

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: SATURDAY, JANUARY 13!

1:00PM-5:00PM

Royal Canadian Legion, Lachine Branch

3015 Rue Henri-Dunant, Lachine, Quebec

Between Provost and Saint-Antoine, just east of 32nd Avenue



AGENDA:

- GUEST SPEAKERS—Astronomy Specialists David Shuman and Paul Simard Return to Speak on the Upcoming Solar Eclipse (April 8, 2024), and Host a Screening of Their Documentary Short, "Shadowchasers!"
- AIR SHOWS AND AVIATION MUSEUMS, CONTINUED—We Pick Up Where We Left Off in November; Aviation Often Inspired Early SF, and Many Sci-Fi Fans Are Also Fans of Aviation!
- AGM, ELECTIONS—MonSFFA's Annual General Meeting and Executive-Committee Elections

LONG-SERVING CLUB PRESIDENT TO STEP DOWN!

After countless years of service to MonSFFA, many as club president over two separate administrations, Cathy Palmer-Lister has announced that she will not run for re-election to the post in 2024!

She cited her belief that a periodic change of leadership benefits any organization simply because fresh personnel, ideas, and enthusiasm are thus brought to the fore. Given her 30-plus years of dedication to MonSFFA, and valuable, across-the-board experience, it is certain that Cathy's shoes will be hard to fill!



Joining MonSFFA in the early 1990s, Cathy (shown here grilling hotdogs at the club's annual Summer Barbecue-in-the-Park) has been actively involved in the club ever since—she was and is a regular presenter at club meetings; she served as MonSFFA's vice-president during the latter part of Lynda Pelley's administration; she edited the club's fanzine, *Warp*, and continues to produce the full-colour printed copies of the well-regarded

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP FEES?

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the club's normal operation for more than three years! During this period, our regular in-person meetings were suspended, and the payment of annual fees were deferred.

The club has now begun again collecting those annual membership fees, this in order to return to a positive cash flow situation, and so cover the monthly costs of renewed operations.

Standard membership remains 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
29 Harold
Kirkland, Québec, Canada
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publication; she helped organize and run the club's regular SF/F book sales, and its annual Christmas parties; and she steered the club through the recent, challenging COVID-19 pandemic, spearheading the introduction of our popular e-meetings and ZOOM-chats. But most outstandingly, she led the club as president for a total of 13 years, from 1997 to 2001, and again from 2015 to the present day.

Hers equals the presidential tenure of Berny Reischl, both her successor and predecessor in the center seat. Collectively then, these two titans of modern Montreal fandom have guided MonSFFA through more than two-thirds of the club's history!

Cathy, it must also be noted, is lauded for her steering of ConCept, the MonSFFA-founded sci-fi convention that was spun off as its own organization in 1993. She began chairing the much-lamented annual event as the 21st century dawned.

Cathy wishes to maintain a certain, more measured level of involvement in club activities; the Website, which she has largely developed and maintained over the years, is of particular interest.

MonSFFA extends a sincere, Jovian-sized "Thank You" to Cathy for all her efforts over the decades on behalf of the club. And we strongly recommend that the incoming president tap her knowledge, experience, and talents as much as she will allow!

Seasonal Celebrations Close 2023

Both live and in person, and online, MonSFFA fêted the season with two events in December. Saturday, December 9 saw our Christmas Luncheon unfold from 2:00PM-6:00PM at the West-Island locale we have benefitted from these past few years, courtesy L.E. Moir.

The Luncheon offered a bountiful, delectable buffet, and MonSFFers and their families gathered for lively talk, and to toast the season and exchange best wishes.

The club's traditional Christmas Raffle, along with a special premium prize-draw organized by Lindsay Brown and Mark Burakoff, featured a Santa's sack-full of gift-wrapped prizes arranged under the tree, enough for everyone present! Over \$80 was raised to benefit the club.

Post-Luncheon, those wishing to carry on celebrating relocated a short distance to a local pub. Note that come 2024's Festive Season, we anticipate getting back to normal with a return to our usual downtown restaurant dinner/pub party.

As our Luncheon locale was not equipped with WiFi, a ZOOM hook-up was not possible, so, in order to include our out-of-town members in the club's seasonal festivities, we additionally hosted an Online Get-Together the following weekend, on Sunday, December 17. This casual ZOOM-chat ran from 1:00PM to 4:00PM, allowing everyone taking part the opportunity to exchange best wishes for the Holiday season. A Christmas Quiz, along with a couple of seasonal sci-fi picture galleries, provided unofficial programming throughout the afternoon; extra raffle prizes were awarded.

We trust all of our members, their families, and the club's friends enjoyed a most joyous Festive Season 2023, and a Happy New Year.



Executive-Committee Elections

The club begins each year with the election of its Executive Committee for that year. These elections take place at our first meeting of the year, in January, 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.

The club elects annually a president, vice-president, and treasurer, who together form MonSFFA's Executive Committee and are charged 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.

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.

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 circumstance 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).

Getting to the Lachine Legion for Our First Meeting of 2024

Easily accessible via public transit, the Lachine Legion is located at 3015 Rue Henri-Dunant, between Provost and St-Antoine, just east of 32nd Avenue (see map, above).

The 191 bus, among others, stops on 32nd Avenue, near the Legion. Those travelling from Montreal, for example, can board the 191 at the Lionel Groulx Metro Station; the ride to 32nd Avenue takes about 35 minutes. From neighbourhoods west of Lachine, the 191, as well as the 195, depart from Terminus Dorval and take roughly 25 minutes to reach 32nd. Consult the STM (www.stm.info/en) for best bus routes.

Those travelling by car may exit from Autoroute 20, whether eastbound or westbound, at 32nd Avenue (Exit 60). Drivers may also access 32nd from Autoroute 13. It's a short couple blocks drive south on 32nd to the intersection with Provost. Turn east onto Provost, then promptly south onto 31st Avenue, which lets out onto Henri-Dunant. Turn east again and find the Legion Hall about 50 metres from the intersection on the south side of the street.

The Legion maintains a parking lot adjacent the building; there is no charge to park one's vehicle. Free parking is also available on Henri-Dunant.

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