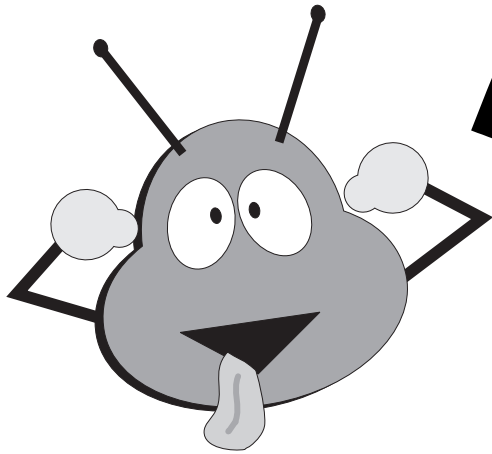


DON'T PANIC! M2K IS COMING!



MARSCON 2000

MAY 12-14, 2000

**RADISSON SOUTH,
BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA**

MarsCon returns to the Radisson South Hotel, Bloomington, Minnesota, the weekend of May 12th, 13th & 14th, 2000, for another multimedia extravaganza. MarsCon is a fan-run science fiction/fantasy/gaming convention. We will have a dealers room, programming, parties, a masquerade, a dance, a science room, an art show, a charity auction...lots of fun activities!

Our theme for MarsCon 2000 is "Don't Panic! M2K is Coming!"
[The subversive theme is simply "M'00!"]

GUESTS OF HONOR FOR MARSCON 2000:

Media GOH: MARK ALLEN SHEPHERD

Otherwise known as MORN, Star Trek: Deep Space Nine's FAVORITE BARFLY!

LISA M. GETTO, from Deep Space Nine, Babylon5, Crusade, and X-Files

Author/Gaming GOHs: MARGARET WEIS and DON PERRIN

Artist GOH: DENISE BOIE

Fan GOH: JACK BORKOWSKI, Head of the Klingon Assault Group (KAG)

Science GOH: DONALD R. SCHMITT, UFOlogist

Posthumous GOH: CHESLEY BONESTELL

MARSCON MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH THE GUESTS OF HONOR

Sunday of MarsCon 2000 is Mother's Day, and we decided this special day deserves some special recognition. In honor of Mother's Day, MarsCon will be holding a Breakfast Buffet with the Guests of Honor on Sunday morning, May 14th, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

An assortment of hearty breakfast food will be served. Seating will be limited so that everyone who attends will have a chance to meet and socialize with our Guests of Honor during the buffet.

Tickets for the Breakfast Buffet are \$20 each, and you may reserve your tickets by submitting our all-purpose registration/volunteers/parties form on page 5. Because of the limited seating, tickets will be sold on a "first come, first served" basis. Only registered MarsCon attendees may attend this buffet.

Please help us make this special event a success, and treat a mom to the MarsCon Mothers' Day Breakfast with the Guests of Honor.

MARSCON 2000 GUESTS OF HONOR

We are pleased to announce our Media Guest of Honor for MarsCon 2000:

MARK ALLEN SHEPHERD,
otherwise known as **MORN,**
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine's **FAVORITE BARFLY!**



Mark Allen Shepherd played Morn, a humanoid alien of mysterious origin who frequents the space station Deep Space Nine and is quite the regular at Quark's bar. Morn might just be the most famous nonspeaking role in Star Trek history.

An accomplished artist, Mark Allen Shepherd has had numerous works of his abstract impressionist paintings, mixed media and photomosaics used on the sets of Deep Space Nine as well as other television shows, films and commercials.

