eucalyptus Jinn*, Usman T. Malik (Tor.com)

Short Fiction*“Fabulous Beasts,”* Priya Sharma (Tor.com)

Special Award (aka Karl Edward Wagner Award)**The FantasyCon redshirts**, past and present

GEMMELL AWARDS

Winners of the 2016 David Gemmell Awards for Fantasy <www.gemmellawards.com> were also announced at FantasyCon. The winners are:

Ravenheart (for fantasy cover art)**Jason Chan** for *The Liar’s Key*, Mark Lawrence

Morningstar (for debut fantasy novel)*The Vagrant*, Peter Newman

Legend (for fantasy novel)*The Liar’s Key*, Mark Lawrence

DWARF STAR AND ELGIN AWARDS

Winners and runners up for the 2016 Dwarf Star and Elgin Awards have been announced by the Science Fiction Poetry Association <www.sfpoetry.com>. The Dwarf Stars honor short speculative fiction poems (1–10 lines) while the Elgin Awards are given in two categories; for spec fic chapbooks and full length collections.

Dwarf Star 1st Place**“We Begin This Way,”** Stacey Balkun (*Gingerbread House* 16)

Dwarf Star 2nd Place (3-way tie)**“at the barre,”** Julie Bloss Kelsey (*Rattle* 51), **“The Doorman,”** F.J. Bergmann (*Grievous Angel* May 2015), and **“Weathering,”** Sandi Leibowitz (*Silver Blade* 25)

Dwarf Star 3rd Place**“Alice was chasing white rabbits out of a black hole,”** John C. Mannone (*Abbreviate Journal* July–August 2015)

Elgin Chapbook 1st Place*Undoing Winter*, Shannon Connor Winward (Finishing Line)

Elgin Chapbook 2nd Place*Stairs Appear in a Hole Outside of Town*, John Philip Johnson (Graphic Poetry)

Elgin Chapbook 3rd Place*A Guide for the Practical Abductee*, E. Kristin Anderson (Red Bird)

Elgin Full-Length Collection 1st Place*Crowned: The Sign Of The Dragon Book 1*, Mary Soon Lee (Dark Renaissance)

Elgin Full-Length Collection 2nd Place*The Robot Scientist’s Daughter*, Jeannine Hall Gailey (Mayapple)

Elgin Full-Length Collection 3rd Place*Dark Energies*, Ann K. Schwader (P’rea)

GAYLACTIC SPECTRUM AWARDS

The winners for the Gaylactic Spectrum Awards (for “works in science fiction, fantasy and horror which include positive explorations of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered characters, themes, or issues”) <www.spectrumawards.org> were announced at Gaylaxicon 2016 <www.gaylaxicon2016.org>, held 7–9 October 2016 at the DoubleTree Hotel Minneapolis-Park Place in Minneapolis MN.

Or, at least the winner of the **Novel** category was announced—**Luna: New Moon**, Ian MacDonald (Tor Books). Winners of the **Short Fiction** and **Other Work** categories were not immediately available to the *Shuttle*.

CÓYOTL AWARDS

Winners of the 2015 Cóyotl Awards <coyotlawards.org> (for “Excellence in Anthropomorphic Literature”) were announced by the Furry Writers’ Guild <furrywritersguild.com> at Rocky Mountain Fur Con <www.rockymountainfurcon.org>, held 12–14 August 2016 at the Crowne Plaza DIA in Denver CO. An expanded list (with nominees/runners up) can be seen at <coyotlawards.org/2015-2>. The winners are:

Novel*Barsk: The Elephant’s Graveyard*, Lawrence M. Schoen (Tor Books)

Novella*Koa of the Drowned Kingdom*, Ryan Campbell (FurPlanet Productions)

Short Story**“The Analogue Cat,”** Alice “Huskyteer” Dryden (*The Furry Future*, Fred Patten, ed.)

Anthology*Inhuman Acts*, Ocean Tigrox, ed. (FurPlanet Productions)



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