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Attention This Is

HELMUTH, Speaking For Boskone

A Call To Adventure

A mysterious figure in a dark cloak was seen chanting ominously around the coat check late last night, and ever since then the coats have been changing places when unobserved. You put a coat on one rack, look away, and it'll be on the other side of the room and turned inside out! Even worse, there is a constant hum coming from under the desk and a patch of the wall behind it is shimmering and slightly squishy to the touch. I fear that if the warlock's incantation is left unanswered, a dark portal will open up and swallow the entire room whole! NarniaCon is looking for brave adventurers to take on quests, level up, and become strong enough to take him on! Come down to the NarniaCon desk to get started, then look for NPCs with exclamation point headbands to guide you on your quest!



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As We begin tonight's broadcast, it is only appropriate that we open with a memorial for Tony Lewis, friend to many and friendly rival to many more, who died surrounded by his family on February 11th, 2025. Not only was he the first president of NESFA and long-time

Czar of the NESFA Press, but among the many hats he has worn over his many years of service to this community is that of Editor In Chief (and occasionally sole contributor) of Helmuth. Not one of us attending this convention or reading this broadcast is unscathed by his legacy of service.

As a newcomer to Helmuth myself, these are huge shoes to fill, but I look forward to what this weekend, and what the community Tony built, can bring. Please share your favorite stories of friendship and fandom with us at the Helmuth submission boxes, or at helmuth.boskone.org.

Program Changes

Tai Chi Raised From The Dead

Chris Merkel, our Tai Chi instructor, is sick and unable to make it to con. Fortunately, our very own multitasking James Willis (art show artist, panelist, and long-time staffer) has been studying Tai Chi for 10 years and has volunteered to take over the session.

The Panelist Shuffle

The following program participants are unable to attend the convention

Ginjer Buchanan		F. Brett Cox
Jack Haringa		Kevin McLaughlin
Jim Zaccaria		Troy Osgood

These participants are removed from specific events:

James Bacon from Why Are Dystopias So Popular?, Saturday 7 PM, Harbor III

Bryce More from The Books Kids Actually Read, Saturday 5:30, and Three Genres In A Trench Coat, Saturday 8:30, both located in Harbor II

Dr. Christopher Kovacs from Roger Zelazny: His Distinctive Voice And Legacy

We also have some last minute additions:

Bruce Schneier was added to the autographing session at 11:30 AM, Saturday, in the Galleria

Catherine Grant was added to When the Darkness

Advice - Ask Agnes

Dear Agnes,

I was walking down the hallway and heard a siren, then the stairs started moving on their own as if they were possessed! What's going on? Yours Truly, Victor Ian

I believe that is what we call an "escalator", and we've had them for about 130 years now. They don't bite. Usually.-A

Dear Agnes,

I heard something about "Kaffeklatschen", what is that? It sounds like some kind of exotic disease. Thank you, Con Serned

Don't worry, kaffeklatschen (singular "kaffeklatsch") are just the secret meetings where we talk with and influence the elite and powerful, such as your favorite scientists or authors. If you're interested, sign up at Program Ops! -A

Dear Agnes,

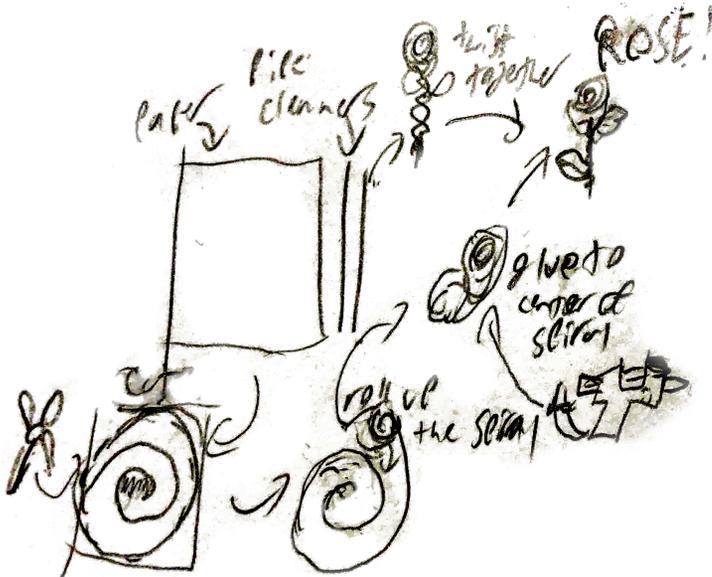
I remember you from before! What are you doing working out here for the space pirates? Sincerely, Pri'vateer

I've always worked with the pirates, you're just cool enough to find out about it now. -A

Devilish Attendance

As of the most recent check-in at 7:48 this afternoon, Boskone 62 has distributed 666 badges!

A Valentines Craft



Sharpening Your Edge

Welcome to the merry Boskone crew! Whether you are new or have sailed the stars with us for decades, here are some opportunities to train yourself to top pirating shape!

Movement - Marina I

Taekwondo - 11AM-Noon Saturday, 10-11AM Sunday

Wake up and get into the action! Join us for a martial arts workout for all ages and ability levels.

Spacket Making and WAR - 6:30-7:30 PM Saturday

Or is ranged combat more your style? We also have a workshop to construct and square off with your favorite homemade projectiles.

Death in the Darkness - 8:30-11:30PM Saturday

What better way to practice than with hands-on experience? A full night of murder and intrigue in space makes this LARP a true pirate experience.

Dragon's Lair - Galleria

Swords, Shields, and Other Medieval Things Sunday, Noon-1PM

Why not arm your children as well? They can make their own foam swords and cardboard shields with us in the dragon's lair.

Filk - Stone, All Convention Long

Piracy is no fun without the shanties! Join us all convention long for songs, friends, and merriment.

Parties

What good is space piracy if you can't party it up sometimes? I'll keep you updated on the best places.

Friday:

Supporters Social - Montreal 2027
Room 406, 9PM-11PM

Albacon

Room 403, 9PM-11PM

Saturday:

Smoked Meat Party - Montreal 2027
Room 406, 9PM

All must submit

Helmuth is always looking for new informants. If you have any questions for Agnes, jokes, anecdotes, art, or anything else you would like to see in Helmuth, bring it to a submission box at NarniaCon or the Office, or email it to

helmuth@boskone.org