

# POTLATCH 18

**potlatch** n. [Chinook Jargon, fr. Nootka *patshatl*, giving.] 1. a ceremonial feast of the Indians of the northwest coast, marked by the host's lavish distribution of gifts. 2. Northwest: a social event of celebration. 3. Contemporary: a gathering devoted to the discussion, creation and appreciation of modern speculative fiction. 4. California: a place where readers and writers meet on common ground.

## PROGRESS REPORT 001

The Potlatch 18 committee has been making significant progress. We have a signed hotel contract with the Domain Hotel in Sunnyvale, and are busily exploring the many good restaurants nearby. The Potlatch web site at [www.potlatch-sf.org](http://www.potlatch-sf.org) has links for hotel reservations and for purchasing Potlatch memberships on-line. And we have made our Book of Honor selection.

If you are not already a member of Potlatch 18, please join soon. Membership rates will go up before the convention. Also, if you join early, it helps us plan our budget so we can put on a better convention for you.

— Tom Becker

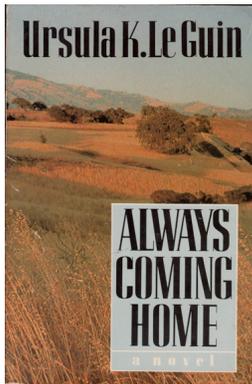
## ABOUT POTLATCH

Potlatch is an all-volunteer, non-profit, literary convention for the readers and writers of speculative fiction. At Potlatch, people talk to each other and participate in panel discussions about reading and writing speculative fiction. You'll find conversations at programming events, in Algonquins, in writers workshops, in the consuite, in the halls, and in elevators.

Proceeds benefit Clarion West, an intensive six-week workshop for writers preparing for professional careers in science fiction and fantasy.

For more information, please visit [www.potlatch-sf.org](http://www.potlatch-sf.org).

## BOOK OF HONOR



### Always Coming Home

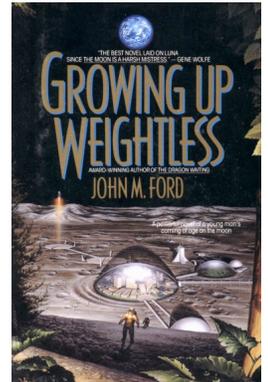
Ursula K. Le Guin

From the beginning, Potlatch has not been an ordinary science fiction convention. It did not have a Guest of Honor, choosing instead to be about everyone participating in the discussion, and of course about supporting Clarion West. At Potlatch 2 we thought it would be neat to have a Book of Honor, starting with *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley. This has become a Potlatch tradition.

## BOOK OF HONOR

### Growing Up Weightless

John M. Ford



Potlatch 18, for the first time, has chosen two Books of Honor. This is also the first time we have chosen a book by a living author, and the first time we have chosen a Young Adult book.

We hope you will find these books interesting and enjoy the discussions around them at Potlatch 18.

— Tom Becker

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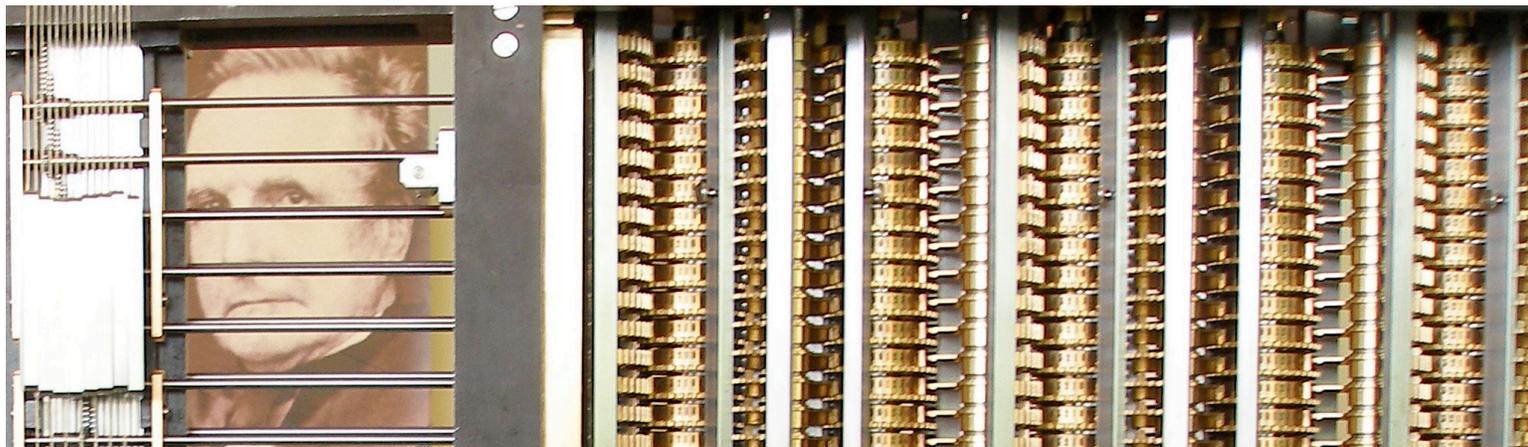


