

All Points Bulletin

*The Twin Cities Sister in Crime Member Newsletter
March 2008*

Take Your Best Shots

Twin Cities Sisters in Crime members Carl Brookins, Pat Dennis, Lori L. Lake and Richard Thompson will be giving us their unique perceptions on writing and on the publishing world. Collectively, they have experience with small presses, medium-size presses, self-publishing, and starting their own publishing companies. What is their writing process, how do they view the publishing community, and the future of the mystery genre? Here's your chance to ask questions from some authors who sit among us.

Our Usual Schedule, This Month

*Tuesday, March 4th, 7 PM Once Upon A Crime
604 W. 26th Street, Minneapolis (East of Lyndale)*

Minutes of the February Meeting

The BCA tour is set for Tuesday Feb 26th at 7pm. Members must sign up in advance for security reasons. See Marilyn if you are interested.

A reminder that we no longer pay national dues for our members. If you haven't renewed yet, you need to pay your national dues on the Sisters in Crime website or through the mail. Then the local dues of \$10 should be paid to our treasurer, Lori Lake.

Out book for the evening was *Tin City* by David Housewright. Members commented on his using actual landmarks in his stories. His books were recommended by several members.

Todd New was our guest speaker for the evening if you can call a fellow member a "guest." Todd is also a member of the Minneapolis police force working in the intelligence unit. He talked about his work with gangs, especially the Asian gangs, and how the police use intelligence to keep different departments informed of what is going on out on the streets. He also shared information on several new technologies helping

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law enforcement like Starchaser, OnStar, Shot spotter, and ALPR (automated license plate recognition).

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Reis

Meeting Change in April: No Foolin'

Our March meeting is scheduled in its usual, first Tuesday slot, March 4th. In April, however, we will be meeting on Wednesday, April 2nd.

Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Tour

For the 25 Sisters in Crime members who toured the BCA Tuesday night, one quick question: What impressed you most?



"Exquisite Corpse"

It might be any of a variety of facts and features we absorbed during our two hour tour of the facility. Over achievers might vote for the impressive set of firsts the BCA has garnered during its history such as establishing the first statewide automated fingerprint system or making the first DNA identification in the country. Technophiles might choose the wealth of crime-solving gadgets at the staff's fingertips

like the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) or the Forensic Garage or the Gas Chromatograph or the Electrostatic Detection Device (ESDA) or—you get the idea. Public service-minded folks might select the ten regional offices and the wealth of tasks ranging from crime scene analysis to breathalyzer training that the BCA performs for free for local, state, and regional law enforcement organizations. Art lovers might opt for the glorious art that hangs on the walls and festoons the ceilings, particularly the "Exquisite Corpse," a slice-by-slice, stained glass, op-art rendition of the human body. Weapons historians might consider wielding the "Chicago Typewriter," the 20 pound Thompson sub-machine gun valued at \$30,000, as their most notable recollection.

Whatever your choice, the fingerprint expert may have summarized our reactions best. When asked whether the computers automatically identify matching fingerprints, she replied that it "takes human intelligence to make a match." Despite of all the Bureau's

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state-of-the-art wonders, the deductive reasoning, forensic skill, and professional dedication on display by the people who work and operate these tools proved the most impressive.

Thanks again to forensic artist Marcia Cummings for arranging our tour.



Part of the motley SinC crew

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Fietzer
(photos courtesy of Marilyn Victor)

Membership Renewal for 2008

Time's running out. Don't forget to renew your membership with the national organization by filling out the organization's application/renewal form on their website at <http://www.sistersincrime.org>. Dues for the national are \$40 (If you would like to be listed in their 2008 directory you must renew by January 31, 2008). Once you have done that, you can pay your local dues of \$10. The local chapter is no longer collecting and paying national dues for members.

Member's Websites

(Anne Fraiser) <http://www.annefrasier.com>
(Erin Hart) www.erinhart.com
(Carl Brookins) www.minnesotacrimewave.org
(William Fietzer) www.williamfietzer.com
(August Schwerdfeger) <http://www.tc.umn.edu/~schw0709/>
(Lori L. Lake) www.lorillake.com
(Lois Greiman) www.loisgreiman.com
Ellen Kuhfeld - Big Washuu's Lab of Arcane Knowledge) <http://washuu.net>
(Mary Kuhfeld - Monica Ferris) at <http://monica-ferris.com>
(Sujata Massey) <http://www.interbridge.com/sujata/>
(Michael Allan Mallory and Marilyn Victor) www.snakesjones.com
(C. Hyytinen) www.chyytinen.com
(Pat Dennis) www.penurypress.com or comedybypatdennis.com
(J. L. Wilson) www.jayellwilson.com

Members Who Blog

Static (Anne Fraiser)

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

Agora2 (Carl Brookins)

<http://www.agora2.blogspot.com/>

Riding with the Top Down (Lois Greiman)

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

Killer Hobbies (Mary Kuhfeld-Monica Ferris)

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

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

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

Resort to Murder

<http://www.resorttomurder.blogspot.com/>

Sisters In Crime Blog Crimespace

<http://crimespace.ning.com/profile/SistersInCrime>

If you have a website or blog you'd like to have listed here, please contact our newsletter editor at twinsisnewsletter@yahoo.com

Upcoming Mystery Conventions

Left Coast Crime

Murder on the Rocks

Stephen White Guest of Honor

Elaine Viets, Toastmaster

March 6 - 9, 2008, Denver, Co.

