

DEAD TO WRITES

A MALICE IN MEMPHIS NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2015 ISSUE

From the President:

Well I have decided to hi-jack the President's letter as she has been trying to get back into the swing of things after returning from seeing her grandson being born. I would like to welcome Benjamin Wayne Royer into the world. He came in at 7 lbs 10 oz and 20 inches long. He was born March 5, 2015. We have been working on getting more book signings set up and one is scheduled for the Southern Women's Show at the Agricenter at 1:30 p.m. We will also have some set up at Mid-South Con on Pro row on Saturday all day. If you have never been to Mid-South Con you should come check it out. There is a writer's conference, Art track and other things of interest all weekend long. It is at the Hilton Hotel if you want to come check it out. More information at the end of the newsletter.

Juanita Houston, Secretary/Editor of Dead to Writes

**Check out our first Anthology:
Malice in Memphis: Bluff City Mysteries**

https://www.amazon.com/Malice-Memphis-Bluff-City-Mysteries/dp/1941754244/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1472683297&sr=8-1&keywords=malice+in+memphis%3A+Bluff+City+Mysteries

This is how to get your copy or contact Dark Oak Press at
<http://www.darkoakpress.com/malice.html>

All,

Well, we've sprung forward, and I must say, I miss that hour like a lost limb. I don't know about you guys, but it takes me a week to recover from the loss of that one stupid hour.

Anyway...

I have not yet heard of any finalized dates for book signings, though we certainly have several in the works. We will keep everyone posted as things iron out.

Book Stop sold out of her copies of Bluff City Mysteries during our signing at that location, and we left her with five more copies she will continue to push. Thank you to all who participated in the signing, and those who came out in support!

I have several people of interest I'm trying to get in touch with to make appearances this year. If you have any ideas for guests or programming, please drop me a line.

Hope to see everyone Saturday!

Kristi Bradley
VP Malice in Memphis

WRITING TIP:

Remember writing is a profession. For those who are dedicated, it is a craft that needs honing. Even seasoned writers need help to make their work the best it can be. When reading your own manuscripts a writer is often blind when it comes to mistakes. We tend to read them the way we intended and not what is actually written.

It helps to have someone who will give you an honest opinion.

Keep 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 School ***	Russwood Park and St. Columba Episcopal Center, Eads Elementary
Juanita town	Old Maley Yarbrough Funeral home Covington, TN, Small Tipton county
Carolyn	Somerville, TN, Memphis Zoo
Elaine	Ivy, MS and Collierville, TN
Angelyn	Collierville, TN, Rhodes College area
Phyllis	Summer Avenue Drive in
Vicki	Raleigh, TN
Steve	Harahan Bridge, Tunnels under Memphis
Seth	Reelfoot Lake, Fort Pillow State Park
Jim	Fontaine House/ Midtown
Geoff	Shiloh, TN
Dee Evitt	Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, TN
Pat	Carousel at Mid South Coliseum
Richard	Mississippi River
Susan	set in Arkansas

***Eads Elementary School is the same as Eads clinic

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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Malice in Memphis Minutes – February 14, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 10:39a by Missy.

Members present were Missy, Kristi, Barbara, Angelyn, Phyllis, Juanita, Richard, Pat, Carolyn and Seth. We also had 6 visitors Debbie Church and her grandson Garrett Patterson, Susan B. Wooten, David Nora, Kimberly Richardson and Allan Gilbraith of Dark Oak Press. Susan and David both joined the group as members and paid their dues.

Phyllis made a few announcements as to the promotions she has been trying to do for the Bluff City Anthology. Including some book signings she has set or is working on getting set up for the group. We had a picture taken of the writers of the Anthology that were able to attend for the Southern Women's group requirement. The following upcoming events are:

March 13, 2015 1:30p Southern Women's Show at the Agricenter

We need as many of the writers there from the anthology as possible for a panel.

April 18, 2015 9:00a. Bookstock at the Benjamin Hooks Library in Memphis

Anybody and everybody from Malice needs to come and support Malice and help manned the table.

May 19, 2015 10:15a Benjamin Hooks Library in Memphis for the Books and Beyond Bookclub

Phyllis has contacted a rep from Costco and they have gone to bat for us, and will keep us posted as to a date for a book signing there.

She is working getting set up for Live at Nine on Channel 3 and Good Morning Memphis.

