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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Another exciting month in 2010. Cocoa Beach was host to 2010 Nebula Awards presented by the Science Fiction Writers of America. The event coincided with the a shuttle launch. The Orlando Fringe Festival had several science fiction/fantasy plays including *Catwomen on the Moon*, *Ironhead: Quest for the Ring of the Dark Evil Lord of Evil Darkness*, *Annie Todd: Demon Orphan of Fleet Street*, and *Goblin Party Interactive*. The month ended with OASIS 23.

Next month pictures from OASIS 23. A review of one of the Hugo nominees.

Events

Rapier

June 4-6
Jacksonville Clarion Hotel at the
Jacksonville International Airport
Gaming Convention
\$25 at the door

Florida Supercon

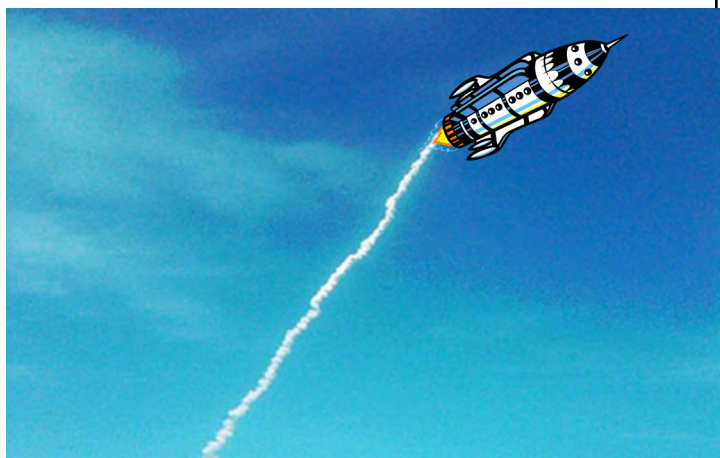
June 18-20
The Doubletree Miami Mart Airport
Convention Center
711 NW 72nd Ave
Miami, FL.
\$40 for 3 days at the door
Guests:

Richard Roundtree (*Shaft*)
Tia Carrere (*Lilo and Stitch*)
Cindy Morgan (*Tron*)
Bill Sienkiewicz (comic artist legend)
www.floridasupercon.com

Botcon

June 24-27
Dolphin Hotel and Convention Center
1500 Epcot Resort Boulevard
Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830
\$50 for 3 days at the door
Guest

Stan Bush (singer of "The Touch" from
the *Transformers: The Movie* (1986))
www.botcon.com/BotCon10/



Birthdays

Roger Sims– June 8
Arthur Dykeman - June 10

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June OASFiS Calendar

OASFiS Business Meeting

Sunday, June 13 1:30 PM, Orange Public Library (Downtown Orlando, 101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801, 407-835-7323). Come join us as we discuss the Hugo nominated novels.

SciFi Light

Saturday June 19, 6 PM, ***The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane*** by Katherine Howe Le Coq Au Vin, 4800 S Orange Ave, Orlando, FL. For more info contact Steve Grant

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Nebula Awards Winners

(source *Locus* website)

The 2009 Nebula Awards winners were announced on Saturday, May 15th during the 2010 SFWA Nebula Awards Weekend, held in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Novel:

The Windup Girl, Paolo Bacigalupi (Night Shade)

Novella:

The Women of Nell Gwynne's, Kage Baker (Subterranean)

Novelette:

"Sinner, Baker, Fabulist, Priest; Red Mask, Black Mask, Gentleman, Beast", Eugie Foster (Interzone 2/09)

Short Story:

"Spar", Kij Johnson (Clarkesworld 10/09)

Ray Bradbury Award:

District 9, Neill Blomkamp and Terri Tatchell (Tri-Star)

Andre Norton Award:

The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making, Catherynne M. Valente (www.catherynnemvalente.com)

Five time Hugo and Nebula award winner Joe Haldeman was honored as the Damon Knight Grand Master. Neal Barrett was named Author Emeritus. The honorees for the Solstice are Tom Doherty, Terri

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Windling and Donald Wollheim.



Nebula Awards

The Nebula Awards Ceremony was held on May 15, at the Cocoa Beach Hilton. The toastmaster was former OASIS Writer Guest of Honor Allen Steele.

Allen Steele opened up the ceremony with remembrances of coming to the Cocoa Beach area. Steele has been coming to Cocoa Beach since the 1960s for the space program. Steele has been a space buff since he was child. As a child, Steele would annoy tour guides with his comments and questions. Steele came to Cocoa Beach in 1984 to research his first novel *Orbital Decay*. He mentioned the area had been built up in the intervening years. Since then he has come to the space coast several times. Steele explained that some of the local space related haunts are no longer around. Steele felt that the literary mainstream missed out on the space program (one notable exceptions was James A. Michener with *Space*). Steele said it was appropriate the SFWA meet in Cocoa Beach since science fiction has always covered the space program.

