

## The Hotel

Quality Inn Manukau Auckland will be remembered by many as Allenby Park Motor Inn, and the venue for Discontinuity. There are 70 rooms, comprising 12 family rooms with full kitchen and 58 studio suites. The Hotel's facilities include sky TV, free shuttle to/from the airport, restaurant, bar, and five conference rooms (two of them new). The park is right next door, and the take-aways just down the road. There is excellent shopping at Manukau City Centre within a 5-minute drive.

See <http://www.allenbypark.co.nz/location.php> for more info.

## The Concom

Just so that you know who we are....

Jacqui Smith— Convener and all-time busybody

Keith Smith—Secretary and chief sheep

Grant Preston—Treasurer and keeper of the coin

Alex Herbert—Youth representative and he who keeps us in order

Louise McCully—Chief go-getter



## Costs

### Full Membership:

NZ\$80 until the end of May 2006 NZ\$90 on the door at Conclave

### Day membership

NZ\$25 - Friday or Monday only NZ\$35 - Saturday or Sunday only

You can register online at: <http://conclave.sf.org.nz/regstart.shtml> (we accept online payment, we contact you after you register online with details).

Or post to the address below, or hand to a Conclave Committee member.

Hotel rooms: Single/Twin room @ \$ 85.00 + GST per room per night

Family Suites @ \$ 130.00 + GST per room per night

Banquet: \$35 +GST per head

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## Progress Report Three



**Queen's Birthday Weekend**  
**Friday 2 June to Monday 5 June 2006**  
**Quality Inn, Manukau**  
**477 Great South Road, Manukau City**

## Guests of Honour

### Joan Vinge

Joan's first story, *Tin Soldier*, appeared in *Orbit 14* in 1974. Since then she has published numerous short stories and several novels. Joan won the Hugo award in 1981 for *The Snow Queen*, the first book in her "Snow Queen Cycle". She is currently at work on *Ladysmith*, first in a series of "prehistorical" novels set in Europe.



### Jim Frenkel

Jim is a senior editor for Tor Books, and has edited numerous books in many genres, including science fiction and fantasy novels, dozens of film and TV tie-ins, mysteries, Westerns, thrillers, historical, and various non-fiction works.



### Steve Jackson

Steve is one of the world's best known games designers, famous for creating board, role-playing and card games. His company, Steve Jackson Games, had its first big hit with *Car Wars*, followed shortly by *Illuminati*, then by *GURPS*, and most recently the popular *Munchkin* series of card games.



### Russell Kirkpatrick

Russell Kirkpatrick is a writer, atlas maker and university lecturer. He has been writing 'epic' fantasy since 1986, and the first book in his 'Fire of Heaven' series was published in 2004. He is currently at work on a new series.



### Professor Faye Ringel — International Fan GoH

Professor Ringel is an expert on the Gothic, modern horror, fantasy, and medievalism. She lectures internationally on the Gothic and on Tolkien, and has been on the program at many US conventions. She has published books and a CD called "Hot Chestnuts: Old Songs, Endearing Charms."



### Kevin Maclean — Local Fan GoH

Kevin is a long-time SF fan, who helped run the Sydney SF convention for eight years. He was the first elected president of Auckland's Stella-Nova SF club, and recently made his first professional fiction sale.



### Scratch Lego Modelling

Have Lego, will build spaceship, robot, ray-gun... prizes for the best original sci-fi construction by under-12s and over-12s. Thanks to Lego NZ who are loaning us oodles of bricks for this contest (and to play with). All participants in the competition will get free Lego club membership for a year (worth \$15).

### Hall Costumes

Conclave... wizards and witches are the theme (though you are not limited to this), and you don't have to participate in the Masquerade to dress up! Small prizes may be awarded.

### Quiz

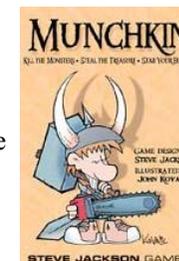
Yes, there will be a quiz and Jacqui has written it. She who used to be a secondary school teacher. Expect to be fairly tested on a broad range of science fiction and fantasy topics.

