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The days of waiting until the last minute are over. Necon is on a roll. We've sold out three of the last four years and this past year in record time. If you're seeing the flyer for the first time, you may not know that Necon 28 broke new ground. For the first time, we were actually in a conference center. The weekend had its ups and downs (mostly ups) and it was widely regarded as one of the most successful Necons in recent memory. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we WILL be back at the conference center for at least one more year and we will be by ourselves.

There are a couple of changes which everyone needs to be aware of. We can no longer take deposits. There were too many people who paid the deposit, we reserved the room, and they never showed up. Not only does that deprive someone who wants to come from attending, it costs us money as we already have the room booked. Also, there is a slight price increase this year to \$400. We haven't raised our rates in quite some time and quite frankly, we need to keep up with inflation. This still includes the cost of the room for three nights, the meals and the entertainment. One thing to keep in mind is that this is more or less a traditional hotel setting. Clean rooms, nice beds, AC that works, cable TV, swimming pool, fitness center and other amenities. However, there are no true "singles," which is why we have the one price. There are two double beds in each room. This year, we had to go three or four to a room which was a little crowded and sometimes aggravating. This year, if you're a couple, you'll get a room to yourselves. For singles, we ask that you try to find someone who won't work on your last nerve all weekend and try to pair up with them. If you absolutely, positively have to have a room to yourself and rooming with someone would cause you not to come I'll see what I can do but I won't make any promises. We've been told there will be some housing made available to us on the main campus (this is always subject to change) for those individuals who missed the dorms, fridges and common area. Keep in mind, if you request this option, you will be on your own for traveling back and forth over the bridge for the weekend and that the majority of the guests will be in the conference center (as will all of the meals and the majority of the programming).

If you've stumbled on this Necon flyer and want to know what the heck I'm talking about and why Necon is so special, here's a little introduction. Necon, a four-day convention that some have asked be extended to a yearlong celebration, is a small annual convention which draws authors and editors, artists and fans from around the country. In fact, many of the authors who attend go to no other cons but this one! Past guests include, among others, Christopher Golden, Neil Gaiman, Peter Straub, David Morrell, F. Paul Wilson, Michael Marshall Smith, Char-laine Harris, Ramsey Campbell, Brian Lumley, Rick Hautala, Gahan Wilson, Mike Mignola, Jack Ketchum, Joe R. Lansdale, Douglas Clegg, Tom Piccirilli, Brian Keene, Tim Lebbon, and Craig Shaw Gardner. The art show annually draws the top artists from around the country, such as, Jill Bauman, Stephen Bissette, Glen Chadbourne, Alan Clark, Nicholas Jainschigg, Jeff Jones, Tom Kidd, Mike Mignola, Pat Morrissey, Omar Rayyan, Sheila Rayyan, Richard Sardinha, Cortney Skinner and Gahan Wilson.

But why Necon, you ask? What makes it so darned special? Well, it's not only the world renowned attendees which make it so popular, it's the family-like atmosphere. Necon events include the one-of-a-kind listed below, plus whatever nifty tours to local areas of strangeness we can arrange.

#### Here's a few reasons to attend:

- Cost of the weekend always includes room and board. This means a place to plop your weary body for the weekend, a weenie roast on Thursday night, all meals (that three-square a day thing) afterward, ending with the farewell lunch on Sunday. So your registration fee covers almost everything -- no hotel charges, no bloated Visa bills from trying to feed your face all weekend!
- Membership is limited to 200 and the atmosphere is informal, which gives you a chance to actually chat with people every year. Everyone feels at home here. And God knows, people act like it.
- The Friday night Artists Reception and Meet The Authors signing. Also, **FRIDAY NIGHT IS NOW HAWAIIAN SHIRT NIGHT**. There will be a Hawaiian shirt contest judged by Necon Luminaries. Valuable prizes will be awarded for the best (or worst) shirt.
- Weird and twisted movies in the lounge both Friday and Saturday nights.
- Most years you'll get a chance to attend another fine Necon tradition: That Damned Game Show!, usurped only occasionally by the stunning Necon Talent Show (this year was an impromptu Talent Show. Next year, WHO KNOWS?!?!?!?!).
- The tenth annual Necon Olympics. Events include Miniature Golf, Darts, Croquet, Hi-Lo-Jack and Foosball.
- Panels, GOH readings and interviews, regularly scheduled food cooked for you, the yearly softball game, and oh my god the all-night parties that go on! And on! And on some more!
- The fabled Necon Roast, where some poor schmuck... er, personality is chosen and, shall we say, lavished with loving attention.
- The people -- everyone is always friendly, always approachable, and always a world of fun!
- There aren't a whole bunch of rules other than we are not a costume convention, there is no smoking in any of the hotel rooms, and no children are admitted.

#### PRICES FOR 2009

Double (Thursday arrival) -- \$400 **PER PERSON**

Walk-ins -- \$50 per weekend.

Sorry, meals are not included with walk-in memberships.

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#### VISIT US ON THE WEB AT:

[www.campnecon.com](http://www.campnecon.com)

(Check in here for a list of updated attendees, programming schedule, memories of past Necon's, directions and much more.)

#### NECON 29 REGISTRATION FORM:

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE & MAIL TO: NECON 29, 330 OLNEY ST., SEEKONK, MA 02771**

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Please let us know the name of the person sharing the room with you!!! If you don't have someone to share the room with, we'll gladly pair you up with someone (just put your preferences - night owl, early bird, snorer, etc). Also, please indicate if you're requesting to be on the "old campus" if available as opposed to the conference center.