



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASTRONOMICAL ARTISTS

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ELECTION

Maralyn Vicary reports that the voting is coming along nicely, but there are still a few ballots which haven't come in yet. The election voting will be called on March 10. Results will be in the next newsletter.

1987 JSC WORKSHOP

I was in Houston a few weeks ago, and met with IAAA member Pat Rawlings. We've decided to have our first IAAA technical workshop at Johnson Space Center in August of this year. Pat was formerly exhibits designer at JSC, and is now at Eagle Engineering and has numerous contacts at JSC. This will be a one week workshop.

The dates and programming aren't solidified yet, but it will be a case of having more things to see and do than there will be time for. We can set up some astronaut interviews (Joe Allen, for example is in the office across from Pat, and they have talked extensively). Joe has a very picturesque way of talking, and is a fine photographer. A session with him would be very productive. We may also meet with Alan Bean, maybe Bill and Anna Fisher, and any number of experienced space travelers. In addition, we have several "in's" at the center, and can view many technical items, maybe even take a ride on the 16 trainer. I know the EVA "quartermaster" who says we can come and look at spacesuits and MMU hardware. There is lots and lots of hardware to see and feel at JSC. Lots of models and mockups. A tour of Eagle Engineering will be made also. It is a space artist's dream studio, with computer graphics, and lots of neat equipment.

Unfortunately, a large group is not feasible, so this will be limited to a dozen or so participants. It will be restricted to IAAA active members. You are an "active" if you received an election ballot. We already have four participants; Pat and myself, Bonecutter, and Maralyn Vicary. There will not be time or room for any painting, but sketching and photography will work fine. A tape recorder might be desirable also.

Weather in Houston in August is moderately abominable. Folks from dry climates (like me) sweat like pigs in the saturation humidity. It also rains frequently that time of year, so an umbrella is advisable. The good news is that most buildings are air conditioned, and that is where we will be the most. There is a nice hotel across from the entrance to JSC where I have stayed before. Yes, there is a nice pool. The rates are \$35 a night for a single, a little more for a double. Wendy's is across the street, McDonald's and Denny's near also. Federal Express has a drop-off booth 1 block away. Coin Laundry and hospital near. What else do you need? Flights to and from Houston are among the cheapest in the country, since it is a major hub for many airlines. There are two airports: Intercontinental and Hobby. Hobby is the smaller, but is closer to JSC. We have Pat's van and my van for

transportation, although most of the sights are within walking distance from the hotel.

If you are interested, get a hold of Pat or me (preferably Pat) at the number listed in your IAAA directory. We will keep a standby list, since people tend to drop out of workshops at the last minute for a variety of reasons. Pat's number is the Eagle Engineering phone, so call during business hours.

SPACE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ART SHOW

Deadline is drawing near for art at the Space Development Conference art show March 27-29. (See the December newsletter for details). I will be taking work from Maralyn Vicary, Judy Asbury, Bill Hartmann and myself. Kurt Burmann is also attending, and the IAAA being co-sponsors, will have a booth manned by me and Kurt. If you want to send some work with me or directly to the conference, let me know SOON.

NEW SHOW OPPORTUNITIES

There are two other show opportunities coming up in June. The Pendragon gallery in Los Angeles is sponsoring a show of astronomical and alien art at the gallery. This will be a juried show. The Pendragon gallery carries art from all the major science fiction artists, and has been open almost a year. The place is huge and under the very capable direction of Mr. Jinx Beers, whom some of you may have met at SF cons, representing Alicia Austin. If you are interested in entering work in the show, contact Jinx at:

PENDRAGON GALLERY
8226 W. THIRD ST.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90048
(213) 653-0140

The second June show opportunity is with the Memphis Astronomical Society, which holds an art show every year to raise funds for the group's activities. More information will be forthcoming about this show.

AVIATION ART WORKSHOP

For those of you interested in an aviation art workshop, there is a good one being held in Charlottesville, VA May 31-June 5. Robert McCall, Keith Ferris and William Reynolds (among others) will be giving demos on technique. Alan Bean gave me the information on this, and said he highly recommends it for those interested in aviation art. He had attended the workshop before. More information on prices and such will be forthcoming in a future newsletter.

IAAA ARTISTS ON THE MOVE

A number of address corrections have come in to the office. Please note them on your IAAA directory for future reference.

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SPACE ART ON ISU CURRICULUM

Todd Hawley, Peter Diamandis, and Bob Richards- those wizards of SEDS (Students for the Exploration and Development of Space) who were mentioned in the December newsletter have another ingenious idea which has become reality. SPACEFAIR 87 will be held April 10-12 at MIT in Cambridge MA. The theme of this year's spacefair is the establishment of an International Space University. Perhaps you saw the news announcement in Aviation Week. Funding has been generous, and VIP's are coming in from several countries including China and Japan. The goal is to establish a real space university, and put together a curriculum and faculty. The IAAA has been offered a permanent chair on the faculty, and I have been asked to present a sample class to the group. The first formal session of ISU is to be held in Summer 1988. For more information:

Spacefair 87, International Space University
Box 153 MIT Br. P.O.
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 253-8897

GOSSIP

Ineke Bergh of the Netherlands reports that the Dutch edition of COMET is "...completely unattractive with few illustrations which are only black and white". "The average Dutch reader has been cheated out of a lot of beautiful astronomical art." He says Rick Sternbach's "Vega Near Halley Nucleus" is the cover of the Space '86 Exhibition catalog which is held in Utrecht.***** George Peirson has reported two bits of good news. He has graduated from the coveted Art Center in Pasadena, and married another Art Center student named Debra. He also says his phone number was omitted from the IAAA directory. It is (818) 346-8626.***** David Hardy of the UK Says that he went to Iceland "...in 1981 with a couple of photographer friends. We hired (rented?) a four-wheel-drive and some camping equipment. It is a great country! Very small- we circled it in two weeks, but the waterfalls, lava fields, and especially- the thermal areas are fascinating". (There is a nice article on Iceland in the February NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC) ***** Mike and Caroline Carroll's new baby is due very soon.