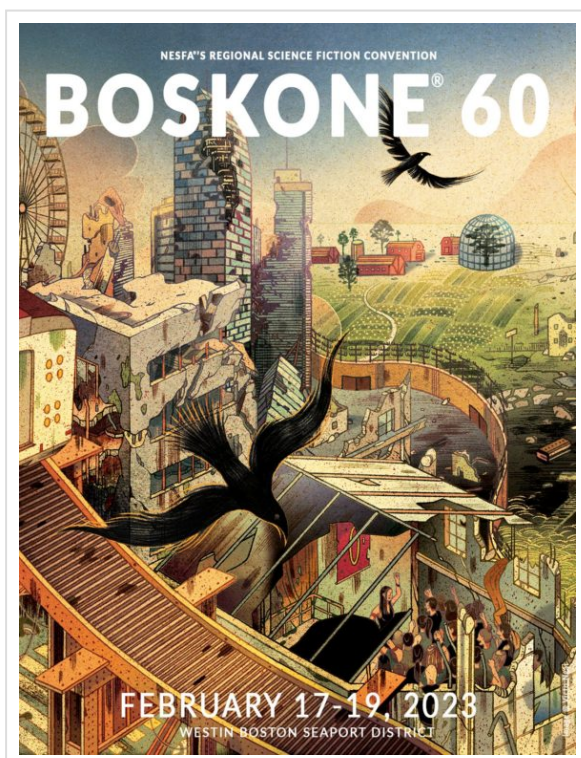


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Mike Glycer's news of science fiction fandom

A Thought For Ukraine At Boskone

Posted on [February 14, 2023](#) by [Mike Glycer](#)



By Borys Sydiuk: We are grateful for fellow fans support at this time, as we approach a year since the abhorrent invasion of our beautiful country. Fans have struggled with war and it has been a hardship, we await the air raid sirens still in fear and I often think of my fan friends in peril and bravely fighting.

At [Boskone 60](#) in USA this year on Saturday the 18th of February at 1200, fans will gather on the 4th floor to have a thoughtful moment for Ukraine.

Room to be confirmed.

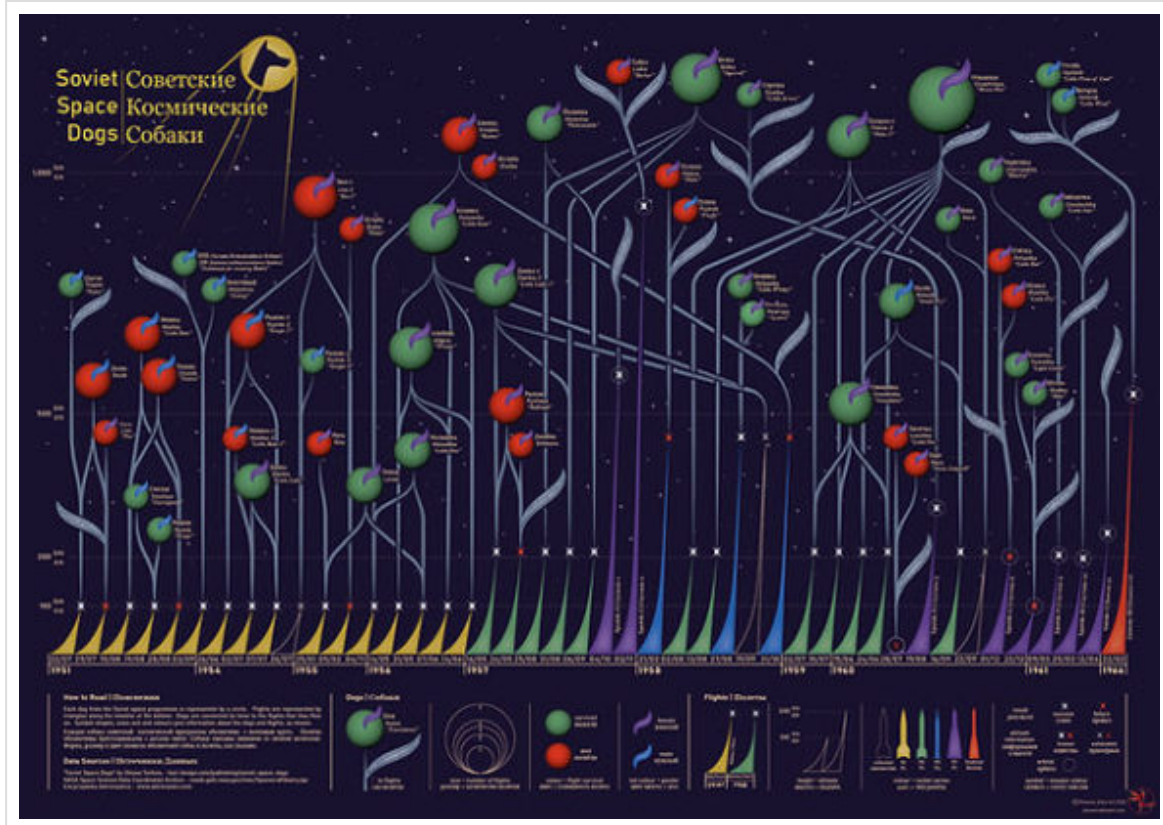
Fans are welcome to enjoy a warming cup of tea and some biscuits and share a contemplative moment for fellow fans in Ukraine. Sara Felix has brilliantly prepared a beautiful Tiara kit that celebrates the Ukraine colors that you can put together, and we

welcome the national colors being worn and your warm thoughts.



