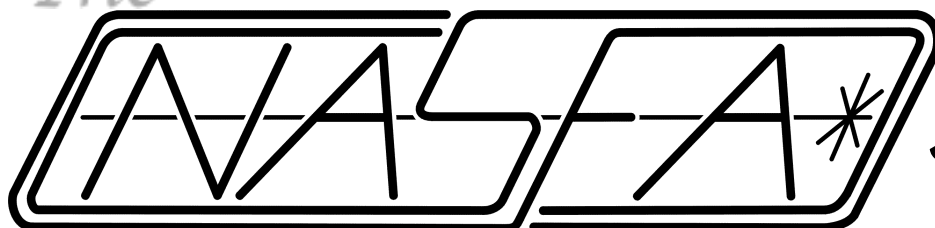


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# The Next NASFA Meeting is the More- or-Less Annual NASFA Cookout/Picnic, 19 May 2012 at Peggy Patrick's House

## ConCom Meeting 3P, 20 May at Mike Kennedy's House

### ¡ Oyez, Oyez ¡

The next **NASFA Meeting** will be Saturday **19 May 2012** but will *not* be at the regular time or location. The May meeting will be subsumed by the **More-Or-Less-Annual NASFA Cookout/Picnic**, to be held at Peggy Patrick's house. The gathering **starts at 1P and continues until Peggy kicks us out**. Folks should bring extra food and drink (well, more than you would for a normal ATMM) since this will last through a meal-time. See the map at right for directions.

#### MAY PROGRAM AND ATMM

The May program and After-the-Meeting Meeting will also be subsumed by the More-Or-Less-Annual NASFA Cookout/Picnic.

#### CONCOM MEETINGS

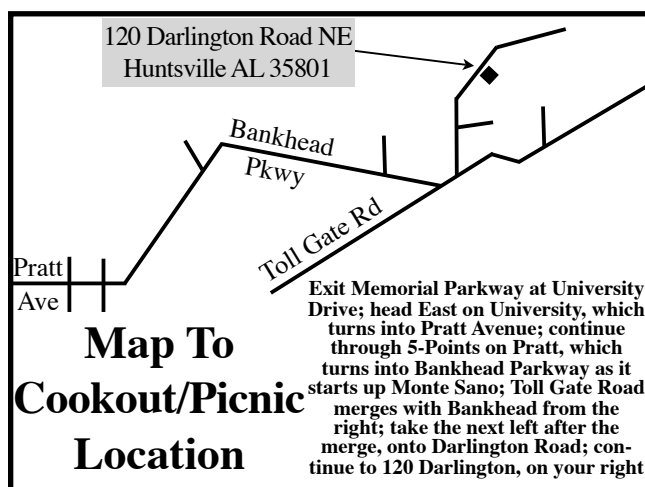
The next Con†Stellation XXXI concom meeting will be **Sunday 20 May**—the day *after* the Cookout/Picnic. The meeting will be at Mike Kennedy's house, starting at 3P.

The June concom meeting will be **Thursday 14 June**—the evening *before* DeepSouthCon starts. The meeting will be a dinner meeting starting at 6P. The *tentative* location is Mike Kennedy's house, but stay tuned because it's possible it may be moved.

The July concom meeting will be **Saturday 14 July**—the

same day as that month's club meeting—at 3P. Note that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday because the club meeting that month was moved to accommodate folks going to LibertyCon the next weekend. The meeting will be at the Renasant Bank meeting room if available or at Mike Kennedy's house if the bank room is booked at that time.

Dates for concom meetings after July are not yet determined.



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**Deadline for the June 2012 issue of *The NASFA Shuttle* is Monday 28 May 2012**

## CHANGING SHUTTLE DEADLINES

The deadline for the *NASFA Shuttle* is in the process of being tweaked *yet again*. The likely repro date has shifted somewhat to the right (roughly the weekend before each meeting) but most of each issue will still need to be put to bed as much as two weeks before the monthly meeting.

