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NEXT MonSFFA MEETING IS THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, September 23

1:00PM-5:00PM

St-François Room, Days Hotel
1005 Guy Street, Montreal

SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING

1:00PM

GUEST SPEAKER JO WALTON:

We welcome Welsh-born, Montreal-based fantasy and SF writer and poet Jo Walton. Active in online fandom prior to the publication of her first book, she is the award-winning author of *The King's Peace* (2000), *The King's Name* (2001), and *The Prize in the Game* (2002), a fantasy series set in an Arthurian-inspired world, and more recently the SF tale *Farthing* (2006), the first installment of an alternate history series.

3:00PM

MINI FUND-RAISING AUCTION:

MonSFFA may bid on a variety of SF/F items as we hold a small fund-raiser to benefit the club!

Con•Cept 2007

**October 12-14
Days Hotel
(1005 Guy Street)**

Montreal Wins Worldcon!

Montreal will host the 67th World Science Fiction Convention in 2009!

As most *Impulse* readers know, the Montreal Worldcon was dubbed Anticipation, a name that works in both English and French, and further, references the common tag given science fiction books in French-language bookshops.

News of the successful Anticipation bid came out of Yokohama, Japan—site of Nippon 2007, the 65th Worldcon—over the Labour-Day weekend. Montreal beat out friendly rival Kansas City by a convincing margin of votes: 507 to 341. Apparently, it was the on-site voters who put Montreal over the top as the mail-in tally had Kansas City trailing by just a half-dozen votes. Montreal rather spontaneously entered the competition a couple of years ago as something of a dark horse and it is a tribute to the Anticipation bid committee that the venture succeeded in this, our city's first attempt at securing a Worldcon.

MonSFFA's own René Walling, who chaired the bid, will co-chair Anticipation with Robbie Bourget, a long-time fan and con-runner, once of Montreal and now residing in the UK. The depth of Worldcon-committee experience attached to Anticipation is significant; other committee members include Bruce Farr, Brian Davis, John Mansfield, Linda-Ross Mansfield, Peter Jarvis, Terry Fong, and Eugene Heller.

Early reaction to Montreal's successful bid has been largely positive, with many Internet postings noting our city's reputation for good times, fine food, and the many first-rate festivals and events scheduled during the summer months. If initial feedback is any indication, fans overwhelmingly approve of Anticipation's list of announced guests: Neil Gaiman (Guest of Honour), Élisabeth Vonarburg (Invitée d'honneur), Taral Wayne (Fan Guest of Honour), David Hartwell (Editor Guest of Honour), and Tom Doherty (Publisher Guest of Honour).

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MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP
FEES ARE DUE.**

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

AUBIN, Debra
BRODEUR, Chantal
CIASCHINI, Lynda L.
ETTINGER, Sheila
MURPHY, Tim
NOVO, Alice
PELLEY, Lynda
PETERS, Ernst-Udo
SICHEL, Danny
SYSAVANE, Khoba

Annual membership fees are due this month (September) from the following MonSFFA members:

**ASPLER, Joseph
MOIR, Dorothy
MOIR, L. E.**

Annual membership fees will become due next month (October) from the following MonSFFA members:

NADEAU, Marc
SHAINBLUM, Mark
BLOOM, Hendrik
PETTIT, William S.

Please renew your MonSFFA membership in timely fashion. Annual dues are \$25. Fill out the membership application form, bottom of page, include payment (cheque or money order made out to MonSFFA), and mail to:

**MonSFFA c/o
4456 Boul. Ste-Rose
Laval, Québec, Canada
H7R 1Y6**

Thank you for renewing your membership in MonSFFA, Montreal's premiere SF/F fan club.

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Anticipation will mark the fifth time a Canadian city has hosted the Worldcon. Torcons 1, 2, and 3 were held in Toronto in 1948, 1973, and 2003, respectively. Winnipeg hosted ConAdian in 1994.

There *have* been a few concerns aired south of the border regarding passport issues, Québec's French-only signage, and the perceived difficulty and cost for dealers and artists of clearing inventories through Canadian customs. Having anticipated (no pun intended) such worries, the committee is reportedly, for instance, already working with the appropriate authorities to smooth as much as possible entry into Canada. Another fear expressed was that Anticipation might very well repeat some of the organizational errors that plagued Torcon 3, regarded by many to have been one of the worst run Worldcons in decades. It seems, however, that the Montreal crew is alert to the kinds of mistakes made in Toronto and is undertaking to keep on top of things.

