



Lambda Sci-Fi

DC Area Gaylaxians

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The LSF Book Discussion Group

If you're interested in lively discussions of F&SF books (with an emphasis on elements of interest to the LGBT community), we invite you to join the LSF Book Discussion Group. Each month, we conduct fascinating round-table discussions of works by significant F&SF authors.

The LSF Book Discussion Group usually meets on the 4th Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 PM, at Peter & Rob's home: 1425 "S" St., NW – for directions or more de-tails, call 202-483-6369. The next book discussion will be held on April 26.

Here are the details for the next several book discussions:

April 26 – *The Dinosaur Lords* by Victor Milan (moderator: Randy).

May 24 – *The Black Tides of Heaven and The Red Threads of Fortune* by JY Yang (moderator: Greg).

June 28 – *The Dispossessed* by Ursula Le Guin (moderator: Konrad).

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LSF Movie Outing for *Avengers: Infinity War* info passed along by Peter



Come join LSF as we see *Avengers: Infinity War*. It'll be "old school" – in 2-D and *without* reserved seating. After the movie, those who are interested can share a meal at a local restaurant. This will be the opening weekend, so it's strongly advised that you get tickets in advance and show up early!

When: Sun., April 29, 3:30 show

Where: Mazza Gallerie, 5300

Wisconsin NW, Washington DC

If you have any questions, please contact Peter at:

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2017 Nebula Award Nominees

info passed along by Carl

Since 1965, the Nebula Awards have been given each year for the best novel, novella, novelette, short story, and (since 2000) script – as chosen by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America (SFWA).

Here are the 2017 nominees. The winners will be announced at the 52nd Annual Nebula Conference: May 17-20, Pittsburgh PA.

Best Novel

- *Spoonbenders* by Daryl Gregory (Knopf)
- *Amberlough* by Lara Elena Donnelly (Tor)
- *The Strange Case of the Alchemist's Daughter* by Theodora Goss (Saga Press)
- *The Stone Sky* by N.K. Jemisin (Orbit US)
- *Six Wakes* by Mur Lafferty (Orbit US)
- *Jade City* by Fonda Lee (Orbit US)
- *Autonomous* by Annalee Newitz (Tor)

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<<<<< April 2018 LSF Meeting >>>>>

The next LSF meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 8th**. The meeting will be held at Peter and Rob's home, **1425 "S" Street NW, Washington, DC**. The meeting will begin at 1:30 and the "group watch" will begin at 3:00 PM. Hope to see you there!



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Nebula Nominees

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Best Novella

- *River of Teeth* by Sarah Gailey (Tor)
- *Passing Strange* by Ellen Klages (Tor)
- *And Then There Were (N-One)* by Sarah Pinsker (*Uncanny*)
- *Barry's Deal* by Lawrence M. Schoen (NobleFusion Press)
- *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells (Tor)
- *The Black Tides of Heaven* by JY Yang (Tor)

Best Novelette

- "Dirty Old Town" by Richard Bowes (*The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*)
- "Weaponized Math" by Jonathan P. Brazec (LMBPN Publishing)
- "Wind Will Rove" by Sara Pinsker (*Asimov's Magazine*)
- "A Series of Steaks" by Vina Jie-Min Prasad (*Clarkesworld*)
- "A Human Stain" by Kelly Robson (Tor.com)
- "Small Changes Over Long Periods of Time: by K.M. Szpara (*Uncanny*)

Best Short Story

- "The Last Novelist (or A Dead Lizard in the Yard)" by Matthew Kressel (Tor.com)
- "Fandom for Robots" by Vina Jie-Min Prasad (*Uncanny*)
- "Welcome to Your Authentic Indian Experience™" by Rebecca Roanhorse (*Apex Magazine*)
- "Utopia, LOL" by Jamie Wahls (*Strange Horizons*)
- "Clearly Lettered in a Mostly Steady Hand" by Fran Wilde (*Uncanny*)
- "Carnival Nine" by Caroline M. Yoachim (*Beneath Ceaseless Skies*)

Ray Bradbury Award for Outstanding Dramatic Presentation

- *Logan*, written by Scott Frank, James Mangold, and Michael Green, directed by James Mangold (20th Century Fox Film Corp.)

