

DEAD TO WRITES

A MALICE IN MEMPHIS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2015 ISSUE

From the President

Chocolate? Check!

Bow & Arrow? Check!

Now, everyone... when you spot that cherubic face, LET FLY!

Now that the call to arms has been hailed, and the sky has darkened with our arrows, it is time to enjoy our success and to the VICTOR go the SPOILS.

This month, we will discuss updates on our promotions, I believe that Kristi has a calendar full of book signings for us to attend.

For the gentlemen, go get some sweets for your Sweet and enjoy the rest of your day.

Ladies, those of you that want to join Kristi, Juanita, Dee Evitt, another friend and myself, we are going to the matinee to see just if there are indeed 50 Shades of Grey. Time TBA, but we will be meeting at the Hollywood Cinema at the corner of Stage and Whitten.

See you soon!

Missy.

Don't forget to pay your dues this month. \$24.00 for the year.

Check out our new Anthology:

Malice in Memphis:Bluff City Mysteries.
You can get it at

<http://www.darkoakpress.com/malice.html> or on Amazon.

All,

We have lots of exciting things transpiring for Malice in Memphis and Bluff City Mysteries! I'll be sending out the updated calendar spreadsheet in an email to everyone before the next meeting.

First and foremost, we need everyone who has a story in the first anthology to be at the Malice meeting Saturday, February 14, if at all possible, as we need a group photo for our Bookstock application for the Malice table and signing. If you could please arrive timely so we can get the photo first thing.

Phyllis will be appearing at the Southern Women's Show on March 13 at 1:30 pm.

And don't forget, a book signing for Bluff City Mysteries is set for BookStop Plus in Bartlett, Saturday, February 28 from 11 to 1.

We still have several events in the works that I won't list here, but you can find on the calendar.

The February 14th meeting will be to get the group photo, discuss and possibly lock down future plans, promotions, and guest ideas for the year. We have several items to work out during this meeting.

See y'all Saturday, February 14!

Kristi Bradley
VP Malice in Memphis

SPECIAL NOTE:

If you are having trouble getting into dropbox, please bring your computer so that Angelyn can help you with it. Thanks. Kristi.

WRITING TIP:

Editing woes. Not everyone edits in the same manner. Self-editing is like the process of writing. What works for you won't necessarily work for others. Knowing what to look for and how to apply the self-editing skills takes practice. Create your own routine. Whether that is editing by page, chapter, or entire manuscript make sure your editing style is what is best for you.

Happy Writing

Barbara Christopher

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LIST OF LOCATIONS CHOSEN FOR THE GHOST STORIES

Missy	Bemis Mill, in Bemis TN
Kristi	Rainbow Lake in Overton Park
Barbara	Russwood Park and St. Columba Episcopal Center, Eads School
Juanita	Old Maley Yarbrough Funeral home Covington, TN
Carolyn	Somerville, TN
Elaine	Ivy, MS and Collierville, TN
Angelyn	Collierville, TN
Phyllis	Summer Avenue Drive in
Vicki	Raleigh, TN
Steve	Harahan Bridge, Tunnels under Memphis
Seth	Reelfoot Lake
Jim	Fontaine House/ Midtown
Geoff	Shiloh, TN
Dee Evitt	Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, TN
Pat	Carousel at Mid South Coliseum

If I wrote down the wrong thing I apologize in advance. Please let me know the correct location you have chosen or if there is an additional location for you. There are many places around the Mid-South area so let's write some ghost stories.

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For those who have attended Killer Nashville Mystery Writer's Convention, I would like to share a link to their new magazine. I am doing this in lieu of a Writer's Forensic Blog this month. There is an article in the magazine that you can check out by D.P. Lyle so you are actually getting more bang for your buck this time.
<http://www.killernashvillemagazine.com/> Go check out the first edition of the magazine.

Minutes for January 2015

Malice in Memphis

Meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by Missy.

In attendance Missy, Kristi, Juanita, Seth, Carolyn, Vickie, Pat, Jim, Elaine, and Angelyn. We had two guests Richard Powell and Geoff Meece both of who had previously attended and have become members this month.

Missy welcomed everybody back and welcomed our guests.

Pat announced that she has a book coming out at the end of the month which is a sequel to her previous book. She also announced that Open Road, an ebook publisher has purchased the rights to all of her previous books and will be releasing them soon in ebook form. I will get more information and publish in the newsletter.

Seth's book, The Last Wendigo, has sold 3000 copies and he is working on a sequel, as well as getting the original ready to print. Check him out on Amazon.

Missy reported that we had a book signing at the Death Du Jour Mystery Dinner Theatre, thanked Phyllis for setting it up during the New Year's Eve production and that we had our publisher/cover artist Kimberly Richardson in attendance as well as Kristi Bradley, Juanita Houston and another member Dee Evitt, and thanked everybody for being there.

NEW BUSINESS

We are working on some other book signings as well. Kristi will be checking with the Booksellers of Laurelwood, Angelyn is checking with Slavehaven about selling some copies, Missy is checking with Boatwright Pharmacy in Millington. Carolyn is checking with the Carriage people and Wolf River Diner. Elaine is checking with her daughter regarding a book signing and selling at the Pink Palace Museum. Pat is going to have Phyllis check with her contact at Live at 9 (WREG.TV) for an appearance by Carolyn and Pat. Seth said he has some connections in the downtown area and will get back to us on those.

Jim is checking with a reviewer of the Commercial Appeal, Memphis Magazine and Memphis Flyer to see if he will give a review of the anthology and we are checking with radio stations as well. We are also checking some of the other locals from the book to see if we can get them to put it on display.

I announced to the group that I talked to Allan Gilbraith of Dark Oak Press about the checks for the authors and they are going out this coming week. Kristi brought in the banner for the book provided by the publisher and displayed it for the meeting. Kristi has custody of the banner.



Cupidity!

Greeting card mogul Reid Cardell made his fortune on Valentine sentiment and is sponsoring a "romance extravaganza" for Valentine's Day. When his guests gather there isn't much love lost for Cardell and he takes his final sentimental journey with the help of one of his frienemies

You're invited to join us for this Valentine's Day interactive mystery and a great tasting meal!

Saturday, February 14 from 7-10p.m.

\$38/person for the show & dinner. Reservations required! Seating starts at 6pm.

Reservations are going fast! Call or order online today!

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