Please check the deadline below the Table of Contents each month to submit news, reviews, LoCs, or other material. We will generally need to enforce that deadline strictly.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS AND ATMMs

Future programs include:

- June: No program, the club meeting will be at DeepSouthCon 50.
- July: Stephanie Osborn, topic TBD.
- August: Les Johnson speaking on his book *Going Interstellar*.
- October: Probably the Con+Stellation Post-Mortem.
- December: Probably the More-Or-Less-Annual NASFA Gift Exchange.

We need volunteers for ATMMs for June (in your hotel room?), and almost all months past (though November is spoken for).

## FUTURE CLUB MEETING DATES

All remaining 2012 meetings are currently scheduled for the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday *except* the July meeting, which will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday due to a conflict with LibertyCon.

The June meeting *will* be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, but will be held at DeepSouthCon 50 (in Huntsville) rather than the usual meeting place. Whether or not that means an actual meeting will take place is left as an exercise for the reader.

## NASFA CALENDAR ONLINE

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

# News & Info

## SATURN V SHOT IN DRIVE-BY

The Saturn V on display in the Davidson Center building at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center <www.ussrc.com> was struck by at least one bullet in an apparent drive-by shooting in early May. As this article was being written, police reports indicate a 308-caliber rifle was fired from a car driving down I-565, in front of the USS&RC property. Based on Google Maps, that would make the range about 100–150 yards, depending on which lane the car was in. The front windows of the building were hit three times. Depending on the news report you believe, either two or one of those shots went on to hit the rocket, albeit without penetrating the metal skin.

The USS&RC was open at the time (about 10A) but fortunately no one was hurt in the attack. The Davidson Center was evacuated (apparently in an orderly fashion). The overall center reopened



Damage to window (left) and Saturn V

for business shortly after noon the same day, though reports were not clear on how long the Davidson Center building itself was closed.

The Saturn V is technically owned by the Smithsonian and on loan to the USS&RC, raising the possibility that there could be a federal investigation.

## CANADA UNITES, AGAIN

The 2012 Canadian Unity Fan Fund vote was won by Debra Yeung, who will travel to Convention (the Canadian natcon). That convention will be held this year in conjunction with When Words Collide <www.whenwordscollide.org>, to be held 10–12 August 2012 at the Best Western Village Park Inn in Calgary AB.

The administrator (Kent Pollard) reported that the total was 29 votes for Ms Yeung, 12 for Jane Garthson, and 1 No Preference. Voting donations totaled \$CDN302.48. Two of Ms Yeung's nominators were regular *Shuttle* LoCer Lloyd Penney and his wife Yvonne.

## OLDER WRITERS' GRANT DEADLINE EXTENDED

Due to a server glitch that deleted all emails received over about a dozen days in February and March, the Speculative Literature Foundation <www.speculativeliterature.org> has extended the deadline for their Older Writers' Grant to 31 May 2012. Details can be found online at <www.speclit.org/Grants/SLFOlderWriters.php>. The grant is \$750 and is for a writer who is 50 years of age or older and "who is just starting to work at a professional level."

## DUFF KERFUFFLE

As this is being written, nominations for the Down Under Fan Fund have just closed, after a nom period of less than two weeks. The ballot is supposed to be published as soon as possible but voting will be open for less than three weeks, closing 31 May. This timing is such that the winner for this "east to west" year would be unable to attend the New Zealand natcon (to be held 1–4 June) unless they departed North America before the winner was announced and would be hard pressed to even make arrangements in time for the Australian natcon (to be held 8–11 June).

This has caused much gnashing of teeth on the web—and no small amount of vitriol. One announced *candidate* has said he plans to vote for "Hold Over Funds" and encourages others to do so also. Fun times.

## SHOULD THERE BE A YA HUGO?

Much discussion has bloomed in the blogosphere about the possibility of a Hugo for Best Young Adult Book. A proposal has been submitted to the Business Meeting for this year's Worldcon that calls for such a Hugo, with YA books of any length being eligible. Of the proposers (Chris M. Barkley, Lou Berger, Bobbi DuFault, Juli Hanslip, Dan Kimmel, and Stu Segal), Mr. Barkley has been perhaps the most forward of the group and has taken the most flack from opponents.

## TOM DOHERTY SINGS FREE BIRD

Tor Books <www.tor.com>, in the person of Tom Doherty, has announced they will be dropping Digital Rights Management from all ebooks as of July 2012. This will include not only Tor itself, but the Orb, Starscape, and Tor Teen imprints as well.

