



**A WORD FROM THE EDITOR**

Sadly we lost Roger Sims last month. He will be missed more about in the remembrance in this issue.  
 If you have not renewed your membership and wish to do so, please contact us or renew on the website.  
 Our first meeting of the year went well. Next meeting will be live at Seminole County Library in Casselberry. Please contact me if you need the meeting info.  
 Checkout the *Locus* website for their recommended reading list. It is a good guide if you are an award voter or just looking for something new to read.  
 Next month I hope to do a review and the Nebula final ballot should be out and I will list the SFFH Oscar finalists.

**Events**

**SSA+S Toracon**  
 February 5  
 Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences  
 717 Central Avenue  
 Sarasota, FL 34236  
 \$7 at the door, \$5 students  
[www.ssastoracon.net/](http://www.ssastoracon.net/)

**Olo Comic and Toy Show**  
 February 13  
 Rosen Plaza Hotel  
 9700 International Drive  
 Orlando, Florida 32819  
 Guest: Carlos Navarro (Track Suit, *Hawkeye*)  
 Monica and Graven Ravenwolf (artists)  
 and other guests  
 \$8 for at the door  
[olocomicandtoyshow.com](http://olocomicandtoyshow.com)

**SyFy Bartow**  
 February 19  
 200 W. Main Street  
 Bartow, FL  
 A SF themed street fair  
 Free  
 Search on Facebook for more info

**Pensacon**  
 February 28-March 1  
 Pensacola Bay Center  
 201 E Gregory Street  
 Pensacola, FL, 32502  
 Guests: Adam Troy Castro  
 David Gerrold  
 Melinda M. Snodgress  
 Wendy and Richard Pini  
 Jim Shooter (former Marvel Editor-in Chief)  
 Michael Stackpole  
 Mike Grell (comic artist)  
 Tony Isabella (comic writer)  
 Kathy Coleman (Holly, *Land of the Lost*)  
 Wesley Eure (Will, *Lord of the Lost*)  
 Rob Paulsen (Wakko, *Aninmanics*)  
 Colleen Clinkenbeard (voice actor and director)  
 And many others see website  
 Weekend pass \$85  
[pensacon.com](http://pensacon.com)

**Costal Magic**  
 February 24-27  
 Virtual  
 Guests: Lucienne Diver  
 Aria Kane  
 Gail Z. Martin  
 Nina Crespo  
 Wendy Higgins  
 Laverne Rhompson  
 And many others see website  
 Weekend pass \$100  
[coastalmagicconvention.com](http://coastalmagicconvention.com)

Birthdays

**Pat Sims February 9**

## February OASFiS Calendar

### OASFiS Business Meeting

Sunday, February 13, 1:30 PM, Jean Rhein Central Branch Library 215 N. Oxford Road Casselberry, Florida 32707. Meeting room will be on the first floor. Come in Join us as we discuss **Noor** by Nnendi Okorafor.

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

OASFiS Meeting  
Date: 1-15-2022

This was a Zoom Meeting that was setup by Orange County Library

Best Novels of 2021

- *Victories Greater Than Death* by Charlie Jane Anders
- *Light From Uncommon Stars* by Ryka Aoki
- *Applesseed* by Matt Bell
- *The Galaxy and the Ground Within* by Becky Chambers
- *Black Water Sisters* by Zen Cho
- *Unbroken* by C.L. Clark
- *A Master of Djinn* by P. Djéfi Clark
- *Inheritance of Orquidea Divina* by Zoraida Cordova
- *Leviathan Falls* by James S.A. Corey
- *The Last Watch* by J.S. Dewes
- *The Witch's Heart* by Genevieve Gornichec
- *The Shadow of the Gods* by John Gwynne\*
- *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- *Under the Whispering Door* by TJ Klune
- *My Heart is a Chainsaw* by Stephen Graham Jones
- *Summer Sons* by Lee Mandelo
- *A Desolation Called Peace* by Arkady Martine
- *The Last Graduate* by Naomi Novik
- *She Who Became the Sun* by Shelly Parker-Chan
- *Noor* by Nnendi Okorafor
- *Sorrowland* by Rivers Solomon
- *The Empire's Ruin* by Brian Staveley\*
- *The Jasmine Throne* by Tasha Suri
- *Far From the Light of Heaven* by Tade Thompson
- *The Shards of Earth* by Adrian Tchaikovsky
- *No Gods, No Monsters* by Cadwell Turnbull
- *Hummingbird Salamander* by Jeff Vandermeer
- *The Chosen and the Beautiful* by Nghi Vo
- *Hail Mary* by Andy Weir
- *The Book of Accidents* by Chuck Wendig

\*Seminole County Library

Juan's sources for these books were the following webistes:

- Amazon's Best SF/Fantasy List
- *Book Scrolling*

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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.  
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- Kirkus list
- *Transfer Orbit* - A newsletter by Andrew Liptak

Adam Beaton spoke about the propose bid for the North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC). Since Worldcon in 2023 will be in Chengdu, China, there will be a NASFiC in 2023. Due COVID Discon 3, the 2021 Worldcon was held in December rather than August/September. This is shorten campaign time. Adam asked if OASFiS could be the sponsoring organization since that would be faster than starting a new one. Adam answered questions from those at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30PM.

