

1st World Fantasy Convention

October 31-November 2

Holiday Inn, Providence, Rhode Island

Robert Bloch, Guest Of Honor

Gahan Wilson, Toastmaster

Friday, Oct. 31

Program

Registration 4 to 7

open

Huckster Room (Little Rhody Room) and Art Show (Rooms 215-217) 5 to 7

7:30 to 9:30, Meet The Authors Party. Ballroom. Cash Bar set-up. Featured will be readings by some of the authors, including Manly Wade Wellman, Donald-Sydney Fryer and Ramsey Campbell. Also, Ugo Toppo, a noted recording artist, will read from the work of Robert E. Howard.

10 PM: Autographing party for Gahan Wilson, sponsored by Tempo Books. Ballroom. Door Prize.

WHAT BOOK?

11:30 PM: Party Room opens.

Midnight: film, DIE, MONSTER DIE, based on Lovecraft's "The Colour Out Of Space", with Boris Karloff. To be followed by a one-hour television film of Robert Bloch's "Waxworks". Both courtesy of Chris Steinbrunner.

Saturday, Nov. 1

Registration 10 AM to Noon

Huckster Room and Art Show open 10 to 6

Bus Tours Of Lovecraft's Providence, conducted by Harry Beckwith and Les Daniels. Beginning at 8:30 AM and running about every 90 minutes until around 5 PM.

10 AM to 4 PM: Display Of Lovecraft Material, courtesy of John Stanley. At the John Hay Library, Brown University.

Panels

Note: all panel compositions are tentative and subject to change.

Panel: 10 AM to 11:15 AM, Investigating Lovecraft. Panelists to include Barton St. Armand, T.E.D. Klein and Tom Collins.

Panel: 11:30 to 12:45, Fantasy and Horror: Present and Future. Panelists to include Robert Bloch, Gahan Wilson, Donald A. Wollheim, and Lin Carter.

Panel: 1 to 2:15, New Voices in Fantasy. Panelists to include Ramsey Campbell, Karl Edward Wagner, C.L. Grant, T.E.D. Klein and C.L. Grant.

Saturday Nov. 1, Cont.

Panel: 2:30 to 3:45, Epic Fantasy. Panelists to include Fritz Leiber, L. Sprague de Camp, Lin Carter and Andrew J. Offutt.

Panel: 4 to 5:15, Writing Supernatural Tales: The Whys Explored. Panelists to include Robert Bloch, Gahan Wilson, Manly Wade Wellman, Ramsey Campbell and Joseph Payne Brennan.

8 PM, Fantasy Program. Alumnae Hall, Pembroke Campus, Brown University. Near Brown and Meeting Streets. Fritz Leiber reads from Lovecraft, including the complete THE HAUNTER OF THE DARK. Also, Donald Sidney-Fryer reads & performs a sequence from Edmund Spencer's THE FAERIE QUEENE and Gahan Wilson reads from his writings. Finally, a complete one-act play from the repertoire of the Grand-Guignol Theater Of Paris, directed by his H.E. Rt. Hon. Barry Alan Richmond, President of the Republic of Montmartre and Director General of its State Theater.

11 PM, Autographing Party for Andrew J. Offutt, sponsored by Zebra Books. Party Room.

Sunday, November 2

Huckster Room and Art Show open 10 to 12

Panel: 10:30 AM to 11:45, Lovecraft The Man. Panelists to include Frank Belknap Long, L. Sprague de Camp, Fritz Leiber and Harry Beckwith.

1 PM, Banquet. Ballroom. Guest Of Honor and Toastmaster speeches and presentation of the World Fantasy Awards.

4 PM Art Auction.