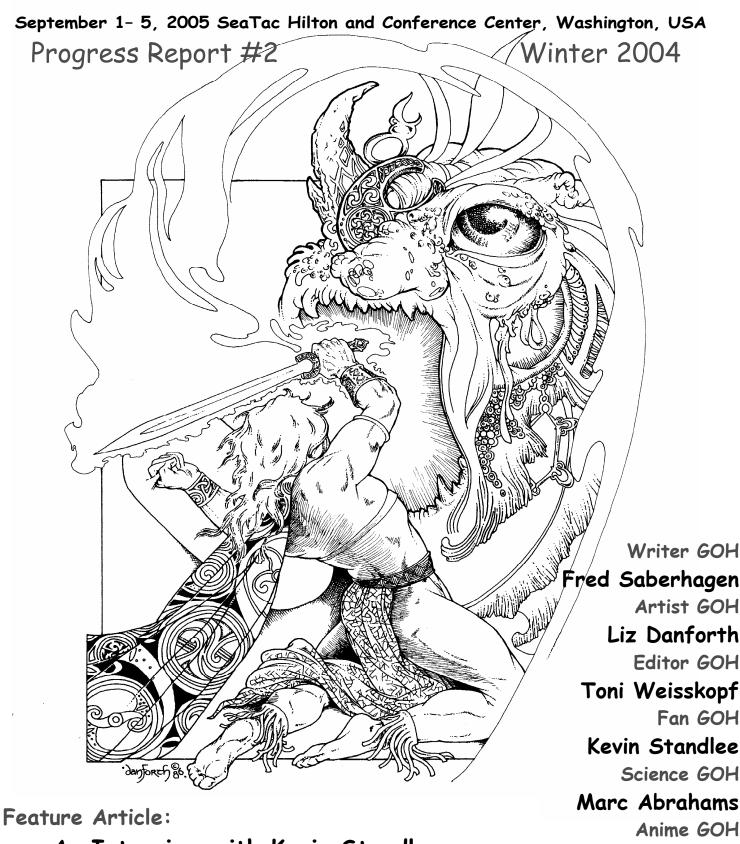
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An Interview with Kevin Standlee



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A Message From the Chair

Another one of these reports due already? My, how time flies! It is incredible how much there is to do and how little time, even with 2 years, there is to get it all done! Like a Worldcon we have a vision of a large SF con with many components, a framework, if you will, to work with, but because we are not the Worldcon we have some ability to try different things and to create a new experience on the old framework. The big picture is pretty much in place and now it is a matter of getting all the pieces moving in the right direction, committee and staff all doing their part to make the final project perfect, or at least as close as possible. It really is all about PASSION, passion for the genre, the people, the parties, the panels, our artists, panellists, writers and fen. We have taken and drawn the sky with a passionate picture and now we are shooting to color it all in with the most vibrant colors and detail that can possibly be imagined.

A wonderful person advised me recently to view this convention as an **artist** with an attention to **detail.** We all know that the devil is in the details and to that end my staff and I will work towards making sure the details are all in place so that your convention experience will be wonderful and more than you expect. We are not delusional, and we know that things can and probably will go wrong but when they do we will be right there to correct them and make sure they do not sully the wonderful artwork we are all working so hard to create. Even the grandest project like this one depends on the success of the smallest components, and that takes volunteers. We have room for you to join us in creating this grand adventure. Cascadia Con is not just about Seattle, we are the Pacific Northwest and we need people to help us pay attention to the details. Volunteers to help make sure the vision is presented as a masterpiece and not just another large con.

By the time you read this we will be down to just under a year left to pull it all together. We are excited, and perhaps anxious to have all the pieces fall into place, to be moving past the planning and into the execution stage of the plans. We cannot wait to see all your faces, share in the magic and the delight. I feel sort of like what I imagine Walt Disney felt on opening day of Disneyland and like him I do not want you to see the world you live in today while you are in Cascadia, I want you to imagine tomorrow, to feel you are in another world.

