



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Hello from Europe. I am touring before going to Glasgow for the usual Worldcon madness/fun.

Two sad notes happened while I was abroad.

James Doohan passed away. Looking back I think subconsciously the character of Scotty inspired me to go into engineering. I am mean he was the one kept the ship and equipment working. Seemed like a cool job to me.

We also lost Jim Aparo. In 70s and early 80s Jim Aparo gave me my first true image of Batman. The previous image I had were distorted by TV. I still remember that first **Brave and the Bold** which had which proudly announced Aparo's name. Any time he would do the pencils on a Batman book it was an event. Another comic great has left us.

Next month I will have the Hugo Winners and my Worldcon report (this may be serialized).

Convention News:

Anime Festival Orlando 6

August 5-6, 2005
Wyndham Orlando Resort
8001 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
\$45 for 3-days at the door
Guests include: Tony Oliver (**Robotech, Lupin III**)
Lex Lang (**Ruroni Kenshin, Lupin III**)
For more info www.animefestivalorlando.com

The Superman/Smallville convention planned for Tampa on August 5-6 has been cancelled. Guests will appear at other Vulkan conventions. For more info www.vulkon.com.

OASFIS July meeting minutes 7/10/05

Meeting called to order at 1:37 pm by Vice-President Pat Sims.

The meeting was back at the Alafaya branch of the public library due to our regular

room at the Central Library still being unavailable.

Vice-President's report:

Peter and Jay had birthdays in June. Pat announced that the munchie fund is near

depletion. In response to this, she was given money from the club members.

Officer's reports:

Secretary: The club received a thank you letter from Valencia College for the Andre Norton scholarship.

Old Business:

The 4th of July party went well with approximately 20 people coming and the last people not leaving until past 9:30.

Pat and Roger Sims will not be at the meeting next month since they will be at the World con.

Patricia and Colleen volunteered to bring munchies in August..

Susan has gotten information about the King Tut exhibit that is coming to Ft. Lauderdale in 2006. Group reservations are available now. The plan is to make the reservations

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August OASFiS Calendar

OASFiS Business Meeting

Sunday, August 14, 1:30 PM, Alafaya Library.
Come join us as we discuss "The New Eugenics: Testing the Limits of Prenatal Diagnosis" by R.R. Lebel and G.F. Guzauskas in the Proceedings of the Greenwood Genetics Center 24:50-57, 2005. See Patricia Wheeler for a copy at pwheeler222@netzero.com.

SciFi Lite

Friday, August 19, 7:00 PM, Barnes and Noble at Sand Lake at Della Drive. Come join us as we discuss **Point Of Honour** by Madeline Robbins

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SciFi Lite & Social Calendar	

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for a Saturday in January or February if at least 10 people are willing to commit.

The tickets (~\$30) would most likely be for a specific time period that day (say

entry between 2 and 2:30). Approximately 8 people present expressed interest in going to the exhibit.

The Sci-fi lite club had its' June meeting and discussed **Neverwhere** by Neil Gaiman.

Beginning with the July meeting, the location will switch to the Barnes and Noble on Sand Lake Road near I4, and we will start off at our new location by discussing **On a Pale Horse** by Piers Anthony.

New Business:

Patricia raised the possibility of altering the monthly book club by periodically reading material other than novels, specifically scientific articles that could be discussed. Several others raised the possibility of reading non-fiction essays or short stories. When a motion was made to officially endorse the idea of expanding the book club, a prolonged debate began about the motion with much reference to Robert's Rules of Order. Eventually a vote was taken and passed to table the motion of expanding the book club until it could be discussed further in September. Peter made the suggestion that since Patricia went to the trouble of making copies of an article and bringing them to the meeting, that we could discuss that article in August. This was agreed to and the article was passed out. The article is: "The New Eugenics: Testing the Limits of Prenatal Diagnosis" by R.R. Lebel and G.F. Guzauskas in the Proceedings of the Greenwood Genetics

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Any of these people can give readers information about the club and its functions. To be included in the list call Juan.

Center 24:50-57, 2005. If anyone would like a copy before the August meeting, please contact Patricia and she will be happy to get one to you.

It was agreed that the new format of the EH with Juan as editor looked very good in its' maiden publication.

Con News:

Peter has received a contract from the hotel for the 2006 convention and it looks good but a few minor points need to be ironed out. He will be doing a walk through of the hotel this upcoming week.

