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## NEXT MonSFFA MEETING IS THIS WEEKEND

**Sunday, October 21**

1:00PM-5:00PM

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

### SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING

**1:00PM**

**ANTICIPATION:** In his capacity as co-chair of the event, MonSFFA's own René Walling will be on hand to provide information on and answer questions about Anticipation, the 67th Worldcon, coming to Montreal in 2009.

**2:30PM**

#### SCI-FI APPLIED TO COMMERCIAL

**ADVERTISING:** We examine the use of science fiction themes and imagery in commercial advertising.

**4:00PM**

#### ANIMAL ICONS IN MYTHOLOGY:

A look at the animal motifs present in the world's mythologies.

### Next Month's Meeting

**November 18**

**MonSFFA's 20th  
Anniversary/  
Christmas Party**

**December 8**

## Reminder: MonSFFA Address Change

We remind our readers that MonSFFA has changed its mailing address. We are no longer at the Place du Parc postal box we have used for many years. Please remember to direct all mail to the club's *new* address:

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

## Tickets for MonSFFA's 20th Anniversary/Christmas Party On Sale Now

We encourage MonSFFA's members and friends to purchase tickets to the club's 20th Anniversary/Christmas Dinner and Party *in advance* of the event, scheduled for Saturday evening, December 8, 2007.

Tickets are \$35 each and pay for one's meal and cover charge. The at-the-door cost will be more so don't wait until the last minute!

Festivities will take place at the familiar Days Hotel (1005 Guy Street, downtown). We'll enjoy a hot buffet, cash bar, DJ, raffle prizes, and more.

Dinner/Party tickets will be on sale at this weekend's October 21st MonSFFA meeting.

## MonSFFA Introduces New Membership Options

The club officially introduced its new membership options at Con•Cept 2007 this month. Here's the dope:

The regular MonSFFA membership remains available at \$25 per year. MonSFFA has established a

## DOES YOUR NAME APPEAR BELOW? WATCH THIS SPACE TO KNOW IF YOUR ANNUAL MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE.

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

AUBIN, Debra  
CIASCHINI, Lynda L.  
ETTINGER, Sheila  
MURPHY, Tim  
SYSAVANE, Khoba

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

**BLOOM, Hendrik  
NADEAU, Marc  
SHAINBLUM, Mark**

Annual membership fees will become due in November or December from the following MonSFFA members:

HUOT, Geneviève  
RUFIANGE, Yolande

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

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

## MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print legibly. Cut out form and mail as per directions.

## AMonSFF FORMULAIRE D'INSCRIPTION

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Name / Nom: \_\_\_\_\_ Age / Âge: \_\_\_\_\_

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student membership at \$15 yearly, with proof of student status. The features of both the regular and student membership are identical.

The \$35-per-year piggyback membership is discontinued, replaced with the club's new family membership at \$40 annually. This plan delivers to the household with each MonSFFA mailing a copy of *Impulse* or *Warp* to share amongst the family members while providing each with a membership card and other benefits of membership.

For an additional \$10 on the above quoted rates, members may upgrade to the club's Platinum level and enjoy a few extra benefits. Platinum members, for example, receive a special thank-you gift, may purchase raffle tickets two-for-one at MonSFFA meetings, and get first crack at any film-premiere passes the club receives.

Finally, the club has also included a 6-month trial membership at \$15. Note that the Platinum upgrade is not available on trial memberships.

## September Club Meeting Welcomes Guest Speaker, Raises MonSFFunds

MonSFFA welcomed fantasy and SF writer and poet Jo Walton to our September meeting as guest speaker. Jo was first published professionally in 2000 and was soon collecting prestigious honours like the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer and the World Fantasy Award. Her novels include *Tooth and Claw* (2003), *Farthing* (2006), and its sequel, *Ha'Penny*, just released.

Perhaps the question most often posed to genre writers, Jo speculated, is "From where do you get your ideas?" She thus spoke of her own influences and sources of ideas. The germ of a story concept, for example, might have been provided by a non-genre book she had read. Jo fielded a number of audience questions on her various novels before the

mid-meeting break arrived and her talk concluded.

Following the break, the club held a fund-raising auction. Keith Braithwaite served as auctioneer, assisted by runners Berny Reischl and Mark Burakoff, while club treasurer Sylvain St-Pierre acted as cashier. The many lots on the block included SF/F books, comics, toys, DVDs and CDs, and several interesting collectibles imported from Japan by Sylvain, who had recently returned from the 65th Worldcon in Yokohama.

By the end of the afternoon, the club had added \$382 to its coffers!

Our thanks to all who donated items to the cause, as well as to those who bid on said items.

We thank, too, our guest speaker, Jo Walton, for her most entertaining colloquy. Thanks to our above-mentioned auction crew, and as always, a nod of appreciation to the usual suspects who regularly help to plan and run our meetings and events.

## MonSFFA's 20th Anniversary/Christmas Dinner and Party

Saturday, December 8, 2007

Dinner: 6:00PM  
Party: 8:00PM

Days Hotel  
1005 Guy Street  
(downtown)

Hot Buffet • Cash Bar  
DJ and Dancing  
Raffle Prizes

TICKETS \$35 EACH  
Available at October 21  
MonSFFA Meeting

## MonSFFA at Con•Cept 2007

The club was in attendance at this year's Con•Cept SF/F convention, which ran over the weekend of October 12-14. Many MonSFFen served the con as concom members, volunteers, or program participants.

Feedback suggests that the con was another success with fans, the guest-of-honour line-up proving particularly popular—authors David Weber, Tanya Huff, and Jean-Louis Trudel, and *Star Wars* actor Jeremy Bulloch.

We have no firm attendance numbers to report at this time but the panel rooms and hallways seemed full for much of the weekend. A well-stocked con suite kept everyone fed and watered and Saturday night's dance, coupled with the room parties running upstairs, kept things rollicking into the wee hours of Sunday morning.

The Anticipation crew was in attendance to promote the upcoming Montreal Worldcon—as you've no doubt heard, Montreal's bid for the 67th World Science Fiction Convention, to be held in 2009, was successful. There was a great deal of interest in the event as evidenced by the packed room Saturday afternoon for Anticipation's information session and Q&A. Con•Cept had devoted programming time to Anticipation so that organizers could explain their plans, answer questions, and recruit volunteers.

MonSFFA, meanwhile, enjoyed a fruitful weekend selling club memberships, back issues of *Warp*, and DVDs of our popular fan films. Our principal promotional team for the weekend included Keith Braithwaite, Fernando and Alex Novo, and Sylvain St-Pierre; we thank these and others for staffing the MonSFFA table. Member Mireille Dion deserves special mention for having donated all the proceeds from sales of her self-published novel, *Atlantis 2: A Question of Survival*, to the club—over \$200! Thank you, Mireille.

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