-Bobbie DuFault

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A Report from the FACILITIES Division

Glenn Glazer Facilities Division Head

The Facilities Division for Cascadia Con includes not only the hotels and meeting spaces, but also the fixed functions as well. Below, you will find a few words from our Art Show and Dealers Room Coordinators, as well as a detailed report from our Hotel Liaison. In the PRs to come, look for more information from these departments, as well as reports from Exhibits, Lobby Services and Party Coordination. There will also be information up on our website.

I look forward to seeing you in Seattle.

Hotels

Sally Woehrle

Cascadia Con will be using two hotels, the Hilton and the Radisson. Before describing each hotel, I would like to say that both hotels are frequently used for local fannish conventions. They know us, know what we need and don't need and are looking forward to having us. Although the hotels are only three blocks apart, rest assured that we are planning a shuttle service between them.

The Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center has reopened as a new hotel after a 60 million dollar renovation that dramatically transformed it into the most technologically advanced hotel in the area. It is situated on 10 acres, conveniently located 3 minutes from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (1/4 mile away). It is within a 1 mile access of I-5 and I-405 and just 12 miles from the Seattle downtown area. The Hilton is built around an open area that has the swimming pool and a Gazebo. Weather permitting; most of the parties will open onto this area.

The hotel airport shuttle departs from the hotel and airport every 15 minutes and offers 24-Hour service. Other amenities include an outdoor heated swimming pool, an indoor hot tub, a 2000 square-foot 24-hour state-of-the-art fitness center, laundry service, valet service, coin laundry, ATM, safety deposit box, baggage storage and more.

There are 396 state-of-the-art guest rooms and 7 suites. Each guest room features 2 dual-line telephones with voice mail and data ports, high-speed internet access, and Web TV along with the usual amenities such as coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board.

Reservations are now available. The rate will be standard room \$109+tax/night and suites \$159+tax/ night. Call the Hotel directly at (206)244-4800 or make your reservation online using the online code of NSF. The suite reservations, as usual, will be handled by the convention.

Our second hotel is the Radisson Seattle Airport Hotel provides both additional rooms and additional function space. The Radisson is about 3 blocks north of the Hilton. As a nice bit of fannish history, this is the hotel that hosted Seacon, the Seattle World Con in 1961, when one hotel could hold the entire convention.

The Radisson Hotel also offers shuttle service to and from the airport. It has a heated outdoor pool, and a fitness center with a sauna. In-room special amenities include multiple telephones, workstation, voicemail, data ports, coffee maker, irons, ironing boards, hairdryers, and remote controlled cable television. In addition, a week day newspaper is delivered to your door.

The room rate at the Radisson will be \$89+tax/night. This rate will be good from 3 days before to 3 days after the convention. They are not quite ready to take reservations yet. But by the time you get this they probably will be.

Call the hotel direct at (206)244-6000 or make your reservations online using the online code of CASCAD.

Art Show

Lacy & Stuart Axmaker

The Art Show is gearing up and the artist invitation mailing should go out before the end of the year. The Art Show website should also be up soon, where forms and information will be able to be found. The webpage will be at <u>http://www.spith.com/artshow/nasfic/</u> and there will also be a mirror at <u>http://www.CascadiaCon.org/Artshow/</u>

Dealers Room

Charlie & Tracy Knoedler

The Dealers Room will be run by Charlie and Tracy Knoedler. We will be taking applications starting February 1st, 2005. The Dealers Room will not be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis but by category with an emphasis on books. Of course, all dealers are welcome to apply and anyone who is interested in becoming a dealer is invited to go to <u>http://www.cascadiacon.org</u> and download our dealers' application. If you have any questions please e-mail us at dealers@cascadiacon.org. Hope to hear from all upcoming dealers!

1961 Worldcon 19 Banquet in Seattle—Seacon



Coping with 2005: Future Teaching, Future Thinking

Cascadia Con and the Science Fiction Museum and Hall of fame are proud to co-host the Educator's Conference on Thursday, September 1, 2005.

