

# DEAD TO WRITES

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FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT:

All,

Our guest April 9th will be Heather Miles, self-published author of erotica. She will present a program on Self Promotion. I've attended her session before and it is full of information and helpful advice. Whether self-published or traditionally published, all authors must promote themselves. You don't want to miss this insightful program.

For May we will hold a round table discussion. Come armed and loaded with your questions. We will also discuss our 2016 retreat. We need to get a head count on those who wish to attend and discuss programming and menu. The retreat is tentatively set for the last weekend in October. If you won't be able to attend next month's meeting, please email me, Missy or Juanita if you plan to attend the retreat, whether as an overnight guest or day-tripper.

If anyone has a particular interest they would like a program on, such as Characterization, Plotting, etc., please let me know so we can accommodate your needs.

Look forward to seeing everyone this Saturday.

**Melissa Royer**  
**President**  
**Malice in Memphis**

**Kristi Bradley**  
**Vice President**

I want to thank our guest last month, Shane Richards for his talk about being an Air-evac pilot. We have invited him to come back again to share more stories.

## WRITING TIP:

As writers inspiration hits us at the most unusual times. We've all heard about keeping a pad and pen on the bedside table, but what about when you're in a meeting or out to dinner. What do you do then? Keep one of the small spirals handy. They make them small enough to fit in your pocket or purse, and preferably you should get one that has a pen attached. That way you will be ready when that someone or something nearby sparks an idea. Jot it down. Memories are fading and it is important that we have a word or two down that will jog your memory.

**Happy Writing**

**Barbara Christopher**

Minutes for March 12, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 10:15a by Missy.

In attendance:

Missy, Kristi, Barbara, Juanita, Carolyn, Jim, Richard, Angelyn, Margaret, Seth, Jackie, Lynn, Cindy, Elaine.

Guest Speaker: Shane Richards, Air-Evac pilot who has worked search and rescue, search and seizure, plus more with the Jackson-Madison County Sheriff Department, and surrounding areas.

Kristi announced that next month's guest speaker is Heather Miles, an erotic Romance writer who will speak on self-promotion.

Barbara was out due to a prior commitment and it was announced that the Treasurer's report is in the newsletter. If you need to pay your dues please give them to Carolyn and she will get them to Barbara. Barbara is at a retreat and will be back in May.

Lynn Maples, informed us that there will be no corporate endorsement for the Memphis in May Anthology but we are welcome to write stories around Memphis in May activities.

Meeting was called at 12:00 and announcement that we would be going to lunch at Brad's BBQ nearby.

Meeting was called at 12:00p by Missy and Lunch at Brad's BBQ.

#### **BOOK RELEASES INFORMATION**

Due for release April 1st, it's the third in the Covenant Falls series, titled, "A Soldier's Journey" and is the story of Andy Stuart, an army surgical nurse who survived a war-zone attack that took her fiancé and wounded her. The Amazon link is

<http://amzn.com/B014POMT64>

Please share to help Pat get out the word of her latest release.

In honor of our guest speaker, here is the blog post that Angelyn did for Heather Miles visit to the River City Romance Writers group back in January. Enjoy.

New post on Angelyn's Crimes of Passion

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by [Angelyn](#)

Enjoyed a very well-done presentation today on marketing and self-promotion by [Heather Miles](#) this morning at the River City Romance Writers monthly meeting. I've been slacking . . . or more precisely, haven't given social media the time and attention it deserves. She made me realize however, that I can have a social media presence without letting it take time away from finishing my novel, other writing tasks, family and jobs.

In addition to being a dynamic presenter, Heather is a published author of erotic and contemporary romance. Check out her newest release: [SAYING YES: A Game of Seduction](#)



Eliza Swift was trained to understand the human sexual condition, but her own life was safe - vanilla. Challenged to explore the world beyond her education, she finds herself in The Ravens Nest an exclusive club where fantasies are lived out and identities are safe. But when the elusive owner wants you for himself, saying no isn't an option.

Sounds good, right!

Happy writing!

In case anyone is interested in attending this.

## **#Bookstock2016 Welcomes Special Guests Kimberla Lawson Roby, Thomas Christensen, and YOU!**

*Mark your family's calendar today for Saturday, April 23!*

Avid readers across the city of Memphis will take their "Hats Off to **Bookstock**" on **Saturday, April 23, 2016, 11 am - 3 pm** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) in celebration of "Shakespeare, Dr. Seuss, and Everything in Between." A literacy festival of books and the authors who write them, Bookstock will offer a range of free activities for the whole family like a scavenger hunt through Central Library, face painting, chalk art, live music, food trucks, book signings, author talks, and more!

Best of all, customers will meet and greet **award-winning authors Kimberla Lawson Roby** (*Best Friends Forever*) and **Thomas Christensen** (*1616: The World in Motion*), who will talk about their books and answer customers' questions.

More than 40 local authors will participate in the celebration of books also. Offering stacks of books for sale, local authors will supply an endless selection of fiction and non-fiction titles to choose from.

To highlight the event's theme, a marathon of sonnets by Shakespeare will be read to honor the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, and featured author Thomas Christensen will talk about what the world was like during Shakespeare's time, as discussed in his book *1616: The World in Motion*.

Dr. Seuss enthusiasts will enjoy watching a Dr. Seuss speed painter and a special appearance by character Cindy Lou Who, played by Samantha Bray, a star from *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*.