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# HELMUTH, Speaking For Boskone

## Mad Scientists Come Clean



I appologize for yesterdays panic, it appears that this entire mad scientist - dragon situation has been a terrible misunderstanding. It appears that our local dragon Thrangletooth was suffering a terrible ache from the thrangle in his tooth, and thus a temporary truce was forged between the rival villains in order to construct adamantium tools capable of performing dentistry on the unnaturally tough teeth of a dragon.

## The Results Are in

We are proud to announce the winners of the 2024-2025 NESFA Short Story Contest!

**Winner:** Hazel Mills from North Carolina for the story "Whom the Gods Wish to Destroy"

**Runner-ups:** Brad Halverson of Utah for his story "Top Dog"

Bailey Maybray from Somerville, Massachusetts for the story "Hook, Line, and Clinker"

Michael Burianyk (Burr-YA-nick) of France for the story "The Witches of Kyiv"

**Honorable Mentions:** Jun Schultz of Cambridge, Massachusetts for the story "The Strid"

E. R. Cook from Colorado for the story "Metamorphi"

Veronika Majerová for the story "Sleepwalker's Survival Guid"

Additionally, The Art Show features so many amazing works this year, but unfortunately there is only room in the budget for about a dozen ribbons so here is who they're going to!

**BEST IN SHOW-POPULAR CHOICE:** "Godzilla-Minus One" by Bob Eggleton

**BEST IN SHOW-JUDGES CHOICE:** "Sybyl" by Kate Adams

**Chair's Choice:** "Deb" by Ruth Sanderson

**Director's Choice:** "Nocturne II" by Kate Adams

**Watchman's Choice:** "Celestial Dance" by Theresa Mather

**Jusde's Choice:**

"Nocturne II" by Kate Adams

"Resounding Sea" by Bob Eggleton

Body of Work - Amelia Leonards

Body of Work - Jon Sideriadis

"The Paladin" by Amanda Brack

"Jeremy" by Jonathan Hunt

"Deb" by Ruth Sanderson

"The Wizard" by Jay Trefethen

**Finally,** the 2025 Jack Gaughan Award for Best Emerging Artist goes to Eleonar Piteira and the 2025 Edward E. Smith Memorial Award for Imaginative Fiction (aka the Skylark) goes to Ian Randal Struck!

## Ghost Stories Revealed

As a few of you may have known, the accursed place I speak of in the previous issue is none other than the Dinglehole, known for its "spirit bell" that rings without an apparent cause. The silly name was notably less silly at the time, when "dingle" was the common word for the sound of a bell, rather than the "jingle" we use today. While what remains of the swamp spans only a pair of yards on Union street, its impact on our world can still be felt. Perhaps if you take the opportunity to drive by it, you too might see the ghosts and witches of centuries past.-A

## Corrections

It appears that Etain Shrdlu snuck into the Helmuth offices last night because the true Cool Adventurer Name of our first scavenger hunt victim winner was DAME Allison, not DANE allison as was previously reported. We apologize for this error.

### POST-CON UPDATE

Apparently, the true Etain Shrdlu has been within us all along! A number of minor corrections have been made throughout all issues.

## Parties

The convention may be ending, but that doesn't mean the parties need to stop!

Join us for the Dead Dog Party in the Con Suite (Room 1645), starting at 8 PM!

## A Note from the Dragon's Lair

I found a strange message nailed to the cliffside outside of the Dragon's Lair this morning, written on a parchment that must be centuries old. Curiously, it was addressed to the Helmuth, and goes as follows:

*This year Dragonslair had a lot of adults suffering from FOMO. If you want to attend a Dragonslair panel next year, you could do so as a volunteer! Volunteer positions will be available as needed, so ask us to sign up!*

## A message From Next Year's Chair

Note from Next Year's Chair - F# Hi. I'm Maria from New York and am SO excited to be Volunteering on this end for NESFA and the Boston community. Confirmed guests are Narrator Stefan Rudnicki. If you have ever listened to a Audio book you have probably heard his voice. Author Gregory Cox will be our Guest of Honor. You may recall his most famous character Khan Noonian Sing and the Eugenics Wars. Other guests will be announced as they are confirmed. My Primary advisor does not have opposable thumbs so typing is difficult, however she'd like you to know that if you want to talk to ME, you'll need to bring her treats! Woof! Looking forward to hearing your positive and productive comments at the Feedback Session. Maria Daggett and Daisy

**Boskone 63 will be held here at the Westin next year, February 13-15th. Pre-register now for a hefty discount!**



## Looking to the Horizon

**Thanks to all of our volunteers, staff, and participants** for another great year. We look forward to seeing you all again next Boskone, but until then there is always the **NESFA Clubhouse**, open every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, and for many more special events besides! For more information you can explore the NESFA website at [nesfa.org/events](http://nesfa.org/events)

**This is Helmuth, Signing off**