This conference within the North America Science Fiction Convention is a free bonus to all Cascadia Con members who elect to attend.

The Cascadia Educators Conference Board of Advisors is working on two morning tracks.



SCIENCE FICTION MUSEUM AND HALL OF FAME

The Developing Young Readers working group is lead by Nikki Burns. She has a Masters in teaching of secondary English. Other DYR team members include Robyn Meadows, three time recipient of Scholastic Early Childhood Professional Awards' Honorable Mention; Ali Grieve, Special Education teacher in the Tumwater (WA) School district; Charlene C. Harmon, Life, the Universe and Everything: The Marion K. "Doc" Smith Symposium on Science Fiction and Fantasy; Lynda Williams, creator of the Okal Rel Universe; Laura Swift, has a BS in Philosophy and Physics from Utah State University and a Master's of Space Studies from the International Space University in Strasbourg, France; and Dr. Robert James, William Tenn and Robert Heinlein scholar.

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Registration for the Educators Conference by current Cascadia Con members can be made through memberships@cascadiacon.org

Educators wishing to attend only the Conference may register at http://www.cascadiacon.org/EMC_reg.php the price for attending only the conference is \$60.00 and includes all materials and an Educators Workbook. Access on Thursday to the regular Cascadia Con facilities allows the one day attendees to take advantage of the additional programming, evening activities, as well as entrance into the Dealers Room, Art Show, Film Festival and Hospitality Suite. Membership upgrades will be made available to this special class of attendees.

The current price of \$95.00 (until 4/15/2005) includes the Educators Conference and the total 5-day Cascadia Con, the North America Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC). Additional panels and workshops of interest to educators will be available throughout the 5-day convention.

This program is co-hosted by the Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame. Professional clock hours and University credit will be made available through Seattle University. There is a small processing fee paid to the University to record the clock hours and credits. The forms and all necessary paperwork will be available at the conference. More information will be available on our website at http://www.cascadiacon.org as we move closer to the event.

8th Annual Student Science Fiction and Fantasy Contest

To enter, please visit: <u>http://www.bucconeer.worldcon.org/</u>

Thousands of science fiction writers, artists, editors and fans from around the world will participate in the five-day 2005 North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC) with its variety of panels, exhibits, and events relating to science fiction themes. Many of these people began reading science fiction and fantasy when they were young. Not only did this inspire many to enter science and computer fields, as they grew older, it helped develop them into life long readers.

The NASFiC is held whenever the World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon) is not in North America, such as 2005 when the Worldcon will be in Glasgow, Scotland. The 8th NASFiC, Cascadia Con, will be held September 1-5, 2005 in Seattle, WA, USA.

To encourage young people to develop an interest in the science fiction and fantasy genre, our organization (Baltimore Worldcon 1998, Inc.), in conjunction with Cascadia Con, is sponsoring a contest for all elementary, middle, and high school students. Last year, nearly 650 students entered.

To participate in the contest, students may write their own science fiction or fantasy stories, create their own science fiction or fantasy art, and write essays on science topics. Please note that the entries must be postmarked by Thursday, March 31, 2005, and include a signed entry form to be eligible. For information and forms please visit the Baltimore Worldcon Web site at: <u>www.bucconeer.worldcon.org</u> or send an e-mail to <u>contest@bucconeer.worldcon.org</u>

Science fiction and fantasy expand horizons and open new worlds for their readers. The stories they tell can take us to the farthest reaches of the universe, explore new facets of the world around us, or take us to a magical realm... Science fiction and fantasy aren't limited to the written word. Science fiction and fantasy art can illustrate a story or tell one of its own... Science fiction is grounded in science fact. The science of today, whether it is exploring the possibility of life on Mars or mapping the human genetic structure, can serve as the basis for science fiction stories.



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NASFiC Site Selection for 2007

Notice to Prospective Bidders

Because the 2007 World Science Fiction Convention will be held outside of North America, Cascadia Con is responsible for conducting the selection of a 2007 site for the North American Science Fiction Convention ("NASFiC").