Anticipation will take place August 6-10, 2009 at the Palais de congrès. The Delta Montreal has been designated the official convention hotel; room rates are quoted at \$169.00 per night, single/double occupancy.

We have planned a visit to a MonSFFA meeting soon from René Walling in his capacity as Anticipation co-chair, at which time further information regarding the Montreal Worldcon will be made available.

MonSFFA P.O. Box Closes, New Mailing Address Introduced

MonSFFA announces an address change.

After repeated problems with the delivery of mail to our post office box, the club has opted to close its P.O. box and take delivery of MonSFFA mail via the address of club treasurer Sylvain St-Pierre.

We have been aware that for a few years, now, periodically, mail addressed to our post office box has been returned to

sender despite letters and packages having inscribed on them the *correct* address. We have, on numerous occasions reported the trouble to Canada Post, who have assured us of a resolution to the problem. Everyone can make a mistake, of course, Canada Post included, but these delivery errors have become chronic in the past year or so and the post office seems unable to fix the problem.

Closing the club's P.O. box in favour of receiving mail by way of Sylvain's address, we expect, should solve our problem satisfactorily. *And*, this action will save the club over \$130 per year in P.O. box rental fees, not an unsubstantial quantity of wampum given the club's current cash crunch!

And so, effective *immediately*, all mail directed to MonSFFA should be addressed as follows:

**MonSFFA c/o
4456 Boul. Ste-Rose
Laval, Québec, Canada
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We have arranged for any mail received at our P.O. box to be forwarded to this new address for a transition period of a few more months.

MonSFFA BBQ

Some two dozen MonSFFen and friends turned out at Parc Angrignon in Lasalle for the club's 2007 Summer Barbecue on Sunday, July 29th. The group enjoyed a tasty barbecued lunch, snacks, and drinks under warm, sunny skies. Relaxing conversation ensued with water-gun fights breaking out periodically, serving to cool off folk. A fun and frolicsome time was had by all.

Thanks are due club president Berny Reischl for organizing the event.

Workshops at August Meeting

For the second year running, the club scheduled a series of hands-on hobby and craft workshops at its August meeting. Last year's sessions proved quite popular with club members and the room was

again packed with MonFFen this year, trying their hands at scale model-making, scrapbooking, desktop publishing and computer graphics, video-game play, and belly dancing, all having an SF/F or fannish theme. Several of MonSFFA's skilled hobbyists staffed tables set up in the four corners of the meeting room and welcomed questions regarding their specialties posed by fellow club members keen to learn more about a given interest. Examples of various fancraft projects were on display, both works-in-progress and finished pieces. MonSFFen were free to circulate and give any of the hobbies a try.

We were pleased to include in our roster of hobbyists and crafters guests Miranda Feenstra (scrapbooking) and her friend, James (video gaming). MonSFFA's own Mark Burakoff, Dominique Durocher, and Wayne Glover covered scale model-making while Berny Reischl demonstrated the art of desktop publishing and computer graphics. Finally, Cathy Palmer-Lister hosted a belly dancing workshop. We thank all of our specialists for their contributions to our August hobby and fancraft workshops. And as always, a nod of appreciation to the usual suspects who regularly help to plan and run our meetings and events.

The club's BoA—Board of Advisors—convened just before the meeting to deal with several pressing issues.

Absent August 2007 Impulse

We take a moment to offer our apologies to the club's membership for our failure to produce an issue of *Impulse* last month, August, as scheduled. Editor Keith Braithwaite had suffered an unfortunate back injury that felled him for several weeks and prevented him from completing an August 2007 issue of this news bulletin. We trust that club members will understand that because of these circumstances, the planned issue was cancelled. Keith is much better, now, though still feeling some occasional lower-back discomfort. We wish him a complete recovery soon.

Impulse is put together monthly by Keith Braithwaite on behalf of MonSFFA. An e-version is available on MonSFFA's Web site courtesy Kurt Schmidt. Contact Keith in regards to this publication by any of the following methods:

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