Tor isn't the first genre publisher to make this move (Baen is an example probably familiar to many *Shuttle* readers) but it's the first to do so that's part of the so-called Big Six (Hachette, Macmillan—which owns Tor, Penguin, HarperCollins, Random House, and Simon & Schuster). Tor is also one of the biggest dogs—likely *the* Big Dog—in English-language sf/f publishing so it's possible this nudge from them may cause other dominos to fall. [How's that for mixed metaphors? -ED]

## SF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

The 2012 inductees to the Science Fiction Hall of Fame <tinyurl.com/SFHof> have been announced—James Cameron, Virgil Finlay, Joe Haldeman, and James Tiptree, Jr. The SFHoF has been closed, but will reopen as part of the “Icons of Science Fiction” exhibit at the Experience Music Project Museum on 9 June 2012 in Seattle WA.

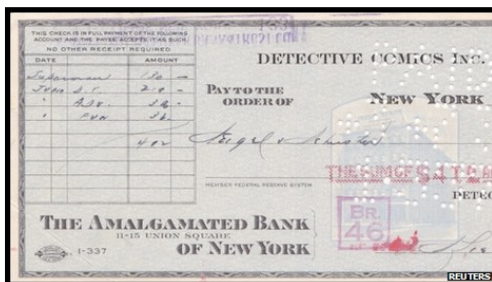
## CDC PREPARES FOR ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

The Centers for Disease Control want to help you upgrade your Zombie Preparedness <www.cdc.gov/phpr/zombies.htm>.

The CDC says the site “began as a tongue in cheek campaign to engage new audiences with preparedness messages [and] has proven to be a very effective platform.” It turns out that being prepared for zombies has a lot in common with being prepared for tornados, or earthquakes, or disease outbreaks, or whatever might haunt your nightmares. The site includes a Graphic Novella, the plot of which—up until the last couple of pages—would fit right in at your local comic book store or specialty bookshop. Check page 7 of this ish for a CDC ZP poster.

## SUPERMAN, SUPER RIGHTS, SUPER PRICE

The canceled check used by Detective Comics (later DC Comics) to purchase the rights to Superman and several other characters from Jerome Siegel and Joe Shuster was sold recently. The check fetched \$160,000 in an online auction conducted by <ComicConnect.com>. The Super rights originally went for \$130, the check totaled around \$400 for all the characters.



# NASFA Calendar

## MAY

- 01 BD: Russell McNutt.
- 01 Día del Trabajo.
- 03 Bailey Cove Library Book Discussion: *Robocalypse*, Daniel H. Wilson; 6P.
- 04-06 Outlantacon—Atlanta GA.
- 05 Cinco de Mayo.
- 10 Día de la Madre.
- 13 Mothers' Day.
- 16 BD: Linda Bolgeo.
- 17-20 Nebula Awards Weekend—Arlington VA.
- 18-20 Mobicon—Mobile AL.
- 19\* NASFA Picnic—at Peggy Patrick's house, 1P until we're kicked out. This will substitute for the NASFA meeting, program, and ATMM. See the “Oyez, Oyez” column for any other details.
- 19 BD: David O. Miller.
- 19 Armed Forces Day.
- 19 Collectors Showcase—Morristown TN.
- 19 ScoreCon2—Nashville TN.
- 20\* Con+Stellation XXXI Concom Meeting—3P at Mike Kennedy's house. **PLEASE NOTE that this is the Sunday** immediately following the NASFA Picnic.
- 24-28 Atlanta Game Fest 20—Atlanta GA.
- 25-27 Rocket City FurMeet—Huntsville AL.

- 25-27 Timegate—Atlanta GA.
- 25-27 Oasis 25—Orlando FL.
- 25-27 NashCon—Franklin TN.
- 27 BD: Kathy Paulk.
- 28 Memorial Day.

