

PARADOX



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Welcome to DMSFS Paradox!

My name is Para . . . Paradox. My pages are shaken and greatly stirred. Articles are my specialty which are provided by many old and new friends from the science fiction community. As the newsletter for the Des Moines Science Fiction Society, Ltd., I keep people up to date with the happenings of the DSMFS group and local events. From conventions to meetings, movie critiques to poems, my pages never lay still for long with my license to thrill. If you wish to ruffle my pages with your witty writing, you can contact "E" at paradox-wrangler@dmsfs.org.

DMSFS A Quick Look

I have been involved with the Des Moines Science Fiction Society since just after the inaugural DemiCon in May 1989. I recently took a moment to reflect on the human element of the DMSFS. After doing so, I realized how special it is and how lucky I am to be a part of it. Thank you for letting me share my observations.

The members of DMSFS are truly amazing. They are a group of highly educated, amazingly talented, creative, energetic and wonderfully crazy people. Their various interests include but are not limited to literacy, libraries, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, public television, public radio, programs for young people, potato guns, overdressing, under dressing, physical fitness, costuming, boffo fighting, cooking, bicycling, martini mixing, theatrical productions, fine arts, photography, racial and gender equity, travel, home improvement, cats, dogs, horses, and raising children.

Our membership includes people with backgrounds and careers in medicine, journalism, information technology, nursing, retail, food service, industrial management, video production, agriculture, public administration, manufacturing, education, woodworking, property management, desktop publishing, accounting, mechanics and repair, design engineering, information processing, security, sales, customer service, health and wellness, and animal husbandry.

Above all else, we share a love of reading. A love of intellectual stimulation through the printed word. We share the hopes, dreams, and fears given voice through the genre called science fiction. We look to the future while remembering the past. We look to the stars without forgetting the planet. And we look to each other in good times and bad.

We share each other's life events, joys and sorrows. We laugh together, cry together, and celebrate together. We have become more than just a "club"; we have become a community.

~ Rachelle Hrubetz

Don't Miss DemiCon 14

Are you looking for something that you will never forget, that is on May 2-4, 2003? Where you can meet and talk with authors, artist, musicians, dealers and just plain wonderful people. We have the spot just for you. Join us at DemiCon 14 and experience nothing like you have ever before.

With a new location at the historic Hotel Fort Des Moines in beautiful downtown Des Moines, there is something for everyone. From our new music room to the ever popular consuite, we know we can meet your tastes. Our guests of honor are truly extraordinary, Author Octavia E. Butler, Artist Lubov, Fan Lynda Sherman and toastmaster Rusty Hevelin. We are also very happy to have authors Rob Chilson, Glen Cook, Joe & Gay Haldeman, musician Lojo Russo, artist Denise & John Garner and many others joining us.

We are trying a few new areas this year such as workshops and a music room. But don't fret, the oldies but goodies are still here! From one of the best art shows in the Midwest to a huge dealers room, an ever growing masquerade costume contest to two performances from the Trans-Iowa Canal Company™, a gaming room (that is very close to the consuite) to an around the clock Anime room, a youth room with youth activities to a Friday night dance, we can't go wrong!

But wait, you still have questions, check out our website at www.demicon.org. You can find out the latest and greatest. See what we will have for programming, connect with our hotel, register on-line, read about our guests, find out the guidelines for the art show and auction, find out how to volunteer and win some great prizes, check out the masquerade rules, and so much more! If our website does not answer your question you can also email us at info@demicon.org.

Come and join us and don't miss DemiCon 14: Contemplating the Future!

~ ConCom 14: Mandi Arthur, Rachelle Hrubetz and Les Roth

Who's Who at DemiCon 14

Take a quick look at our guests of honor for this year's DemiCon. Welcome them to Des Moines when you see them at the convention.



