

# DEAD TO WRITES

A MALICE IN MEMPHIS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016 ISSUE

Malice members,

This Saturday, October 8th, our own Vicki Dabney will present a program on Public Speaking. This should be helpful to those of us introverts who have trouble in this area.

Also, the last weekend of October is our retreat. We can arrive as early as 3 pm Friday, October 28th through Sunday the 30th at 1 pm, St. Columba Episcopal Conference Center at 4577 Billy Maher Road, Bartlett, TN - about a mile from the library. There are signs to lead you to Sander's Lodge, but it can be hard to find if you've never been before. If you get lost, or would like me to meet you at the gate to save us all trouble, call my cell at 901.604.7619 and I will meet you so you can follow me to our location.

You can check them out here: <http://www.saintcolumbamemphis.org/>

Or a map of area here: <http://mapq.st/2dE5xge>

Our tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday night, Seth will present a tutorial on the writing program Scribner, then we will play mystery themed games and watch the movie 'Foul Play.'

Saturday our programming will begin at 10 am with President/CEO of Belle Books, Deb Dixon, presenting her program on 'The Black Moment.' After lunch, Carolyn McSparren will present Hero's Journey followed by Heroine's Journey.

Saturday night we will critique five pages if anyone is interested. So far, I've not received anything to critique, so if you would like to participate, please send me your submissions to [kristibradleywrites@gmail.com](mailto:kristibradleywrites@gmail.com) so I can distribute and we can be familiar with them before that night. This is a different email than I normally use so I can keep track of submissions.

Sunday is free day. We have to vacate the facility by 1 pm. We have no scheduled programming, so feel free to make use of this time however you please.

I will pass out a signup sheet at the October meeting so we have an idea of what everyone is willing to bring food/drink wise for this event.

Please note that the retreat will replace our November meeting. We WILL NOT meet on November 12th. We will meet again in December on the 10th to have our annual Christmas party at Barbara Christopher's house, 150 Evening Shade Cove, Eads, TN. We start about 11 am. Everyone brings a dish and a gift with a value of \$10-15 for which we will play dirty Santa. It's a lot of fun!

I have been unable to purchase our domain to get our website live without the Weebly in the name. Hopefully, we will get this resolved soon and be able to make the announcement.

If you have a suggestion for a guest, or program, please let me know. If anyone has volunteered to do a program in 2017, please let me know what month you would like so I can pencil you in and figure out programming for the open months.

Hope to see everyone this Saturday!

**Kristi Bradley, President**  
**Malice in Memphis Mystery Writer's Group**

**WRITING TIP: FROM OCTOBER 2014**

When reading, read with a literal mind. Visualize what the words really say. The girls hand flew into the air. WOW can't you just see the hand flying upward toward the ceiling. I don't know about you, but I've never been able to detach my hand so it would be impossible for it to fly. Watch out for the flying body parts. They can create a lot of laughs. It's a mistake we have all made, and while some sentences may sound like flying body parts there are some who that can pass for possible. It's the impossible ones that need fixing.

**Happy Writing**  
**Barbara Christopher**

P.S. The girl raised her hand and waved frantically. (this eliminates the flying body part and adds a few more words in the process which could be helpful when needing to increase that ever necessary word count.)

**Minutes for Augst 13, 2016**

The Meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Kristi

In attendance: Kristi, Juanita, Richard, Lynn, Dutch, Jim, Carolyn, Richard, Larry and Annette officially joined.

Treasurer's Report was given.

Email your stories to Carolyn for the Memphis in May anthology at [cmcsparren@att.net](mailto:cmcsparren@att.net). Make sure it is in RTF or Word

We are still working on our website which is maliceinmemphis.weebly.com

Vickie will be presenting the program at our October meeting on Public Speaking.

Our retreat is coming up at the end of October. There will be an October meeting to finalized any last minute issues. There will not be a November meeting as the retreat will serve in place of a meeting.

Bring your own drink and there will be a signup sheet for food for the retreat.

We need volunteers for programs for 2017 in place of an active Vice President.

Carolyn and Pat can do last minute programs.

Lynn updated us on info regarding our website. Website is set and is a good way to market yourself. He is also working on getting someone from the Coroner's office to come out. Cold cases are good for inspirations

Carolyn will find out the name of the lady for more historical information on the Yellow Fever epidemic.

Meeting was called at 11:55a by Kristi. Lunch at Brad's BBQ.

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### **Third Anthology news:**

We are working on getting the next anthology which will be focusing on Memphis in May festivities. The stories can be ghost stories or mysteries, writer's choice. By now you should have turned in your story to Carolyn for editing or be getting it finished to turn in. Carolyn is editing stories and hopefully have an update on what is done so far. The list is on the last page of the newsletter of what everybody is writing.

### **CURRENT ANTHOLOGY NEWS:**

Mark your calendar...October 20th, just in time for Halloween, [www.darkoakpress.com](http://www.darkoakpress.com) releases the second Malice in Memphis anthology, Ghost Stories, filled with ghosts, legends and haunts set in and around the Memphis area. We have twenty-two stories to creep your crawl, induce wriggling of the skin, and electrify your hair.

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### **CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:**

<http://maliceinmemphis.weebly.com/>

"Writing is an extreme privilege but it's also a gift. It's a gift to yourself and it's a gift of giving a story to someone."

- Amy Tan

## **Malice in Memphis 3<sup>rd</sup> Anthology working title: Memphis in Mayhem**

**This is the list of what everybody is writing for the next anthology. I apologize up front if I missed something or didn't get it correct or didn't get everything that was said. I will correct it if you let me know. I tried to make sure I got everything. The Country for 2017 Memphis in May is Columbia**

<b>Mary</b>	<b>Ghosts</b>
<b>Dutch</b>	<b>Orpheum and F.A. Schwabs</b>
<b>Larry</b>	<b>Biker gets attacked across the river in West Memphis</b>
<b>Carolyn</b>	<b>Cotton Carnival in 1957 including a barge ride</b> <b>Witches and voodoo in Memphis</b>
<b>Jackie</b>	<b>First BBQ fest- Tourist from Steamboat. Killing the huckster, Hernando DeSoto</b>
<b>Richard</b>	<b>Crates of Cargo sent to Elementary School from Columbia</b>
<b>Lynn</b>	<b>Poster series connected to A murder – using the posters to solve the murder</b>
<b>Susan</b>	<b>Electrocute a musician during music fest fest.</b>
<b>Annette</b>	<b>Jerry Lawler – Championship wrestling</b>
<b>Vickie</b>	<b>Ghost of Tom Lee helps find missing person at Memphis in May</b>
<b>Angelyn</b>	
<b>Kristi</b>	<b>Missing person found in trunk of car</b>
<b>Juanita</b>	<b>Murder of a BBQ Fest judge after catching a team cheating</b>
<b>Seth</b>	<b>Mud at music fest Lovecraft inspired</b>
<b>Jim</b>	<b>First BBQ when it was across from the Orpheum</b>
<b>Cindy</b>	<b>Victims of the USS Sultana</b>