Any committee wishing to bid to host the NASFiC must submit proof of eligibility no later than March 5, 2005.

The following documents are required:

- 1. An announcement of intent to bid, including the proposed dates and convention site (which must be located in North America).
- 2. Adequate evidence of an agreement with the proposed site's facilities, such as a conditional contract or letter of agreement
- 3. A copy of the rules under which the NAS-FiC committee will operate, including specification of the term of office of the chief executive officer and the conditions and procedures for his selection and replacement.

The documents must be transmitted to Tom Veal, Site Selection Administrator, by postal mail (3000 North Sheridan Road, Apt. 2C, Chicago, Illinois 60657), fax ((312) 297-2595) or e-mail

(TomVeal@ix.netcom.com), and must be received by him no later than the March 5, 2005, deadline.

Interested parties should consult the Constitution of the World Science Fiction Society, Article IV (particularly sections 4.6 and 4.8) for additional information and should feel free to send questions to the Administrator.

Volunteers to assist with site selection at the convention will be enthusiastically welcomed.



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The Fannish Life of Kevin Standlee

[Alex Von Thorn interviewed Kevin Standlee at home by telephone in the summer of 2004.]

Q: How did you get involved in fandom?

A: Not many people could just point to a single frame of a single graphic novel and say, "That was the thing that led to everything else," but I can. In 1983, when I was seventeen years old, I was in a bookstore in the local mall, and I ran across the collected *Elfquest* graphic novels. There was a particular panel that just grabbed me. I fell in love with that series. That led me to finding other comic book fans, and that led me to finding the World Science Fiction Convention in 1984, which had a huge Elfquest gathering. That was my first convention ever. I took a bus from northern California all night long down to Anaheim, the longest trip I'd been away from home on my own.

By the way, as a sign of things that were to come, I was at the business meeting at that Worldcon. I moved the adjournment on the first day of the meeting. Ten years later, I was chairing the meeting.

Q. How did you get involved in running conventions?

A. I ended up going to the Westercon in Sacramento in 1985. Then I went to a few other conventions. I went to a convention in Sacramento called Eclecticon. I heard that a group was getting together to bid for another Sacramento Westercon. I had it explained to me how these conventions were selected, and I drove from Yuba City down to Sacramento to a meeting at Terry Biffel's house. I sat around, and the ongoing theme of the meeting, over and over again, was "We don't have money to do this or that." I took a fifty-dollar bill, which was a lot of money to college-student Kevin at the time, and put it on the table. I stood up and said, "Will this help?" and they said, "Yes, it would!" That's how I found myself on the committee for the Sacramento Westercon bid for 1991.

Q. So you were bidding for a Westercon before you'd ever been on a convention committee?

A. I had gotten involved indirectly. Because of my *Elfquest* interest, I had gotten involved with the fan club for Robert Asprin's *Myth Adventures* series. I'd been going to conventions to promote the fan club for about five or six years. So I had already started to get to know people that way. After I got involved with the Westercon, I went to four or five conventions promoting the bid, and promoting the fan club and doing other things.

We did not win that bid; Vancouver beat us by a handful of votes. After that, several of us that weren't entirely fed up got roped into working on the San Francisco in '93 Worldcon bid, which had been going on in parallel to the Westercon bid. Along that time, I started doing newsletters at conventions.

Q. You're known now as an expert in parliamentary procedure. How did this become an interest of yours?

A. I was on the student council at my elementary school. I was involved in student politics, but I didn't do very well. I couldn't get elected very often, because I wasn't a hugely popular kid. But as a technician, I was pretty good. I obtained a copy of *Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised)*, and it struck me as a very interesting set of rules. Something in it spoke to my sense of organization. When it came to being able to debate something under formal rules, I was very good at that.

