

# DIVERSICON 20

## “Deja-Versicon”

August 3-5, 2012, Twin Cities MN—Hotel TBA



### Guest of Honor: Tananarive Due

Tananarive Due teaches creative writing in the MFA Program at Antioch University, Los Angeles. Her books include the stand-alone supernatural novels *The Between*, *The Good House*, and *Joplin's Ghost*; the African Immortals series *My Soul to Keep*, *The Living Blood*, and *Blood Colony*; and a novel about Madam C.J. Walker, *The Black Rose*. In collaboration with Blair Underwood and Steven Barnes she has written the mystery novel *Casanegra* and its sequel, *In the Night of the Heat*. The Civil Rights Movement account *Freedom in the Family: A Mother-Daughter Memoir*, was written in collaboration with her mother, Patricia Stephens Due. Tananarive Due is reprising her appearance as Diversicon 10 Co-Guest of Honor with her husband, Steven Barnes.



### Guest of Honor: Steven Barnes

Steven Barnes is a creative consultant, human performance technician, and martial arts authority. His novels include *Dream Park* and *Saturn's Race* (both with Larry Niven); *The Legend of Heorot* and *Beowulf's Children* (both with Niven and Jerry Pournelle); *Streetlethal*, *Kundalini Equation*, *Gorgon Child*, *Firedance*, *Blood Brothers*, *Far Beyond the Stars*, *Charisma*, the alternate history *Lion's Blood* and its sequel, *Zulu Heart*; and the mystery novel *Casanegra* and its sequel, *In the Night of the Heat*, both written with Blair Underwood and Tananarive Due. He has written episodes for *The Outer Limits*, *SG-1 Andromeda*, and other TV shows. He is reprising his appearance as Diversicon 10 Guest of Honor with his wife, Tananarive Due.

### Posthumous Guests of Honor:

**Charles Dickens**, 1812-1870: Author of *A Christmas Carol* and “The Signalman”

**Andre (Alice Mary) Norton**, 1912-1995: Author of *Witch World* and *The Sioux Spaceman*

**“Thanks for a wonderful weekend! Diversicon is one of the most enjoyable conventions I have ever been to...in over 30 years of con-going!”—Rob Chilson**

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**Flash Fiction, Round Five!** The Flash Fiction Contest, introduced by Diversicon 16 Guest of Honor Anne Frazier, continues at D20 with judge TBA. We want stories up to 250 words (firm) related to the Convention Theme, Dejaversion (i.e. stories on some aspect of deja-vu). Entries will be judged on the creative interpretation of the theme, the quality of the writing, and emotional/intellectual impact. The winner gets a cool certificate, the honor of winning, and the opportunity to read your work out loud at our Auction Halftime. Submit no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time, July 14, 2012, to [diversicon@gmail.com](mailto:diversicon@gmail.com). You may submit at any time before the deadline but do not expect acknowledgment of your submission before June 15. No entry fee, but open only to attending members of the convention. Writers of any experience level may submit. The Diversicon Chair and Programming Director and the SF Minnesota Board (as of June 15) are ineligible. Authors retain all rights to their stories.

**Programming** Programming will feature 2 ½ tracks (50-60 items), including Guest readings and/or presentations; our usual lively mix of panels and discussions on SF in literary media, film, TV, and graphic arts; speculative science; alternative lifestyles; and—especially—multicultural SF. We’ll hold our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Yugo Awards book review for “Best SF Books That Should Have Been Written,” and screen a few films closely related to our live Program. Other topics will include the work of our Guests, both living and posthumous, and the fabulous SF Minnesota Auction. Your suggestions are welcome! Contact Eric M. Heideman, Scott Lohman, and Rebecca Marjesdatter via [ehaideman@dhzone.com](mailto:ehaideman@dhzone.com), [scottl2605@aol.com](mailto:scottl2605@aol.com), [page\\_of\\_pentacles@juno.com](mailto:page_of_pentacles@juno.com), 612-721-5959, and/or the Diversicon PO box, to submit ideas—priority consideration will be given to ideas received by **May 1**— and/or to let Programming know of your interest in being on panels.

**“Your Programming is better than a lot I’ve seen at much larger cons. I really enjoyed the way people actually discussed subjects rather than making unrelated statements. It was great fun!”—Melissa Scott**

**Hotel**—We will probably continue at the traditional Best Western—Bandana Square in St.Paul, but that is currently under negotiation. Visit our website ([www.diversicon.org](http://www.diversicon.org)) in December or thereafter for a Hotel update.

