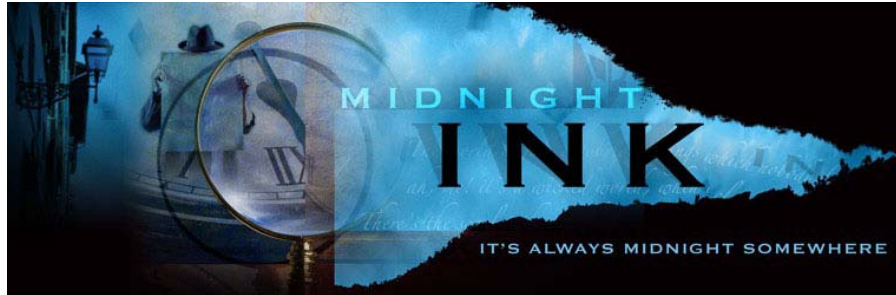


All Points Bulletin

*The Twin Cities Sister In Crime Member Newsletter
March 2007*



Tuesday, April 3rd, 2007, 7:00 PM
Once Upon a Crime, 604 W. 26th St., Minneapolis

Learn the ins and outs of the publishing business from Alison Aten and Brian Farrey, publicists from Midnight Ink, a fresh new voice in mystery fiction. Located in St. Paul, Midnight Ink is “committed to publishing suspenseful tales of all types: hard-boiled thrillers, cozies, historical mysteries, amateur sleuth novels, and more.

Minutes of our Last Meeting

Sisters in Crime
Membership meeting
March 6, 2007
Once Upon a Crime Bookstore

Bill Fietzer was acting president in Marilyn Victor’s absence.

Michael Mallory made a contact at Midnight Ink who is willing to speak at one of our meetings. He will coordinate with Marilyn on which month.

Don’t forget the Write of Spring on March 24 at Once Upon a Crime. Almost forty authors are slated to attend.

The book of the month was *Jar City* by Arnaldur Indradison. Great noir, social commentary, and the ethics of collecting medical information into massive databases made this book notable for those who read it. Recommended.

Our guest for the evening was Dr. Connie Fletcher. What, might you ask, does an English professor from Loyola have to offer to our group? Connie is an expert in interviewing.

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She had valuable tips on how to get “anyone” to speak to you and tips to maximize your time with resources. For those of us who aren’t writers, the information was useful in other settings such as job interviews or social gatherings.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Reis
Secretary

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Thank you to Pat and Gary for another terrific Write of Spring! Everyone who attended had a wonderful time – schmoozing with authors, taking home stacks of books and munching on cookies. It was especially great seeing Gary behind the counter again. Welcome back, Gary!

AND DON’T FORGET -- Once Upon A Crime has ordered several copies of our upcoming book selections:

"Watch Your Back!" by Donald E. Westlake (April),
"A Gentleman's Game (A Queen & Country Novel)" by Greg Rucka (May)
"Dead Angler (A Loon Lake Fishing Mystery)" by Victoria Houston (June)

Get a headstart on your SinC reading and take advantage of the discount OUAC generously offers Sisters in Crime members.

Q & A with John Wickre



(Photo by Dani Werner, www.daniphoto.com)

BIO: I was born in St. Paul, but grew up in Cumberland, Wisconsin, a small town about 90 miles northeast of the Twin Cities. I went to UW-River Falls and later the University

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of Minnesota Library School.

For 20 years I was a manuscript cataloger at the Minnesota Historical Society, where I worked with such collections as the Minneapolis-Moline Company records and the 12,000 boxes of records of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railways.

At the same time I branched out to do slide shows on agricultural machinery and railroads, was bibliography editor for the Society for Industrial Archeology [not "archaeology"], wrote a couple of railroad history books, and did free-lance historical research.

Since leaving the Historical Society I have done a number of things to "keep body and soul apart," including working for a computer firm, working on the 2000 census, and scoring standardized tests (a job from hell). I am now independently poor and spending most of my time taking care of my Dad back in Cumberland, Wisconsin.

I'm also working on a murder mystery but I'm having trouble with who should get murdered, since there are so many deserving people.

Q: If you could acquire a talent/skill just by asking, what would you ask for and why?

A: The ability to suffer fools gladly, because I have encountered so many of them, and I don't like to hurt their feelings.