Q. How do you see this relating to your expression of fandom?

A. Fandom is a volunteer effort, and we bring people from lots of different areas. There's a difference between the use of parliamentary procedure in what's called a deliberative assembly, where you're debating things in a structured environment and you have to accommodate a whole bunch of different views, and when you're trying to organize a committee to get a specific event going. The example I usually give is that the person who's leading a deliberative assembly is like the referee in a sporting match, but on a committee, that person's more like the team captain. I've taken on both roles. I do try and let as many people as possible get their view in on things that I'm organizing, within limits.

Q. Other than the business meeting, what parts of conventions do you like to participate in?

A. This has changed over time. Back in the late '80s, I got involved in doing the newsletters at Baycon and Silicon for several years. I also did the newsletter at Orycon one year.

I was at the Ft. Lauderdale Smofcon, sharing a room with David Medinas, the chair of Silicon. He said to me, "You go to these conventions, you've already gone to Smofcon, could you come help us with something at Silicon?"

I said, "I'm living up in Chico, two hundred miles away. I can't come to meetings. So it's got to be something where I can show up on the day and do it."

He suggested the convention newsletter. I asked if they had one, and he said, "No, but you can run one if you want to."

That's something that interested me, so I and my friends brought down our computer equipment. We rented a printer because we didn't own one at the time. On a three-day convention, we did six issues, because I said, "If we're going to do this, we're going to do it right."

So for several years I was the go-to guy for convention newsletters, to the extent that people thought I was going to be running the newsletter for ConFrancisco. I told them, "No, I'm the committee secretary, I'm also one of the division managers, I can't be running that department over there."

But I drifted away from that after a while. I'd run the business meeting; I ran programming once at Eclecticon. I'd been a paid dealer behind a table once. I have worked as an agent for an artist several times. I entered in a masquerade once. I think what I ended up doing—and this wasn't deliberate on my part—was to take a survey course in all the aspects of running science fiction conventions. So I guess my specialty ended up being management of the convention as a whole, rather than of any particular piece of them.

Q. What do you do for yourself at conventions?

A. I mostly go to conventions to meet and talk to other people. Aside from going to program items that I'm scheduled for, and the occasional item that catches my eye, I am probably at my happiest sitting behind a fan table talking to people about other conventions.

Q. What program items catch your eye?

A. I'll go to stuff about fan history, convention-running panels. I enjoy being on panels, even on subjects I've done before, because I like telling stories.

Q. Okay. Tell me about bringing Patrick Stewart to the 2002 Worldcon.

A. We were contacted by the studio, just three or four weeks before the Worldcon, and told there was a possibility this could be arranged. We tried to alert people to it. Then, with just a few days before the convention, we got a call that said the studio would guarantee \$3000 for the extra equipment for the clips

he was bringing.

We had a large amount of the high-level management of ConJose, the co-chairs and a couple division heads, taking up time with this one event. I'm really glad that other areas of the convention were able to run without constant supervision. Randy Smith, the department head for the Hugo Award ceremony, sort of found himself the event manager for the Patrick Stewart appearance as well. The entire Events division had to redo their schedule for setup and practices.

We weren't able to properly promote it without enough time. We were able to get a little bit in the local news. As it happens, we got the confirmation while Tom Whitmore (the other co-chair), Tad Williams, and I were doing a radio interview. Randy actually called into the show



to tell us the appearance had been confirmed, so we made the announcement live on the air.

We were having to make changes right until the last second, which caused a lot of disruption. I've always felt sorry for the fact that we moved one of the radio plays around in such a way that the people involved did not get adequate notice.

A side note to this was that internally, people were afraid this event was going to swamp us. They were afraid we'd have so many people, we'd have twenty thousand people show up. I didn't think that was likely. The committee was so scared of overloading our facilities that we were almost scaring people away. If we had known how few people would show up, we would not have opened up the balcony, because it ended up looking sparse. People were frightened off by the long line, but the line only had seven hundred people. There was room for three times that many people in there.

Q. What role did you play personally?

A. As chairmen, I and Tom Whitmore's main involvement was to say, "Yes, you can have the budget released to rent the extra equipment, to rent the extra function room."

