Heren Istarion Updates

Tolkien Collecting News

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Dear Friends,

We hope this reaches you all well. Within this newsletter we would like to address three matters of importance within the Northeast Tolkien Society community. The current crisis Heren Istarion is in, Award nominees (two names noted on TCG.com and a certain calendar guy

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Heren Istarion is in crisis

As many of your know, Jessica and I have been running the society almost single-handedly for the past 5 years. We have always managed to keep the society afloat, and have always managed to keep things running smoothlyâ€"if sometimes a bit behind schedule: until now. Heren Istarion: The Northeast Tolkien Society is in crisis. Jessica and I have never pretended that we envisioned a society with over-flowing coffers. Yet, we had hoped that the society would be able to make its own ends meet even halfway. However, if we cannot manage a solution, Jessica and I may have to close the society.

In an attempt to save Heren Istarion, we have opened our closets, ransacked our attic, put needle to thread, and re-opened our Marketplace on herenistarion.org. We have also had gracious donations from individuals and organizations with which to add to the kitty. We will be offering items for direct purchase and for raffle. All items for sale or raffle are open to members and non-members alike.

Raffles are $5 per chance. Each item listed for raffle will have a target fundraising goal indicated in the item description. We will also indicate how far along our goals have been met with a raffle goal meter. Currently the meters note â€œNo Raffles Soldâ€• but as we progress we will note that on each meter. Please note, if we donâ€™t meet our target fundraising goal by the closing date of the raffle, we do reserve the right to extend the closing date until the goals are met.

Currently we have back issues of our journal, â€œParma NÃ¶lÃ©,â€• for direct purchase only. Jessica has agreed to open up her sewing box, donate and create several embroidered pillows, which I can attest are marvelous. I was the first recipient of one of her embroidered eye-pillows, and I canâ€™t sleep without it. Time permitting, she has plans for several larger pillows which we hope to post for raffle later this year.

We will be adding to our current raffles, so please check the site for updatesâ€"especially all of you LotR collectors out there. We have quite a LotR collection, which weâ€™ll be putting up for raffle. Much of what weâ€™ll be parting with is LotR film memorabilia. Where else can you get a chance to win some amazing LotR collectibles for just $5?

We are also open to donations, and every little bit will help us to keep the society running. All proceeds from the raffle of these items will be utilized to help in the operational costs of Heren Istarion: The Northeast Tolkien Society (i.e. publication, printing, & shipping of the journal, website services, etc.).

Donations and raffle purchases can be sent via check or money order made payable to Jessica Burke & sent snail mail to 110 Patten Street, SI NY 10307. We will also be accepting Paypal, sent to HerenIstarion@yahoo.com. If sending via Paypal please note â€œHeren Istarion Fundraisingâ€• in the subject or purchase notes.

Please visit our Marketplace for complete details.
http://www.herenistarion.org

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2) 2nd annual Northeast Tolkien Society Awards:

The Imperishable Flame

Thank you to everyone who voted for the three winners of the 2005/06 Imperishable Flame Awards. These awards are designed to recognize and honor the leaders in Tolkien/Inklings Studies, Inspired Creativity, and Fan Community Achievements. All winners are voted by readers of herenistarion.org

To begin the 2nd Annual Award Nomination process we spoke with last year's winners to get their thoughts on who should be nomintated for the 2006/07 awards.

See what each of the 2006/07 award winners had to say in a special section entitled "Catching up with..." plus the nominees for the 2006/07 awards

THE POLLS ARE NOT YET OPEN WE ARE STILL ROUNDING OUT OUR NOMINEE LIST--IF YOU FEEL SOMEONE SHOULD BE NOMINATED SEND YOUR VOTE TO:
Chairman@herenistarion.org

NOMINEES FOR THE 2006/07 IMPERISHABLE FLAME AWARDS:

Category 1: Tolkien/Inklings Scholarship:

Michael Drout (Tolkien Encyclopedia,The Modern Scholar)

Diana Pavlac Glyer (The Company They Keep: C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien as

Writers in Community)

Christina Scull and Wayne G. Hammond, The J.R.R. Tolkien Companion and Guide

Category 2: Tolkien/Inklings Inspired Creativity

Carvin Knowles/Jon Anderson "In Elven Lands"

James Dunning: 40 Years of Tolkien Art

Category 3: Tolkien/Inkling Fan Community Award

Neil Holford, TolkienBooks.net

Jeremy Edmonds "The Tolkien Collectors Guide"

Pieter Collier and Hyarion (Organizers Children Of Hurin Release Party)

Phil Goss "The Compleat Gyde to Tolkien Calendars"