Minutes of the March

LSF Meeting

taken by Scott

Carl opened the meeting by announcing that today (March 11) is the 207th anniversary of the first Luddite riot in England (1811).

Con News: Awesome Con is at the end of March – this year with a Pride Alley. Regeneration II (a *Doctor Who* convention) will be held in Baltimore. In May, it's Gaylaxicon in Atlanta. BlerDCon is coming up at Crystal City in July. WashingCon is returning in September.

Film News: Dan is eager for the new *Pacific Rim II* movie. Scott liked the film version of *Annihilation*, which followed the general theme of Jeff Vandermeer's book. Lots of discussion about the new *Bladerunner* movie. David mentioned that Kristen Wiig will play Cheetah, the villain in the new *Wonder Woman* movie. Coming out soon: *DeadPool II*, *Jurassic Park: Fallen Kingdom*. Rob and Peter enjoyed *A Wrinkle in Time* – not a spectacular mo-

- *Wonder Woman*, written by Allan Heinberg, directed by Patty Jenkins (Warner Bros.)
- *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*, written by Rian Johnson, directed by Rian Johnson (Lucasfilm)
- *Get Out*, written by Jordan Peele, directed by Jordan Peele (Universal Pictures)
- *The Good Place*: "Michael's Gambit", written by Michael Schur, directed by Michael Schur (Shout! Factory)
- *The Shape of Water*, written by Guillermo del Toro and Vanessa Taylor, directed by Guillermo del Toro (Fox Searchlight)

For more information about the Nebula Awards:

<https://nebulas.sfwaw.org/>

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vie, but worthwhile seeing; they loved the character of Meg. Karl plans to organize an LSF movie outing to see *Solo*. *Black Panther*: nearly everyone loved the movie; David noted the unrealistic capabilities of vibranium; Rob enjoyed the storytelling; Teresa cheered about the awesome strong women; Dan was sad to see Klaw get killed off. *The Shape of Water* did well at the Oscars. Plus *Get Out!* (And Jordan Peele is doing a new *Twilight Zone* for CBS All Access Channel.)

Literary News: Rob sadly noted that author Kate Wilhelm passed away; she co-founded the Clarion Workshop, among many other accomplishments.

TV News: David described the fun behind SpikeTV's *Invasion Iowa* series, starring William Shatner. Peter reported that the new season of *Doctor Who* will have 10 episodes. Bill is looking forward to the new *Krypton* series on the Syfy Channel. *Westworld* season #2 is coming out. Have you seen the preview of the *Reboot* reboot? (*Power Rangers* meets *Tron*. Live action and CGI.)

Other News: Rob enjoyed the local stage production of Le Guin's *The Lathe of Heaven*.

Upcoming LSF Book Discussions: *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle (March); *The Dinosaur Lords* by Victor Milan (April); *The Black Tides of Heaven* and *The Red Threads of Fortune* by JY Yang (May); *The Dispossessed* by Ursula K. Le Guin (June).

Then Carl brought out a red velvet cake to celebrate LSF's 28th anniversary this month. (Carl and Peter were at the first LSF meeting, so they blew out the candles.) Has it been that long?

For this month's "group watch", Rob showed the Shia LaBeouf "cannibal" music video (featuring the LA Gay Men's Chorus), and then we watched the first episode of Hulu's 2017 series *Future Man*.

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Kate Wilhelm
1928 – 2018

... [Kate Wilhelm] and Damon [Knight] helped Robin Wilson found the Clarion workshops and for more than twenty years they taught the final two weeks. I saw Kate in action once, about ten years ago, and marveled at her ability to analyze a story and gently but firmly bring out the weaknesses in a constructive manner. It is no wonder that writers can quote her twenty years later. It is no wonder that the roster of writers she helped foster includes such luminaries as Kim Stanley Robinson, George Alec Effinger, Nina Kiriki Hoffman, Robert Crais, Nicola Griffith, Lucius Shepard, and dozens more. In the year 2000, all four winners of the Nebula Award for fiction were former students of Kate's.