Actually, we met Patrick Stewart when he arrived. We as co-chairs had about one minute to talk to him. I reminded him about an episode of *Star Trek: the Next Generation*, "Inner Life", which won a Hugo award. He remembered it once I gave him a hint, because the episode was written around him rather than the ensemble. But then we handed him over to the head of our tech crew, because it was much more important that he deal with them. That was indicative of the way we worked with this, we would say go or no-go at the financial level, and then we had to step out of the way and let people do their jobs.

Q. I'll ask the next question. In your own words, could you describe how you became a co-chair of ConJose in the year of the convention?

A. I had chaired the bid, solely. The bidding process is so long and so expensive. Nobody gets paid for doing that. I traveled to a lot of places, including Australia. In the last year of the bid, I was so tired and so broke that I told our parent corporation that it would be better if they pick someone else to chair the convention. The board—and I do sit on the eleven-member board of directors—picked Tom Whitmore, and I joined the unanimous agreement that Tom was a good choice. I was still involved in the organization, on the board of directors, running WSFS functions as a department head. I later took on the job of committee secretary because nobody else would do it.

In year two of the convention, we tried to get things started again, and we found it very difficult. Things started to fall further and further behind. Our board, including me, became concerned. A split developed in the board of directors, and people were not happy with how things were progressing. When you're split right down the middle—it was like a six-five split—it's a very unstable situation. I said to our directors, "Look, either we find a plan that we can all live with to run this convention properly, or those of us on the minority side should leave." At that meeting, they proposed that I take on the job of co-chair along with Tom Whitmore, and that was a compromise people could live with.

I'm really glad the crisis happened then and not later. Almost every Worldcon goes through some sort of crisis of this nature. Sometimes you don't hear about it. Sometimes the crisis comes days or weeks before the convention, and is very noisy. We were able to bring it back together and organize the convention.

Tom and I are as different as night and day, as far as our management styles go. But when we discussed things, we both had almost the same goal in mind. We were always in agreement about where we were heading, though we occasionally would take different paths to get there. Consequently, each of us had a tendency to fill in the gaps in the other's style. I'm not really a great fan of co-chair situations, but under the circumstances, I really think it worked out (as well as could be expected).

Now, I really wish we had had a shorter planning cycle. If we'd only been bidding for two years, I'm almost certain that Tom and I would have been co-chairing ConJose from the beginning as a planned transition. And some of the nastier things and unpleasant politics wouldn't have happened. Tom and I have always gotten along pretty well. There are other people who may not realize that, because we've occasionally been on the opposite sides of questions. But we managed to make it work. Q. When you're not involved in fandom, what occupies your spare time?

A. Hahah, what spare time? Fandom has taken over my life for many years. ConJose didn't officially end as an organization until July 17, 2004, when our parent corporation discharged the committee I was co-chair of. During the couple of years before Con-Jose, it was affecting my work. My boss has been very supportive of me in many ways, but she gave me a poor review, and I said, "You're right." The following year, I got a much better review, and she said, "We got the old Kevin back."

My hobbies are trains and transit. I go on train excursions. My wife and I have ridden behind the famous 4449 Daylight steam locomotive in Oregon. We take as many train trips as we can; unfortunately the time isn't there for it. I've also been involved in transit advocacy here in the San Francisco Bay area. For three years, I was appointed by Santa Clara County to the Caltrain Citizens' Advisory Committee.

I also like baseball. I try and go to a few San Francisco Giants games, by train, each year. I used to be a partial season ticket holder, back when the Giants played at Candlestick Park; I had tickets to all the night games. Those were the days when only a few thousand people would show up for those night games. You could hear every single person in the park. I froze my way through those bitterly cold night games at Candlestick Park.

Q. A last question: Of the people you've met through fandom, who would you say you most admire, or who has been the greatest influence on you?

