



Voyageur

The Anticipation newsletter Issue 13: Monday Afternoon
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Why is This Newsletter Called *Voyageur*?

...because we do whatever we're told to do. Absolutely.

For Authors and Obsessives

The full statistics on the Hugo voting can be found at <http://www.thehugoawards.org/content/pdf/2009%20Final%20Ballot.pdf>.

Full nomination list at <http://www.thehugoawards.org/content/pdf/2009%20Nominations.pdf>. There are also a few paper copies in Ops.

More Thanks

Sharon Pierce, Volunteer Coordinator, would like to express her thanks to John Sapienza and Juan Sanmiguel, who helped her greatly when other volunteers could not be found, including giving up panels to assist.

Voyageur Thanks

The Newsletter team would like to thank:

Filthy Pierre, for providing his distribution racks;

The Con Suite (especially Joel), for cheerfully feeding us and for constantly catering to Sue's bizarre need for milk in her tea and for providing an electric kettle and teabags, oh, and corkscrews;

The Staff Den, for brilliant tasty hot food with actual vegetables in it;

Jan van t'Ent, for his addiction to printer toner, which has the fortunate side effect of making him appear to help whenever we need a printer wrangler;

Bev Nicholas and Jeanne Mealy, for cheering us up with virtual cupcakes;

Eugene Heller, for putting up with our demands and letting us do our own thing;

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Charles Mohapel, for providing us with photographs of the major events;

All our contributors, even the anonymous ones and the ones who sent us things too scandalous to print;

Everyone who read and enjoyed. If you want more, visit <http://www.plokta.com!>

— *The Cabal*

More Masquerade

The official Masquerade DVD will be available from about 1 October to 25 November on <http://www.createospace.com>. TF will be posting the edited show video. Details will appear on the convention website.

— *S Weinstein*

Plinth!

Plokta Caballero and Hugo nominee Sue Mason has won the draw to spend an hour standing on a plinth in Trafalgar Square as part of Antony Gormley's latest art project. She'll be up there from 13:00 to 14:00 BST (UTC+1) on Thursday 3 September, and you should all tune in to the live webcast at <http://www.oneandother.co.uk>.

Spoof Newsletters

It has come to our attention that at least one of the supposedly-humorous spoof newsletters purports to have been produced by the Newsletter Team. We are *shocked* that anyone could suspect us of such behaviour. Copies can be found at <http://www.plokta.com/issuedelta.pdf>



Neil reading the spoof newsletter

Turkey Reading

This item featured panellists reading from bad SF books, while volunteers from the audience acted out the scenes. Donations for the fan funds were necessary to stop or continue the travesties performances. Sometimes the prose was just too deadly dull. Quite often, the reader and the actors had so much fun with the bizarre text that everyone was howling. I had tears in my eyes from laughing most of the time. Kudos to the readers and performers.

— *Jeanne Mealy*

Water, Water Everywhere!

The Con Suite has a supply of water for volunteers and attendees. Please don't hesitate to grab a bottle to take with you: hydrate or die!

Parties

SFContario—2819

Dead Dog—Con Suite

Restaurant Reviews

Stew Stop (372 St-Paul West) sells delicious organic stews and sandwiches, to eat in or take away, and nice beer. I had yet another new food for the first time—chocolate beetroot cake! Service was quick, attentive and friendly.

—Alison Scott

Mr. Steer (1198 rue Sainte-Catherine O) has good burgers, good local beer, good prices, great service. Get a piece of sugar pie to share with a friend.



Restaurant Gandhi (230 St Paul) is excellent. Really. Not just because the lady who was leaving the restaurant while we were studying the menu outside said so, but from the friendly staff catering to us to the dishes that varied from what one expects at a good Indian restaurant to a few unusual variations (e.g. Byndari d'Agnaux and Tikka Canard). Well worth the extra expense above Chinatown's offerings I've tried.

—Jan van't Ent

Auction News

We hear the Worldcon Art Auction apparently lasted only 40 minutes with a top bid of \$200.

Poetry Corner

An old evil emperor, Ming
Had a sudden strong passion for bling
He tried to rob Flash
But was met with a slash
Which totally severed his thing

There's a small lunar crater named Hell
Into which an astronaut fell
It was all full of dust
So his space suit got mused
And the vacuum smothered his yell

I'm Feeling Very Depressed

Sirius Cybernetics Corporation have helpfully installed breathalysers in the downstairs loos at the Delta. We tested one on Tobes, and the report was "OOOOOFF".

Raffle

More lucky winners:

Beth Friedman—MN, US

Helen Gbala—IL, US



Message from the Management

Ops still have three boxes of lost and found items. These can be collected from Ops in the Delta until 20:00 tonight or from 10:00 to 16:00 tomorrow. This includes an item belonging to Frederica Kanon.

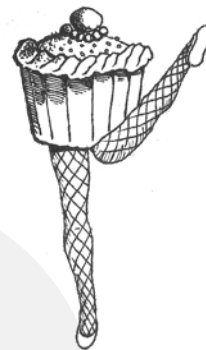


Unfortunate

Day 4: read hand-written sign for "autographing" as "autopsies". Good parties. Need sleep.

Virtual Thanks

When we returned to our lonely hole in the depths of the Delta, we found a note saying "Thanks to the hard-working newsletter staff. I don't have a cupcake on me so here's a virtual one."



Bollocks!

While formatting the Hugo nomination list this morning, we discovered that Plokta fave author Paul Cornell (the next Neil Gaiman™) was apparently incorrectly bumped from the Hugo for Best Graphic Story.

Paul's Marvel comic *Captain Britain & MI-13* received six nominations for Best Graphic Story and *Captain Britain & MI-13: Secret Invasion* received eight nominations—but they are effectively the same thing, and fourteen nominations would have been enough to secure a place on the shortlist. Hmph!

Message from the Head of Ops

Oooooohhhh, Renéeeee!

We Did It Our Way

Ops will be coming to take the printers away in a minute, so we'd just like to say

WAIT. NOT YET YOU FOOLS. I'M NOT FINI.....