— Tiara by Sara Felix

At the Boskone art show, data artist Phoenix will be selling prints of her [Soviet Space Dogs: Data Visualization Art](#) to raise funds for Shelter Friend, a Ukrainian non-profit organization and rehabilitation centre for the homeless animals in Dnipro city, who are dealing with an influx of abandoned dogs due to the current conflict. (<https://www.phoenixdataart.com>)



— Soviet Space Dogs: Data Visualization Art by Phoenix

Your thoughts are important to us, and as we come close to the anniversary of the invasion, such an evil repugnant act, I would like to mention those I am often thinking of, old fan friends who are fighting now.

Kindrat, a fan since the Soviet time, a member of one of the clubs I organized (Pereval, 1988). He moved from Kyiv to Lviv, and after the war started he joined territorial defense, and now he is actually at the front line. Danila is another fan who I have known since the Eighties, he was a publisher and book seller and joined the army in the first days of the war. Olexander Surkov was a career officer with the Ukrainian Army, but is a Fan, writer, blogger, he rejoined twice, in 2014 and then rejoined in 2022 with this invasion. I think of them often, and welcome you all to think of Ukraine.

Fans engage and work hard here to support the effort, like [Olena Glushchenko](#), fan and Lit-Teracon convention organizer who organized a whole project Varta to support the Ukrainian army, and one project is “One book for a soldier” to collect books and send them to the front line for Ukrainian soldiers for the times in between fighting.

The war is a theme of Art and Creativity, as well as Comics, and Art, Murals and support, we have seen a series of incredible art on our stamps,

Boris Groh (<https://www.facebook.com/grohboris>), author of the famous “Russian ship, go f...” continues to create art.

Igor Baranko’s comic (<https://www.instagram.com/igorbaranko/>) was the ESFS Best Artist 2021 winner and he continues to support us as he lives now in Thailand.

Myroslav Latyk’s film “Maksym Osa” a Ukrainian Fantasy is available on [Netflix](#). Witches, a mystical Dog Head, and stolen Royal Gold all feature in this work filmed by a Ukrainian film company.

When the war is over, we look forward to organizing more conventions.

We will welcome you all back here, to enjoy good company, and make many crafts in our colors.

Maybe even another Eurocon.

Just to mention, in 1990 our then very young fandom thought to get Worldcon, and we supported the Zagreb Worldcon bid for 1992.

Please wear the yellow or blue Ukraine colours!

We will have supporters distributing ribbons and remind ourselves that elsewhere fans fight against invaders.

Thank you for your support and thinking of us, it is very important.

Borys.

(Notes: Thanks to [Sara Felix](#), [Phoenix Data Art](#) and James Bacon for their continued hard work and support. First names only or pseudonyms used to identify frontline fighters)

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[Lis Carey](#)

on [February 14, 2023 at 2:07 am](#) said:

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[Laurie Mann](#)

on [February 14, 2023 at 6:01 am](#) said:

Most Boskone Program items are 60 minute items in 90 minute slots. On Saturday, program items run 10-11, 11:30-12:30, 1-2, 2:30-3:30, 4-5, 5:30-6:30. You might get more people if you start your thought at 12:40 so people who could drop in after their 12:30 item is over. I suggest starting 10 minutes after an item as the 4th floor is in the sleeping room tower which is across the lobby and an elevator ride from the side of the hotel where most of the convention is being held.



[dave lally](#)

on [February 14, 2023 at 8:46 am](#) said:

Aah yes indeed : I had the pleasure of chairing my 1st ESFS (European SF Society) meeting in 2006 at that year's Eurocon in Kyiv (Ukrainian spelling), having been ESFS Treasurer prior to that. And it was also my pleasure to act as ESFS Chair at Eurocon 2013 for my last time, again in Kyiv (before my then taking up a role in BSFA). Tho that latter year's Eurocon venue in the Ukrainian capital city was different to the one in 2006. And in 2013, post Con, I went over to the location of the one in 2006 (beside Kyiv Dynamo Stadium) -but especially to visit the wonderful cake shop there. Best wishes to all in Ukraina..



Eva Whitley

on **February 14, 2023 at 11:02 am** said:

I'm not going to Boskone but I will probably face east at some point during the weekend and think surly thoughts in the direction of Sergey Lukianenko, if that's allowed.



Ja

on **February 14, 2023 at 12:12 pm** said:

Beautiful tiara....

And the obligatory "[bleep] Putin."