

# HELMUTH

## SPEAKING FOR BOSKONE

*HELMUTH 61 NUMBER 2, SATURDAY AM 10 FEBRUARY 2024*

### WELCOME TO BOSKONE 61

This year our honored guests are:

Ben Aaronovitch (Guest of Honor)  
Emily Hurst Pritchett (Official Artist)  
Bradford Lyau (Special Guest)  
Amy Kucharik (Musical Guest)  
John Scalzi (NESFA Press Guest)  
Kevin Roche (Hal Clement Science Speaker)

Meet the Guests at the Opening Ceremony in Harbor 1 at 7.30 pm Friday.

This year we have added a whole rainbow of dances and movement activities including but not limited to: contra, blues, swing, TaeKwonDo, juggling, waltz, and yoga. Of course, we will still have the usual things including interviews with the Guests, interesting program items, the art show, the dealers room, filking, gaming, musical concerts, consuite, and events like Tesseract Players, PMRP, and Mrs. Hawking.

Note to Virtual Members: all times are Eastern Standard Time (UTC -5). Please adjust for your local timezone.

### Info Deadlines for *Helmuth*

Saturday pm 5 pm  
Sunday 10 am

### Late-breaking Program Changes

Noisy Movement: To alleviate any noise bleed from the Dance & Movement activity in Marina 1, several Program items previously scheduled for Marina 2 room will now be in the Marina 4 room. Please check the room signs, which are correct, and the

online schedule for more details –

<https://schedule.boskone.org>

Seeking Mic Runners: We are streaming and recording in the main event room—Harbor 1. We could use people to run microphones and read questions from the Zoom Q&A during Program items in this room on Sunday. If you wish to help, come to Program Operations in the Harbor Foyer (next to Registration).

### LOST & FOUND

There is a lost badge for Frank Berthold at Registration. All items other than lost badges will be dealt with by the hotel. Check at the Front Desk in the hotel lobby.

### Participants who cancelled

John Paul Langan  
Steven Sawicki

## NEXT YEAR 2025 BOSKONE 62

Next year's Boskone will be held 15-17 February 2025. This is the Presidents' Day weekend.

You can join right now at Registration. Boskone 62 Memberships will NOT be on sale at the NESFA Press table.

### Fun at the Fan Tables (Geri Sullivan)

Boskone welcomes *Glasgow 2024: A Worldcon For Our Futures* and many other conventions, bids, and fan groups as they host fan tables located just to the right as you enter the Galleria. Come and talk with Joyce Lloyd, chair of the *L.A. in 2026*

*Worldcon* bid, and the freshly launched *Montréal in 2027 Worldcon* bid. The *Royal Manticoran Navy* joins us this year and is happy to share their love and admiration for David Weber's Honor Harrington books as well as TRMN's activities at conventions near and far.

FANAC, the Fan History Project, has a scanning station set up where they're digitizing fanzines and convention publications. They're happy to talk with you about their Fan History Zoom sessions, *Fancyclopedia*, and do their best to answer your questions about fan history and listen to your ideas about preserving it. This summer's *NASFiC in Buffalo, NY*; *Capclave*; *HELIOsphere & World Fantasy Convention*; *Readercon*; and next year's *Worldcon—Seattle 2025*—all have representatives here at Boskone in person and/or online on Boskone's Discord server. Please stop by and visit in person or in electrons.

Merav Hoffman and other friends of Abby "Abby" Cini are hosting a special ART GIVEAWAY of Abby's work. They brought 1,300 pieces of art to share with fans at Boskone, and many fans left the room carrying favorite artworks of spaceships, aliens, and other sfnal subjects that Abby created. Abby's friends hope you'll stop by and find one or more special works that you want to hang in your home. It's all free, in memory of Abby.

are raising money at the now-traditional Great Fannish Yard Sale. There's a Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund race underway right now. TAFF newsletters & ballots are available at the fan funds table as well as a curious assortment of Things You Want...Need...or are bewildered by. Enjoy!

The fan funds thank NESFA Press for contributing 2 copies of T. Kingfisher's *The Halcyon Fairy Book*; the Boskone member who donated a book by Boskone GoH Ben

Aaronovitch (apologies; I didn't get your name!); Brenda Noiseux for comics; Priscilla Olson for fannish T-shirts; Joe Siclari and Edie Stern for a variety of sfnal curiosities including lighted Lord of the Rings glassware and a Star Wars inflatable chair; Colette Fozard for handmade knitwear including a lovely, variegated shawl; Ben Yalow for the dinner plate embellished by Phil Foglio at a Lunacon long past; and Geri Sullivan for shoes (Because Shoes).

Reminder: the 2024 TAFF race is currently underway. Ballots and newsletters available at the Fan Funds table in the Galleria, or vote online at [taff.co.uk](http://taff.co.uk).

### Year-round fun at the NESFA Clubhouse

NESFA—the New England Science Fiction Association (not the New England Spray Foam Associates NESFA)—offers a regular schedule of game days, media days, and other activities at the NESFA Clubhouse in Somerville. Come and help us catalog the NESFA Library with fun, productive work sessions every Wednesday and Saturday (well, except Boskone Saturday) until we're done! 504 Medford Street, Somerville, MA. [nesfa.org/events](http://nesfa.org/events)

(If you're curious about that other NESFA, visit [nesprayfoamassociates.com](http://nesprayfoamassociates.com).)



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