

Letter from Prez...

Malice Members,

For our June 10th meeting, we welcome as our guest, Malice founding member and former President, Phyllis Appleby, who will present her program on Writing with Humor. Phyllis is also the writer, producer and director of the Mystery Dinner Theater at Spaghetti Warehouse and other mid-south locations. You won't want to miss this presentation on humor. Not only is it informative, but you'll be entertained while we learn. Please join us this Saturday in support of our speaker.

If you haven't already submitted your story for the Elmwood anthology, please do so now. Once Carolyn returns her edits to you, please make your changes and email to me and CC Carolyn ASAP so I can get to work on formatting for publication. We're once again under a dire deadline and I need everyone's cooperation to make this happen.

I have received the following FINAL Drafts:

A Part to Die For - Richard Powell

An Elmwood Misadventure - Juanita Houston

From Hair to Eternity - Phyllis Appleby

Grave Robbers - Kristi Bradley

Graveyard Grace - Barbara Christopher

One Dare Too Many - Annette Miller

Public Death, Private Murder - Carolyn McSparren

The Furnace Room - Jim Paavola

Unsolved Forever - Thomas Kienzle

Yellow Fever Revenge - Jackie Ross Flaum

Due to a conflict with the library, RCRW was given our normal time this Saturday, but they have graciously offered us their slot and will join us at 10 am. Once the meeting is called to order, I will turn the floor over to Elaine to hold a short business meeting for RCRW, then we will have a short meeting for Malice, then turn over to our speaker.

Hope to see everyone this Saturday at 10 am.

Please check out our website at: <http://www.maliceinmemphis.com/>

Also go give our Facebook page a LIKE as well at:

<https://www.facebook.com/MaliceinMemphis/>

Kristi Bradley, President

WRITING TIP:

Finding time to write for some people means making a flexible schedule. If you find your life is wreaking havoc on your writing time sit down with an hourly calendar (yes hourly). List everything you have on your daily schedule on piece of paper along with the time you believe it will take you to complete the task. Prioritize the list. Once the list is complete put these things on your hourly calendar the way they need to be done. If you find only ten minutes left use it. You would be surprised how much you can get done in a ten minute microburst.

Keep writing
Barbara,

The following has been posted in our newsletter a couple of times at least and I am trying to find out if there is enough interest to do this so that we can take advantage of the special price by Range USA. I hope that we are able to discuss this further at the meeting. I realize that not everybody is interested in guns and I respect that.

I do think it is an invaluable experience especially if you plan on using guns in your stories now or in the future.

If anyone is interested in taking a gun safety course, Range USA has offered us a 20% discount if enough people attend. The normal fee is \$50 plus tax for the four hour course with range time to follow where you can try out three different types of gun, a .22, .38 revolver and a 9 mm. With our discount, it would be \$43.70 including tax per person. Please let me know if you are interested so we can set this up. They normally hold the course on a Thursday night, but occasionally have a Saturday morning class.

Juanita Houston, Newsletter Editor.

TFR's WRITING PROMPTS

Number Forty-seven

“Is that Blood?”

“No?”

“That's not a question
you're supposed to
answer with another
question.”

WRITER BOOT CAMP: 30 MINUTES

Pick one character in a story or novel that you are working on. Get to know this person better. Stage an intense, boundary-crossing "interview" with him/her. (Pretend you've both had a few glasses of wine.) What questions would you ask? How will he/she answer?

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS:

Killer Nashville Writer's Conference, August 24-27, 2017

<http://www.killernashville.com/conference/>

Imaginarium October 6-8

<http://www.entertheimaginarium.com>

BOOK RELEASES:

Patricia Potter's 4th in the Covenant Falls Series, The SEAL's Return is now available.

Elaine's latest Romantic Suspense, Turbulence, released June 1.

Ten Commandments of Writing Fiction

1. Sit your ass in the chair.
2. Thou shalt not bore the reader.
3. Remember to keep your writing time.
4. Honor the lives of your characters.
5. Thou shalt not be obscure.
6. Thou shalt Show and Not Tell.
7. Thou shalt steal!
8. Thou shalt rewrite and rewrite again. And again.
9. Thou shalt confront the human condition.
10. Be sure that every death in a story means something.

MEETING NOTES:

A hand holding a pen writing on a document, with the text overlaid.

DO NOT DISTURB!

Author at Work

*...torturing her characters with
ordeals no normal person would*

EVER

bounce back from.