[excerpted from "Kate Wilhelm: An Appreciation" by Gordon Van Gelder, *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, Sept. 2001]

Kate Wilhelm was a multi-talented writer, with a long and distinguished career in the science-fiction, fantasy, and mystery genres. Her first published short fiction was "The Pint-Size Genie" (*Fantastic*, October 1956); but her first *accepted* story, "The Mile-Long Spaceship", was published the following year by John W. Campbell in *Astounding Science Fiction* (April 1957). Ten of her speculative fiction stories were published during 1958 and 1959. Her first published novel was a murder mystery (*More Bitter Than Death*, 1963); and her first published SF novel was *The Clone* (1965), a finalist for the Nebula Award. Her works have been published in *Quark*, *Orbit*, *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, *Locus*, *Amazing Stories*, *Asimov's Science Fiction*, *Fantastic*, *Omni*, *Astounding Science Fiction*, and *Cosmopolitan*.

In addition to F&SF works, Wilhelm also wrote 30 murder/mystery/suspense novels and had stories published in *Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine* and *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*.

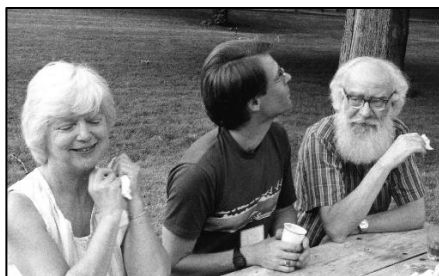
In 1962, Kate divorced her first husband (Joseph Wilhelm, married 1947); and the following year she married author/editor Damon Knight. Wilhelm and Knight mentored many authors over the years and helped to establish the Clarion Writers' Workshop and the Milford Writer's Workshop. They were the Guests of Honor at the 1980 Worldcon (Noreascon 2, Boston). After Knight's death in 2002, Wilhelm continued to host monthly workshops until her death.

The Nebula Award trophy (designed by J.A. Lawrence) was based on a sketch by Wilhelm. She herself won three Nebula Awards for short fiction: "The Planners" (1969), "Forever Yours, Anna" (1988), and "The Girl Who Fell into the Sky" (1987). Her novel *Where Late the Sweet Birds Sang* won the Hugo, the Locus, and the Jupiter (from science fiction instructors) Awards in 1977 (as well as garnering Nebula and John W. Campbell Memorial Award nominations). In 2006, she won another Hugo (best related book) and Locus (best nonfiction) for *Storyteller: Writing Lessons and More from 27 Years of the Clarion Writers' Workshop*.

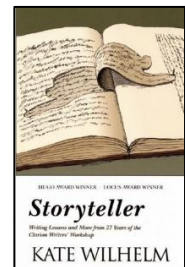
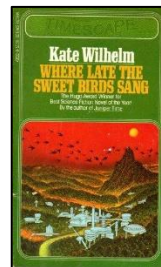
Kate Wilhelm was inducted into the Science Fiction Hall of Fame in 2003. In 2009, she received one of the three inaugural Solstice Awards by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, recognizing "significant impact on the science fiction or fantasy landscape"; and in 2016, SFWA re-named it as the Kate Wilhelm Solstice Award.

Click on the following link to watch a short YouTube video of Kate Wilhelm talking about her first published story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MikOUNb7TAO>



**Kate Wilhelm,
Kim Stanley
Robinson, &
Damon Knight**



*** * INFORMATION ABOUT LAMBDA SCI-FI: DC AREA GAYLAXIANS * ***

Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians (LSF) is an organization for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and trans-gendered (GLBT) people, and their friends who are interested in science fiction, fantasy, horror and related genres in all forms (SF/F/H). LSF's primary goals are to have fun, to provide a community, and to:

- promote SF/F/H, with particular attention to materials of interest to GLBT people and their friends;
- provide forums for GLBT people and their friends to share their interest in SF/F/H;
- promote the presence of GLBT elements within SF/F/H and within fandom; and
- promote SF/F/H within the GLBT community.

