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THE SOCIETY IS INTERESTED IN STUDY, DISCUSSION, AND ENJOYMENT OF MYTHIC, FANTASTIC, AND IMAGINATIVE LITERATURE
ESPECIALLY THE WORKS OF J. R. R. TOLKIEN, C. S. LEWIS, & CHARLES WILLIAMS

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Program

Friday SEPTEMBER 4

- 4 pm Registration opens
- 7:30 Get-Together Party in the Green Room. A special slide show of past colorful events will be shown. A dramatic presentation of the confrontation of Lilith with Mara from Lilith by George MacDonald, will be performed by Bonnie Bergstrom and Paula Sigman. Refreshments will be served.
- 10:15 Films: The Hand by Jiri Trnka (a short) & The Man Who Could Work Miracles (Alexander Korda) starring Roland Young, story by H.G. Wells.

Saturday SEPTEMBER 5

- 8-9 am Breakfast
- 9-10 Late Registration
Films: Paddle to the Sea and Clay
- 10:00 Coffee Break
- 10:30 Opening Session. Introduction of Guests and Notables. "The White Tree" by Glen GoodKnight
- 12:30-1:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 "The Structure and Aesthetic in The Lord of the Rings" by Prof. Randall Helms
- 2:15 "Surprising Joy: C.S. Lewis' Deep Space Trilogy" by Ethel Wallis
- 2:45 Coffee Break
- 3:00 "Archetypes of the Mother in the Fantasies of George MacDonald" by Nancy-Lou Patterson
- 3:45 "On the Natures and Histories of the Great Rings" by Virginia Dabney
- 4:00 A Panel on the Current Revival of "Adult Fantasy" Literature.
- 5:00-6:00 Dinner
- 6:15 Panel: "If I were John Boorman..." on the forthcoming LotR movie. Galen Peoples, Moderator
- 7:30 A Musical Program based on The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. Program to be announced
- 8:30 Guest of Honor — C.S. Kilby
- 10:00 Films: Rain Shower (a short) and Lost Horizon starring Ronald Coleman. Teny Rule will introduce the picture will a short paper entitled "Desired - An Authentic Shangri-La."

Sunday SEPTEMBER 6

- 5:15 am Dawn Fandom. A reading of "The Piper at the Gates of Dawn" from The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame, and the poem "Hymn Before Sunrise in the Vale of Chamouni" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge Reading by Glen GoodKnight at the Octagon.
- 7:30 Films: (Shorts) The Emperor's Oblong Pancakes and Universe
- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 "The Language of J. R. R. Tolkien in The Lord of the Rings" by Judy Winn Bell / "An Appreciation of Lord Dunsany" by Lois Newman (in the Green Room)
- 9:30 "The Hnau Creatures of C. S. Lewis" by Ellen Rothberg / "Three Good Mothers: Galadriel, Psyche and Sybil Coningsby" by Laura Ruskin (in the Green Room)
- 10:00 "The Impact of Charles Williams' Death on C.S. Lewis" by Roland Kawano
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:45 "A Study of C.S. Lewis' The Great Divorce" by J.R. Christopher / "Farewell to the Shadowlands: C.S. Lewis on Death" by Kathryn Lindskoog (in the Green Room)
- 11:30 "A High and Lonely Destiny" by Gracia-Fay Ellwood
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 1:45 Special Guest: John Lawlor, speaking on Tolkien and Lewis
- 3:30-4:30 Punopoetic Tournament
- 3:45 Coffee Break
- 4:00 Verbal Bidding at the Art Show

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Glen GoodKnight

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- 5:00-6:00 Dinner
- 6:00 Auction
- 7:00-9:00 Fantasy Masquerade
- 9:15 A production of The Homecoming of Beorhtnoth Beorhthelm's Son by J.R.R. Tolkien.
- 10:00 Films: The Rite of Spring segment from Fantasia and The Thief of Baghdad (Alexander Korda) starring Sabu

Monday SEPTEMBER 7

- 7:30 am Film: The Red Balloon
- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 "The Two-Headed Beast: Notes Toward a Definition of Allegory" by Nan Braude
- 9:45 Panel: "Charles Williams" — Glenn Sadler, moderator
- 10:45 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:30 Multiple Small Group Discussions:
"The Wheel of Fire: The Development of Frodo's Character"
"Ransom's Development Through the Space Trilogy"
"Narnia: Microcosm or Cosmos"
"The Dream Novels of George MacDonald"
"Themes in James Branch Cabell"
"The Theme of Co-Inherence in Charles Williams' Novels"
"Other Worldliness in Fantasy"
"What if Gollum Had Escaped from Mt. Doom with the Ring?"
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 The Bird Award
- 2:00 A Demonstration of Medieval Weaponry by the Barony of the Angels, Society for Creative Anachronism
- 2:30 Panel: "Whither Tolkien Fandom" assessing the past and anticipating the future
- 3:30 Closing Session. Evaluation. Plans for Mythcon II
The Mythcon Art Show will be run by Kaleidoscope, under the direction of Bruce Pelz. The Art Show will open on Saturday, the verbal bidding on work for sale will be 4 pm Sunday, and the show will close on Monday morning. Besides items available for sale at the Art Show, there will also be books, fanzines, and the auction. Don't regret later that you forgot to bring additional funds.

