



Local News  
 involving  
 Science Fiction,  
 Fantasy and  
 Horror Genre's  
 in Movies,  
 Television,  
 Books, Art and  
 Games.



# PULSAR NEWSLETTER

## **Editorial:**

Hello,

My name is Daniel L. Cromwell and I am the new Editor for the Pulsar Newsletter. It is my hope that I can create a Newsletter that will be informative, fun and an interesting part of the Science Fiction Community of Portland.

I started reading Science Fiction and Fantasy in Seventh Grade and by the time I was in High School was reading two books a day. At the age of Twenty-one while in the army a friend of mine inspired me to dream of being a writer. Over the years I have made a few low level attempts at it, but not completed anything yet. I still have my dreams though. I have also done another Newsletter for another organization that was Quarterly over a two year time frame.

I would like to be able to do this Newsletter monthly, however without input from others in the organization it will probably be only Quarterly. So if you would like to be news reporter or contributor to the newsletter, please let me know. This is your newsletter, not just mine. I have placed some sample articles in this issue for you to look at and hope that everyone will give me some feedback so that I can tailor the following issues to the taste of the Organization.

Daniel L. Cromwell

## **ABOUT PorSFIS**

The Portland Science Fiction Society is the oldest operating Science-Fiction club in Oregon, with a history spanning more than 25 years. First organized in the back of the old Illustrated Store, the Portland Science Fiction Society is Portland's premiere club for those interested in Science Fiction and Fantasy.

The second Saturday of each month we hold monthly programmed meetings, centrally located at Big Town Hero at 1037 SW Morrison St. (between 10th and 11th Ave); every three months we discuss club business. The fourth Saturday of each month we hold alt.porsfis; a monthly party in a member's home.

At PorSFIS you'll find parties, day trips, an annual barbecue, holiday get-togethers, interesting people, spirited conversations, and in-depth discussions on just about any subject. So come on out to one of our monthly meetings or special events! We'll be happy to see you!

Membership is \$10.00 annually from purchase date. With your membership you receive the posting access to the Discussion Board any hard copy newsletters printed though out your membership (1 copy per household), voting privileges, discounts at some area bookstores and a really spiffy membership card!

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## December 2005 Activities Calendar

- 1-31 "The Polar Express" shown in IMAX at OMSI <http://www.oms.edu/visit/omnimax/showdetail.cfm?ID=30> .
- 2-4 SMOFcon in Portland, OR at Red Lion Convention Center - OFSCI sponsored Convention on how to run them <http://www.osfci.org/smfcon/> .
- 2-31 "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" shown in IMAX at OMSI <http://www.oms.edu/visit/omnimax/showdetail.cfm?ID=33> .
- 2 Premiere of movie "Aeon Flux".
- 3 Birthday of author Harry Harrison.
- 3 Northern Oregon & Vancouver Anime (NOVA) meeting - Tigard City Hall Bldg -13125 SW Hall Blvd.- 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. <http://novaanime.org/> .
- 4 "Zathura" Mad Science Event at Powell's Books on Burnside at 11:00 a.m. for children in grades 3 and up <http://www.powells.com/calendar.html#807> .
- 4 PDX Browncoats (Firefly/Serenity) Shindig - location to be announced <http://www.pdxbrowncoats.com/shindig> .
- 5 OSFCI Board Meeting at Red Lion Convention Center Hotel at 1021 NE Grand at 7:30 p.m. <http://www.osfci.org/> .
- 6 Release of "Fantastic Four" and "Star Wars: Clone Wars Volume 2" on DVD.
- 7 Gerard Kuiper's 100th Birthday (1905) <http://www.bartleby.com/65/ku/KuiperGer.html> .
- 7 MegaGamers Club at PSU - 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - Smith Rm 229 <http://megagamers.com/> .
- 9 Premiere of movies "Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" and Japanese horror film "Marebito".
- 10 PorSFIS Meeting. - 2:00 p.m. at Big Town Hero - 11th & SW Morrison - Discussion of the books of the Chronicles of Narnia, including "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/porsfis/message/6293> .

# December 2005/January 2006 Activities Calendar

(Continued)

10 PorSFis Meeting. - 2:00 p.m. at Big Town Hero - 11th & SW Morrison -

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/porsfis/message/6293> .

13 Geminids meteor shower peak <http://comets.amsmeteors.org/meteors/showers/geminids.html> .

13 Release of "Godzilla: Final Wars", "The Making of (Peter Jackson's) King Kong", "Sin City: Extended Version" and "The on DVD.

13 Powell's Science Fiction Book Group at 7:00 p.m. at Powells in Beaverton - discussion of the books of Terry Pratchett

<http://www.powells.com/calendar.html#807> .