### **Message from the Chair**

Diversicon is 20! This is a major milestone for a small convention like ours. We’re delighted to bring back Tananarive Due and Steven Barnes to the Twin Cities. We’re also working to attract other guests from the past 19 cons. We’ll be having the usual mix of interesting, fun and nerdy panels and events. Join us for the best bargain in SF con’s in the Twin Cities.

-D20 Chair Scott Lohman

**“How wonderful to attend a con where the diversity of culture in speculative literature is considered a strength, not a liability!”—Bryan Thao Worra**

**The Diversicon crew certainly know how to make you feel like a DIVA in Minneapolis! This was an exciting convention: great conversations, a lot of fun-loving folk with the gift of gab who think about how to be active in the science fiction and fantasy in our lives. DIVERSICON is a trip worth taking!”—Andrea Hairston**

## Diversicon 20 Registrations

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State/Province, Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like information on the following:

Program Participation  Dealer Table  Art Show  Party Hosting  General Volunteering

Enclose check or money order and mail to: **Diversicon 20, PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis MN 55408.**

Make checks payable to Diversicon 20. Do not mail cash. Or pay via PayPal to [diversicon@gmail.com](mailto:diversicon@gmail.com). Complete instructions available at [www.diversicon.org](http://www.diversicon.org)

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### RATES

**Now:** Through Ides of March (15 March 2012): Adult \$25, Student (ages 12-25) \$15, Supporting \$5

**Through Bastille Day,** 14 July 2012: Adult \$30, Student \$20, Supporting \$5

**At the Door:** Adult \$40, Student \$30, Converting \$25, Child (ages 5-11), \$5 anytime

**Parties** We like parties! If you and/or your SF-related group are **interested in hosting a party at D20**, contact Hotel Liaison Eric M. Heideman ([eheideman@dhzone.com](mailto:eheideman@dhzone.com)) or Chair Scott Lohman ([scottl2605@aol.com](mailto:scottl2605@aol.com))

**Dealers** Dealers get our lowest Adult membership rate (\$25 per person; plus \$20 for the first table, \$15 for the second, if available. Contact Eric ([eheideman@dhzone.com](mailto:eheideman@dhzone.com)). Heads up: space remains tight.

**Art** Attending Artists will get our lowest adult membership rate (\$25) in return for hanging out in the Vendor Room for an hour on Saturday and talking about their work. The Attending Artists display rate is \$1 per bid sheet (per piece). Walk-in art will be accepted from a non-attending artist or agent at the rate of \$1.50 per bid sheet. No mail-in art will be accepted. Items that receive two or more Silent Auction bids will be included in the SF Minnesota Auction Saturday night. Contact Eric ([eheideman@dhzone.com](mailto:eheideman@dhzone.com)). Diversicon and its representatives are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged art items.

**Hospitality** Hospitality will once again offer a pleasant weekend of snacks and conversation. Volunteers sought!

**Krushenko's** Inspired by a Manhattan bistro in Larry Niven's *Ringworld*, this space—for people who like to spend time at SF conventions talking about SF—started at the 1983 Minicon. It now also materializes at MarsCon, Wis-Con, CONvergence, and Arcana (including a Diversicon party at most of these venues!). At Diversicon 20 it will be near Hospitality, and partnered by Krushenko's Annex, a Programming room. Stop by both venues for a mix of films, readings, discussions, and parties hosted by SF groups.

**Program Book Ads** Advertise your event, product, service, or cause in the Diversicon Program Book. Ads are \$50 full page (8 1/2" x 11"—7 1/2" x 10" screen), \$35 half page, \$25 quarter page. Swaps can also be arranged. Deadline: July 20, 2012. Contact Publications Co-Editor Scott Lohman ([scottl2605@aol.com](mailto:scottl2605@aol.com)).

**Supporting Organizations** Your group's Supporting Organization Grant of \$25 or more helps support such SF Minnesota projects as the monthly **Speculations Readings Series** at **DreamHaven Books**. In return for your grant, your organization will receive a thank-you in our Second Progress Report and a one-paragraph write-up at the Diversicon website and in Diversicon 20's Program Book.

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Progress Report One

“Diversicon is an experience. Great conversation, warm and welcoming, with a broad range of ideas, interests, and offbeat humor. I loved it! Had a great time! Will be back again!”

--Sheree R. Thomas

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“People who like this sort of thing will find this the sort of thing they like.”—Abraham Lincoln

**Diversicon** is a project of **SF MINNESOTA**, a multicultural, multimedia organization dedicated to improving contacts among groups and individuals interested in speculative fiction, in and out of the traditional SF community. Our continuing mission: to provide the most thoughtful Programming and the mellowest, most welcoming Parties of any Minnesota SF convention, and to making our state's SF community more closely reflect the cultural diversity of Minnesota in the third millennium.

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