C.S.KILBY Guest of Honor

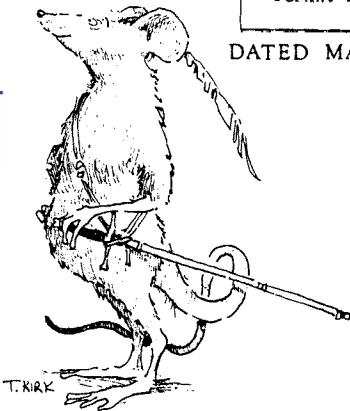


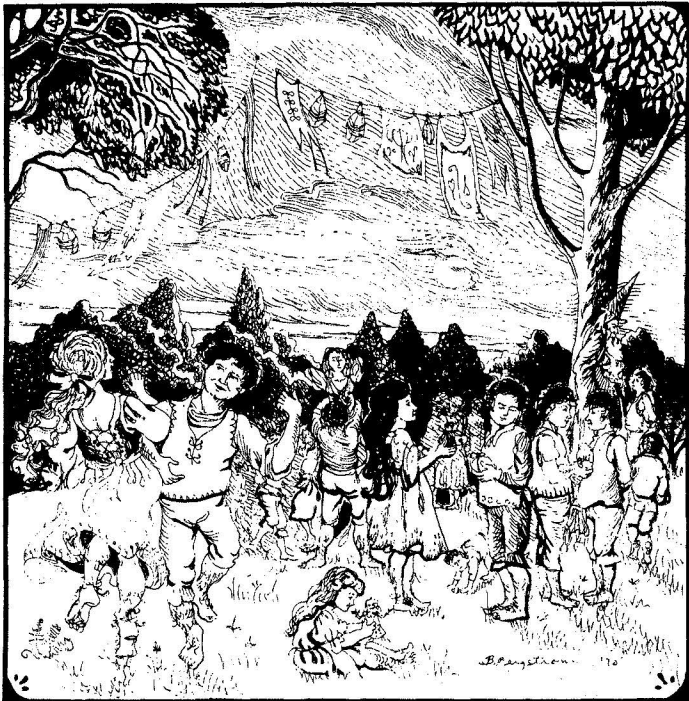
C. S. Kilby is identified solidly with the growing interest in Tolkien and Lewis in America. As a Professor of English at Wheaton College in Illinois, he has built the Wheaton Library's collection of original manuscripts of Tolkien, Lewis, Williams, Owen Barfield and Dorothy Sayers, to one of the finest in the world. Mr. Kilby has authored two books on Lewis, written several articles on Tolkien, and spent the summer of 1966 with Professor Tolkien in England. He is the only American to have read The Silmarillion. He will speak to the convention in his major talk on Tolkien, Lewis and Williams.

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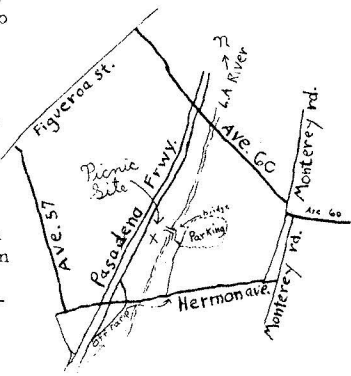




4th annual Bilbo & Frodo Picnic

Everyone is invited to the fourth annual celebration of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins' Birthday Party-Picnic, to be held on Sunday, September 27 at Arroyo Seco Park, from 1 pm to sunset. The park is right next to the Pasadena Freeway, just north of the Ave. 57 - Hermon Avenue off-ramp.

Bring food and drink for yourself, and perhaps some extra for a hungry hobbit. Also bring a Mathom (a white elephant gift) for the Mathom exchange. There will be games, dancing, costume judging, and birthday cake. We are holding the party later this year than usual to give everyone a chance to recoup from Mythcon.



JOHN LAWLOR Special Guest

Professor Lawlor is able to attend Mythcon as part of his summer vacation in America. He is Professor of English at the University of Keele in England. He studied under Professor Tolkien at Oxford, and was a close acquaintance of C.S. Lewis. He is the editor of *Patterns of Love and Courtesy: Essays in Memory of C.S. Lewis*. In his talk to the convention he will focus on his knowledge of Tolkien and Lewis.

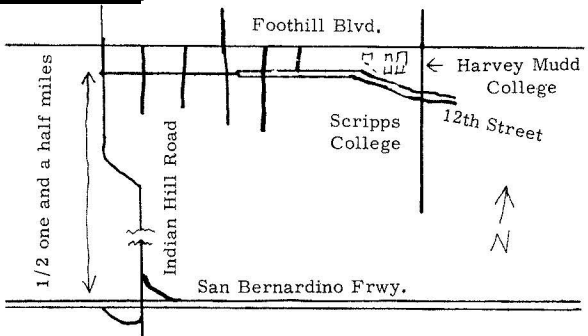
Daily memberships will be \$3.00 a day, for those wanting to come to Mythcon, and have not joined previously. This includes full admission to the convention activities, coffee breaks twice a day, and use of swimming pool. Those who have already joined as Supporting members, can attend Mythcon at a Daily membership of \$2.00.

