



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Sorry this is late but what a month.

I am still getting used to being home 95% of the time.. I am lucky that my work can be done at home. Still I miss going places. Hopefully we can get through this safely.

I did go to Balticon online. I did a Kaffeeklatsch , a few panels, and the costume contest. It was good , but one misses hanging out with the fans. Still a great way to interact in this time.

I also went to the Nebula Weekend. I caught a few talks including an interview with new Grandmaster Lois McMaster Bujold. The Nebula Award Ceremony had presenters from all over the country. All the winners were able to accept their awards. The novelette winner can be found online.

Next month hopefully a review.

The Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America (SFWA, Inc.) announced the winners of the 55th Annual Nebula Awards in a livestreamed ceremony on May 30.

The Nebula Awards, given annually, recognize the best works of science fiction and fantasy published in the previous year. They are selected by members of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America. The first Nebula Awards were presented in 1966.

Novel

- *A Song for a New Day*, Sarah Pinsker (Berkley)

Novella

- *This Is How You Lose the Time War*, Amal El-Mohtar & Max Gladstone (Saga)

Novelette

- *Carpe Glitter*, Cat Rambo (Meerkat)

Short Story

- “Give the Family My Love”, A.T. Greenblatt

Birthdays



Roger Sims– June 8
Arthur Dykeman - June 10



(Clarkesworld 2/19)

The Andre Norton Award for Outstanding Young Adult Science Fiction or Fantasy Book

- *Riverland*, Fran Wilde (Amulet)

Game Writing

- *The Outer Worlds*, Leonard Boyarsky, Megan Starks, Kate Dollarhyde, Chris L’Etoile (Obsidian Entertainment)

The Ray Bradbury Award for Outstanding Dramatic Presentation

- *Good Omens*: “Hard Times”, Neil Gaiman (Amazon Studios/ BBC Studios)

Other awards presented:

Damon Knight Memorial Grand Master Award

- Lois McMaster Bujold

Kevin O’Donnell, Jr. Service Award

- Julia Rios

Kate Wilhelm Solstice Award

- John Picacio
- David Gaughran

Presenters joined virtually from around the country, including Sam Weller, Sarah Pinsker, Rebecca Roanhorse, Lillian Stewart Carl, Greg Bear, George R.R. Martin, Jeffe Kennedy, LeVar Burton, Sarah Gailey, Whitney “Strix” Beltrán, and Charlie Jane Anders. Additionally, Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun addressed the festivities with a message for the Nebula audience.



June OASFiS Calendar

OASFiS Business Meeting

Suspended due to COVID-19

SciFi Light

TBD

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Letters of Comment

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Dear OASFiSians:

Thank you for issues 388 and 389 of the Event Horizon. With the COVID-19 pandemic on the go still, I imagine there isn't much to do or report on. Same here. At least, I have been able to find a little work here and there to keep me busy...and these letters do the same thing.

388... We've had so many events cancelled here. 2020 may be the year where Nothing Happened, and I have only a few hopes for 2021. Online events just aren't the same, although they be all we can have until further notice. I see all the plans you had for the spring are dashed, for the meeting took place about a week before the lockdown was called worldwide.

I did an online anime con in April and did Balticon in May. It is great to have discussions with great minds in the field. I do miss running into people and catching up on the field. One might able to that on Discord app. I may try that for ConNZeland.

My letter... Well, in June, we now have some decent weather, but the parks are closed. We can't even have an outdoor picnic, and all we can really do now is have a meal or two on our balcony. I have tried to use our public library here, but once

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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

again, my card has expired, and I need to apply with proof of address, which means I was refused any other service.

Here in Orange County our cards seem renew automatically or at least they do if use them regularly. I have a card in neighboring Seminole County which has to be renewed every year and paid for since I am not a resident. Libraries are open with restrictions and offer roadside service is available.

389... It's a shame not to see ChiZine listed for a Stoker Award. I have no franchise to vote for the Hugos, but it is a pleasure to see James Nicoll listed for Best Far Writer. He lives down the highway in Kitchener, Ontario. His name is also, frankly, the only name I recognize. I am also hoping for another silver rocket for Journey Planet.

