

Letter from Prez...

Malice Members,

Our third anthology has been submitted to Dark Oak Press in preparation for publication. I'm waiting on Allan to compile everything in book format to submit that and some other requested information to Memphis in May for approval and endorsement.

This is a big deal for Malice because MIM issues \$5,000+ in scholarships to groups that promote Memphis and the festival. We need to think about an idea to submit now for the fourth anthology featuring Memphis to receive their financial support and endorsement. Thank you Lynn Maples for bringing the opportunity to Malice!

Mark Twain said, "The secret to getting ahead is getting started." So Malice members, let's get started on our next anthology!

Please join us Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 10 am as our own Lynn Maples presents "Web Design for Writers." He will walk us through the process of building a website, what works and what doesn't and provide resources that will come in handy once the Under Construction sign goes up.

Don't forget to pay your 2017 dues if you haven't already - \$24.00 for the year.

Hope to see you all February 11th!

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
Malice in Memphis Writer's Group

Writing prompt:
Make a list of five things you're afraid of happening to you. Then write a story in which one of them happens to your character.

Writers don't get mad.
They just write you
into their next novel.

(As the victim.)



WRITING TIP: FROM SEPTEMBER 2013

Interior Monologue is the expression of your character's thoughts and feelings. Even when you write interior monologue it should be filtered through the personality of the character who is thinking. Make the reader really feel what the character feels. Even when you have interior monologue don't "tell" the reader what your character is thinking. Try to show your character's reactions and interpretations of events.

Keep writing.
Barbara Christopher

MALICE IN MEMPHIS WEBSITE GOINGS ON

We had 86 visitors to the site in January.
We had 31 page views.

Here's the top pages viewed:

- Home page
- [contact-us.html](#)
- [lynn-maples.html](#)
- [writing-resources.html](#)
- [angelyn-sharrod.html](#)
- [our-story.html](#)
- [benefits-of-joining.html](#)
- [/richard-powell.html](#)
- [/elaine-meece.html](#)
- [/what-is-malice-in-memphis.html](#)
- [/food-folks-and-fun.html](#)
- [/writers-retreat.html](#)
- [/jackie-ross-flaum.html](#)
- [/james-paavola.html](#)
- [/larry-hoy.html](#)
- [/our-members.html](#)

WRITER'S WISDOM:

QUOTES FROM FAMOUS WRITERS

Guard your first draft with your life.
Charles Darwin

Find what works for you, and exploit it.

Mark Twain

Inspiration is everywhere. Carry a notebook.

Victor Hugo

Time constraints sharpen the mind.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Habit is the bed of creativity. Tuck yourself in.

Stephen King

UPCOMING BOOK SIGNINGS:

Feb 25, 2017 @ 11-2p. Malice in Memphis: Ghost Stories Book Stop Plus in Bartlett. Just down the street from Brad's BBQ. Weather permitting.

Steve Bradshaw Feb 24 @5:30p The Book Juggler Downtown

Some advice for when you are writing and find yourself stuck in the middle of a scene:

- Kill someone
 - Ask this question: “What could go wrong?” write exactly how it goes wrong
 - Switch POV from your current character to another – a minor character, the antagonist, anyone
 - Stop writing whatever scene you are struggling with and skip to the next one you want to write.
 - Write the ending.
 - Use a scene Prompt
 - Use Sentence starter
 - Read someone else’s writing.
- Never delete. Never read what you’ve already written. Keep going.

From Pinterest

Dialog Prompt #10:

“Do you even know how to drive this thing?”

“Normally, I’d lie and say yes, but considering the fact that I almost flew us into that building, I am going to assume you know the answer.”

Writer’s Block:

When your
imaginary
friends stop
talking to you.

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS:

Mid-south Con. www.midsouthcon.org

March 24-26, 2017 <http://midsouthcon.org/> Hilton Hotel.

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

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



A Valentine mystery at the Warehouse!

Juliet Heart is lucky in love, she's getting married on Valentine's Day, again. Maybe third time will be the charm for the Cupid crazy Bridezilla. Unfortunately, Juliet's luck has finally run out when someone makes sure this walk down the aisle will definitely be her last.

Enjoy this original interactive Valentine mystery!

Heartless!

Saturday, February 11th

7-10 p.m.

\$38/person

includes dinner & entertainment

Reservations Required!

Contact Phyllis at 901-210-0545; 901-377-0143 or

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Another Writing Tip: Taken from the November 2015 edition of the newsletter.

What does it take to get you in the mood to write? Is it music in the background, total silence, the sound of rain or thunder or pictures related to the story you're writing? Use whatever it takes to get your creative juices flowing. Most of all remember that nothing gets written **until you put your butt in the chair and put those words down.**

Happy Writing

Barbara Christopher

I do better when I put my earphones in and play my music. If I get blocked, I go for a walk or knit and I always keep a notebook with me so that I can write down any ideas I get. I also check Pinterest for writing prompts. What works for you?

Juanita Houston

Dead to Writes editor.