The Solstice Awards were the presented first. This award honors those who have had a significant impact on the speculative fiction field. This year three awards were given out. Current SFWA president Russell Davis presented the first award to Tom Doherty, publisher of Tor Books. The award was for founding Tor, one of the most successful speculative fiction publishing firms. This year marks Tor's 30th anniversary. Doherty thanked his family, staff and SFWA. Incoming SFWA vice-president Mary Robinette Kowal presented the second award to writer and editor Terri Windling. Windling could not attend and the award was accepted by Beth Meacham. Meacham read a speech prepared by Windling. Among those that Windling thanked were Tom Doherty, Jim Baen, Ellen Kushner, Ellen Datlow, and the SFWA board directors. Windling also mentioned the work of the Endicott Studio which she runs. The Endicott Studio sponsors research into myth and the mythic arts. The third award was given posthumously to Donald A. Wollheim. The award was accepted by his daughter Betsy. Wollheim introduced science fiction to Ace Books in 1953. Betsy Wollheim talked about a letter her father wrote to her grandfather defending his choice of career science fiction writer as Wollheim had felt proud over a \$5 sale. He got his first editorial job after being rejected for military service in World War II. Wollheim started his own company, DAW. Despite he success as an editor, Wollheim considered himself a writer first.

SFWA Eastern Regional Director Bud Sparhawk and former SFWA President Michael Capobianco presented the SFWA service awards. Keith Stokes was given the first award for his work on several committees, helping establish the Science Fiction Hall of Fame, work as a photographer, and his service to First Fandom. Writer Vonda McIntyre received an award for her work on the SFWA website.

Asimov's editor Shelia Williams inducted Neal Barrett Jr. as Author Emeritus. Williams read from Barrett's work. Williams said that Barrett defied categorization and explored the dark side of human nature. When Barrett came on stage he asked who wrote the work Williams had read. Barrett was honored and thanked old friends Julie Verne, Eddie Burroughs and the Welles kid. He was very grateful for receiving the award.

Allen Steele compared being a science fiction writer to

being in the mafia. If one is not careful they will find a unicorn head in their bed. The first sale is comparable to knocking over a beer truck. To become an equivalent of a made man was to be awarded the SFWA Damon Knight Grand Master Award. This year Joe Haldeman, former OASIS Writer Guest of Honor, received the Grand Master Award. Connie Willis, also a OASIS Writer Guest of Honor, introduced Haldeman. Willis gave an overview of Haldeman's life and career, including his novels, awards, academic work, service in Vietnam and his hobbies which include cooking, painting, bike riding, and poker. Willis stated the reasons Haldeman deserved to be Grand Master, including the good sense to marry Gay, writing in longhand, teaching (Haldeman's students included Kim Stanley Robinson and Eileen Gunn), his professionalism, *The Forever War*, and the person he is. Willis presented Haldeman with a slide rule before handing him the Grand Master Award. Haldeman promised the Nebula nominees a short speech. Haldeman at first thought he was too young to be a Grand Master since at 66, Haldeman is the youngest person to be made a Grand Master. The previous holder of that title was Isaac Asimov, who received the award at 67. He said he had finally beaten Asimov at something. Haldeman talked about his teachers at Iowa University and the Milford Workshop. He thanked Ben Bova for helping sell his first novel and *The Forever War* (which was rejected 18 times before it sold). He thanked his editors and said that behind every Grand Master is a Grand Mistress. He accepted the Award for his wife Gay as well as himself.

Former OASIS Artist Guest of Honor Johnny Atomic presented a painting to Neal Barrett Jr. and Joe Haldeman representing their work. Afterwards David Levine gave a talk about his experience as part of the Mars Desert Research Station simulation in Utah.

The Nebula Award presenters were: Tom Doyle (Andre Norton Award), former president of the Washington Science Fiction Association John Promeranz (Ray Bradbury Award for Outstanding Dramatic Presentation), Neal Barrett Jr (short story), OASIS Writer Guest of Honor Jack McDevitt (novelette), OASIS Guest of Honor Ben Bova (novella) and OASIS Special Guest Writer and Incoming SFWA President John Scalzi (novel). Award acceptors included Steven Silver (Ray Bradbury Award), John Kessel (short story) and Kathleen Baker (novella). Baker accepted for her sister Kage Baker who died earlier this year. Baker said her sister would have been dancing after receiving the award. At the end of the ceremony Allen Steel thanked all those who made the Nebula weekend work. Outgoing SFWA president Russell Davies was given a large bottle of whiskey for his service to SFWA.



Joe Haldeman receiving a
slide rule from Connie Willis



Joe Haldeman receiving his
Grand Master Award from
Connie Willis



Award Winners from Left to Right:

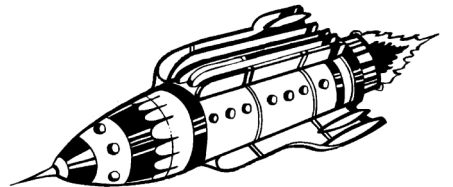
Back Row: Tom Doherty (Solstice Award), Paolo Bacigalupi (Nebula Award for best Novel), Keith Stoker (SFWA Service Award), John Kessel (accepting a Nebula Award for Best Short Story for Kij Johnson)

Second Row: Beth Mecham (accepting a Solstice Award for Terri Windling), Betsy Wollheim (accepting a Solstice Award for Donald A. Wollheim), Joe Haldeman (SFWA Damon Knight Grand Master Award), Catherynne M. Valente (Andre Norton Award), Eugie Foster (Nebula Award for Best Novelette), Kathleen Baker (accepting Nebula Award for Best Novella for Kage Baker)

Front Row: Neal Barrett Jr. (Author Emeritus), David Levine (Keynote Speaker), A.C. Crispin (accepting a SFWA Service Award for Vonda N. McIntyre), Steven Silver (accepting the Ray Bradbury Award for *District 9* writers, Neill Blomkamp and Terri Tatchell)

Farewell to *Lost*





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