

WORLD HORROR CONVENTION 2013
PROGRESS REPORT 1



JUNE 13 THROUGH JUNE 16
AT THE HOTEL MONTELEONE IN
NEW ORLEANS

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This report is sent via email to registered members of the Bram Stoker Awards® Weekend 2013, incorporating World Horror Convention (WHC), and specifically deals with WHC matters. Please read through to the end, as we particularly need your vote for WHC Grandmaster.

Any questions should be directed to Rocky Wood via president@horror.org .

COMMITTEE

We have made enormous progress on the overall Convention. An Organizing Committee, Chaired by Greg Herren is hard at work and has already delivered on many areas. Rocky Wood is Chairing the World Horror Convention component.

The Organizing Committee (double-click to send an email or head over to the website at <http://www.stokers2013.org/>) is:

- Chair/Programming—[Greg Herren](#)
- WHC Chair / Guests / Programming—[Rocky Wood](#)
- Pitch Sessions—[R J Cavender](#)
- Party Programming—[Boyd Harris](#)
- Social Media—[Anita Siraki](#)
- Website—[Rick Pickman](#)
- Dealers Room—[John Prescott](#)
- Art Show—[Chad Savage](#)
- Editor, Souvenir Book—[Norman Rubinstein](#)
- HWA Administrator—[Brad Hodson](#)
- Ex-Officio— Lisa Morton
- Logo Design—[John Prescott](#)

REGISTRATION

Even though you are registered you will know people who have not yet stepped up. As a reminder, the \$125 rate ends on October 31 (appropriate, don't you think?), so if they want that rate they must book during the next two months.

Don't forget tickets for the Bram Stoker Awards® Banquet are separate from Registration. You must purchase them separately. These are limited to 240, so please don't leave it until the last minute and risk missing out on this iconic event.

WEBSITE

We have established a lively and regularly updated website at <http://www.stokers2013.org/>. As you registered through that website we know you know about it—but keep visiting as it is regularly updated.

HOTEL DETAILS

We have booked the Hotel Monteleone, an iconic literary hotel in the French Quarter of New Orleans, which is said to be haunted. We have numerous function rooms booked for the varying programming areas. Discounted hotel rooms are available until one month before the Convention only. It is very important you understand this condition—if you book after that day you will not get a discounted rate at the Convention Hotel.

You don't need to pay in advance, only leave a credit card and you can book using the special rates for a number of days either side of the Con if you are staying over to enjoy New Orleans. Online bookings are still not enabled (we continue to work with the Hotel to get that live) but you can call and book toll-free. If you want to book from overseas email Greg Herren at greg121@aol.com, who will fix it for you.

Full details about the Hotel, Rates, telephone booking numbers and so on are at the <http://www.stokers2013.org/> website. So, there is really no reason not to book NOW!

THE DEALERS ROOM

We launched the Dealers Room in July and sales are brisk. We expect the room to be booked out shortly. In addition we have contracted a mainstream bookstore, so you will be able to buy the books from your favorite Guest authors for signing.

GUESTS

We're thrilled with our stellar Guest line-up:



JOHN JOSEPH ADAMS (Editor Guest of Honor) is the bestselling editor of the horror anthologies *The Living Dead*, *The Living Dead 2*, *By Blood We Live*, and *Wastelands*. He is also the editor of the new horror magazine *Nightmare*.



BRUCE BOSTON (Poet Guest of Honor) is the author of fifty books and chapbooks, including the novels *The Gardener's Tale* and *Stained Glass Rain*. His poetry and fiction have appeared in hundreds of publications.



RAMSEY CAMPBELL (Author Guest of Honor) has been described as "Britain's most respected living horror writer". He has been given more awards than any other writer in the field, including HWA's Lifetime Achievement Award.



GLENN CHADBOURNE (Artist Guest of Honor) is a freelance artist specializing in the horror/dark fantasy genres. His artwork has appeared in over fifty books as well as numerous magazines, comics, and computer games.



CAITLIN R. KIERNAN (Author Guest of Honor) was recently called "one of our essential writers of dark fiction" by *The New York Times*. She is the author of various dark-fantasy novels, including *The Drowning Girl: A Memoir*.



JONATHAN MABERRY (Author Guest of Honor) is a *New York Times* best-selling author, multiple Bram Stoker Award winner, and Marvel Comics writer. His novels include *Rot & Ruin*, *Patient Zero* and *Assassin's Code*.



JEFF STRAND returns in 2013 to emcee the Bram Stoker Awards presentation for a fifth time. He is a three-time nominee himself, and his books include *Wolf Hunt* and *A Bad Day for Voodoo*.

Full details about each of these outstanding horror personalities are at the website:

<http://www.stokers2013.org/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/416385721720103/> a

Join now and find out the latest breaking news!

You can also find us on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/#!/Stokers2013WHC>

UPCOMING

- The Art Show details will be announced shortly. The Art Show is Chaired by the very experienced Chad Savage, so it will be magnificent! Artist Guest of Honor Glenn Chadbourne will be displaying his work, of course.
- Some more surprise Guests!
- Our Convention specific Guide to New Orleans.
- Programming (but not until April 2013)

IMPORTANT (PLEASE READ): WHC GRANDMASTER – WE WANT YOUR VOTE!

As a Registered Member of WHC2013, you have the exclusive right to vote for the WHC Grandmaster (that person will be invited to attend the Con as our Guest).

Only living people are eligible. Past winners are ineligible from winning again. The list of previous winners is:

- [Robert Bloch](#)–1991; [Stephen King](#)–1992; [Richard Matheson](#)–1993; [Anne Rice](#)–1994; [Clive Barker](#)–1995; [Dean Koontz](#)–1996; [Peter Straub](#)–1997; [Brian Lumley](#)–1998; [Ramsey Campbell](#)–1999; [Harlan Ellison](#)–2000; [Ray Bradbury](#)–2001; [Charles L. Grant](#)–2002; [Chelsea Quinn Yarbro](#)–2003; [Jack Williamson](#)–2004; [F. Paul Wilson](#)–2005; [Ray Garton](#)–2006; [Joe R. Lansdale](#)–2007; [Robert McCammon](#)–2008; [Tanith Lee](#)–2009; [James Herbert](#)–2010; [Jack Ketchum](#)–2011; and TED Klein–2012

Only registered members of the World Horror Convention 2013 are eligible to vote (that is you!). If you have any questions, email mwillmoth@earthlink.net or call him at +1 480-945-6890. The winner will be officially contacted in late January 2013.

Voting is a one-step process. You will be sent a ballot via email in which you write in the name of the person you wish to see as WHC Grandmaster 2013. Voting will close on January 15 but there is no need to hold back as you won't see who other people are voting for. So, you are encouraged to vote when you receive the ballot. If you haven't received your ballot by August 15, please write to president@horror.org. This is an automated ballot—you are voting online, so once you enter the information and submit, the Ballot will be automatically sent in for counting.

The announcement of the winner will occur in Progress Report #4 and on the website, if the winner is able to attend the convention. Otherwise, the winner will be announced at Opening Ceremonies on Thursday June 13. The actual award will be on display at the convention with the Award presentation on Friday June 14.