The carefully prepared Program Book, with covers by Tim Kirk and Bonnie Bergstrom, will be available to those who have yet not joined the convention but would like to have it, from Bernie Zuber, [redacted]. The price is 50¢.

Meals from the catering service will be available to those who have not signed up for meals, on an individual basis. Breakfast is \$1.10, Lunch is \$1.40. Dinner is \$2.00.

Sunday, September 6 is the date of the big auto race at the new Ontario Raceway. Commuters to the con are advised to come very early to avoid the traffic on the San Bernardino Freeway, and plan to leave very late.

Those people who would like to stay near the college for the duration of the con should know that several Society members in the Upland area have offered their homes. Call Judy Bell for more information.



The Narnia Conference Proceedings have very recently been finished. They will be available at Mythcon. The original price of \$1.50 is changed to \$1.00. Those who have already paid \$1.50, will be either refunded the 50¢ or given credit on their *Mythlore* subscription. Art work by Kirk, Bergstrom, Chandler, and Heiple. Offset cover, mimeo pages. The Mythcon Proceeding will be entirely in offset, like *Mythlore* 5 and 6. The price has not been fixed yet, but with the many papers to be presented - many of them long - the price will probably be between \$2 - \$3.

Monthly Schedule

Sept. 4-7
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Sept. 12

The Pomona Valley Branch

TOPIC: "The Ring"
LOCATION: The home of Earl Peterkin, [redacted]

The Long Beach Branch

TOPIC: *Out of the Silent Planet* by C.S. Lewis
LOCATION: The home of Bob Wayman, [redacted]

The Hollywood-Wilshire Branch

TOPIC: *Out of the Silent Planet* by C.S. Lewis
LOCATION: The home of Antoinette Harris, [redacted]

The San Diego Branch

TOPIC: "The Pageantry of Middle-earth"
LOCATION: The home of Eric Lighthouse, [redacted]
Hard to find; call for directions [redacted]. Discussion at 7:30, Bilbo-Frodo Birthday Party at 8:30.

San Diego's 5th Annual Bilbo-Frodo Birthday Party. Begun in 1966 by the Grossmont High School Tolkien Club, then, in '68, '69 by the Society of the Friends of Hobbits. Now by the San Diego Branch. Costumes are recommended. All persons from all branches are invited. (Housing may be arranged.)

The Santa Barbara Branch

TOPIC: *Men, Halflings and Hero Worship* by Marion Zimmer Bradley
LOCATION: The home of Mrs. Robert Guthrie, [redacted]

Sept. 18

The La Mirada-Whittier Branch

TOPIC: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis
LOCATION: The home of Jim Carleton, [redacted]

Sept. 19

The San Gabriel Valley Branch

TOPIC: "Heroes in LotR"
LOCATION: The home of Doris Robin, [redacted]

The San Fernando Valley Branch

TOPIC: *Prince Caspian* by C.S. Lewis
LOCATION: The home of Lisa Deutsch, [redacted]

The Valley of The Sun Branch

TOPIC: "Lord Dunsany"
LOCATION: At the Phoenix Public Library (2pm), Penthouse Room, 12 E. McDowell, Phoenix, Arizona. Call Robert Prokop for information.

Sept. 26

The Chapter of The Western Marches

(The West Los Angeles Branch)

TOPIC: *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norman Juster
LOCATION: The home of Robert & Gracia-Fay Ellwood, [redacted]

The Orange County Branch

TOPIC: *The Two Towers* by J.R.R. Tolkien
LOCATION: The home of Rochelle Martinez, [redacted]

The San Bernardino-Riverside Counties Branch

TOPIC: *Lilith* by George MacDonald
LOCATION: The home of Jill Raitt, [redacted]

Sept. 27

The 4th Annual Bilbo & Frodo Birthday Party-Picnic.

The book *An Experiment in Criticism* by C.S. Lewis, published both in paperback and hardbound by Cambridge Univ. Press, is recommended as a good background book for individual reading. The chapters entitled "On Myth" and "The Meanings of Fantasy" are particularly interesting in trying to come to a workable definition of the terms.

Check your local newsstand for the first issue of a magazine called *Forgotten Fantasy*. As the title indicates this magazine features fantasy classics long out of print. Its publishers also operate the Sunset-Vine Bookmart at 1521 Vine Street. If you're ever in Hollywood drop by to see them. They have a plentiful supply of fantasy and science fiction paperbacks, and have recently received the boxed set of the five Charles Williams' novels from Eerdmans.

Lois Newman announces that she will sell the Charles Williams paperback books from Eerdmans at a discount. The individual novels will be \$1.65 including tax, and the boxed set of five will be \$7.30 including tax. She has also ordered a large shipment of Gracia-Fay Ellwood's new book, *Good News from Tolkien's Middle Earth*, and hopes to have them available at Mythcon at \$2.50 including tax. If you would like to reserve a copy from her in advance, write to Lois Newman, [redacted]