

Labor Day Weekend
September 2-5, 2005

NOT-A-WORLDCON



A weekend of fannish frivolity and
touristy fun in Massachusetts

It's Labor Day weekend. A Worldcon-free Labor Day weekend. Some fans are headed west for the NASFiC, or in other directions, for other conventions. But we have something different in mind. Not a convention: a weekend of parties and group outings to various tourist attractions in the area. Please join us for:

NOT-A-WORLDCON

❖ Wales ❖ Sterling ❖ Rutland ❖ Framingham ❖ Middleton ❖
Ipswich ❖ Boston ❖ and perhaps Worcester, too

Starting with Friday, September 2, 2005...

You're welcome at Toad Woods on Friday for a casual evening of welcoming out-of-state visitors and whoever wanders in from Massachusetts, too. Starting time, oh, 7ish.

37 Monson Road, Wales, MA

Come early; stay late — that's fine, too, though calling before coming early is probably a good idea, as I'm hoping to make at least one run over to the Hartford airport that day. We'll be foraging in the cupboards for refreshments; please bring something to share. The beds are all tentatively spoken for; BYO bedroll or ask about nearby B&Bs and motels.

13 more parties and outings on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday! See page 2.

For questions and RSVPs please call Geri Sullivan at **413-245-0325**
or send email to **NotAWorldcon@toad-hall.com**

To catch up with us during the weekend,
you can try calling Geri's cell phone at 612-964-3558

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Saturday: Points West

September 3, 2005

9:30 am – noon

Toast Party at Toad Woods

37 Monson Road, Wales, MA
413-245-0325

With Geri Sullivan, friends from afar, Fitzgerald raspberry jam, and who knows what else.

1 pm 'til you find your way out

SuperHero Maize Maze

Davis' Mega Maze

145 Redstone Hill, Sterling, MA
www.funfarm.net/megamaze/

ALWAYS Call ahead—Only open weather & conditions permitting. 978-422-8888
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm

\$12.95/ages 14-59; \$9.95/2-14 & 60+

Rain plans: If Mega Maze is open, at least some of us will don rain gear and go anyway. If Mega Maze is closed, or if you just want to go there instead, the alternate Saturday afternoon plan is for:

Higgins Armory

100 Barber Avenue, Worcester, MA
www.higgins.org/

\$8/adults, \$7/ages 6-16

After being thoroughly aMAZEd wherever we were, if we have time, we'll go watch the buffalo roam (and eat them?) at:

Alta Vista Bison Farm

80 Hillside Road, Rutland, MA 01543
www.altavistabison.com/
Open until 6 pm

7 pm

Potluck BBQ at Mark & Priscilla Olson's

10 Shawmut Terrace Framingham, MA
508-879-7581

The Best of Wines?

The Worst of Wines?

Taste Leslie Turek's ancient wines at Mark & Priscilla's, if you dare. Some of them may be drinkable; no guarantees.

Sunday: North Shore

September 4, 2005

11 am

Brunch at Deb Geisler & Mike Benveniste's

135 River Street, Middleton, MA
978-777-3204

Afternoon

Russell's Orchard

143 Argilla Road, Ipswich
(On the road to Crane Beach)
www.russellorchardsma.com/

Homemade cider donuts, winery, and more. Maybe even a hayride.

Shortly after 3pm

Crane Beach

Argilla Road, Ipswich, MA
www.thetrustees.org/pages/
294_crane_beach.cfm

Price drops to \$11/car after 3pm (it's \$22/car before), so we'll spend the last part of the afternoon exploring this lovely area.

Evening

DIY Dinner Expeditions in and around Ipswich

www.ipswichma.com/directory/
wheretoeat.asp

Afters

Richardson's Ice Cream

156 South Main Street, Middleton
(Route 114)
www.richardsonsiccream.com/

Open until 9:30 pm, so whether or not folks stop here on the way back from Ipswich depends on how late dinner runs...and how full they are.

See page 1 for
Friday Night party and
general contact information.

Please come to as many (or as few)
Not-A-Worldcon activities that interest
you and fit into your schedule.

Monday: Boston

September 5, 2005

Noonish

Picnic Lunch on Georges Island

Boston Harbor Islands

www.bostonislands.org/

Ferry departs from 2 Long Wharf, at the foot of State Street.

Ferry schedule can be downloaded from:
www.bostonislands.org/trip_getthere.html

Take the 11:15 (slow) ferry or the 11:50 (fast) ferry from Long Wharf for a picnic lunch on Georges Island. Tour historic Fort Warren and/or visit another island, if you're so inclined.

BYO lunch entree, preferred drink, and a little smackerel to share.

Ferry rates: Roundtrip to Georges Island, \$10/adults; \$8/senior, student, & ages 6-18; \$3/ages 3-5. Inter-island ferries: Free.

Go Fly a Kite!

Geri is bringing three kites to the picnic, all of the sort you'd find in dime stores if there still were any. If you have a kite, please bring it along!

3 pmish

New England Aquarium

Central Wharf, Boston, MA

www.neaq.org/

The Aquarium is open until 7 pm. We'll head there when we get off whichever ferry we take back from Georges Island. If you come back on a later ferry, or from elsewhere, look for us inside the Aquarium or call Geri (cell number on back panel).

\$15.95/adults; \$8.95/ages 3-11

Note: Dave Grubbs' Aquarium membership includes guest passes. We'll divide the value of Dave's passes among the people we have going in so we all benefit from Dave's generosity. Please let Geri know if you also have access to free passes for your guests. Thank you!

Evening

DIY Dinner Expeditions in Boston