



# PROCLAMATION

The Newsletter of Reclamation, the 2022 Eastercon

Issue 3: Saturday Evening

## BSFA Awards 2022

The awards were presented by Mary Robinette Kowal and Ian Whates in a glittering ceremony in Discovery on Saturday evening, **very** shortly before this issue went to press: *[Mike – please fill in the blanks, I’m off to the bar win or lose – Alison]*

**Best Book for Younger Readers:** *Iron Widow*, by Xian Jay Zhao

**Best Shorter Fiction:** ‘Fireheart Tiger’ by Aliette de Bodard

**Best Non-Fiction:** *Worlds Apart: Worldbuilding in Fantasy and Science Fiction*, edited by Francesca T Barbini

**Best Artwork:** *Glasgow Green Woman* by Iain Clark

**Best Novel:** *Shards of Earth* by Adrian Tchaikovsky

Congratulations to all of the winners.

## Programme Changes

There will be a second chance to learn to read and write hieroglyphs:

12 noon - 2:30pm on Monday, 18 April 2022

Learn about the culture and people while being taught the basic alphabet and other hieroglyphs, together with some simple phrases that are commonly found in all

museums. You will also have a go at drawing the hieroglyphs.

**Please** sign up at the Info Desk near Registration.

There will be a Pokemon Go wander around the area Sunday morning at 11:30am. Meet outside the main entrance of the hotel.

Nicholas Jackson’s talk (Not The Only Game In Town, Sun 1:30pm) is cancelled.

## Quotes from Mary Robinette Kowal

‘We are always twenty years away from Mars’  
‘My voice has been in Space’  
‘In the same way that people say “I fell down the rabbit hole”, astronauts say “I fell down the gravity well.”’

MRK is also teaching her cat to talk. Our newsletter artist Sue Mason finds that her cat is entirely able to communicate using only his claws and teeth.

## Feedback

A reminder that the next feedback session will be in Bleriot at 9:00am on Sunday, giving you a further opportunity to provide feedback on the convention, whether good or bad.

## Persistence

Celebrating the persistence of that ‘joie de vivre’, the persistence of that sense of adventure even in the face of extreme adversity that characterises the human spirit.

That spirit that drives us to move forward, to reach for the stars, to, in the words of Brisco County Jr, keep searching for the next big thing. Persistence 2023—To Infinity and beyond!

## Congestion

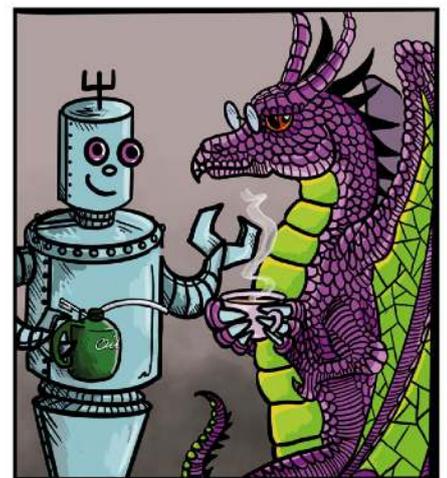
The main corridor along the row of syndicate rooms gets pretty crowded, so please keep moving and try not to stop for a chat. This means you, Alison.

—Phil Dyson

## Sunday Morning Conversations

The book launch (and precursor short story & songs) tomorrow will be moved to the sunken bar just the other side of the hotel bar from reception.

## CONVERSATION



*a bid for the*  
**2023 EASTERCON**

## Serious Scientific Inquiry

Some residents in the Radisson have noticed a strange effect while washing. If you observe your reflection in the bathroom mirror, you may see that the illuminated surround is just the same size as the pupils of your eyes, giving the impression that you have square eyes. Or, of course, you might just have square eyes.

## Some People Can't Find the Newsletter

It's right here, everyone!

## Support the Fan Funds

You may be wondering, "How can I support the fan funds at Reclamation?" Well, we have a couple of options for you.

First, we are having a silent auction. There are several amazing items for which you can bid. Examples to whet your appetite below, pics of all of them are on the Discord. Or come to Syndicate Room 3 and see for yourself! You can bid there or Discord. The silent auction will end at 11pm BST (UTC 00:00) on Sunday 17th April.

Philip Reeve original sketch:



Sara Felix Tiara:



Framed Dave Hardy print:



And many more, including the chance to name a variety of *adorable* kittens.

We are also having an ongoing spin to win contest, Fan Funds Amazeballs. You pay a pound, we spin a bingo spinner, and you win the relevant numbered prize. Prize every time! Some of the prizes are great! For an extra pound, you can give any unwanted prizes back. There are all sorts of amazing things to win. Hope to see you all this weekend.

## Lonely Dealers want your Money

Dealers in rooms at the Aviator end of the hotel would like you to remember that they're open and available to part you from your money. Please go and visit them.

## Dr Plokta's Nature Notes

Apparently the hawthorn is flowering, despite the fact that it is not yet May. This means that you may officially cast clouts. \*

\*Casting clouts may be a violation of the Reclamation Code of Conduct

## Lost and Found

If you have lost or found anything this weekend, please check with Ops in Syndicate 1.

## Another Take on the Three Magpies

(Hasn't anyone gone anywhere else this weekend?)

The Three Magpies looks like a traditional pub on the outside, but inside... it's also a traditional pub. The fairy lights on the walls add a lot to the ambience of the eating area, and the candlelit beer garden/ car park is charmingly eclectic, especially the repurposed drinking trough.

The staff were friendly, but seemed unprepared and almost put out by the fact that they had customers.

There's a decent range of drinks here if you are looking for a tippable that is cheaper than the hotel, and the food menu is quite diverse with everything from katsu to steak.

On Fridays they have a Disco night from 9 'til late, which was offensively loud considering we were the only people in, although I think we were in the louder part of the bar, so perhaps we should have moved, and I'm probably just being a grumpy old man.

—Omar Kooheji

This issue's editor is outraged, outraged I say, that newsletter supremo Mike Scott didn't bother to arrange an embargoed copy of the BSFA award results. This issue was edited by Alison Scott, with help from Steve Davies, Mike Scott and Giulia de Cesare. Masthead art and herald by Sue Mason.