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Subject: SFDG Newsletter - MAR 08

Dear Gentle Being,  
**31 March 2008**

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

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. **Membership, room & banquet rates go up on 1 April!**
5. 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](http://www.lulu.com) . Enter either the title or the author's name in "Search" to reach their page.

On **Thursday, 6 March 2008** at **7:00 PM** we got together over at **Flights of Fantasy** to meet & greet **Caitlin Kittredge**; [www.caitlinkittredge.com](http://www.caitlinkittredge.com) . It was a most pleasant evening.

**\*\*\*\*\*** 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** - of Sage College, **Pam Clements** & **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 **Saturday, 5 April 2008** at **7:00 PM** we will get together over at **Flights of Fantasy** to meet & greet **Jackie Kessler**. She will be reading from & signing her new book - she's part of an anthology- called **ETERNAL LOVER**. We will meet at **4:47 pm** at the **FoF** & proceed to a Dutch Treat dinner. If you to go to dinner, please email Maria at [mariaoverstock@yahoo.com](mailto:mariaoverstock@yahoo.com) .

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

On **Wednesday, 11 June 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**

**FGoH: Gary S. Blog**

**SPECIAL GUEST: Travis Tea**

1632 panels with Eric Flint et al.

Star Trek New Voyages/Phase II panel with crew, plus the webisodes

Memberships: \$45 until 10 September 08

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

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

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](mailto:fof@nycap.rr.com) & <http://www.fof.net> . Also check: [http://www.lastsfa.org/lastsfa\\_calendar.html](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](http://www.ku.edu/~sfcenter/campbell-conference.htm) ; [cmckit@ku.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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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**\*\*\*** ALBACON 08, 10-12 October 2008, the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, NY; [www.albacon.org](http://www.albacon.org) . LGoH: Anne & Todd McCaffrey; AGoH: Barclay Shaw; FGoH: Gary S. Blog; SPECIAL GUEST: Travis Tea; others TBA.

**\*\*\*\*\*Save the Wombat!** <http://www.yaminon.org> [Listen to the music, see the pics, **LEAVE MONEY!**\*\*\*\*\*

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](http://www.lastsfa.org/finder/wombats_wanderings.html)

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