

HELMUTH 57 NUMBER 2, SATURDAY AM 15 FEBRUARY 2020

Jeffrey Ford Signing

Saturday Noon to 1 pm, Jeffrey Ford will be signing his new book from PS Publishing, *The Best of Jeffrey Ford*, along with cover and interior artist Derek Ford. At Ber-Tro tables. Copies available for \$40.

Trivia for Chocolate Winners

Dan Dern	55
Karen von Haam	41
Bob Devney	41
Chris Edwards	26
Peter Trei	13

Registration as of Saturday about noon

Void	17
Warm bodies	928
No-shows	410
Members	1355
Preregistered	1119
At-the-door	219

Sherlock Holmes

People who attended "The Death of Sherlock Holmes" on Friday (and others) may be interested to know that in 2019 the Royal Mint issued a 50p Sherlock Holmes commemorative coin. Although the Mint is sold out, a number of dealers on ebay.com have them for sale at a reasonable price. Your editor was given one for a birthday present.

Funding ASL Interpreters

We have created a GoFundMe to fund ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreters for this year's Boskone. (Any extra money will be put aside for future years.) Details (including NESFA's IRS letter) are in the GoFundMe. Note: this was organized by Boskone 57 Chair Rick Kovalcik.

https://tinyurl.com/BoskoneASL

(This has also been posted on Facebook to the Boskone and NESFA Groups.)

A custom Michael Swanwick Short Short fiction will be yours...

... if you're the winning bidder on this new Tuckerization in today's Fan Fund Auction, that is.

The auction winner will provide the name and a few personal facts; Michael Swanwick will take it from there. Will the Short Short fiction be about you, or as a surprise for someone else? Bid early, bid often, bid high, and the decision can be yours!

See the auction table just outside the entrance to the Galleria; we'll be accepting written bids on the Tuckerizations* by Michael Swanwick and Walter Jon Williams along with a few other items of special interest until 5pm Saturday. Final bidding on everything will happen at the voice auction starting at 6pm in Marina 1.

Other donations received Friday include several plush Skelanimals; framed art; Tim Tams and other Australian treats; books; DVDs; a few dozen Heritage art auction catalogs; DVDs; 8mm movies (really!); and rather a lot more. More than we can auction in 50 minutes, for sure. We'll open an afterauction sales table in the Galleria Foyer at 10am Sunday and accept reasonable donations for everything we don't get to at the auction. Auction proceeds and Sunday's after-auction sales will help support TAFF, DUFF, CUFF, GUFF, and the Otherwise Award.

The auction is at 6pm Saturday in Marina 1. You can bid in person there. You can also bid on the Tuckerization in advance of the auction using the bid sheet on the Fan Funds Auction table just outside the Galleria. The table also has a display with information about the fan funds, what all those acronyms stand for, and some of the other treasures and curiosities up for auction. Bid early, bid often!

* For further info on the origins and practice of Tuckerized characters, see <u>http://fancyclopedia.org/Tuckerism</u> and <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tuckerization</u>

New NESFA Press Books

Available at the NESFA sales table in the Dealer's area, Galleria.

Stan's Kitchen by Kim Stanley Robinson, the Boskone 57 book. The author's selection of his choicest works. Hardcover. Special price at Boskone 57--\$18.

Believing: The Other Stories of Zenna Henderson by Zenna Henderson. All the Zenna Henderson stories not involving The People. Includes some previously unrepublished poetry. Hardcover \$32.

...and if you don't have our collection of *Ingathering: The Complete People Stories* by Zenna Henderson, why not buy a copy, too.

Deadlines for getting info to *Helmuth* are:

Saturday pm edition 5pm Sunday edition 10am

Lost and Found

Lost: black Otter Box cellphone cover. Return to Office in Galleria. REWARD.

If you lost a siddur at Arisia, please see Lisa Hertel (lisa@cogitation.org)