## JUNE

- 01-03 ConCarolinas—Charlotte NC.
- 01-03 Hamacon—Huntsville AL.
- 02 BD: Lloyd Penney.
- 07 Bailey Cove Library Book Discussion: *Snow Crash*, Neal Stephenson; 6P.
- 08-10 Sci Fi Summer Con—Atlanta GA.
- 08-10 OMGcon—Paducah KY.
- 09-10 Salute To Supernatural—Nashville TN.
- 09-10 Con Kasterborous—Huntsville AL.
- 09-10 Comic & Anime Con—Knoxville TN.
- 09-10 Creation Star Trek—Nashville TN.
- 13 BD: Bill S.
- 14\* Con+Stellation XXXI Concom Meeting—dinner meeting starting at 6P. Tentatively at Mike Kennedy's house, though that's subject to change. **PLEASE NOTE that this is the Thursday** immediately before DSC 50.
- 14 BD: Ali Scanland.
- 14 Flag Day.
- 15-17 DeepSouthCon 50—Huntsville AL.
- 16\* NASFA Meeting—at DSC 50; stay tuned for details including time and exact location. Program: None. ATMM: Possibly none (but who knows, we could always party in someone's hotel room).
- 15-17 Anime Blues Con—Memphis TN.
- 15-17 Faerie Escape—Atlanta GA.
- 16 Collectors Showcase—Johnson City TN.
- 17 BD: Jeff Freeman.
- 17 Fathers' Day.
- 20 BD: PieEyedDragon.
- 20 First day of Summer.
- 22-24 Seishun-Con—Atlanta GA.
- 22-24 Imagicon—Columbus GA.
- 29-01 BayouCon—Lake Charles LA.
- 29-01 Mid America Comiccon/Fandomfest/Fright Night Horror Weekend and Film Festival—Louisville KY.

## JULY

- 01 Canada Day.
- 02 BD: Deb Stone.
- 04 Independence Day.
- 05 Bailey Cove Library Book Discussion: *The Martian Chronicles*, Ray Bradbury; 6P.
- 09 Nunavut Day.
- 13-15 Anime Southeast—Sevierville TN.
- 14\* Con+Stellation XXXI Concom Meeting—3P at Renasant Bank (if available at that time).
- 14\* NASFA Meeting—6P Business, 7P Program, at Renasant Bank. Program: Stephanie Osborn, topic TBD. ATMM: TBD. **PLEASE NOTE that this is one week earlier than the usual weekend**, to accommodate folks attending LibertyCon.
- 14 Sukoshi Con—Athens GA.
- 20-22 LibertyCon 25—Chattanooga TN.
- 20-22 NAPPA Con—Decatur AL.
- 21 Rob-Con—Bristol TN.
- 22 Parents' Day.
- 24 BD: Jay Johns.
- 26-29 Play On Con—Birmingham AL.
- 29 BD: Mark Paulk.





**Pioneer Award** (essay-length work) .....“**Toward a Cosmopolitan Science Fiction**,” David M. Higgins (*American Literature* June 2011)

Pioneer Award Honorable Mention .....“The Predisposed Agency of Genomic Fiction,” Everett Hamner (*American Literature* June 2011)

Pioneer Award Honorable Mention .....“Reproductive Technologies, Fetal Icons, and Genetic Freaks: Shelley Jackson’s *Patchwork Girl* and the Limits of Possibilities of Donna Haraway’s *Cyborg*,” Heather Latimer (*Modern Fiction Studies* Summer 2011)

**Thomas D. Claeson Award for Distinguished Service** .....  
**Art Evans**

**Mary Kay Bray Award** (best essay, interview, or extended review in the past year’s *SFRA Review*) .....**Review of *Rise of the Planet of the Apes***, T.S. Miller

Bray Award Honorable Mention ...“Video Games Studies 101,” Lars Schmeink

**Student Essay Award** (best student paper presented at the previous year’s SFRA conference) .....“**Fantastic Voices: Octavia Butler’s First-Person Narrators and ‘The Evening and the Morning and the Night,’**” Florian Bast  
**EDGARS TAP GENRE WORK**

The 2012 Edgar Award winners (from the Mystery Writers of America <[www.mysterywriters.org](http://www.mysterywriters.org)> included at least one sf/f work. *The Company Man*, Robert Jackson Bennett (Orbit US), took home the Edgar for **Best Paperback Original**. The full list of winners is on the Edgar Awards site at <[www.theedgars.com/nominees.html](http://www.theedgars.com/nominees.html)>.