14 Premiere of movie "King Kong" by Peter Jackson.

17 Northern Oregon & Vancouver Anime (NOVA) meeting - Tigard Water Bureau Building - 8777 SW Burnham - 5:00 p

9:30 p.m. - annual Christmas event (dress up and bring food to share) <http://novaanime.org/> .

18 Birthday of author Michael Moorcock and director Steven Spielberg.

20 Release of "Serenity" and "Battlestar Galactica, season 2 (first half of season)" on DVD.

21 Launch of Progress M-55 FG to International Space Station

<http://msdb.honeywell-tsi.com/missioninfo.asp?Mission=ISS%2D20P> .

21 Winter Solstice (18:35 UT) <http://scienceworld.wolfram.com/astronomy/WinterSolstice.html> .

21 Premiere of terror movie "Hostel".

22 Ursids meteor shower peak <http://comets.amsmeteors.org/meteors/showers/ursids.html> .

22 Premiere of movie "A Chinese Tall Story".

24 Birthday of author James Lovegrove.

## December 2005/January 2006 Activities Calendar

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24 Alt.PorSFIS - Narnia Chronicles video party at the apartment of Kier Salmon.

For Info: [k\\_salmon@...](mailto:k_salmon@...) (Pre- AltPorSFIS option - showing of Narnia at

3:45 p.m. at Regal Pioneer Place Stadium 6, 340 SW Morrison).

25 Premiere of horror movie "Wolf Creek".

26 Flyby of Titan by Cassini spacecraft <http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov/home/index.cfm>.

26 Release of "Seaquest DSV, season 1" on DVD.

27 Release of UPN TV series "Nowhere Man" (filmed in Portland area) on DVD.

27 Publication of "Battlestar Galactica" (novelization of the mini-series) by Jeffrey Carver in paperback.

30 Birthday of author Somtow Sacharikul.

31 Birthday of author Connie Willis.

31 "Twilight Zone" marathon on SciFi Channel.

### January 2006

1 PorSFIS New Years brunch hosted by Marc & Patty Wells - starts at 11:00 a.m. - for info: [marcw@...](mailto:marcw@...)

3 Quadrantids meteor shower peak. <http://comets.amsmeteors.org/meteors/showers/quadrantids.html>.

4 Earth at Perihelion (0.983 AU from Sun) <http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/EarthSeasons.html>.

4 Birthday of author Samuel R. DeLaney.

4 Mars Exploration Rover A (Spirit) landed on Mars on this date in 2003 - Still Going!!

6 Premieres of start of second half of season of "Stargate:SG1", "Stargate Atlantis" and "Battlestar Galactica" on Sci-Fi Channel.

8 Birthday of physicist Stephen Hawking.

New Game Store opens in Portland.

Have you ever had a hard time deciding what type of game to play?

Is it hard to pick a favorite? Me too! That is what inspired me to open Guardian Games at 5723 SE Foster Rd, in Portland Oregon. My love of games is very diverse, and I've longed for a place that offered a one-stop shopping type of atmosphere for other die hards like me. We offer a large variety of RPG's, console games & systems, miniatures, boardgames, CCG's, and all the supplies. Feeling nostalgic, or a fan of older forms of gaming?... we carry older editions too. But what excites me most about the store is the dedicated space we offer to tabletop games of every variety.

The room is available to groups who need a place to game as long as we don't have an event already scheduled. So if you are looking for a FREE, fun place to play, or meet new people, or learn a new game.... Guardian Games is it. Stop in and check us out. And bring in your old stuff for trade.

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#### Short News

Keith Parkinson, died, October 26, 2005, Book Cover and Game Artist.

Robert Sheckley passed away while in a NY Hospital Dec 9, 2005.

Michael Coney Died Nov 4 2005, author of such books as Mirror Image (1972), Cat Karina (1982), No Place for a Sea Lion, 1992), The Jaws that Bite, the Claws that Catch (1975, aka The Girl with a Symphony in her Fingers) and other Fantasy and Scifi Books.

Chocolate Tasting at Orycon.

Have we had a final count of the funds raised by the Chocolate Tasting at the convention for the SF for Schools Program?

Mike

Do you want the interesting and complex answer, or the short version? The short version, we made just over \$150.

Debra

Knife of Dreams

Robert Jordans New Book is out. #11 in the Series. One more to go and the series is Finished. This is a great Series of Books.

The Age of Wells and Burroughs (c. 1890-1930): dominated by the scientific romances of H.G. Wells and the prodigious output of Edgar Rice Burroughs

With Contemporaries Otis Albert Kline, H. P. Lovecraft, Robert E. Howard, H. Rider Haggard, Bram Stoker, Arthur Conan Doyle, Franz Kafka, Yevgeney Zamyatin, Charlotte Perkins Gilman and many others.

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