Annual membership fees are \$10, for which you will receive an e-mailed copy of this monthly newsletter and a membership directory. (Hard copies of the newsletter cost an additional \$15 per year.) Newsletter submissions are always welcome.

Meetings are usually held on the second Sunday of each month at a private residence. The next Lambda Sci-Fi meeting will be held on Sunday, **April 8th, at Peter and Rob's home, 1425 "S" Street NW, Washington, DC.** Hope to see you there!

Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians is an affiliate of **the Gaylactic Network**, an international organization for gay people and their friends who are interested in science-fiction and fantasy.

*** * Con Calendar * *** by Carl

May 11-13, 2018 **GAYLAXICON/OUTLANTACON 2018**. Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport Hotel (Atlanta, GA). Outlantacon is hosting Gaylaxicon in 2018. Membership: \$50 until 4/22/201. On-line registration. Website: <http://www.outlantacon.org/> Info: info@outlantacon.org

May 25-28, 2018 **BALTICON 52**. Baltimore Renaissance Harborplace Hotel (Baltimore, MD). GoH: Catherine Asaro; Artist GoH: Galen Dara; Special Guest: Larry Niven. Membership: \$69 until 4/15; \$72 until 5/15 (on-line); \$75 at the door. Mail-in registration deadline: 4/15 (on-line registration deadline: 5/15); \$75 at the door (daily memberships available). Website: <http://balticon.org/wp52/> E-mail: balticoninfo@balticon.org

July 6-8, 2018 **SHORE LEAVE 40** (a fan-run media SF convention). Hunt Valley Inn – Delta Marriott (Hunt Valley, MD). Guests include: William Shatner, Ming-Na Wen (*Agents of SHIELD*), Shawn Ashmore (*X-Men*). Membership: \$95 for the weekend (daily membership rates available) – pre-registration deadline June 15 (prices higher thereafter & at the door). Website: <http://www.shore-leave.com> E-mail: information@shore-leave.com

Aug. 16-20, 2018 **WORLD CON SAN JOSE**, the 76th World Science Fiction Convention. McEnery Convention Center (San Jose, CA). Guests of Honor: Chelsea Quinn Yarbro & Spider Robinson. Membership: currently \$230 (will go up!). On-line registration thru the convention's website. More information (including hotel information) as it becomes available. Website: www.worldcon76.org

Sept. 28-30, 2018 **CAPCLAVE 2018**. Rockville Hilton & Executive Meeting Center (Rockville, MD). GoH: Nancy Kress & Alyssa Wong. Membership: \$55 until May 31; \$60 from June 1 to July 31; \$65 from Aug. 1 to Sept. 30. Use the on-line registration form (using Paypal or processing your credit card thru Paypal). Website: <http://www.capclave.org/capclave/capclave.18/>

Nov. 1-4, 2018 **WORLD FANTASY CONVENTION**. Baltimore Renaissance Harborplace Hotel (Baltimore, MD). Guests of Honor: Kaaron Warren, Scott Edelman, Michael J. Walsh. Artist Guest of Honor: Tom Kidd. Special Guest: Aliette de Bodard. Membership: \$200 (current rate; will go up). On-line registration or print out registration form & send to: WFC2018 c/o Baltimore Science Fiction Society, Inc., PO Box 686, Baltimore MD 21203-0686 Website: <http://www.wfc2018.org/>

Nov. 23-25 **CHESSIECON 2018**. Radisson North Baltimore Hotel (Timonium MD). GoH: Jo Walton; Music GoH: Dr. Mary Crowell. Membership: \$55 until Nov. 1; \$60 at the door (checks payable to "Thanksgiving Science Fiction Society"). To pre-register, print out the registration form & send to: TSFS, Inc., PO Box 83032, Gaithersburg, MD 20883-3032 – or register on-line via PayPal Website: www.chessiecon.org Information: info@chessiecon.org