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A FEW WORDS FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The 1983 World Fantasy Convention will be held in Chicago the weekend of October 28-30, 1983. This first Progress Report is just a small preview of what we hope will be the best WFC ever. Sixty years ago, in March 1923, the first issue of *Weird Tales* was published. As that Magazine became famous during its long tenure in Chicago, our convention is dedicated to that cornerstone of the modern fantasy field. We hope that you will be able to join us in our celebration.

MEMBERSHIP

\$25 till January 31, 1983

\$30 till May 31, 1983

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Membership is limited to 750 paying members. Early memberships save you money and help the convention run smoother. All members will receive a confirmation of such in the mail. Last year's convention did sell out.

Supporting memberships are \$12. This entitles you to the Progress Reports, the Convention Program Book, and any other surprises available.

A convenient membership form is provided at the back of this booklet.

PROGRAMMING

Just in the planning stages so far, but there will definitely be talks by all of our major guests; a display of the fantastic art of Rowena Morrill; panels and interviews; authors readings; and much more. Already tentatively scheduled is the premier of the new Stephen King limited edition hardcover, CYCLE OF THE WEREWOLF and we hope to have several other new books premier at the convention as well. Lots of top fantasy professionals will be in attendance and we will start listing some of our other guests in the 2nd Progress Report.

MASQUERADE

In keeping with past tradition, there will be no masquerade. Costumes in general are discouraged. Our weapons policy is simple. None allowed.

BANQUET

The usual Sunday afternoon affair, at which time, the 1983 World Fantasy Awards will be given. The hotel features an exceptional banquet selection, and our menu and price will be listed in the 2nd Progress Report.

THE PROGRAM BOOK

Something very special. All details have not yet been finalized but we expect to feature *major* new contributions from a number of our guests. Color covers and some unique surprises. Advertisers are advised to contact Dave Studzinski for our rate sheet. A limited amount of advertising space is still available for Progress Reports 2, 3 and interested advertisers are also advised to contact Dave at the convention address.

THE DEALER'S ROOM

Approximately sixty 6 x 2½ tables are available to dealers at \$50 per table. There is a limit of three tables per dealer. All dealers must be members of the convention. The World Fantasy Convention has always featured an exceptional dealers room stressing books (both new and rare) and art prints. Other, marginal, material has not done well in the past and dealers specializing in such are advised to contact Ron Czerwien before reserving tables. Due to Hotel fire ordinances, there will be no smoking in the dealers room. The room is located on the first floor of the hotel with easy access to the parking lot and is directly across from the programming area. As the dealers room at the last World Fantasy Convention sold out very quickly, dealers are advised to contact Ron Czerwien early to reserve tables.

THE ART SHOW

We will have nearly 4,000 square feet of display space for the art show, with excellent lighting, including track lights where necessary. There will be an art auction as well as the possibility of direct sales. Artists are asked to contact Greg Ketter at the convention address for more information.

RARE BOOK AND ART AUCTION

This used to be a major event at early SF Conventions but was squeezed out as the art shown grew bigger and bigger. We'd like to try and revive this idea if there is enough interest. This would be an open auction, with the convention taking a small commission on items offered. Any member of the convention would be able to submit material to the auction, and you would set the minimum. Obviously, there would be a limit to the number of items we could permit any one person submitting and the committee would reserve the right to reject material with unrealistic minimums or not suitable for the convention. This would be the perfect chance for the fan or dealer to offer for bid that one or two items he might otherwise not be able to sell. It could serve as the place to get a great price for that rare H.P. Lovecraft letter, Hannes Bok original, or rare Arkham House Book. This project is not a sure thing, but we think with some support, might become one of the highlights of the Convention. People with items they would like included in this auction are asked to write, including a listing of those items, directly to convention chairman, Bob Weinberg, for more details.

WEIRD TALES

As the convention is a celebration of *Sixty Years of Weird Tales*, we are extremely anxious to learn the whereabouts of any of the original contributors to that pulp. While we do have addresses of most of the better known writers and artists, the Convention is very anxious to learn the whereabouts of any *Weird Tales* alumni with whom we are not already in contact.

In the same vein, we are very interested in purchasing or borrowing any unique *Weird Tales* memorabilia or artwork for a special display to be featured at the convention. Please contact Bob Weinberg if you can help.

THE HOTEL

The Chicago Marriott O'Hare, 8535 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, is the site for this year's convention. The hotel is located only a few minutes from O'Hare airport and offers free limo service to and from the airport. It is right off the Kennedy Expressway, making it easy to reach by car from anywhere in the midwest. And, the newly constructed O'Hare branch of the Chicago El makes the hotel easy to reach from (and easy to travel to) downtown Chicago.

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Special convention room rates are \$65 for a single, \$75 for a double, \$80 for a triple and \$85 for a quad. Room reservation cards will be sent out with the 2nd Progress Report and with all membership confirmations.

Publishers and guests with special room needs are asked to contact Nancy Ford, our special Liason, at the convention address. As a hotel used for many meetings, the Marriott has extremely fine facilities for large or small parties as well as several exceptional suites for those wanting the utmost in luxury.

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A copy of the paperback, *THE GIRL WITH THE HUNGRY EYES*, autographed by several of the contributors, was lost at WFC '82. If you found it, please contact Rick Gilliam at the Convention address.

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