Mark has a diverse background in science as well as the fine arts. His Bachelor of Science degree is from Roger Williams College, and he studied Music, Film, Theater, Performance and Interdisciplinary Arts for four years at the California Institute of the Arts. Much of Mark's work explores such abstract concepts as energy, consciousness, perception, multidimensionality, transformation and mythologizing of the environment through a variety of media.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the real Morn to Minnesota. If you would like to read more about our planned Media Guest of Honor, please try this url to the Official Morn & Mark Allen Shepherd Website: <http://garrisonent.com/morn/body.shtml>

Another media guest coming to MarsCon 2000 is **LISA M. GETTO**, who's worked on Deep Space 9, Babylon 5, Crusade, X-Files, Profiler, and many, many other Films and TV shows. She's from Wisconsin, and glad to be coming back to the midwest to be at MarsCon! Check out her website at www.geocities.com/Hollywood/8104/index.html



AUTHOR/GAMING GOHS:
Margaret Weis and Don Perrin

MarsCon is pleased to announce that Margaret Weis and Don Perrin have agreed to be Guests of Honor for MarsCon 2000. Margaret Weis' published works include the Dragonlance series, the Rose of the Prophet series of Arabian fantasy novels (with Tracy Hickman) and her own series; a galactic fantasy entitled Star of the Guardian. Don Perrin's novels include Knights of the Black Earth and Robot Blues, co-authored with Margaret Weis, and short story "First Dragon



Army Bridge Building Company." For more information about Margaret Weis and Don Perrin, we suggest these urls: <http://mag7.com/home.htm>
<http://www.mag7.com/don.htm>
<http://www.mag7.com/margaret.htm>

ARTIST GOH: Denise Boie

Denise Boie is a local artist who's fantasy art has been seen at many other conventions. We welcome her to MarsCon 2000.

FAN GOH: Jack Borkowski,
Head of the Klingon Assault Group



As our Fan Guest of Honor for MarsCon 2000, we welcome JACK BORKOWSKI to Minnesota! Jack is a master costumer and head of the KLINGON ASSAULT GROUP (KAG), the largest Klingon club on Earth, with members on five continents. Our sources say the Klingons are planning to respond by launching a full-scale invasion of MarsCon! Last time, the Martians invaded Minnesota. This time, we will be invaded. Brace yourself, and stay tuned for more information as this story develops...

POSTHUMOUS GOH: Chesley Bonestell

MarsCon will also be honoring the late Chesley Bonestell as our Posthumous Guest of Honor. His life's work as an artist/illustrator of space flight and astronomical subjects has had a profound impact on art, science, and science fiction. For more information about Chesley Bonestell, we suggest this url: <http://chicago.ospreypartners.com/osprey/bonestell/>

SCIENCE GUEST OF HONOR:
UFologist Donald R. Schmitt



Mr. Schmitt has been a guest speaker at many great science and SF conventions, most notably the Battelle Institute, ASA Science Conference, International Microwave Technology Convention, the 1992 CSICOP Convention, Mad Media and DragonCon.

He is a former co-director of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies where he served as Director of Special Investigations for ten years, investigating more than 300 separate UFO reports throughout the United States. He has served as a technical consultant on several documentaries including "The UFO Enigma, A Report on UFOs"; "The History of UFOs"; "UFO Secret: The Roswell Crash"; "UFOs: Uncredited Field of Science," and the ShowTime movie "Roswell."

Mr. Schmitt is the author of dozens of published articles about UFOs, as well as the co-author of two best-selling books: *UFO Crash on Roswell* and *The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell*. Join us in welcoming Donald R. Schmitt to Minnesota and learning more about this intriguing field of science.

AND NOW ... A WORD FROM THE BIG CHEESE



Greetings, and welcome to PR1 for MarsCon 2000! Based on the success of last years' con, we decided to give it another go and have been working hard to bring you a bigger and better convention. As you will see throughout this report, we have increased the number of Guests from last year to provide you with a wide scope of interests to participate in. Our dealers' room has been increased and we have the proverbial favorite of fandom, the pool-side party suites. Our Programming co-execs are working hard to present so much programming, both varied and interesting, that you won't find a dull moment during the weekend.

But enough has been said by me. Read through the rest of this publication and prepare yourself for an exciting and eventful MarsCon 2000.

Bill Willis
Con Chair, MarsCon 2000

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?