<http://www.leftcoastcrime.org/2008/>

Noir Con

A conference dedicated to the celebration of Noir

April 3 - 6, 2008,

www.noircon.com

Malice Domestic XX

April 25 - 27, 2008

Arlington Virginia

International Guest of Honor-Lindsey Davis

Guest of Honor- Charlaine Harris

Lifetime Achievement- Peter Lovesey

<http://www.malicedomestic.org>

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Mayhem in the Midlands
9th Annual Conference, May 22 - May 25, 2008
Omaha, Nebraska
Sponsored by the Omaha Public Library
Guest of Honor : Alex Kava
Toastmaster of Honor : Jeff Abbott
<http://www.omahapubliclibrary.org/mayhem/>

ThrillerFest
July 9 - 12, 2008
New York, NY
James Patterson: ThrillerMaster
Spotlight Authors: Brad Thor, Kathy Reichs, Eric Van Lustbader
<http://www.thrillerwriters.org>

Upcoming Events at Once Upon A Crime

Tues. Mar 4 - 7:00 **Twin Cities Sisters In Crime** meeting. Book for the night is: *What Angels Fear*.

Wed. Feb 13 - 6:30 **Mystery Book Club** meeting. Book for the night is: *TBA*.

Sat. Mar 22 - **Sixth Annual Write of Spring**

Sat. Mar 29 - 4:00 **Laura Lippman** *Another Thing to Fall*.

Thu. Mar 27 - 7:00 **Libby Fischer Hellmann** *Easy Innocence*.

Tues. Apr 1 - 7:00 MN/S. African author **Michael Stanley** *A Carrion Death*.

Wed. Apr 2 - 7:00 **Twin Cities Sisters In Crime** meeting. Book for the night is: *Stalemate*. **Temporary date change to Wednesday; back to first Tuesday in May.**

Wed. Apr 9 - 6:30 **Mystery Book Club** meeting. Book for the night is: *TBA*.

Fri. Apr 18 - 7:00 **Susan Runholt** *The Mystery of the Third Lucretia*.

Sat. Apr 26 - 12:00-2:00 **Steven Sidor**, *The Mirror's Edge*.

Sat. May 3 - 12:00-2:00 **Deb Baker**, *Goodbye Dolly* and *Murder Talks Turkey* - Reception/Signing with refreshments.

Tues. May 6 - 7:00 **Twin Cities Sisters In Crime** meeting. Book for the night is: *The Salaryman's Wife* by Sujata Massey.

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Sat. May 10 - 12:00-2:00 **Anthony Neil Smith**, *Yellow Medicine* MN author - Reception/Signing.

Mon. May 12 - 7:00 **Robert Alexander**, *The Romanov Bride* - Launch party/Signing.

Wed. May 14 - 6:30 **Mystery Book Club** meeting. Book for the night is: *A Perfect Evil* by Alex Kava.

Thu. May 15 - 7:00 **David Housewright**, *Madman on a Drum* - Launch party/refreshments/signing.

Thu. May 22 - 7:00 **Ellen Hawley** "Open Line" (non-mystery with a starred review from *Publishers Weekly*) from a favorite local author now living in England.

Tues. May 27 - 7:00 **C. J. Box**, *Blood Trail*.

Twin Cities Sisters in Crime Members

Ginger Anderson, Myles Bakke, Judy Borger, Carl Brookins, Janet Contursi, Pat Dennis, Debra Erager, Heather Farmer, Julie Fasciana, William Fietzer, Diane Finney, Anne Frasier, Lois Greiman, Ginny Harris, Erin Hart, Susan Hastings, Carol Hedberg, Camille Hyytinen, Bobbye Johnson, Ellen Kuhfield, Lori L. Lake, Michael Mallory, Sujata Massey, JoAnn Moser, Wendy Nelson, Lori Ness, Todd New, Kathleen Nordstrom, Judy Overmier, Diane Pearson, Kim Reis, Barbara Schlichting, August Schwerdfeger, Richard Thompson, Robyn Van Horn, Marilyn Victor, Deborah Woodworth

If your name is missing from this list, please let one of the officers know. Thank you.

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President Marilyn Victor
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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. To become a member, you must first join the national Sisters in Crime organization. Easy to do at <http://www.sistersincrimel.org/>. Our local chapter dues are \$10 a year. Local meetings are held at 7 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month (except 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.