



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

March was a little slower than in past years. All three were great! Thanks to David Hartwell, Joe Brelant, and Mark Wingefeld, who let me work at the ICFA bookroom. It was a blast. Tiring but a blast.

Functionally Literate, a local event for local writers and readers invited award winning editor Ellen Datlow to their March event. She read the introduction of her anthology *The Doll Collection*. She was then interviewed by local writer and Nebula nominee Usman T. Malik and answered questions from the audience. Functionally Literate also mention OASIS 27 during their introduction.

Next month hopefully a Hugo review, the Hugo Nominees, a Megacon report, and some pictures from the picnic. Due to OASIS preparations it may be a bit late (a week at least)

UCF Bookfair

April 18
 UCF Education Complex
 Free
education.ucf.edu/bookfest

Recon 2015

April 23-26
 International Palms and Resort
 6515 International Drive
 Orlando, FL 32819
 \$15 pre-reg, \$25 at the door (HMGS members)
 \$25 pre-reg, \$35 at the door (non HMGS members)
<http://www.hmgs-south.com/>

Florida Anime Expo

April 24-25
 Park Inn by Radisson Resort and Conference Center
 3011 Maingate Lane
 Orlando, FL
 \$45 for the weekend at the door
 \$25 for Saturday at the door, \$20 Fri & Sun at the door
 Guests: Brina Palencia (Rei, *Neon Genesis Evangelion*)
 Melissa Fahn (Kenji, *Neon Genesis Evangelion*)
 Tiffany Grant (Asuka, *Neon Genesis Evangelion*)
 Trina Nishimura (Mari, *Neon Genesis Evangelion*)
 Anime World Order podcast (Florida based)
 Anime Addicts Anonymous podcast (Florida based)

www.floridaanime.com

Comic Book Connection

April 25-26
 Holiday Inn
 137 Automall Circle
 Dayton Beach, FL
 \$10 Admission
thecomicbookconnection.com

Events

Megacon

April 18-20
 Orange County Convention Center
 3-Day-\$70 (pre) ,
 1-Day \$25 (pre, Fri-Sun), \$35 (pre, Sat)
 Guests: Stan Morrison (OASIS artist)
 Paul Vincenti(OASIS artist)
 Stan Lee (comic pioneer)
 George Perez (comic artist)
 Darwyn Cooke (comic artist)
 Bob Layton (comic artist)
 Ethan Van Sciver (comic artist)
 Karen Gillian (Amy Pond, *Doctor Who*)
 Arthur Darvill (Rory Williams, *Doctor Who*)
 Norman Reedus (Daryl, *The Walking Dead*)
 Michael Rooker (Merle, *The Walking Dead*)
 Cary Elwes (Wesley, *The Princess Bride*)
 Summer Glau (River Tam, *Firefly*)
 Tress MacNeille (Mom, *Futurama*)
 Ron Perlman (Vincent, *Beauty and the Beast*)
 Alan Tudyk (Wash, *Firefly*)
 and many more

www.megaconvention.com

April OASFiS Calendar

SciFi Light

Saturday April 18 6PM. Café Minerio Brazilian Steakhouse (6432 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819). Disucssion: TBD. For more info contact Steve Grant.

To contact for more info:
OASFiS Business Meeting 407-823-8715

March 8, 2015

Officers: Peggy Stubblefield, Kim Darin, David Lussier, Juan Sanmiguel

Members: Arthur Dykeman, Tom Reed, David Ratti, Hector Hoghlin

Guest: Bob Yazel

There will be an Internet radio show discussing Megacon this afternoon.

Juan had March Locus that has the Forthcomig Books by writer and publisher.

Juan also had a copy of *Lightspeed's Woman Destroy Science Fiction* in honor of the International Day of the Woman.

Juan announced the Nebula nominee for Best Novel and mentioned interesting nominee in other categories.

Former OASIS GOH Larry Niven will be this year's SFWA's Grandmaster Award winner.

Culture Consumed

Tom discussed the developments in the second half of this season *Agents of SHIELD*.

