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NEXT MonSFFA MEETING IS THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, January 13

1:00PM-5:00PM

Gatineau Room, Days Hotel
1005 Guy Street, Montreal

SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING

1:00PM

ELECTION OF 2008 EXECUTIVE:
Membership selects MonSFFA's
president, VP, and treasurer for
the coming year.

1:15PM

GETTING WARPED: Hands-on
workshop; contribute an article,
review, photos, or art to the
club's fanzine on the spot and
help put the next issue together.

3:30PM

FAN FILM THEATRE: Enjoy the
latest in SF/F-themed fan film
productions culled from the Web.

UPCOMING MonSFFA MEETINGS:

FEBRUARY 17

Reproduction in SF

MARCH 30

**Star Trek: Animated Series,
Remastered Original Series**

APRIL 20

**Fund-Raiser: Bake Sale
and Sci-Fi Garage Sale**

MonSFFen Celebrate Festive Season and Club's 20th Anniversary



MonSFFA marked its 20th anniversary last month, adding commemorative celebrations to the club's annual Christmas party. In addition to the usual Christmas party traditions, the club welcomed MonSFFen, current and former, and friends to a buffet dinner and dance, handed out special anniversary souvenirs, and screened nostalgic video footage, circa MonSFFA's early years.

Over 40 folk joined the party, among them former MonSFFA members Kevin Holden and Trudie Mason, he a founding member of the club and both very active in the organization of events and activities during MonSFFA's formative years. Ex-Montrealer Andrew Gurudata, a long-time friend of the club, travelled from Toronto to DJ the party while Mark Burakoff and Lindsay Brown oversaw a super-sized raffle, prizes for which included a number of books, collectibles, DVDs, and a portable DVD player. A number of nifty door prizes were also distributed throughout the evening.

The club's archives were opened for the occasion and

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The annual membership fees
of the following MonSFFA
members are *overdue*:

AUBIN, Debra
BLOOM, Hendrik
ETTINGER, Sheila
HUOT, Geneviève
MURPHY, Tim
NADEAU, Marc
SHAINBLUM, Mark

**Annual membership fees
are due this month, January,
from the following MonSFFA
members:**

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Annual membership fees
will become due next month,
February, from the following
MonSFFA members:

BROWN, Lindsay
KRIMP, Nick
LUPIEN, Denise
LUPIEN, Leslie

Please renew your MonSFFA
membership in timely fashion.
Annual dues for a regular
membership are \$25. Fill out the
application form, bottom of page,
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order made out to MonSFFA), and
mail to:

**MonSFFA c/o
4456 Boul. Ste-Rose
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Thank you for renewing your
membership in MonSFFA,
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MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Mark Burakoff, Lindsay Brown oversee raffle at club's 20th Anniversary bash (below); Theresa Penalba celebrates on dance floor (right).



MonSFFA president Berny Reischl, right, catches up on news with gafiated Kevin Holden, a club founder. All photos this issue by Charles Mohapel.

MonSFFA's complete collection of *Warp* fanzines was put on display for perusal. Party-goers, meanwhile, signed anniversary messages to the club on a large card provided for that purpose. The revelry finally wrapped up in the wee hours; a great time was had by all!

The club salutes its current membership and all MonSFFEn who have come and gone over the past 20 years. And, we thank those many club members and friends who pitched in to help plan and run our 20th Anniversary/Christmas 2007 party.

November MonSFFA Meeting

We're short of space this issue, so we'll be brief.

MonSFFA's November 18 meeting opened with Sylvain St-Pierre's trip report on the 2007 Worldcon in Yokohama, Japan. Sylvain showed numerous slides as illustration while he recounted his experiences at Nippon 2007, noting that the Japanese approach to SF conventions is somewhat different from that of Canadians and Americans. The practice of pre-registering for a con, for example, is uncommon in Japan and thus, lines at the Japanese Worldcon's pre-registration desk were rather shorter than North American fans expected. Sylvain spoke, as well, of host city Yokohama, which he explored to some extent during his stay, offering photos of several of the local attractions he visited.

Following the mid-meeting break, Keith Braithwaite, assisted by his children Scott and

Erin, ran a challenging and entertaining game of Sci-Fi Pictionary.

Just prior to the start of the meeting, the club's BoA convened to map out programming for the coming year.

Our thanks to all those who contributed to our November meeting.

2008 MonSFFA Meeting Schedule

The club has selected the following dates for its regular meetings and events this year: January 13, February 17, March 30, April 20, May 25, June 22 (field trip), July 20 (summer barbecue), August 24, September 21, October 26, November 16, December 6 (Christmas party).

2008 Club Elections

The first order of business at the club's January 13 meeting will be the selection of MonSFFA's 2008 Executive Committee. All club members in good standing are encouraged to participate in this process.

MonSFFA elects annually a president, vice-president, and treasurer—who together form the Executive Committee—and charges them with the responsibility of running the club on behalf of the membership. The three executives recruit advisors and appoint officers to assist them in carrying out this responsibility.

Our sitting Executive members are: Berny Reischl, president; Keith Braithwaite, vice-president; and Sylvain St-Pierre, treasurer.

Any MonSFFA member in good standing who is responsibly and reliably able to carry

out the duties of office may run for any one of the Executive posts. Candidates may nominate themselves or accept nomination from another member in good standing. Nominations are received by the chief returning officer, or CRO, usually just before the commencement of voting on election day.

All MonSFFA members in good standing are eligible to cast a ballot. Members are asked to be present at the designated place and time in order to exercise their right to vote. Proxy voting is *not* permitted.

Reminder: MonSFFA Address Change

We remind our readers that MonSFFA changed its mailing address last year. We are no longer at the Place du Parc postal box we had used for a decade or more. Please remember to direct all mail to the club's *new* address:

**MonSFFA c/o
4456 Boul. Ste-Rose
Laval, Québec, Canada
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Production of the printed version of this issue of *Impulse* has been unavoidably delayed and, regrettably, will not reach the mailboxes of our subscribers in the usual timely manner. We apologize for the delay. This electronic version of the issue has been distributed as always.

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