Here's the MarsCon 2000 ConCom:
Bill Willis - Con Chair

Art Show - Nora Levenson, Lucia Johnson
Charity Auction - Christine LaBounty (temporary)
Communications - Christine LaBounty
Dance - John Allen
Database - Dennis Allen
Dealer's Room - Wayne R. McCloud
Drum Jam - Tod O'Donoghue
Finance - Bob Nell
Fundraising - Jolene Hardy
Guests of Honor - Jonya Pacey, Wayne McCloud, Anna Everling
Hotel Liaison - Monica Stransky
Krushenko's - Eric Heideman
Minnesota Munchie Movement - Rick Gellman
Operations - Art Johnson
Parties/Consuite - Malasondra Doepner
Programming - Nina Berg, Christine LaBounty
Publications / Marketing - Mary Loving, Lynn Tauer
Registration - George Madline
Science Room - Ben Huset
Security - Jeff "Fluffy" Claussen
Video - Nina Berg
Volunteers - Ron Searby
Webmasters - Ben Huset, Rich Brown

Like to see your name on this list? Volunteer!
Come work with us and put your talents to work
and have fun doing it!

PROGRAMMING



Programming at MarsCon 2000 promises to be as wonderful as last year with panels on science, literature, costuming, UFO abductions, comic books, gaming, art, television, film (including the obligatory Phantom Menace rant) and, of course, the inner workings of the Klingon Empire.

Old favorites like **Krushenko's** and **FanFaire** will be returning for MarsCon 2000. New favorites like the **Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet** will be introduced.

Friday night will begin with opening ceremonies, where we hope to introduce all of our guests of honor, and continue with the "Skiffy" **Radio Play** brought to you by the folks who present the Mark Time Awards at Minicon.

Saturday, we'll have our **Masquerade and Dance**. Both Friday and Saturday night there will be drum jams after the main stage is clear.

On Sunday there will be a **charity auction** to support Camp Heartland, which helps children with AIDS, and the **Art Auction**.

Throughout the convention, there will be many opportunities to meet the guests of honor and the pros, including a **Mother's Day breakfast buffet** on Sunday morning.

Wild and wonderful ideas are flowing in from all directions (croquet with bat'leths, anyone?) and if even half of them end up happening, we should have a pretty diverse assortment of things to do!

BLUE MARS



THE MARSCON 2000 FILM ROOM

Last year, when people at MarsCon were asked how they liked the film room, many of them responded "Do you mean Blue Mars?" This year, Blue Mars will be taking over the film room.

Blue Mars (which took its name from the Kim Stanley Robinson novel) was one of many parties on our floor 'o' parties last year. Many weird and wonderful movies were shown (with nary a hint of a schedule) and blue food of all varieties was served. (Yes, we were also responsible for the blue alien-head balloons.)

The same eclectic blend of science fiction classics and obscurities shall grace the screen in our new digs, overlooking the Martian ocean (aka the pool). Popcorn, soda, and other munchies will be readily available right next door in the consuite.

We are looking for a few good fen to help out in running the room during the convention. Email video@marscon.com if you are interested in assisting.

GAMING AT MARSCON 2000

Yes, there will be gaming at MarsCon 2000! We at MarsCon think conventions should provide more than just an empty room for gamers. We are planning a bigger gaming room with great tournaments, prizes and activities.

We can use some suggestions for games, LARPs, and other gaming-related activities for MarsCon 2000. Also, our Gaming GOHs, **Margaret Weis** and **Don Perrin**, will be there so this is a good opportunity for gamers to get some expert advice.

We'll post more details about MarsCon Gaming as we get closer to next May. Please contact us if you have any suggestions, questions, would like to volunteer to run a game or be a gaming judge.

HOTEL INFORMATION & PARTIES

The Radisson South Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota will be the hotel for MarsCon 2000. Those of you who have been to conventions at the Radisson before know how great and con-friendly this hotel is for SF conventions.



We are pleased to announce that for MarsCon 2000, the open parties will be in the Cabana rooms around the pool area. This was the most frequent request we received at MarsCon '99—you asked for it, you got it!