Q: If you were taking a long flight --15 hours or more -- who would you like to sit next to, picking anyone past or present?

A: August Schwedfeger, because he would spend the time writing and not say a word.

Q: What author are you reading right now?

A: Kathy Reichs, Bare Bones.

Q: If you could be the hero/heroine in any book, which would it be?

A: Dr. Watson in one of Larry Millet's books about Sherlock Holmes in Minnesota, helping James J. Hill and the Great Northern Railway.

Q: If you were a superhero, what powers would you have?

A: Wit, wisdom and the ability to stay awake after 9 p.m.

Q: Who are three of your favorite mystery writers?

A: Carl Hiaasen, Nevada Barr, and Emma Lathen.

Q: Why do you write or read mysteries?

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A: I like to learn new things, so I like stories that deal with a subject or place that I don't know anything about.

Q: You just won \$100 million on the lottery. After you've been nice and bought Mom a new car and given all the SINC members each \$1 million, what would you do?

A: Give \$1 million to the Cumberland, Wis., public library; and the rest to my church, the Militant Blatherhood of Impenitent Ignorance.

Resort to Murder

The Minnesota Crime Wave (Carl Brookins, Ellen Hart and William Kent Krueger) is at it again. Following the success of *The Silence of the Loons*, another anthology, *Resort to Murder*, will be released in September from Nodin Press. Sisters in Crime members Judy Yates-Borger, Carl Brookins, Pat Dennis, Jess Lourey, Michael Allan Mallory and Deborah Woodworth will have their work featured in this new Minnesota mystery collection. The stories are set in real Minnesota resorts, although the names have been changed. Also featured in the book are stories by Joel Arnold, Barbara DeCosta, Moira Harris, David Housewright, William Kent Krueger, Lorna Landvik and Scott Pearson

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It Makes Us Wild (Marilyn Victor & Michael Allan Mallory)

<http://zoofari.blogspot.com/>

If you have a website or blog you'd like to have listed here, please contact our newsletter editor, Pat Dennis.

Upcoming Library Conference

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

June 23 – 26, 2007

Washington, D. C.

Sisters in Crime and Mystery Writers of America will once again be combining to support and publicize our favorite genre at the American Library Association Conference in Washington, D.C. from June 23 through June 26, 2007.

Any author who is a member of one or both of these organizations is invited to come to Washington, D.C. and meet the thousands of librarians who wander the exhibit hall. The SinC/MWA booth is always one of the most popular as exhibitors. They do not sell books at the Exhibit Hall, but authors who give away books are very popular. If you can attend and help staff the booth for a two hour period, please email Doris Ann Norris, (Library Liaison for Sisters in Crime and Affiliate Member of MWA) (DorisAnn@woh.rr.com). For those who can not attend, but would like to reach thousands of librarians, you may send promotional materials. Please limit these to 100 items, with only two items. They are also requesting ONE signed book to be given away at the multiple raffles that will be held during the Exhibits. If you email Doris Ann, she will give you the address to send your materials. Do not send before May 15 and be sure they arrive by June 20. Attendance was down in New Orleans last year, but the D.C. numbers should be more like the Chicago numbers (21,232 attendees + 6,730 exhibitors), perhaps even better since so many libraries decided not to send their staffs to New Orleans for what was the first big convention held there since Katrina.

Upcoming Mystery Conventions

MALICE DOMESTIC® XIX

May 4-6, 2007

Arlington, Virginia

www.malicedomestic.org

Guests of honor: Rochelle Krich, Elaine Viets,
Carolyn Hart. Over 175 authors in attendance.

MAYHEM IN THE MIDLANDS

8th Annual Conference May 24 - May 27, 2007

Omaha Nebraska

<http://www.omahapubliclibrary.org/mayhem/index.html>

Guest of Honor Margaret Maron

Toastmaster of Honor, Nancy Pickard

Registration: \$75 (\$80 after Feb. 1)

THRILLERFEST 2007

James Patterson, Guest of Honor

With Vince Flynn, Heather Graham, Jeffery Deaver, Lisa Gardner

www.ThrillerFest.com

July 12 – Jul 15 2007

Grand Hyatt Hotel New York City

INTERNATIONAL THRILLER WRITERS (ITW) featuring top thriller authors from
around the world.

