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Contest for Amateur Sci Fi and Fantasy Artists

Entries are coming in to a local contest for [amateur science fiction and fantasy artists](#). Pittsburgh area web writer Scot Noel has teamed with New York Times bestselling author Jane Lindskold to sponsor an art contest for aspiring artists.

The Science & Fantasy Fiction Art Inspiration Contest runs through May 31st, 2014. \$600 in prizes will be awarded, with one of the winning pieces of art inspiring a short story by [award winning author Jane Lindskold](#).

The contest began as a project of local writer Scot Noel of Grapeville, PA, whose personal fiction website is www.ScienceandFantasyFiction.com.

“This is purely a celebration of amateur art,” explained Scot. “Our goal is to have fun and provide recognition to the talents of amateur artists everywhere who craft their own visions of compelling futures and engaging fantasy worlds.”

In addition to cash prizes, Scot came up with the idea of having the winning art pieces provide inspiration for new short stories. Winning art will then be featured as cover art for e-book versions of the stories, with the e-books to be given away for free on his website.

When New Mexico based author Jane Lindskold heard about this contest, she was immediately very enthusiastic. Throughout her career, Jane has felt great support from her fans, some of whom express themselves by creating and sharing imaginative art. She's always felt thrilled and honored when fans show her art inspired by her novels.

In fact, the cover art for her forthcoming novel *Artemis Awakening* (available from Tor Books on May 27th) is directly inspired by a friend's art. Jane also admits to having rather passionate opinions about cover art in general.

Because of all of this, Jane asked both if she could help sponsor the contest and write a story to be inspired by one of the award winners. “I couldn't believe it,” said Scot. “It's a tremendous contribution for an author like Jane to contribute both to the cash awards and take the time to craft a story based on a winning piece of amateur art. Jane has a very real appreciation of fans and their ability to express their love of sci fi and fantasy worlds artistically.”

Scot Noel and Jane Lindskold first worked together on the computer game Chronomaster, developed by DreamForge Entertainment in 1995, and they have stayed in touch with one another via letters and email ever since.

To learn more about the Science & Fantasy Fiction Art Inspiration Contest, including contest rules and submission details, please visit the contest web-page at www.sffcontest.com.

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Amateur Art CONTEST Science & Fantasy Fiction Art Inspiration

\$600 in Prizes

Inspire a Story with Your Art!

More often than we admit, words are the servants of visual inspiration.

Now we invite you to inspire a new science fiction or fantasy story with your art! Open to amateur artists of any age, anywhere!

Contest Prizes

- › \$400 will be awarded for **FIRST PLACE** winner.
- › \$100 will be awarded for **SECOND PLACE** (prize sponsored by Jane Lindskold.)
- › \$100 will be awarded to **THE MOST POPULAR** (based on comments and likes received during the contest.)

An original story of science or fantasy fiction, inspired by **ONE** of the winning art entries, will be written by award winning author Jane Lindskold!*

Once prizes are awarded, Jane Lindskold will choose which of the 3 Award Winners has inspired the creation of an original tale of Science Fiction or Fantasy Fiction. The reasons for Jane's choice will be revealed in an online discussion between Jane Lindskold and Scot Noel regarding the qualities of all 3 winning art pieces.

(*While Jane Lindskold is helping sponsor the contest and she will select the winning art piece that inspires her most, she will not be one of the judges selecting the 3 prize winners.)

Visit our [Contest Rules](#) page for more details, including judging criteria.

Contest Description

We are inviting amateur artists to submit a digital image of your original work of art.

- › Your art may be in any medium; however, the digital image you submit must evoke in its presentation a tale of science or fantasy fiction.
- › Ideally be composed in a way that lends itself to being "cover art," where adding a story title and author byline is practical.
- › No more than 3 entries per artist
- › For the purposes of this contest, "amateur artist" will be defined as someone having no more than 3 paid sales or 1 sale totaling \$500 or



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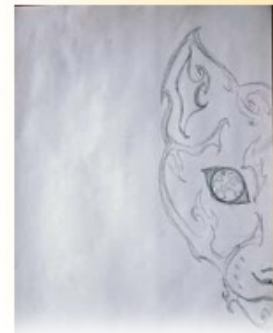
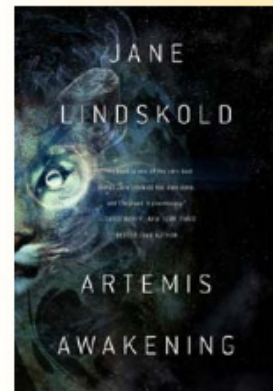
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(At right is cover art for Jane's latest novel *Artemis Awakening*, and below that a sketch by Jane's friend Cale Mims, which helped Jane set the tone for the final cover by artist Cliff Nielsen.

You can read about the journey from sketch to cover art by visiting [Jane Lindskold's Blog](#).)

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