Photo by Tom Becker

## HOTEL

The Domain Hotel is located at 1085 E. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, California. This is between Wolfe Road and Lawrence Expressway on the Santa Clara side of the city. The hotel is accessible by public transit, most simply by the Valley Transit Authority 22 bus from the Santa Clara Transit Center or the San Jose CalTrain station.

**To reserve a room:** Please visit the Potlatch website at [www.potlatch-sf.org](http://www.potlatch-sf.org). The Hotel page has a link for on-line reservations. Or call 408-247-0800 (mention the Potlatch attendee code: 0902POTLAT).

**Rates:** \$109/night for a regular guest room with either one king bed or two queen beds; \$139/night for an executive suite, including king bed, sofa bed, and Jacuzzi. Handicap-accessible rooms are available on inquiry to the hotel. The rooms have lots of drawers and desk working space, refrigerators, and large LCD TVs that can be used as computer monitors. (Free wired and wireless internet, of course.) The hotel has free parking, a heated outdoor pool, and a fitness studio.

The rates include a hot buffet breakfast for one or two people, with scrambled eggs, bacon, potato, oatmeal, pastries and cereal, plus (this is Silicon Valley after all) rice, miso soup, and Japanese condiments. For three or four persons, \$10 extra per day will be charged, except that there is no additional charge for children under 10 years old.

The Potlatch rates are good for stays arriving as early as Monday, Feb. 23, and departing as late as Thursday, March 5. This is a real bargain for a business-oriented Silicon Valley hotel, so come and pay a long visit and see some of our sights!

– David Bratman

## NEARBY

Within a 3/4 mile walk of the hotel you can dine on *Korean* (including Korean bbq and Korean sushi), *Japanese* (including sushi), *Vietnamese* pho, *Thai*, *Indian* (including chaat and all-vegetarian restaurants), *Afghan*, *Persian*, and *Mongolian BBQ* cuisines, most of them at two or more places. There's also pizza, an Italian cafe, a Korean gelato shop, an American fish restaurant, and some standard chains and fast food places.

You'll also find large Korean and Indian markets, a Lucky's, several karaoke bars, and a sari shop within walking distance. Area attractions include the Computer History Museum, the Tech Museum, NASA/Ames Research Center, the Winchester Mystery House, the Rosicrucian Museum, Gilroy Gardens, Big Basin Redwoods State Park, and many excellent wineries.

– David Bratman

## REGISTRATION

You can purchase memberships by check or on-line. By check, please send the registration form with your check to:

Potlatch 18  
 c/o Lyn Paleo  
 PO Box 3400  
 Berkeley, CA 94703

Please make checks payable to "Potlatch 18".  
 To register on-line, please visit [www.potlatch-sf.org](http://www.potlatch-sf.org).

– Lyn Paleo



### Potlatch 18 Registration Form

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you are interested in:

- volunteering
- participating in the program
- participating in the writers' workshop

Membership:

- Regular @ \$50 (through July 31)
- Supporting @ \$20
- Youth (ages 7–17) @ \$25
- Child (6 and under) @ Free

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_