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Welcome them to Des Moines and DemiCon when you meet them at the convention!

DemiCon 18 ConCom

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Paradox the Newsletter

Greetings from the Des Moines Science Fiction Society's Newsletter, *the Paradox*. What you are holding in your hand is the DemiCon Special Edition. This is just a taste of what you will find in the quarterly *Paradox* newsletter. You will get updates on DMSFS activities, articles written by the members, member birthdays and anniversaries, pictures, poems, stories, observations, lyrics, Midwest convention schedule, and so on. By attending DemiCon you can receive this wonderful publication free. Just send us a message to paradoxwrangler@dmsfs.org and tell us if you want the paper version mailed to you or the PDF version sent to your e-mail address.

As you enjoy the convention, take time to make a few new friends, say hi to our great guests of honor and maybe volunteer an hour. We put on this convention because of you. As someone very dear to us once said, "The staff of DemiCon is most dedicated to the art of fun!" We want you to have one of the best times of your life. Have a great time!

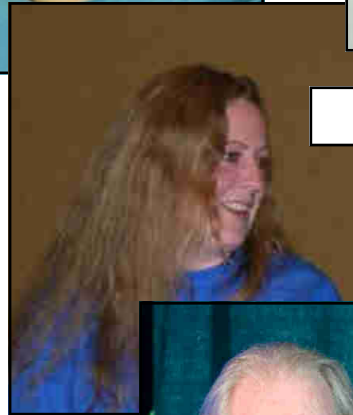
*Be sure to look for Rose Field's **DemiTasse**, a special DemiCon newsletter, Saturday and Sunday mornings during the convention!*



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DMSFS – Who Are We?

DMSFS stands for the Des Moines Science Fiction Society Ltd. We are a non-profit organization whose goals include promoting Science Fiction and Fantasy (SF&F) literature in our society. Other things our fannish community enjoys are science; SF&F movies, TV series, and art; costuming; theatre; improv comedy; folk and filk music; games; boffo sword fighting; and having gatherings and potlucks where we participate in or converse about all of the above.

We have pursued our goals in many ways including:

- ◆ We sponsored a cooking contest at the Iowa State Fair of “Food to Tame a Dragon” where the dragon was one of the judges.
- ◆ We have assisted movie theater and local museum promotions by attending in costume.
- ◆ We have participated in area holiday parades in costume.
- ◆ We have made displays in local libraries of adult and children’s SF&F literature.
- ◆ We have hosted a local SF&F book exchange.
- ◆ We have volunteered at IPTV’s Sci Fi Friday and Saturday nights.
- ◆ We held/sponsored Costume Con 24 (an international costumer’s convention) in 2006
- ◆ We hold/sponsor DemiCon (this convention) once a year.

By attending DemiCon you are officially a member of DMSFS for the next year. We hold meetings each month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:00 p.m. at the West Des Moines Community Center in West Des Moines (Valley Junction shopping district). Often, we go out to dinner together afterwards and you are welcome to join us.



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DemiCon 19 - Back Where We Belong!

May 2nd - 4th, 2008

Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa

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Artist Guest of Honor: Mitchell Davidson Bentley

Fan Guest of Honor: Joe & Inger Myers

Toastmaster Emeritus: Rusty Hevelin

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Special DemiCon 19 Early

Registration Rate

(During DemiCon 18): \$40.00

Please note that while registrations are not refundable, they are 100% transferable.



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