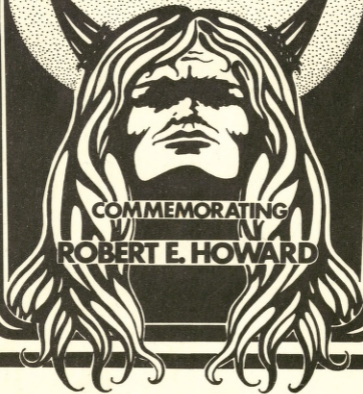


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# The Fourth World Fantasy Convention

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The Fourth World Fantasy Convention will be held in the Ft. Worth Sheraton Hotel from Friday, October 13th through Sunday, October 15th. Like the first three World Fantasy Conventions, the purpose of this gathering will be to explore the genres of fantasy, horror, and the supernatural in literature and art. Although the convention's theme will be centered on the life and works of Robert E. Howard, many other aspects of modern fantasy and weird fiction will be examined in our programming.

Traditionally the World Fantasy Conventions have enjoyed strong professional participation. At this time

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have all expressed intent to attend the convention as featured guests.

Our programming schedule is still developing, but at this time we plan to feature a full complement of panels and presentations by the attending authors and artists. We hope to feature an assemblage of Howard's friends and contemporaries who will discuss the man as they knew him. Other panels will examine such topics as dark fantasy and contemporary sword and sorcery.

Attending authors will read from their works and there will be a special reading of the Conan story, "The Phoenix on the Sword," by Guest of Honor Fritz Leiber.

Other programming will include an art show and auction with a special display of the art of Alicia Austin, a display of Robert E. Howard material including many rare items from the collection of Glenn Lord, a dealer's room that promises to be a treasure trove of rare items for collectors, and a few films, which will include the television adaptation of "Pigeons From Hell." A series of autograph and publisher's parties will be held with attending guests accessible to members.

The highlight of the convention will be the World Fantasy Awards ceremony, which will be presented at a banquet featuring authentic Texas barbeque.

Tickets for all three days will be \$15 until September 5th, 1978; \$20 thereafter. Attendance will be strictly limited to 750 members. In addition, 250 non-attending memberships will be offered at \$7.50. All members will receive a progress report, convention program book, and any other publications the convention may produce. Those planning to attend are urged to register early. Dealer's tables are \$25 each, wall space on a first-come, first-served basis.

Watch for advertisements with further news and developments. For memberships, tables, or information write:

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