Dave and Patricia hope that there will be more *Agent Carter*. Arthur discussed some future possibilities from *Agent Carter*.

Arthur picked up some DVDs from Gallifrey One the largest fan run *Doctro Who* convention in the US): *Batman* (1966 series) and *Occulus* (with Karen Gillian former *Doctor Who* companion). He also bought *Big Hero 6*.

David Ratti read some of the news from *Locus*.

Juan discussed the books he read, *The Magicians* by Lev Grossman and *My Real Children* by Jo Walton.

Picnic was discussed. Juan sent out invites via Facebook. Invites were also sent by email. Peggy will bringing the hot dogs, hamburgers, and sodas.

Convention

Juan talked about the UCF magazine ad. Juan thanked Tom for his work on the ad.

Peggy is making Julie Czerneda's travel arrangements. Juan will

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make hotel arrangements.

Juan discussed promotion at Functionally Literate and UCF Book Fair.

Bob discussed an idea for panel, having Goingback and Bradford discuss the supernatural.

Juan will send an email with the latest programming ideas. These need to be fleshed out.

Juan discussed some money matters with David Lussier and Peggy.

Some possible future meetings in April.

No one saw *Chappie*. Juan brought up some criticisms of the film in regards of race.

Book Discussion

Juan did not finish the book but was engaged. He will finish it this week. Peggy gave a rough sketch of the plot. It's a boy meets girl story. Juan has not gotten to that point.

The subjects of e-book was brought up. Juan said there were articles he posted on Facebook that print is still popular and even younger people prefer hard copy books. There was discussion of electronic versus e-format.

Last Thoughts.

Patricia talked about Terry Pratchett and a new Discworld reference books.

Hector talked about anime cons with cosplay. Juan will contact Florida Cosplayers group and ask them how to make the OASIS more appealing to cosplayers/costumers.

Patricia won the raffle. A fire wallet.

Due to conflicts with Megacon and other club meetings, there

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will be no regular club meeting though there maybe some con planning meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 PM.

Letters

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March 5, 2015

Dear OASFiSians:

Thank you for issue 328 of the Event Horizon. Always something new to look at and comment upon, and let's see if that's still true...

Neil Gaiman's been in Toronto and Montreal before, but I don't think he's been here with Amanda Palmer. A power couple indeed, and some folks interesting to see.

My loc...it's still horribly cold here, but in a few days it should warm up. Wish I could get a guarantee on that!

Fingers are crossed for anyone connected with ChiZine on the Stoker Awards. ChiZine is from Toronto, and has been making their mark with horror and SF&F, too.

February 27, 2015 will be a horrible day for so many fans of all ages. Who doesn't remember Leonard Nimoy? I never got to meet him, but seeing I remember watching the original Star Trek on NBC in the 60s, this man has been a part of my fannish life for decades, if not a symbol. His death is not a surprise or a disappointment, but a commentary on my own age. I hope both the names Spock and Nimoy are never forgotten.

I doubt that either will be forgotten

Time to go, ran out of zine to comment on! Enjoy the heat, folks, and with some luck, we'll be right behind you in t-shirt and shorts. See you with the next issue.

Yours, Lloyd Penney.

Award News

Horror Writers of America Special awards
(*Locus* website)

Jack Ketchum and Tanith Lee will receive Lifetime Achievement awards.

ChiZine Publications is the winner of the Specialty Press Award for "a publisher outside the mainstream New York City publishing community that specializes in dark-themed fiction."

Rena Mason will receive the Silver Hammer Award, presented for outstanding service to HWA.

The 2014 Richard Laymon President's Award for Service will go to the organization's publicity team of Doug Murano, Tom Calen, and Brock Cooper.

The awards will be presented at the World Horror Convention in Atlanta GA on May 9, 2015. For more information, see the HWA website



Sir Terry Pratchett

This one hit me a bit hard since I met Sir Terry Pratchett a few times at the World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon).