Author Octavia E. Butler



Artist Lubov



Fan Lynda Sherman



Toastmaster Rusty Hevelin

DMSFS puts Bid in for Costume-Con 24 in 2006

This last year, what started out as a wild idea changed (as most of our ideas do because we don't know the word "no") to a possibility. The Des Moines Science Fiction Society is putting in a bid to host Costume-Con 24 that would be held here, 2006 in Des Moines, Iowa at the Hotel Fort Des Moines on Memorial Weekend. The vote to find out if Des Moines would get this great honor will be held at Costume-Con 21 in Chicago, IL, Easter weekend, April 18-20, 2003. The committee placing this bid is Sallie Abba, Pierre Pettinger, and Les Roth. The theme that has been chosen is "Epic Movies". There is a wonderful group of people making the trek to Chicago. We want to wish Sallie and Greg Abba, Diane Dunlap, Sheril Harper, Al Horhmann and Tammy Mohning a great success on their journey. They will make DMSFS proud with the hard work that they are and will be doing at Chicago. If you want more information on the bid, how to support DMSFS and/or purchase a supporting membership for Costume-Con 24, contact Sallie Abba at DMSFS, PO Box 7572, Des Moines, IA, 50322-7572 or email: cc24@dmsfs.org. You can view the bid on the internet at cc24.dmsfs.org. Wish DMSFS good luck!

TICC to Perform at World Horror Con 2003 and DemiCon 14

The Trans-Iowa Canal Company™ is coming to the end of its year tour but we always save the best for last, our three final performances.

Dee Willis invited TICC to perform at this year's World Horror Con in Kansas City for 2003 on Easter Weekend in April. We, of course, gladly accepted. We will be doing a group of short sketches lovingly called "Night Foolery". TICC is guaranteed to make one shiver in pleasure or horror (either is possible) with these sketches. There are few old favorites and quite a whole bunch of new hair-raising stories that will make the strong of heart ... and stomach have a night that they will never forget (good or bad). Those brave enough to venture to World Horror Con are Mike and Candy Anderson, Mandi Arthur, Laurie Bremen, Paul Clites, Alan Guile, Bob and Nikki Harper, Rachelle Hrubetz, Rick Landcaster, Jon Mohning, Les Roth, Joe Struss and Andy Wheeler. TICC is also proud to announce our new cast member, B.F. Goodfish. He will be sure to turn heads with his many talents.

TICC ends up their year tour right where they started, at DemiCon, home sweet home on May 2-4, 2003. But we can't just end with one show, so put on your dancing shoes and get ready to waltz through two TICC performances. TICC is proud to present at opening ceremonies "Stargate: DC-14". The Stargate team takes on a Goa'uld of a different feather or flipper. Stargate will never be the same again once we've gotten a hold of it. On Saturday late night, TICC warms up the crowd for next anniversary year of "TICC after Dark" with this year's performance of "TICC Does Joe Haldeman" TICC performs two short plays, "I of Newton" adapted from his short story, and "The Moon and Marcek" written by Joe Haldeman. This performance is geared toward the adults ...um... mature...um...above 17 years of age audience. We will be making Joe Haldeman proud or horrified depending on your point of view. Don't miss out!

DemiCon XV Announces



DemiCon XV looks to be a wonderful time for all. The Con Com responsible for 2004 will be Greg Abba, Tammy Mohning and Sheril Harper.

Our Guests of Honor for 2004 will be:

- * Authors Emma Bull and Will Shetterly (known for their Bordertown Series);
- * Artist Frank Kelly Freas (GoH at World Con in Toronto);
- * Phan Rusty Hevelin (to honor his "retired" status)
- * Toastmaster will be everyone's favorite "Uncle Albert" AKA Tadao Tomomatsu.

We again will be at the Historic Hotel Fort Des Moines. The convention will be held April 30, May 1 and 2, 2004.

~ Sheril Harper

Letter From The Editor

It is a new year which means new rules . . . ummm . . . guidelines for the *Paradox*. There are a few things that I am doing for the newsletter to make it easier and save time. Here is "Mandi's Guidelines to Publishing in the *Paradox* and Other Handy Tidbits of Information that You Might Need to Know About". (*gasp* *Deep Breath*)

Guidelines

1. If you submit an article and there is a date, place the whole date. Ex. January 1, 2003.
2. If you submit your birthday or anniversary to be entered in the data base, also email me at paradoxwrangler@dmsfs.org, so my list is up to date.
3. The newsletter is now available in PDF format and can be read by Adobe Reader.
4. If you would rather receive the newsletter PDF format instead of paper format in the mail, please email at paradoxwrangler@dmsfs.org
5. The newsletter will be available in PDF & web format on the DMSFS website at www.dmsfs.org. The newsletter there will be archived in PDF format.
6. There is no guideline 6.
7. Keep in mind, your piece might be edited for grammar and length. You don't need to be an experienced writer to be in the *Paradox*.

