



Pemmi-con 2023

The 15th North American Science Fiction Convention, 20-23 July 2023
Delta Hotels Winnipeg and the RBC Convention Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Progress Report Zero (spelled with a “zed” not a “zee”)

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge we are gathered on Treaty 1 Territory and that Manitoba is located on the Treaty Territories and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg, Anishininewuk, Dakota Oyate, Denesuline and Nehethowuk Nations.

We acknowledge Manitoba is located on the Homeland of the Red River Métis.

We acknowledge northern Manitoba includes lands that were and are the ancestral lands of the Inuit.

We respect the spirit and intent of Treaties and Treaty Making and remain committed to working in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in the spirit of truth, reconciliation and collaboration.

From the Chairs

Thank you for entrusting us with the task of delivering a NASFiC to remember, the first hosted outside of the U.S. We are proud to welcome you to Canada’s heart: Winnipeg. Science Fiction has always been a mosaic of styles and types: alternate history, mystery, future worlds, apocalyptic, fantastic, military... and Canada has always been a mosaic of peoples from many parts of the globe. Pemmi-con hopes to show you the mosaic that is First Nations, Metis and Canadian Science Fiction. And, maybe, just maybe, we could do a programme on making pemmican: dried meat which would be traditionally bison but could be moose, caribou, deer and even beef, pounded and then mixed with an equal amount of melted fat, and various berries; how to keep your hunger at bay when on the hunt for new things.

— Robbie Bourget & Linda Ross-Mansfield, Co-Chairs

About NASFiC

The North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC) is held in years when the World Science Fiction Convention is held outside of North America. Because the 2023 Worldcon will be held in Chengdu, there will also be a NASFiC that year. The site for the 2023 NASFiC was selected by a vote of the members of the 2022 Worldcon, Chicon 8.

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We are very excited to announce our Toastmaster and honoured guests!



Julie Czerneda



Waubgeshig Rice



Nisi Shawl



John Mansfield



Philip John Currie



Lorna Toolis



Tanya Huff

Julie Czerneda is a Canadian, a biologist, and an award-winning author/editor, who for the past 25 years has shared her curiosity about living things and optimism about life through her science fiction and fantasy,

Waubgeshig Rice is an author and journalist originally from Wasauksing First Nation. His first short story collection, *Midnight Sweatlodge*, was inspired by his experiences growing up in an Anishinaabe community. His latest novel, *Moon of the Crusted Snow*, became a national bestseller.

Nisi Shawl is a writer, editor, and journalist who began writing in our genre with “I Was a Teenage Genetic Engineer” in 1989, and many more short stories followed. They published the novel *Everfair* in 2016. They co-wrote the essential manual *Writing the Other: A Practical Approach*.

John Mansfield chaired ConAdian, the 1994 Worldcon. He got into fandom in the early days of the Ottawa SF Society in the mid-1970s. John is our Fan Guest of Honour.

Philip John Currie AOE FRSC is a Canadian palaeontologist and museum curator. His areas of expertise include theropods (especially Tyrannosauridae), the origin of birds, and dinosaurian migration patterns and herding behaviour. Currie is a lifelong fan of science fiction and the works of Edgar Rice Burroughs.

Lorna Toolis was a Canadian fan, and the librarian of the Merrill Collection of Science Fiction, Speculation and Fantasy in Toronto for over 30 years. She was a member of the Edmonton SF & Comics Arts Society and one of the editors of its clubzine, *Neology*. Lorna passed away in 2021. She is our Ghost Guest of Honour.

Tanya Huff is a Canadian author of fantasy and science fiction, including the *Valor Confederation* series, *Keeper's Chronicles*, *Smoke* series, and more. Her *Blood Books* series pairs a detective with vampire, and was adapted for television as *Blood Ties*. Tanya is our Toastmaster.

Memberships in Pemmi-con Now Available

	Attending Adult	Attending Teen (ages 13-19 on 20 July 2023)	Attending Child (ages 7-12 on 20 July 2023)
Voted	US\$ 45 Cdn\$ 55		
Did Not Vote	US\$ 75 Cdn\$ 95	US\$ 45 Cdn\$ 55	US\$ 25 Cdn\$ 30

Children ages 0 – 6 are admitted free with a parent who is an Attending member. (Must be in care of parent at all times.) Expect a rate rise on 4 December 2022.

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