### Three-hour Film Challenge

Two teams have one hour to write a short film, one hour to shoot, and one hour to edit. We expect that each team will discuss amongst themselves each step, but once any section begins they have only one hour to complete that section of the film-making process. Registration required by Friday evening, but you are welcome to let us know before hand to ensure participation.

### Munchkin Mania

This will not be a very serious tournament because it's Munchkin, and Munchkin about all fun. So far it looks like we will be playing original Munchkin, but depending on the Munchkin sets available it could be mixed. (Please let Louise know if you can lend yours, if you haven't already).



### The Charity

The charity is **Kidz First** which is the children's department of Middlemore Hospital in South Auckland.

Kidz First, which opened in December 2000 on the Middlemore Hospital site, has an 82-bed inpatient facility and its own emergency department. It specialises in burns, plastics and orthopaedic treatment and also has a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, which caters for premature and critically ill newborns. 11,000 children are admitted to Kidz First each year and some 20,000 are treated in one of the busiest emergency departments in the Southern Hemisphere.

This charity was selected because the convention is being held in South Auckland; because children are our future, and because the convener's only son was born at Middlemore Hospital and treated there as a premature infant.

## The Auction

The annual auction opportunity for Fans to sell pieces of SF&F related material, and Conclave to raise funds (15% commission). Please note that books & magazines to be sold as bulk lots only.

The highlight will be the auctioning of three pieces of jewellery made by Mercedes Lackey. The Auctioneer will be Norman Cates.

## The Banquet & Awards Ceremony

This will be the highlight of Sunday evening's programme, featuring the awarding of the Sir Julius Vogel Awards. Wet or fine, we've chosen the BBQ menu (\$35 per person). For all of those curious about what's on the menu check out: [http://www.allenbypark.co.nz/conf\\_menu.php#Dinner%20BBQ](http://www.allenbypark.co.nz/conf_menu.php#Dinner%20BBQ)

## The Masquerade

The highlight of Saturday evening, the not-to-be-missed parade of costume and comedy. Time to finish those costumes to bring to the Conclave of the Weird and Wonderful from the Realms of the Alien and the Arcane that we call the masquerade. Keith wants you to dress up and be photographed!

## Competitions

### Short Story

The short story contest this year has the theme "Conclave" - your story must include a conclave as an integral part of the story. There will be limit of under 2500 words, and stories will need to be received by 6 May 2006.

### Poetry

We're introducing a poetry contest, to be judged at the convention. The theme must be from science fiction or fantasy. Writers will be expected to declaim their poems before an audience who will judge the winner. Poems need to be received by 6 May 2006.

### Barbie Goes to Hogwarts

Dress up your Barbie (or Ken) as an aspiring witch or wizard. Prize to the best-dressed pint-sized plastic wand-wielder; judged at the convention.



## The Programme - Friday

### Writers' Seminar

This will be hosted by Kevin Maclean (Fan GoH), with Joan Vinge and Jim Frenkel providing budding (or flowering) writers with their pearls of wisdom. Remember we have day registrations, so if you aren't part of SF&F fandom you are still welcome to attend cause this relates to all genres.

### Game Designers' Seminar

This seminar hosted by Steve Jackson will discuss both Role-playing (morning) and Board and Card games (afternoon). Both sessions will cover the game mechanics, components, themes and marketing of new games, as well as writing for role-playing and gaming magazines. Each will feature as a practical exercise designing a component of the game, such as 'Design your own monster, NPC or magic item' or 'Design your own Munchkin card'. We are encouraging Steve Jackson to bring along his own new games to product test them on you, though we can't promise it quite yet.

Suggestions as to what you want to learn are always welcome. There will be a limit of 20 people per seminar, so get in quick. If you are only interested in one aspect of the Game Design Seminar let us know, it might make it possible for someone to attend the other part as well.

### 'My First Con'

An event for the newbies who are wondering what have they gotten themselves into, and for those who wish to introduce new people to fandom.

### Opening Ceremony

It's a tradition... it will have a beginning, a middle and an end.... And we promise it won't be boring.

