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Subject: SFDG Newsletter - FEB 08

Dear Gentle Being,
31 February 2008

Welcome to the latest update for events occurring at the **SF Discussion Group**.

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[Please use this eddress as my other eddress is not being forwarded at this time. Road Runner upgraded [?] their Email system. All email forwarded from wombat@sff.net has disappeared into the ether. Thank you.]

I have a couple of questions for you.

1. Have you joined **ALBACON 08** ? If not, why not. We do need your support.
2. Have you purchased your **Banquet ticket**? If not, why not. We need your support.
3. For those of you living a little bit distant have you **booked your hotel room**? If not, why not?
4. There is a registration cap.

The Beach Of Atonement by **Arthur Upfield** is now available in both paperback and hardback editions. The book has been out of print for about 77 years. The books can be found at www.lulu.com . Enter either the title or the author's name in "Search" to reach their page.

On **Wednesday, 13 February 2008** at 7:00 PM we didn't get together over at **Flights of Fantasy** to chat about SF as the weather was really nasty!

On **Thursday, 6 March 2008** at 7:00 PM we will get together over at **Flights of Fantasy** to meet & greet **Caitlin Kittredge**; www.caitlinkittredge.com . The first signing at the new location. She will be reading from & signing her first published novel, **NIGHT LIFE**. We will meet at 4:47 pm at the **FoF** & proceed to **Bangkok House** for a Dutch Treat dinner. If you to go to dinner, please email Maria at mariaoverstock@vahoo.com .

On **Tuesday, 1 April 2008** at 6:30 PM there will be a panel discussion on "**The Worlds of JRR Tolkien**" at the **William K. Sanford Library**, 629 Albany-Shaker Road, Loudonville, New York 12211; +1-518-458-9274. Join us in **Middle-earth**. The panelist are **KATHRYN A. Laity** - The College of Saint Rose; **Kelli O'Connor** - Salomon of Sage College & **me** to add the fannish element to the evening. We will meet at 4:42 pm at the Pearl of the Orient across from the old location of FoF. It is only a little bit over a mile back to the library. A nosh & a natter!

On **Wednesday, 14 May 2008** at 7:00 PM we will get together over at **Flights of Fantasy** to chat about SF.

From **Friday to Sunday, 10 - 12 October 2008** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel LASTSFA will host **ALBACON 08**. The GoHs are **Anne & Todd McCaffrey**; AGOH: **Barclay Shaw [NEW!]** with FGOH **Gary S. Blog**.

ALBACON 08

10-12 October 2008

Crowne Plaza, Albany, NY, USA

GOH: ANNE & TODD MCCAFFREY

[Anne's appearance conditional upon her health]

AGOH: Barclay Shaw [NEW!]

FGoH: Gary S. Blog

SPECIAL GUEST: Travis Tea

1632 panels with Eric Flint et al.

Star Trek New Voyages panel with crew, plus the webisodes

Memberships: \$35 until 31 March 08

ALBACON, P.O.Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085, USA

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

******* Location change!!!! Early in January FoF has MOVED!**

For signings at the **Flights of Fantasy Bookstore, 381 Sand Creek Road, Colonie, NY 12205-2712**; +1-518-435-9337 +1-800-300-READ; fof@nycap.rr.com & <http://www.fof.net> . Also check: http://www.lastsfa.org/lastsfa_calendar.html

Please drop by the **LASTSFA** web site at <http://www.lastsfa.org> .. It has lots of good stuff on it, including a number of neat links & a calendar of events. **Please** join **LASTSFA** and help support our efforts to bring in speakers. Your financial support helps make these speakers possible. Talk to us! **Send us money!** Don't just sit there! Make it happen! Full Membership - \$10; Student - \$5; Family - \$25. Send name, address, and check or money order to **LASTSFA, P.O. Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085, USA.**

The John W. Campbell Conference held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas in July. Info: www.ku.edu/~sfcenter/campbell-conference.htm ; cmckit@ku.edu plus lots of links. The John W. Campbell Award and Theodore Sturgeon Awards are given out at the conference.

Philadelphia SF Society meets in Philadelphia, PA. For more info contact **PSFS** at info@psfs.org .

Looking forward to seeing you at the meetings & signings.

Ciao & teggeddizzi! May the Ghreat Wombat smile on you!

Yours sincerely,

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www.albacon.org . LGoH: Anne & Todd McCaffrey; AGoH: Barclay Shaw;
FGoH: Gary S. Blog; SPECIAL GUEST: Travis Tea; others TBA.

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If you are interested, you can find a summary of my travels in Australia from 16 AUG 1999 to 4 FEB 2000 at http://www.lastsfa.org/finder/wombats_wanderings.html

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