

Fund-raising

We will again be publishing a New Zealand Science Fiction calendar, which will be for 2006. This year we are hoping to feature artwork by local fans, on every page. The price will still be \$10, and we will accept pre-orders. Barbara's Books have kindly donated monthly book tokens which are being raffled through Stella Nova.

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 takeaways just down the road. There is excellent shopping at Manukau City Centre within a 5-minute drive.

See <http://www.holidaycity.com/allenby-park-auckland/> 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

Costs

Registration: \$70 until the end of 2005, thereafter \$80.

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 Two

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PRONUNCIATION: knklv, kng-

NOUN: 1. A secret or confidential meeting. 2. *Roman Catholic Church* a. The private rooms in which the cardinals meet to elect a new pope. b. The meeting held to elect a new pope. 3. A meeting of family members or associates.

ETYMOLOGY: Middle English, private chamber, conclave of cardinals, from Latin *conclavis*, lockable room: *com-*, com- + *clavis*, key.

**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*, a novelette, 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 recently published a novelisation of the movie, *Lost In Space*, and is currently at work on *Ladysmith*, the 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 novels, comic-strip books, crossword puzzle books, and various non-fiction works. He packages the award-winning *Year's Best Fantasy and Horror* series edited by Ellen Datlow and Terri Windling.



Steve Jackson

Steve is one of the world's best known games designers, creating board games, role-playing games and card games. His company, Steve Jackson Games, had its first big hit with *Car Wars*, followed shortly by *Illuminati*, later by *GURPS*, the "Generic Universal Roleplaying System", and most recently the hugely popular *Munchkin* series of card games. Most infamously, in 1990, his company offices were invaded by the US Secret Service who had apparently concluded that *GURPS Cyberpunk* was a guidebook to computer crime. In response, Steve successfully sued the US government for \$50,000. In addition to gaming, Steve is a dedicated SF reader and fan, enjoys attending both gaming and SF conventions, writes folksongs, and builds Lego pirate ships in order to stage pirate battles.



Fan Guest of Honour — Kevin MacLean

Kevin is a long-time fan, having been involved in running SynCon, the Sydney regional SF convention, for eight years, including two NatCons, and two WorldCon bids. He was the first elected President of Stella-Nova in its current form, and has recently made his first professional fiction sale. He already has one Sir Julius Vogel Award, and is after more...

The Programme - Highlights

Wizard's Hat Party

After the opening ceremony we're planning to have a party—the bar will be open, and Jacqui is making cake. Attendees are invited to come wearing their favourite wizard's hat, and there will be a prize for the most innovative.

Quiz

Yes, there will be a quiz and Jacqui is writing it. She who used to be a secondary school teacher. Expect to be tested.

Seminars

We plan to hold a Writer's Seminar hosted by Joan and Jim, and a Game Designers Seminar hosted by Steve. These will be held on the Friday.

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. Lego provided.

Panels, GOH talks, presentations, signings (please note that all signings at Conclave are free!). Suggestions for programme items are welcome.

Competitions

Barbie Goes to Hogwarts

A Barbie (or Ken) costume contest with a wizardly theme. Prize to the best-dressed Barbie (or Ken), judged at the convention.

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.

Masquerade

Time to start working on 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 to you to dress up and be photographed!