I always liked reading a Terry Pratchett novel. It would make me smile or laugh several times during the read. He was one of the powerhouses in humor in the Science Fiction and Fantasy genres.

For years while working Worldcon set up, I would see Pratchett walking around the Dealer's Room and Exhibit Area. He was quite friendly. It took me three Worldcons to realize that Pratchett was a regular attendee. I finally brought my copy of *Good Omens* to sign. I saw Pratchett wandering the Dealer's Room pre-con as usual. I had the book and it had already been signed by Neil Gaiman. I said something like, "Mr. Pratchett, I have seen you come to Worldcon for years and would you please sign *Good Omens*. It is half signed." He said, "Well you know, it might worth more half-signed." We laughed and he signed my book, "We made the Devil do it, Terry Pratchett."

When he was Guest of Honor at Noreascon 4, the 2004 Worldcon, he was on panel on death. He pointed out that there were three outcomes to death. Something bad happens. Nothing happens. Something good happens. Pratchett said there is only a one out of three chance of something bad happens. He made death less scary.

Thank You.

Peggy Rae Sapienza

Peggy Rae Sapienza was an active fan. She was the chair of *Bucconeer* (1998 Worldcon), 2011 and 2012 Nebula Weekends. She co-chaired the 2014 World Fantasy Convention. She worked on several other conventions in various capacities. She was Fan Guest of Honor at Chicon 7 (2012 Worldcon)

I had probably had seen her for years at Worldcon. I first met her at a Washington Science Fiction Association in 1997 meeting when I lived in Arlington, Virginia.

She was great to work for and easy to get along with. She liked it when you had solutions to problems. After that I would always say hi to her at Worldcon and other events.

Many fans wore badges or ribbons that said "I mowed Peggy Rae's Lawn" At her Worldcon Guest of Honor interview with Mary Robinette Kowal (see picture below), Peggy Rae explained this. There was a con meeting at her house and someone came early while she was gardening. Peggy Rae was going to stop, but this person said she lives in an apartment and does get to garden. So they continued to work and were joined by others. Fan artist and SF librarian Joe Mayhew saw this and told people if they supported the Baltimore Worldcon bid they would be mowing Peggy Rae's lawn.

She survived by her husband, children, grandchildren and all the fans who worked with her.



Pictures at ICFA 36



Clockwise starting at the top left:
Writer Guest of Honor James Morrow
(left to right) Writer Joan Slonczewski and Derek Thiess
Opening Ceremony Panel– **The Scientific Imagination** (left to right): Gary K. Wolfe
(moderator), Colin Milburn, Joan Slonczewski, and James Morrow

Ellen Datlow at Functionally Literate



Just when you thought the window was closed on affordable Florida fan fun...



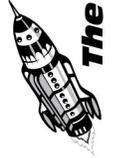
It's the convention you can still afford to attend, operated by fans, for fans! Our Guest of Honor Julie Czerneda, celebrated Canadian author and editor, is just the first of many guests in science fiction and fantasy art, literature and media. There's also our famous Art Show and Auction, Gaming, Video and Anime Room, Live Music and Comedy, Charity Auction, Costume Contest, Fandom Panels, Cool Fan Merchandise for sale, and lots of friends! See our growing guest list at our web site, www.oasfis.org/oasis



Pre-Register early and save big!

Registration at the door is \$40 for the weekend. Pre-register before **March 31, 2015** and it's **only \$35**. Pre-register before **January 1, 2015** and it's **only \$30!** Mail checks or money orders to OASFiS, PO Box 323, Goldenrod FL 32733-0323. On-line registration will open in late 2014 at <http://www.oasfis.org/oasis>

After you register, reserve your room at *The International Palms Resort*, 6515 International Drive, Orlando FL 32819. It's close to I-4 and the Beach Line, with nearby restaurants and mini-golf. If you reserve before **April 9, 2015**, it's **only \$80 per night**, single to quad occupancy, rates good 4/28 - 5/6/2015, with *free parking* for all OASiS attendees! Hotel registration starts soon.



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