### Awards

Philip K. Dick Award  
(source *File 770*)

The finalists for the Philip K. Dick Award:

- *Defekt* by Nino Cipri (Tordotcom Publishing)
- *Plague Birds* by Jason Sanford (Apex Book Company)
- *Bug* by Giacomo Sartori, translated by Frederika Randall (Restless Books)
- *Far From the Light of Heaven* by Tade Thompson (Orbit)
- *The Escapement* by Lavie Tidhar (Tachyon Publications)
- *Dead Space* by Kali Wallace (Berkley Books)

First prize and any special citations will be announced on Friday, April 15, 2022 at Norwescon 44

The Philip K. Dick Award is presented annually with the support of the Philip K. Dick Trust for distinguished science fiction published in paperback original form in the United States during the previous calendar year.

The award is sponsored by the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society and the Philip K. Dick Trust and the award ceremony is sponsored by the Northwest Science Fiction Society.

The judges are John P. Murphy, Kelly Robson, David Sandner, Allen Steele, and Molly Tanzer (Chair).

## Roger Sims

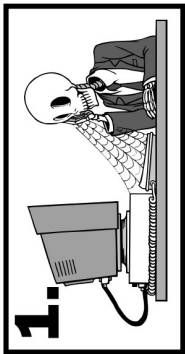
I did a Fanhistory panel with Roger and Pat. Where we told stories from our times in Fandom. This may have been the first time I heard about the car trip to Worldcon with Harlan Ellison and others. It was a challenging trip. At one point when flagged down by a police car, Harlan and Roger had to change seats in mid drive since Harlan did not have a drivers license. I envied Roger since he knew Harlan in New York when Harlan was trying to get published. I hope Roger to retell the story at the OASIS 30 Harlan Ellison remembrance panel.

At Anticipation, the 2009 Worldcon, I suggested to the convention that they should do a panel on Detention, the 1959 Worldcon in Detroit, since Roger, who co-chaired the con, was going to the con. They did it and Roger was joined by other attendees of Detention and told stories about the con. Detention was the first send out ballots for the Hugos (the Hugo Award procedures were not formalized at the time) and have an art show. Roger read a letter from the Detroit Police Department warning officer that science fiction fans were notorious hot rodders and money could be made of them by issuing speeding tickets. This may have been a hoax since there was a fan who later was a high ranking Detroit police officer. The Detroit Worldcon was a success and was able to pass along profits to the next Worldcon in Pittsburg.

Roger always should me kindness. He was always great to talk to. Good conversations were had.



# There are two ways to be a science fiction and fantasy fan in Florida.



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Read about the exciting fan activities *other* people are doing.

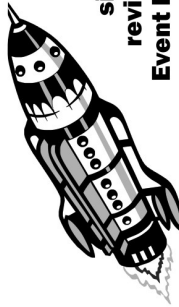
**2.**



Start doing exciting things yourself, and meet new friends "in the flesh" with OASFIS!

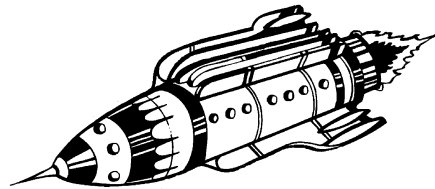


We're OASFIS - the Orlando Area Science Fiction Society. We enjoy and promote science fiction, fantasy, horror, books, movies, TV series, costuming, gaming - every part of the most imaginative hobby in existence. Of all the conventions in Central Florida, only our **OASIS conventions** are operated *by* fans, *for* fans, and not for profit...bringing affordable fun that speaks to *your* interests. Bring your unique fan interests to life and share them with Florida's fan community. We work with other fan organizations to bring our mutual passions to life. Visit our monthly meetings...and help shape fandom's future by joining OASFIS. Individual and family memberships are available. If you're tired of just sitting, you're welcome at OASFIS...no bones about it!



Besides monthly meetings and our OASIS conventions, read about our special events and activities on our web site! Members can contribute articles, reviews and original fiction to our magazine Event Horizon. We want to hear from you!

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