The Radisson South is now accepting reservations for **sleeping rooms** for MarsCon 2000.

Call the Radisson at **612-835-7800** or **800-333-3333** and be sure to tell them you're with MarsCon to get the convention room rate. In addition, we will have the pool-side cabanas available for groups hosting a party.

The room rates are—

South Tower (that's the tall one): **\$95/night**

North Tower: **\$115/night**

Cabana rooms: **\$115/night**

These prices do not include tax.

PARTIES

Cabana rooms are reserved for individuals or groups hosting open parties on Friday and/or Saturday night. Please make your reservations for Cabana rooms by either submitting a Party Room Request, or email our Head of Parties and Hotel Goddess, Malasondra Doepner, at parties@marscon.com. The Radisson South will NOT be accepting reservations for the Cabana Rooms. Cabana rooms will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

PUBLICATIONS

PR2 will mail out in March. Please contact us at publications@marscon.com, by our P.O. Box, or calling 612-724-0687 for information about ad rates and specs for PR2 and the Program Book.

MARSCON 2000 CHARITY AUCTION

Come one, come all to the 2nd Annual MarsCon Charity Auction!

Once again our Charity Auction will benefit the **Camp Heartland Project**. This is a national organization, with a permanent campsite in Minnesota, dedicated to assisting children and families impacted by HIV and AIDs. We raised \$800 for them at MarsCon '99 (not bad for a small convention), but we can do better!

In order to tempt you, we will post a list of auction items here a few weeks before the convention. If you would like to make a donation (cash is ok, too) please contact us.



MARSCON 2000 ART SHOW

Artists who participated in MarsCon '99 will receive a packet of information plus the appropriate forms a few months before MarsCon 2000. A complete list of rules is on our website and also will be provided in the Art Show packet. Anyone wishing to receive a packet or has questions about the Art Show should contact Nora Leverson at artshow@marscon.com or by snailmail at our P.O. box. We'll post the schedule of the Art Show hours and auction on our website and in PR2.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD FEN

Yes, we need **volunteers**! No convention can happen without volunteers. One hour, one day, or whatever time and talents you have to offer will be appreciated. Volunteer for the fun, volunteer to contribute to fandom, or volunteer for the perks—doesn't matter to us, just volunteer! Send us the Volunteer Form or contact us at volunteers@marscon.com or write us at our P.O. box. You WILL be contacted!

CALL FOR ARTWORK!

We need artwork for con T-shirts, Volunteer T-shirts, badge art, publications, etc. Now's the time to sharpen those pencils, dust off that mouse and get to work! All art must be submitted in camera-ready form by **March 1, 2000**. Art will be chosen by our distinguished panel of art experts (ok, it's really our ConCom members, but that sounded good). The winners will be praised in our Program Book and provided with gratis copies of the final printed form for their portfolios. Contact us through our P.O. Box or at communications@marscon.com if you have questions.



RATES FOR MARSCON 2000 —Register now before the rates go up Jan. 1

Through	12/31/99	4/17/00	At the Door
Adult	\$25	\$35	\$45
Child (6-12)	\$15	\$15	\$25
Supporting*	\$15	\$15	+\$20

*Supporting members pay a reduced fee through 4/17/00 to hold tickets and complete the purchase by paying an additional \$20 at any time up to and including at the door.

Mail this form with your payment (checks only, please) to the following address:

MARSCON
P.O. BOX 600458
ST. PAUL, MN 55106

Email: marscon2k@hotmail.com

Be sure to visit our website:

WWW.MARSCON.COM

Adult Over 21 Badge: Please indicate here if you want an Adult Over 21 Badge. This will help our party groups serving alcohol in determining if you are legal age. Expect to be carded (picture driver's license or state ID) when you pick up your badge and at individual parties.

Group Discount: Groups of 10 or more can take \$5 off each registration if they register as a group. The registrations must be submitted together and payment must accompany the registration forms. This cannot be combined with other discounts.