A. I was influenced by the late Bruce Pelz. I thought at first he didn't like me very much. He'd chair a Westercon business meeting, and he said he made up a standing rule just for me called "Shut up, Kevin." After a while, I realized that it was only because he cared about what I was saying that he paid any attention to me at all. I'm glad to have known Bruce because I saw how many things he had done for fandom. That influenced me, because fandom to me isn't a zero-sum game; if anything, it's a negative-sum game, you have to put more into it than you get out of it. You're constantly paying it forward. Otherwise you're just a tourist. Bruce was somebody who was always doing something, putting something forward.

I have worked a great deal over the years with David Clark, the chairman of ConFrancisco, who is also on the board of directors of SFSFC. He's always quietly there in the background, calmly getting on with things. I really get tired of people making promises and not keeping them. I would much rather someone tell me no, and mean it, then tell me yes, and not, when I'm looking for volunteers.

Q. Thank you for letting me take up so much of your evening.

A. Bye-bye.

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A Report from the Programming Division

The main focus of the Programming division for 2004 has been recruiting. We have recruited just over thirty of the fifty-odd people we are looking for to run programming for Cascadia Con. This means that we have an excellent foundation and we are prepared to move forward, but also that many jobs remain open, from high-level planning jobs to track leads to at-con jobs.

You can contact programming@cascadiacon.org with specific questions about programming positions, or volunteers@cascadiacon.org if you are more generally available for whatever the convention might need.

Our literary program will have a certain Orycon flavor courtesy of Mike Moscoe. Mike has recruited a crew of fellow SFWAns--William C. Dietz, John G. Hemry, Patricia Briggs, and Mary Rosenblum--to generate ideas for program items, which will set a very different tone from the usual convention (or even the usual Worldcon). We also have a great combination of experience, enthusiasm, and useful contacts from the track leads for art (Julie McGalliard), filk (Leslie Jordan), costume (Melissa Quinn), media (Lee Whiteside), science (Mike Willmoth and David Dorais), and gaming panels (Aaron Curtis). Between E.J. Fadgen, Linda Deneroff, and Micki Schulz, our Green Room staff is extremely qualified to look after our invited panelists. The academic mini-conference under the able leadership of David-Glenn Anderson is also forming up to be a significant event at the start of the convention. These are only a sample of the program team, and the Programming division will also be working with other divisions on cross-functional projects.

Speaking of panelists, we have brainstormed lists of people to invite and we are now starting to cull the suggestions to come up with suggestions for a few hundred people to invite to be on panels. The first wave of panelist invitations will go out in January. This is not to say that we know everybody who might be great on a panel. The program web site at <u>http://www.cascadiacon.org/programming/</u> has pages for submitting program ideas and for volunteering to be on programming; we are already starting to get suggestions, and we expect to get many more in 2005. We expect to get over a third of our panelists and perhaps half our program ideas from the web site. So if

you have something to contribute to the program, or if you just have an idea of something you would like to see us do, let us know! The NASFiC belongs to the membership, and we can make this more of the con you want to see if you let us know what you want.

The program team had an online meeting on the Cascadia Con web site in

October which generated some great ideas, and we will continue to have

meetings throughout the upcoming year. Many of us will be at upcoming

conventions, in the Seattle area, around the Pacific Northwest, and across the country. Con-runners in particular should pencil in Smofcon in Washington DC and Con-ComCon in Seattle as places to share ideas about the upcoming NASFiC. We will look forward to seeing you in nine months.



-Alex Von Thorn

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Note: Each persons individual volunteer hours are also tracked normally, this does not exclude you from the benefits of volunteering as an individual.

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There is no charge for an Artist to have a table if they have their work in the Art Show or in the Art Show print shop. There is no charge for Artists not selling their works or commission pieces. For instance, if the Artist was only giving out business cards or flyers and they were teaching the fans to draw Anime style art there would be no charge for the space in Artists Alley. There is a 15.00 per day fee for Artists wishing to be in the Artists Alley who do not meet the preceding qualifications. If you have questions about what is charged or not please send mail to info@CascadiaCon.org. Watch our website for more detailed information.

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