

I M P U L S E

LE BULLETIN D'INFORMATION DE L'ASSOCIATION MONTRÉLAISE DE SCIENCE-FICTION ET DE FANTASTIQUE, L'AMonSFF

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**NEXT
CLUB MEETING
IS THIS WEEKEND****Sunday, November 20
12:00PM-5:00PM
St-François Room
Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St.
Downtown Montreal***MEETING THEME: Please come prepared
with ideas for next year's programming!***PROGRAMME****12:00PM** (early-bird programming)**SUNDAY SCI-FI CINEMA MATINÉE:**

Our last installment of the *Matinée* this year, featuring five fantasy/adventure movies! One will be chosen; brief review and discussion follows.

1:00PM-4:30PM (side programming)

STOP-MOTION PROJECT: During this meeting, we hope to wrap shooting on our stop-motion animation short film project!

1:45PM-2:00PM

BOOK INTRODUCTION: One of our own has written a book and offers a quick introduction to his work.

2:15PM-3:15PM**SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES:**

A presentation on the dastardly villains of SF/F!

3:15PM-3:30PM

MID-MEETING BREAK: Brief discussion of club business; fund-raising raffle

3:30PM-5:00PM

BRAINSTORMING SESSION: We kick around ideas for next year's programming; member input required!

**MonSFFA CHRISTMAS
DINNER/PARTY 2016:****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

*See lead item (center column)
for details*

**CLUB'S 2016 CHRISTMAS
DINNER/PARTY**

MonSFFA's annual Christmas Dinner/Party is scheduled, this year, for Saturday evening, December 3. We will return, once again, to the very welcoming Irish Embassy Pub and Grill downtown.

All MonSFFen, their families, and the club's many friends, are hereby cordially invited to MonSFFA's 2016 Christmas Dinner/Party! Do join us in celebrating the festive season!

We will gather at 6:00PM on Saturday, the 3rd, at the Irish Embassy, 1234 Bishop Street (near the corner of Ste-Catherine) to enjoy a fine meal, drinks, good company, and holiday cheer. Tables will be reserved for our group; please arrive on time in order to facilitate prompt seating.

Main courses available on the Pub's Holiday Menu include prime rib, grilled tuna, turkey, and vegetarian curry. The price of your meal, including taxes and tip, should come to about \$35, give or take, a bit less for the vegetarian option. Drinks are extra.

At our November 20 club meeting this weekend, we will take a moment to narrow down the meal choices the Pub has provided to them in advance of our event, along with the number of people we expect will be attending.

We will have a number of first-rate prizes on offer as part of our traditional Christmas fund-raising raffle, and our special thanks-to-volunteer-members draw. So bring along a little extra cash with which to buy raffle tickets, folks!

Lastly, with those in our community less fortunate in mind, and in the spirit of the season, we encourage MonSFFen to donate to a local food bank or toy drive.

We extend our thanks to club president Cathy Palmer-Lister for making the arrangements with

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ARE DUE**

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the Following Club Members are...*

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BOIES, Marquise
D'ORTUN-BOYER, Lynda
GLOVER, Wayne
HAMMOCK, Christopher
LUPIEN, Leslie L.
MOIR, L. E.
NOVO, Fernando
PELLEY, Lynda
PETTIT, William S.
WHITELAW, Maureen

Due This Month, November:

KNAPP, Brian K.
KNAPP, Mary C.
JANSSEN, Steven

Due Next Month, December:

DUROCHER, Marc

Standard membership is only \$25 annually. We offer a family rate of \$40. Add \$10 to either of these to enjoy our premium "Platinum" membership level. Please complete the form below, include payment (cheque or money order made out to "MonSFFA"), and mail to:

**MonSFFA c/o
4456 Boul. Ste-Rose
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H7R 1Y6**

*Thank you for your
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the Irish Embassy, and we take this opportunity to wish all MonSFFA members and friends of the club a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, Happy New Year!

Wanted: Programming Ideas for Next Year!

Last issue, we asked MonSFFen to begin thinking about topics they would like to see explored at our meetings next year. We'll open the floor to your suggestions, dear MonSFFen, at this Sunday's club meeting (November 20), our last of 2016. We will brainstorm ideas with the goal of filling our programme schedule for next year. Presentations, lectures, panel discussions, workshops, games—write your proposals down in note form and put them forth at the meeting. And, if you are so inclined, consider, as well, participating next year in one or more programming items as a presenter or panellist.

October Club Meeting

We were moved upstairs to a 7th-floor luxury suite on this occasion as our usual meeting room was not available; *really* nice digs! Fortunately, folk were able to find us and the meeting was well attended.