Group Name Here: _____

MarsCon Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet: Please indicate here if you want tickets to the breakfast buffet. Tickets are \$20 each and seating is limited. #Tickets _____ x \$20 each = _____ total. Only registered MarsCon attendees may attend.

VOLUNTEER! I am interested in the following areas:

- Setup
 Tear down
 Art Show
 Gophers
 Consuite Parties
 Auction(s)
 Masquerade
 Child Care
 Operations
 Badgers
 Programming
 Registration
 Gaming
 Tech Support
 Before MarsCon
 Wherever I'm needed most

PARTY ROOM REQUEST I am interested in party room accommodations, please contact me. Please note that Cabana Rooms must be reserved by contacting us, either by submitting this form, or emailing us at parties@marscon.com.

Name of group and what does it do: _____

What will be the party theme and relationship to SF/Fantasy/Fandom:

MARSCON 2000 PRE-REGISTRATION (please print)

Name: _____

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (please include area code) (H) _____ (W) _____

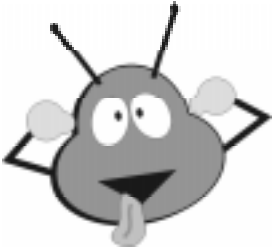
Email: _____

Please add me to your email list to receive *Mars Today*, the official email monthly of MarsCon.

I need information on Dealers Room Art Show Gaming Masquerade

**MARSCON
P.O. BOX 600458
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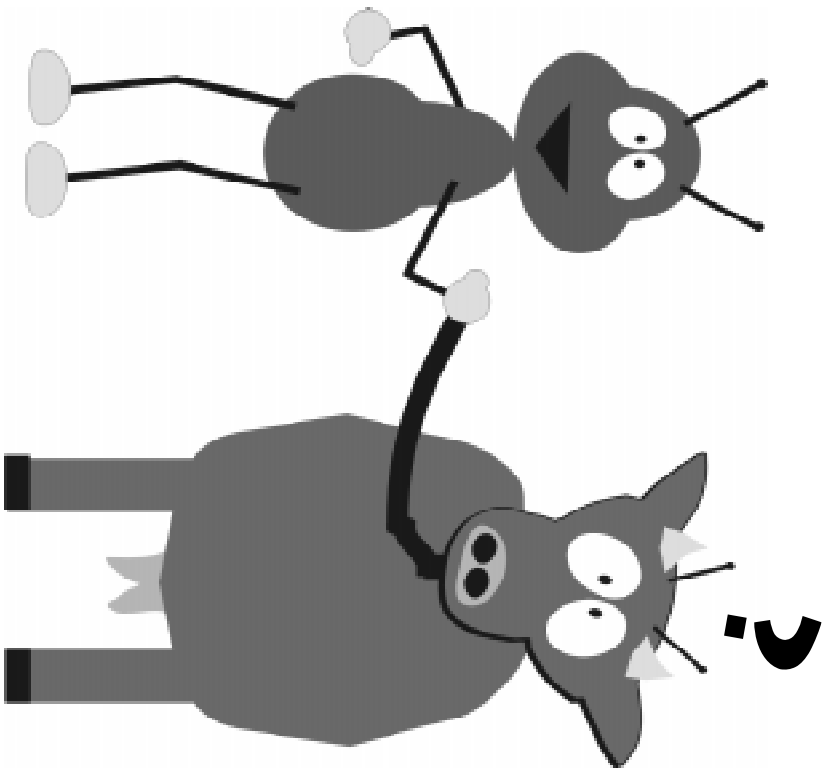


**REGISTER NOW BEFORE THE
RATES GO UP JANUARY 1**

UPCOMING MEETING - Our next MarsCon 2000 ConCom Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 19th, 1999, 1:00 p.m., at the Hennepin-Southdale Library in Edina, Minnesota. This meeting is open to everyone, and we encourage you to come and get more involved in planning MarsCon 2000!

ARE YOU REGISTERED? CHECK THE MAILING LABEL

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