#### FIRST FANDOM AWARDS NOMS

First Fandom <[www.firstfandom.org](http://www.firstfandom.org)> has announced nominees for their various awards. Votes are due from FF members by 1 June 2012. [Cripes! I just realized that based on over 30 years of club membership I’m eligible for First Fandom Associate Membership. I guess I *am* old. -ED] Winners will be announced during Chicon 7. Note that multiple persons may win in the Hall of Fame category. The nominees are:

First Fandom Hall of Fame Award nominees: Ray Bradbury, Larry Farsace, Claude Held, and Jack Robins

First Fandom Posthumous Hall of Fame Award nominee: Rusty Hevelin

Sam Moskowitz Archive Award nominee: Donn Albright

#### BFA NOMS ANNOUNCED

Nominees for the 2012 British Fantasy Awards—presented by the British Fantasy Society <[www.britishfantasyociety.co.uk](http://www.britishfantasyociety.co.uk)>—have been announced. Nomination is by BFS members, FantasyCon attendees, and a complex jury system. The list of nominees is somewhat complex, including a single novel list that is to produce two different winners (horror & fantasy). Winners in most categories will be selected by the main list of judges (James Barclay, Hal Duncan, Maura McHugh, Esther Sherman, and Damien G. Walter); some other categories have their own judging list. Winners will be announced at FantasyCon 2012 <[www.fantasycon2012.org](http://www.fantasycon2012.org)>, to be held 27–30 September at the Royal Albion Hotel in Brighton UK. Nominees in the full list of 11 (or 12?) categories can be seen online at <[tinyurl.com/BFA2012Noms](http://tinyurl.com/BFA2012Noms)>.

#### JOHN W. CAMPBELL MEMORIAL AWARD NOMS

Finalists for the 2012 John W. Campbell Memorial Award <[www.sfcenter.ku.edu/campbell.htm](http://www.sfcenter.ku.edu/campbell.htm)> have been announced. (Note that this isn’t the Campbell Award presented at Worldcon.) The Campbell Memorial Award is “for the best science-fiction novel of the year” and is presented at the annual Campbell Conference (sponsored by the J. Wayne and Elsie M. Gunn Center for the Study of Science Fiction at the University of

Kansas <[www.sfcenter.ku.edu](http://www.sfcenter.ku.edu)>), to be held 5–8 July 2012 at the Oread Hotel in Lawrence KS. The nominees are:

*Ready Player One*, Ernest Cline (Crown)

*This Shared Dream*, Kathleen Ann Goonan (Tor)

*Soft Apocalypse*, Will McIntosh (Night Shade)

*Embassytown*, China Miéville (Del Rey)

*The Islanders*, Christopher Priest (Gollancz)

*The Highest Frontier*, Joan Slonczewski (Tor)

*Dancing with Bears*, Michael Swanwick (Night Shade)

*Osama*, Lavie Tidhar (PS)

*Robopocalypse*, Daniel H. Wilson (Simon & Schuster)

*Home Fires*, Gene Wolfe (Tor)

*Seed*, Rob Ziegler (Night Shade)

#### LOCUS AWARD “FINALISTS”

*Locus Magazine* and the Locus Science Fiction Foundation <[www.lsff.net](http://www.lsff.net)> have announced the “finalists” for their 2012 Locus Awards. The vote is conducted in a single round, with the top five vote recipients in each category announced as finalists (even though the winner has already been determined).

Due to the length (15 categories) the entire list isn’t given here—check the web at <[www.locusmag.com/News/2012/05/2012-locus-award-finalists](http://www.locusmag.com/News/2012/05/2012-locus-award-finalists)>. The winners will be announced during the Science Fiction Awards Weekend, to be held 15–17 June in Seattle WA.

#### PARSEC AWARDS NOMS

Nominees for the 2012 Parsec Awards <[www.parsecawards.com](http://www.parsecawards.com)> for speculative fiction podcasts have been announced. The lengthy list of nominees is online at <[www.parsecawards.com/2012-parsec-awards/nominees](http://www.parsecawards.com/2012-parsec-awards/nominees)>. The nearly-as-lengthy list of categories (and descriptions thereof) is at <[www.parsecawards.com/2012-parsec-awards/category-descriptions](http://www.parsecawards.com/2012-parsec-awards/category-descriptions)>.