We began with another edition of Sunday Sci-Fi Cinema Matinée, the MonSFFen gathered choosing the British film *Island of Terror* (1966) for review from a menu of five sci-fi flicks featuring uniquely strange aliens or monsters.

While the creature effects were on par with *Star Trek's* Horta, director Terence Fisher made the very best of it and tantalizingly built the story's mystery and suspense. A solid script and terrific performances from a cast led by sci-fi/horror star Peter Cushing made this low-budget movie a winner in the eyes of our group.

The suite's bedroom was quickly converted into a makeshift studio and throughout the meeting, Keith Braithwaite and François Menard worked on shooting a few more scenes for our stop-motion animated film project.

Programming this day unfolded in the suite's living room and featured three quick panels:

The first was hosted by Rene Walling, who spoke on the topic of foreign-language SF from outside North America, suggesting a number of works for folk interested in exploring the genre from a different perspective than that of the Anglo-American oeuvre with which we are all most familiar.

Mark Burakoff followed, leading a discussion on surviving the apocalypse, asking whether any of us are prepared for another ice storm, let alone a zombie outbreak or alien invasion! In a world suddenly without electricity, a communication network, or a functional government, how to start a fire, gather food and clean water, locate safe refuge, and protect oneself from the inevitable collapse of society were among the particulars discussed.

We closed the meeting with Keith Braithwaite and François Menard tackling the question of art versus commerce in sci-fi publishing, and film and television production. The conclusion reached was that self-publishing and independent film production are the best ways to insure one's vision is not unduly corrupted by the corporate entertainment industry.

Club Elections Upcoming in January

The first order of business as the club begins a new year is traditionally the election of MonSFFA's Executive Committee for that year. These elections always take place in January, at our first meeting of the year, and are officially confirmed by the following meeting, in February. All MonSFFA members in good standing, having paid in full their annual membership fees, are encouraged to participate.

MonSFFA elects annually a president, vice-president, and treasurer—who together form the Executive Committee—and charges them with the responsibility of running the club on behalf of the membership. These executives recruit advisors and appoint officers to assist them in carrying out this responsibility. On occasion, a second vice-president may be elected, as well, usually to handle an important, specific task, or to take the reins on a special project.

(Please note: Everyone can chill; Donald Trump *won't* be running in our club's elections. He already has a gig!)

Our sitting Executive is as follows: Cathy Palmer-Lister, president; Keith Braithwaite, vice-president; Sylvain St-Pierre, treasurer.

Any MonSFFA member in good standing who is responsibly and reliably able to carry out the duties of office may run for any one of the Executive posts. Candidates may nominate themselves, or accept nomination from another member in good standing. Nominations are received by the chief returning officer, or CRO, usually just before the commencement of voting on Election Day.

Long-time MonSFFAn Josée Bellemare is currently serving as our CRO.

All MonSFFA members in good standing are eligible to cast a ballot. Members are asked to be present at the designated place and time in order to exercise their right to vote. Proxy voting is not permitted, except under special circumstances and by approval of the CRO (out-of-town members unable to attend the vote, for example, may have their ballots cast by the CRO in their absence, or make their choices via e-mail or other form of communication outside of the designated voting hour).

Potential candidates are encouraged to advise the CRO of their intention to run for one of the three specified offices as soon as possible. See the CRO in person at a club meeting or function; or contact the club via our Web Site at: webmaster@monsffa.ca; or by standard post at: MonSFFA, c/o 4456 Boul. Ste-Rose, Laval, Québec, Canada, H7R 1Y6. Mark any correspondence to the attention of the CRO.

Briefly:

► Please note: while we usually meet on the second floor of the Hôtel Espresso in the St-François Room, as advertised, the hotel's banquets manager sometimes rejigs things at the last minute and relocates us to a similar room nearby, sometimes the Saguenay down the hall. Lately, we've enjoyed the use of a 7th-floor luxury suite, Room 700. If you find that we're not set up in our regular St-François Room, check the other rooms on the floor to see if we've been moved to one of these, or check with the front desk, located downstairs in the main lobby; they'll point you in the right direction.

► Omission: in our coverage of September's meeting last issue, we failed to mention that Marquise Boies was among those members who stepped in to contribute to the hastily improvised programming we came up with when our planned programming fell through at the last minute. We regret the omission. Marquise showcased some of her portfolio of artwork and we thank her for her contribution.

► This issue of *Impulse* has been designated our November-December 2016 edition; it is our final publication of the year. *Impulse* returns in January of 2017. We take this opportunity to wish all MonSFFen, our readers, and friends of the club a very Merry Christmas, holiday season, and a Happy New Year.

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