July book club selection - **The Summer Tree** by Guy Gavriel Kay was then discussed by the 5 people who had read the book. In general, it was agreed that it was a very well written book. It was also derivative in the sense that it followed the major themes of J.R.R. Tolkien from the Lord of the Rings. Kay though tended to focus more on the individual character development with a strong helping of Celtic mythology. Several people were disappointed that this book was the first in a trilogy and felt that the ending left the reader hanging.

August book club selection - None was chosen. The article mentioned above was handed out for review.

The next meeting will be held at the Alafaya library branch in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10.

In the News

Neil Gaiman

To see the comic adaptation of Neil Gaiman's speech at the Nebula Banquet go to:

http://www.bookslut.com/features/2005_07_005981.php

Peter David

Peter David will be writing *X-Factor* as a regular comic book series in November for Marvel. This is a continuation of his *Madrox* mini series earlier this year. This book features the old members of the X-Factor team working as private detectives in a Manhattan mutant neighborhood in . Peter David will be writing two novels set in the Marvel universe. One novel will feature the Fantastic Four and the other Wolverine. Peter David will be reviving his cancelled DC series *Fallen Angel* at IDW. As a result of this extra workload Peter David will have to leave Hulk. Peter David returned to Hulk after a six year absence this year.

Rhysling Award Winners

The Rhysling Award winners were announced at Readercon in Burlington, MA.

Short Poem - Greg Beatty

Long Poem - Tim Pratt

Grand Master - Robert Frazier

John Campbell Memorial Award

The John Campbell Memorial Award is given to the best SF novel of the previous year.

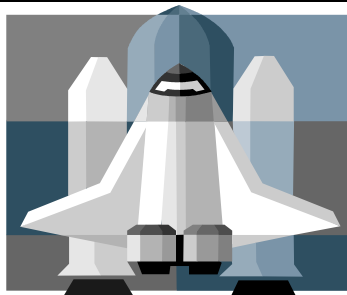
Market Forces by Richard Morgan

Theodore Sturgeon Award

The Theodore Sturgeon Award is given to the best work of short fiction of the previous year.

"Sergeant Chip" by Bradley Denton

Both of these awards were given at Campbell Conference in



Locus Awards Winners

Winners of the 2005 Locus Awards were announced at a banquet last night at [Westercon](#) in Calgary. Complete results of the Locus Poll are in the just-published [July 2005](#) issue of *Locus Magazine*.

SF NOVEL

The Baroque Cycle: The Confusion; The System of the World, Neal Stephenson (Morrow)

FANTASY NOVEL

Iron Council, China Miéville (Del Rey)

FIRST NOVEL

Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell, Susanna Clarke (Bloomsbury)

YOUNG ADULT NOVEL

A Hat Full of Sky, Terry Pratchett (Doubleday UK; Harper-Collins)

NOVELLA

"Golden City Far", Gene Wolfe (**Flights**)

NOVELETTE (tie)

"The Faery Handbag", Kelly Link (*The Faery Reel*)

"Reports of Certain Events in London", China Miéville (*McSweeney's Enchanted Chamber of Astonishing Stories*)

SHORT STORY

"Forbidden Brides of the Faceless Slaves in the Nameless House of the Night of Dread Desire", Neil Gaiman (*Gothic!*)

COLLECTION

The John Varley Reader, John Varley (Ace)

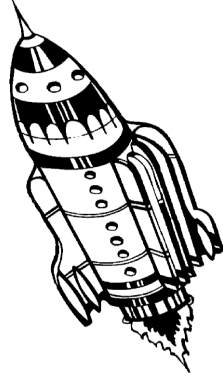
ANTHOLOGY

The Year's Best Science Fiction: Twenty-First Annual Collection, Gardner Dozois, ed. (St. Martin's)

The Orlando Area Science Fiction Society Presents
Its 19th Annual Celebration of Science Fiction and Fantasy

OASIS 19

May 26 - 28, 2006



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Steven Brust

Artist Guest of Honor

Elisa Mitchell

Filk Guest of Honor

Carla Ulbrich

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Richard Lee Byers
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Adam-Troy Castro
Vince Courtney
Glenda Finkelstein
Owl Goingback

William Hatfield
Mary Hanson-Roberts
Robert Koenn
David McDaniel
Jack McDevitt
Jeff Mitchell

Ann Morris
Kendall Morris
Stanley Morrison
Steve Parady
Paul Vincenti
Ed Wysocki

...and many more!

Weekend Memberships: \$20 until 1/1/2006, \$25 until 4/30/2006, \$30 at the door. Make checks payable to OASFiS, P.O. Box 592905, Orlando, FL 32895.
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