

The weather is beautiful here in Calgary (although, by the time this gets sent, it will be pouring rain) and we are all getting excited for our upcoming festival. With that in mind, we will try to put out these News and Notes a little more often. We are aiming for every other week but please don't hold us to that. Believe it or not, we all have busy lives outside of When Words Collide ;)

- *Programming is reaching crunch time. Emails will be going out to all our participants and we have a tentative schedule on the website (<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/documents/Program2012.pdf>). If you are a programming participant and haven't heard from our very busy programming staff, check out the the schedule and see if your name is where it is suppose to be. If not, please contact us and we will do our best to correct the matter. If you're not part of programming, check out the website anyway. We just know you'll want to see some of what we have in store for you .*
- *As always, we are looking for willing slaves, er, volunteers to help at the convention. Go here if you are interested in signing up (<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/volunteer.php>)*
- *Aurora awards banquet tickets are now available at the bottom of the When Words Collide online registration form (<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/reg2.php#banquet>). We are doing a buffet with prime rib and salmon for the great price of just \$40. The awards ceremony will be open to the public but if you want to meet the nominees and to get the best seats we encourage you to purchase your tickets now. You can see the full menu here (<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/convention.php>)*
- *In an effort to get you ready for our (not so) little event, we have put a page up "Are you ready for WWC?". Here you will find stuff you will need know, such as library and U of C readings before the convention, how to get manuscripts ready for our Live Action Slush panels and all sorts of fun information along those lines. To find out more and really be prepared, go here (<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/prep.php>)*

- *Parties! We wanted to tell you about all the wonderful outside of programming events. So many people are throwing parties in our hotel. I know there was a little confusion last year, so to clarify, these, as well as our hospitality suite, are open to all paid registered members. Check out our wonderful party sponsors here (<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/documents/Socials.png>). Drop in and say hi! I know they would love to see you.*
- *If you haven't booked your hotel room already, why not? As usual, we have a handy link to show you the way (<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/venue.php>). Rooms must be booked by July 9th to guarantee you receive our discounted festival rate of \$114.99. Also, why not pay an extra \$10 per person and get their wonderful buffet breakfast? After that the hotel may release any unbooked rooms to the public.*
- *And Finally, for now, for those of you who haven't purchased your membership yet, why not? Prepurchase cut-off is July 31st. After that you will have to pay at the door which will be \$65.*

Announcements and Special Events

- *One month to go before voting closes for the 2012 Aurora awards. Remember to register early so you can download almost all of the nominated works as part of your \$10 membership dues to the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association (CSFFA). (<http://www.prixaurorawards.ca/Membership/>)*
- *We want to give kudos to a couple of our committee members. Susan Forest, our affiliates liaison has had a story published in the recent Analogue Magazine and Bob Stallworthy, our Writers' Guild representative is having a poem published in a text book. Lastly, our illustrious chairman has a story in Tesseract 16 coming out this fall. Big hugs to all.*

We know you have exciting things happening so, if you have an announcement or special event you'd like us to share with our group let us know, we'll be glad to add it to our monthly News and Notes. The next issue will go out approximately July 7th.

Speak To Us:

As always, there is a myriad of ways to see what we are up to and generally keep in touch:

Website: <http://www.whenwordscollide.org/>

e-mails: info@whenwordscollide.org

twitter: http://twitter.com/WWC_Calgary

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/events/249929208372588/>

Talk to you soon!

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