#### 2012 SEIUN NOMS

Nominees for the Seiun Awards, sometimes called the Japanese Hugos, have been announced. The awards are voted on by members of the Japanese natcon. Winners in all categories will be announced and the awards presented at Varicon 2012, to be held 7–8 July in Yūbari, Hokkaidō, Japan. Winners of the Foreign (translated) awards are often re-presented at Worldcon. Nominations in those two categories are:

#### Seiun Foreign Novel Noms

*The Windup Girl*, Paolo Bacigalupi

*Millennium People*, James Ballard

*Dhalgren*, Samuel Delaney

*Little Brother*, Cory Doctorow

*The City and the City*, China Miéville

*The Chronoliths*, Robert Charles Wilson

#### Seiun Foreign Short Story Noms

“The Gambler,” Paolo Bacigalupi

“The People of Sand and Slag,” Paolo Bacigalupi

“The Lifecycle of Software Objects,” Ted Chiang

“The Pelican Bar,” Karen Joy Fowler

“The Little Goddess,” Ian McDonald

“Troika,” Alastair Reynolds

#### SHIRLEY JACKSON AWARDS NOMS

Nominations for the 2011 Shirley Jackson Awards <[www.shirleyjacksonawards.org](http://www.shirleyjacksonawards.org)> have been announced. These juried awards are for achievement in psychological suspense, horror, and dark fantastic literature. Winners will be announced and the awards presented Sunday 15 July 2012 at Readercon 23 <[www.readercon.org](http://www.readercon.org)>, to be held 12–15 July at the Burlington Marriott in Burlington MA. By category the nominees are:

#### Shirley Jackson Novel Noms

*The Great Lover*, Michael Cisco (Chōmu Press)

*The Last Werewolf*, Glen Duncan (Canongate Books, Ltd.)

*Witches on the Road Tonight*, Sheri Holman (Grove Press)

*Knock Knock*, S.P. Miskowski (Omnium Gatherum Media)  
*The Dracula Papers*, Reggie Oliver (Chômu Press)  
*The Devil All the Time*, Donald Ray Pollock (Doubleday)

#### **Shirley Jackson Novella Noms**

"And the Dead Shall Outnumber the Living," Deborah Biancotti (*Ishtar*, Gilgamesh Press)  
 "Near Zennor," Elizabeth Hand (*A Book of Horrors*, Jo Fletcher Books)  
 "Displacement," Michael Marano (*Stories from the Plague Years*, Cemetery Dance Publications)  
 "A Child's Problem," Reggie Oliver (*A Book of Horrors*, Jo Fletcher Books)  
 "Rose Street Attractors," Lucius Shepard (*Ghosts by Gaslight*, Harper Voyager)  
*The Men Upstairs*, Tim Waggoner (Delirium Books)

#### **Shirley Jackson Novelette Noms**

"The Last Triangle," Jeffrey Ford (*Supernatural Noir*, Dark Horse)  
 "The Summer People," Kelly Link (*Tin House 49/Steampunk! An Anthology of Fantastically Rich and Strange Stories*, Candlewick Press)  
 "Omphalos," Livia Llewellyn (*Engines of Desire: Tales of Love & Other Horrors*, Lethe Press)  
 "Ditch Witch," Lucius Shepard (*Supernatural Noir*, Dark Horse)  
 "The Ballad of Ballard and Sandrine," Peter Straub (*Conjunctions* 56)

#### **Shirley Jackson Short Fiction Noms**

"Hair," Joan Aiken (*The Monkey's Wedding and Other Stories*, Small Beer Press/*F&SF* July/August 2011)  
 "Sunbleached," Nathan Ballingrud (*Teeth*, HarperCollins)  
 "Absolute Zero," Nadia Bulkin (*Creatures: Thirty Years of Monsters*, Prime Books)  
 "Max," Jason Ockert (*The Iowa Review* 41/1)  
 "The Corpse Painter's Masterpiece," M. Rickert (*F&SF*, September/October 2011)  
 "Things to Know About Being Dead," Genevieve Valentine (*Teeth*, HarperCollins)