I have seen James Nicoll work here and there. I look forward to checking out what he put in the Hugo packet. I also wish to best for Journey Planet since I try to contribute when they have a subject I want to write about..

I think I have run out of comments, so I will close. One thing that has kept us busy lately...Yvonne has been making masks for our friends, we celebrated our 37th wedding anniversary on May 28, and tomorrow, June 2, I mark my 61st birthday. Spring is full of celebrations for us. Take care everyone, stay safe from the pandemic, stay safe from rioting. May sanity return, and soon.

Yours, Lloyd Penney.

Here are some thoughts on the 2020 Hugo novel finalists.

The City in the Middle of the Night by Charlie Jane Anders – January is a tidal locked world. A group of humans landed there and broke up into 2 groups. One group keeps a strict adherence to a traditional day and night schedule. The other group has tried to adapt to their environment. There are also aliens on the planet. Sophia is exiled from her community and is saved by the aliens. She and her friend Bianca set out to change their world. This is a complex world that asks one “What makes us human?”. Do we need to stick to what we knew before or can we adapt to the existing conditions? All the characters are trying to find how they fit into this world.

The Ten Thousand Doors of January by Alix E. Harrow – January is a girl growing up in a Vermont mansion owed by her father’s employer Mr. Locke. Her father collects rare objects for Mr. Locke. He disappears on a job, and January becomes Locke’s ward. January finds a book which leads her on journey about her parents’ past. Locke and his associates will try to prevent her from finding the truth. This is a coming of age story for January. She will push herself beyond her limits to find the truth. The main antagonist had a reasonable (but wrong) motive to stop her.

The Light Brigade by Kameron Hurley – We follow a recruit as they enlist in a war against Mars. The soldiers are transported to the battlefield on beams of light. As the war progress, the soldiers start to have their sense of time distorted. This book examines the nature of war and new governments in the form of corporate feudalism. There are terrifying actions and deep questions examined. It is a worthy successor to *Starship Troopers*, *The Forever War*, *Downbelow Station*, and *Old Man’s War*.

A Memory Called Empire by Arkady Martine – Ambassador

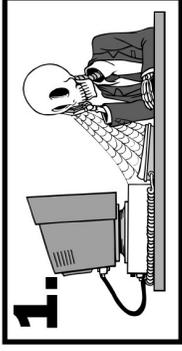
Mahit Dzmare is sent to represent Dsel Station in the Teixcalaanli Empire. Her predecessor died under mysterious circumstances. Mahit’s people can back up themselves, but her predecessor did not send an update for several years and there is a problem with that profile. She and her Teixcalaanli assistant Three Seagrass are thrown into a world of intrigue. Without her predecessor’s experience, Mahit must depend on her own extensive knowledge of the Teixcalaanli. Can she protect her people and survive in this hostile world which she does admire? There is a lot going on. One is awed by the power of the Teixcalaanli Empire and yet at the same time see its weaknesses.

Middlegame by Seanan McGuire – An alchemist sets a grand scheme in motion. He creates a set of twins and puts them in families on opposite sides of the United States. Roger is master of language and story. His twin sister Dodger is master of math. They discover each other and keep in touch. Can they figure out what is going on before they lose control of their fate? This is a story of family and taking control of one’s life.

Gideon the Ninth by Tamsyn Muir – Gideon was raised on the Ninth House to be a swordsman. She has been wishing to escape this life. Harrowhark Nonagesimus, the Ninth House necromancer and Reverend Daughter, pressures Gideon to serve her and takes her to a meeting of all the houses. Harrowhark is looking for the resources to save the Ninth House and needs Gideon to help her. Representatives from the other houses are murdered. Can Gideon and Harrowhark find what they need and avoid being killed. Gideon and Harrowhark do not like each other. They must find a way to work together to get what they want. This story is set on a planet and there is space travel, I would call this Gothic science fiction. This book is part of a trilogy and its a great beginning with some interesting twists.



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.

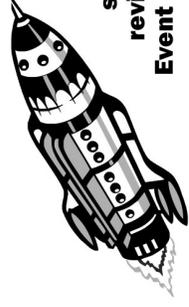
2.



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