Tidbits of Information that You Might Need to Know About






1. I have changed the *Paradox's* layout because I was just not challenged enough . . . in my very stressed out life. (What the heck was I thinking!) The back page is all the calendar news that was available at the time of print that pertains to the DMSFS group. This can be used as a calendar and place to put the latest information. Put it on the refrigerator. The other pages are articles and latest happenings.
2. I appreciate, welcome and love articles that others have written in the group. I stress that I am an editor and graphic designer more than a writer but if the *Paradox* is not filled by others, you get my lovely writing abilities. I freely admit that they are not my shining quality. Send your articles in.
3. I appreciate feedback. That is where the PDF format idea came from. I just want to let you know that I view the *Paradox* as I view voting. If you participate, you have a right to criticize. If you don't . . . well. Positive feedback is always welcomed. Send those articles and have the right to "vote".

Okay, you get the idea that I want articles and more participation. You may wonder why I am trying to get more people to be part of the wonderful world of the *Paradox*. Let me give you some facts about the *Paradox*. We send out almost 100 newsletters that go outside Des Moines Area and state (that amount is going up each time). This does not count the people that take the newsletter during a meeting which would average about 25 to 30 people and *Paradoxes* happily united. Average work time for the each *Paradox* is 10 to 15 hours to design, gather information, write, print, correct, fold, mutilate, copy, label, mail, web design, update and send out. The *Paradox* website is viewed from all over the world (betcha didn't know that one did you). We are becoming known in the community and they want to know who we are and what we do. That are the facts, Terrans. Help me keep on improving the *Paradox* and contacting our science fiction family better.








~ E or Mandi Arthur

Calendars and Milestones

Birthdays












Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 2003						1
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Congenial						
16 	17	18	19	20	21	22
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30	31					

- Scott Arnburg
March 7
- Jeannette Roth
March 11
- Megan Totusek
March 16
- Michael Anderson
April 6
- Jaime Adams
April 15
- Megan Harper
April 20
- Danielle Roth
April 23
- Kelly Boomgarden
Douglas
April 24
- Marshall Willis
May 2
- Matthew Tschampl
May 7
- Mark Hagerman
May 9

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 2003						4 DMSFS Meeting
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						WillyCon - Wayne, NE Odyssey Con - Madison, WI
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WillyCon Odyssey Con						
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						World Costume Con 18-21 World Horror Con 17-20 MiniCon 18-20
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- Kaaren Spiesz
May 10
- Eric Oppen
May 22
- John Roach
May 27
- Gene Mille & Gregg Parmentier
May 30
- Wendy Tschampl
June 1
- Thomas Cleary
June 19
- Lynette Lehman & Joe Struss
June 20
- Eugene C. Hoth
June 21

Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 2003						1 DemiCon Set Up
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						DemiCon 14.
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DemiCon 14.						
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						AnimeCentral - Rosemont, IL
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AnimeCentral						
						ConQuest - Kansas City, MO WisCon - Madison, WI
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ConQuest WisCon						

- Mark Hagerman & Ann Totusek
March 4, 1999
- Bill & Melissa Gerber
March 24, 1993
- Alois & Wendy Tschampl
April 24, 1998
- David Winterton & Becky Kinnamon
April 30, 1989
- Dee & Marshall Willis
May 14, 1994
- Gregg & Myrna Parmentier
May 15, 1999
- Don Prust & Kelly O'Donoghue
May 24, 1998
- Ted Poovey & Darice Schirber-Poovey
May 31, 1997

DMSFS Family News

- Congratulations to Mike and Candy Anderson on their new member of the family, a foal named Splash.
- Congratulations to Sam Abba! He is going to State Speech for Spontaneous Speaking and nationals for the Ted Turner Debate. Wow!
- Prayers and love sent to Dee and Marshall Willis. Keep getting well Dee! We love you.
- Rachelle Hrubetz and Lisa Rich-McKilvey to perform April 5, 2003 at the Rainbow of the Desert Dance Extravaganza and workshop. Good luck!
- Good Luck to DMSFS Costume-Con 24 bid. We will be thinking of you in Kansas City.
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