#### **Shirley Jackson Single-Author Collection Noms**

*Red Gloves*, Christopher Fowler (PS Publishing)  
*The Janus Tree*, Glen Hirshberg (Subterranean Press)  
*Engines of Desire: Tales of Love & Other Horrors*, Livia Llewellyn (Lethe Press)  
*After the Apocalypse: Stories*, Maureen F. McHugh (Small Beer Press)  
*The Corn Maiden and Other Nightmares*, Joyce Carol Oates (Mysterious Press)  
*What Wolves Know*, Kit Reed (PS Publishing)

#### **Shirley Jackson Edited Anthology Noms**

*Ghosts by Gaslight*, Jack Dann and Nick Gevers, eds. (Harper Voyager)  
*Blood and Other Cravings*, Ellen Datlow, ed. (Tor)  
*Supernatural Noir*, Ellen Datlow, ed. (Dark Horse)  
*Teeth*, Ellen Datlow and Terri Windling, eds. (HarperCollins)  
*A Book of Horrors*, Stephen Jones, ed. (Jo Fletcher Books)  
*The Thackery T. Lambshead Cabinet of Curiosities*, Ann VanderMeer and Jeff VanderMeer, eds. (Harper Voyager)

#### **NEW VAN VOGT AWARD BY WINSFA**

The Winnipeg Science Fiction Association Inc. has announced creation of the A.E. van Vogt Award. The announcement was timed to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. Van Vogt was born in Edenburg MB. The award will include a presentation piece and monetary prize. WINSFA will host an award ceremony in Winnipeg in late September 2012.

## Letter of Comment

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30 April 2012

I am just in time to write up a quick letter of comment on the April *Shuttle*. It's been a busy weekend (went to a Victorian high tea!), so a few comments will follow.

Hope Con†Stellation was a great time for everyone, and hope you enjoy this year's DSC. We've had our first conventions of the year here, and more will be coming this summer. And there I am on the calendar... I turn 53 this year, and Yvonne and I celebrate 29 years of marriage on May 28, a Memorial Day of another kind for us.

When we were in Vegas a few years ago, the Trek show at one of the strip hotels was going on, but we didn't see it... more expensive at the door than was advertised in the papers and on the phone. We also noticed that more hotels were being built at the bottom of the strip, but were halted in construction because of money problems and a German investor pulling out, accord to the local paper. I expect these projects are finally completed, but newer projects like this reproduction of the Enterprise? I wouldn't hold my breath.

You should be able to get the FAAn Award, given out earlier in the month at Corflu Glitter in Las Vegas. Just in case, here's the results...

Best Website.....efanzines.com, hosted by Bill Burns  
 Harry Warner, Jr. Memorial Award Best Letterhack .....Robert Lichtman

Best Perzine .....*A Meara for Observers*, Mike Meara  
 Best Single Issue or Anthology .....*Alternative Pants*, by Randy Byers

Best Fan Artist .....Steve Stiles  
 Best Fan Writer .....Mark Plummer  
 Best Genzine or Collaboration...*Banana Wings*, Mark Plummer & Claire Briale, editors  
 # 1 Fan Face.....Mark Plummer

And re awards, I have some high hopes for the Aurora Awards this year. With some luck, my chances of winning this year are very good. Fingers crossed...

Renaming awards, while an even more definitive way of honouring a giant in your field, causes so many schisms, especially with older members of the field who remember the original person the award is named for. Perhaps a general name for the award, also mentioning those who have gone before. It's a little simpler, and with luck, it will heal any schism rather than create it.

Made the page, and I have to think more about getting ready to leave... many thanks, and I will see this zine again next month.

[Good to hear from you, Lloyd, though I wonder what I might have done to give the misimpression that Con†Stellation has passed this year—it's in October. As for DeepSouthCon, I'm certainly looking forward to it and I believe many others are also. I know I had trouble getting a room in the hotel. Thanks for the list of FAAn winners though, you're right, I found them elsewhere too. -ED]





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