### Wizard's Hat Party

A gathering of people, pointy hats, and cake... we shall chat and be merry... Attendees are invited to come wearing their favourite wizard's hat, and there will be a prize for the most innovative. Did we mention cake?

For hat-making instructions try:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/norfolk/kids/halloween/harrypotter\\_hat.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/norfolk/kids/halloween/harrypotter_hat.shtml)



### Star gazing

With Keith and Peter in the neighboring reserve (if the weather gods listen to requests for clear skies, else postponed to a later evening).

## The Programme - Saturday and Sunday

### Guest of Honour speeches

We have six guests so that would be a minimum of six speeches...  
To include Faye Ringel on "Defending the West: Tolkein after 9/11" and "RenFaire World: Medievalism in Contemporary Pop Culture"

### Panels

Featuring our Guests of Honour and other experts:  
"The Seven Deadly Sins of SF&F" and "Do Women Write Differently?"

### Q&A Session with Steve Jackson

All of those questions you have always wanted to ask SJ and aren't afraid to ask.

### WETA Talk

Norman's way of making everyone jealous with all the King Kong scenes he saw long before us. Hosted by Norman Cates.

### The Art of writing Erotic Fiction

Bring out the sensualist within. Hosted by Malcolm Fletcher

### Joss Whedon

The man has given us so much Buffy; Angel; Firefly... Hosted by Struan Judd

### Buffy

A group discussion of various questions of sex/romance/relationship ethics, raised by, and using examples from, BTVS. Hosted by Alastair Gibson

### Balloon Sculpturing

Learn the basics of twisting balloons. Hosted by Louise McCully

### Draw Your Character

Learn the basics, though if you don't role-play you can let your imagination take hold. Hosted by Grant Preston and Alex Herbert.

### Bawdy Tavern Songs

Led by Faye Ringel

### Mystery Science Theater 3000

Yes, we will be inflicting people with a bad movie, but with witty commentary.

### 2010-2020 Time Capsule

Write down your predictions for the future and read them years later and laugh (or freak out, depending on the accuracy). Hosted by Peter Hamilton.

### Meet Philippa Ballantine - New NZ Fantasy author

An interview hosted by Simon Litten.

### Board Gaming

To be held whenever you find like-minded people to play throughout the Con.

### Filking

Folk singing with well known tunes but new words. Happens late evenings, no organisation required... we couldn't stop them if we tried!

## The Programme - Monday

### SFFANZ business meeting

### SF&F Convention 2008 bidding/voting

Have your say who (and where) will be running the 2008 convention.

### Closing Ceremony

This will be brief and to the point. If there are any popular short media shown throughout the Con they might get played for your entertainment..

## Sponsors (and Prizes)

### Barbara's Books

Our convention's most dedicated sponsor is Barbara's Books who have donated quite a number of book vouchers, which are being raffled every month. The final raffle will be on sale and drawn at Conclave. Barbara will be there at Conclave with a table brimming with books to tempt you.

### Lego NZ

Lego NZ has totally made the Lego building competition viable. Hurray for plastic bricks!!

### Hasbro NZ

The wonderful people at Hasbro have exceeded all expectations. We will have a selection of their games to play with before and at the Convention. We have just received Heroscape, Trivial Pursuit, Scattergories, Monopoly Here and Now, Jenga (this will definitely be in the bar), Bop it blast (its weird and fun), and Risk. We haven't just got one of each... there are three of each item. We would like to make the statement Hasbro rocks!!!



### NZ Post

In honour of last year's movies, King Kong and Narnia, NZ Post released two stamps sets and they are donating a number of the Collectors Packs. Going to get a couple of them signed by a few people at WETA Studios, so if you know any Philatelists let them know because some will be going into the auction.

### HarperCollins

The attendance of Russell Kirkpatrick is totally sponsored by HarperCollins, as well as about twenty books as prizes for the convention. Thanks!

### Village Skycity Cinemas

Village will be giving us some ticket giveaways and posters. What exactly we don't know, but it's movie stuff. Yay!!