BOUCHERCON 2007

BEARLY ALIVE

September 27 - 30, 2007

www.bouchercon2007.com

World's Largest Mystery Convention

American Guest of Honor Ann Rule

British Guest of Honor: Alexander McCall Smith

Special Guest of Honor: Jayne Anne Krentz, (Amanda Quick, Jayne Castle)

Contests

AL BLANCHARD SHORT CRIME FICTION CONTEST.

It's not too late to submit to the Al Blanchard short crime fiction contest. The deadline is April 30, 2007, and right only received twenty-some submissions, so the field is wide open! The story must be a previously unpublished (in print or electronically) crime story by a New England author OR be set in New England, and not more than 5,000 words. Story sub-genres include mystery, thriller, suspense, caper, and horror but with no torture or killing of children or animals. First prize is \$100 plus publication in Level Best Books'

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5th anthology of short crime fiction. The winner will be a guest of the Committee at the November 2007 New England Crime Bake, where the award will be presented. You may also submit more than one story, but no more than two, please. For submission guidelines, visit contest@crimebake.org. This is a blind contest and there is no entry fee, so you have nothing to lose!

Upcoming Events at Once Upon A Crime

Mon. Apr 2 - 7:00 **Rick Shafchik** "Amen Corner" - Launch party for Debut MN author.

Tues. Apr 3 - 7:00 **Twin Cities Sisters In Crime** meeting. Book for the night is: Donald E. Westlake's *Watch Your Back!*

Mon. Apr 9 - 7:00 **Randy Wayne White** "Hunter's Moon."

Wed. Apr 11 - 6:30 **Mystery Readers' Book Club** - Book for the night is: *Night Laws* by Jim Michael Hansen.

Fri. Apr 13 - 7:00 **David Corbett** "Blood of Paradise."

Sat. Apr 21 - 1:00-3:00 **Jane Cleland** "Deadly Appraisal." An informal signing at which refreshments will be served.

Tues. May 1 - 7:00 **Twin Cities Sisters In Crime** meeting. Book for the night is: Greg Rucka's *A Gentleman's Game*.

Wed. May 9 - 6:30 **Mystery Readers' Book Club** - Book for the night is: *A Place Of Execution* by Val McDermid.

Thurs. May 3 - 7:00 **David Housewright** "Dead Boyfriends" - Publication party.

Thurs. May 17 - 6:30 **Mary Higgins Clark** "I Heard That Song Before" and **Carol Higgins Clark** "Laced" - Signing only.

Tues. May 24 - 7:00 **Michael Connelly** "Overlook."

Wed. May 30 - 7:00 **Pete Hautman** "All In" (YA book) and **Mary Logue & Pete Hautman** "Skullduggery," the second book in their YA collaboration. Launch Party at which refreshments will be served.

Mon. June 4 - 7:00 **Louise Penny** "A Fatal Grace."

Wed. June 6 - 7:00 **C. J. Box** "Free Fire."

Mon. June 11 - 7:00 **Barry Eisler** "Requiem for an Assassin"

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Tues. June 12 - 7:00 **Twin Cities Sisters In Crime** meeting. Book for the night is: Victoria Houston's *Dead Angler*.

Thurs. June 14 - 7:00 **Marilyn Victor & Michael Mallory** "Death Roll." Launch party for these Minnesota authors writing in a Minnesota setting.

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Interested in the Twin Sisters chapter of Sisters in Crime? Visit www.twincitysync.org. Or call Wendy Nelson at (952) 233-0215. Or mail \$50 to Sisters In Crime, 721 Brook Lane, Shakopee, MN 55379 along with the application below. Of this, \$10 goes to the local chapter and the balance to the national organization. You can also drop off your application and check with one of the SinC officers at our chapter meeting.

(Meetings are held at 7 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month (except for July and August at Once Upon A Crime Mystery Book Store, 604 W. 26th, Street, Minneapolis, MN 55405 (This is half a block east of the intersection of Lyndale and 26th In South Minneapolis.

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Membership Form

New **Renewal** Rejoining Past Member

Please join or renew by 1/31/07 to be listed in directory.

PO Box 442124, Lawrence, KS 66044

sistersincrime@juno.com

All members are welcome to join or renew on line at

www.sistersincrime.org

Please check one box.

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