Barbara stated that her bank wants to set up a book signing at the Houston Levee and Macon location on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon and would let us know when they have the date set.

Kimberly Richardson of Dark Oak Press is going to check with Elmwood about doing a book signing event at their Lunch and Lecture. An email has been sent, and now we are just waiting on a response from them. Phyllis is also working on something with Malco since one of her ghost stories will be set there.

There have been some additions and changes to the list of places for the ghost stories the additions are as follows and I will have the complete list as I know it at the end of the minutes and will update the newsletter list accordingly.

Carolyn	Zoo
Seth	Fort Pillow
Angelyn	Rhodes college area
Richard	Mississippi River
Barbara	Notation.....Eads Elementary was also known as Eads Clinic
Susan	set in Arkansas

Introductions were made for all the visitors in attendance. Caleb Sherrod and Paul Appleby were also visiting with us.

There was a discussion regarding the retreat. It was suggested that we have the retreat later in the month of November or skip it totally as that is the weekend of Killer Nashville and some of our members have already signed up for it. We have tabled the discussion about the retreat til next month.

Memphis Comic and Fantasy Con is the weekend of November 20-22.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Missy but the meeting moved forward before a motion could be obtained.

Please remember that we have a book signing at Bookstop in Bartlett on February 28, 2015 from 11-1 and to please bring a chair as they don't have enough for a group as large as ours. It is in the shopping strip behind Brad's BBQ just off of Bartlett Blvd, not far from the library.

Our guest and Publisher, Allan Gilbraith of Dark Oak Press took a seat up front for a Q&A regarding sales and the anthology. It was suggested that we get the Square for the group to help with selling the anthology for those that prefer to use credit/debit cards when purchasing and so that we don't miss those sales of our book. Allan will be sending our treasurer a check for sales so far. If you need books for an event please give him 14 business days, notice to get them to us, and to make sure he has shipping address and shipping phone number for whoever orders them. He suggested that we keep a couple of books on us always so that we don't miss any sales that way either. He brought us a box of 1000 bookmarks and everybody took some to hand out. Missy took the remaining ones home with her. If you need some please let me or Missy know and we can get you some. Kristi has possession of our banner.

Our book is available in 28 countries. If you need copies please send an email to Allan at request@darkoakpress.com. If you know one of the locations needs books to sell just make

sure they don't over order, it is better to sell out than to send the books back and get charge back on them. Chargebacks are what eats up the profits of your sales.

Meeting end was called at 11:50 by Missy.

BOOK NEWS

From Patricia Potter:

NEWS! My three Scottish trilogies, published in print by Bantam and Berkley, are now available in e-book format on most platforms, including Amazon and Barnes and Noble. The first one is the Card series: The "Black Knave," "Heart Queen" and "Diamond King," all taking place in the aftermath of the Battle of Culloden. "The Black Knave," my Scottish Scarlet Pimpernel story, won wave reviews from RT and the Library Journal and other reviewers. For those who like both Scotland and the wild west, there's "The Marshal and the Heiress," and "The Scotsman Wore Spurs." There's also the Scottish Highland series ("Beloved Imposter", "Beloved Stranger" and "Beloved Warrior" which received a starred review in Publisher's Weekly.) The Beloved series is set in the 16th Century, and the Star series ("StarCatcher", "StarKeeper," and "StarFinder") sweeps from the Scottish Highlands to Colonial America and the American Revolution. More on these series later.

Celtic Doublecross!

Set in an Irish Castle where a world-famous Celtic singing group is booked to perform for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. The performers and guests are plagued by a series of unearthly events that culminates in the death of the lead soprano and dissatisfied diva, Siobhan Riordan.

Enjoy this St. Patrick's Day interactive mystery and enjoy a great tasting meal!

Saturday, March 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!

901-377-0143 or 901-210-0545 [leave message] or go to Paappleby@aol.com

Here is the link to Killer Nashville magazine:

<http://www.killernashvillemagazine.com/>

Lots of great articles in it again this month.

It is that time of year again:

What: MidSouthCon 33

When: March 20 - 22, 2015

Where: Hilton Memphis, 939 Ridgelake Blvd Memphis, TN 38120

Cost:

2/21/2015 - 3/13/2015 and at the door
Children 5 and Under ALWAYS FREE!

\$50 Adults/\$25 Children 6-12yr