

THE USUAL SUSPECTS

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27 Years Celebrating the Traditional Mystery



Guest of Honor

Charles Todd

(Caroline and Charles Todd)



Lifetime Achievement

Sara Paretsky



International Guest of Honor

Ann Cleeves

Malice Domestic Welcomes You

Welcome one and all who will be attending the 27th annual Malice Domestic convention. The Board of Directors want to wish you a most enjoyable and diverting weekend. There will be much to enjoy and we're sure you'll be faced with the unenviable task of having to choose which great event to attend. In an effort to eliminate some of the decision-making stress we have some special events that are sure to be crowd pleasers. They are:

On Friday:

- Malice-Go-Round (speed dating with authors)
- New Kids on the Block (Agatha Best First Novel nominees)
- Making History (Agatha Best Historical Novel nominees)
- Simply the Best (Agatha Best Contemporary Novel nominees)
- You've Got Fan Mail (Malice Honorees discuss communications from their fans)
- Live Charity Auction

On Saturday:

- Thanks for the Memories: Katherine Hall Page and Martin Edwards discuss Patricia Moyes
 - Interview of a Lifetime: Sara Paretsky interviewed by Parnell Hall
 - It's an Honor: Guests of Honor Charles & Caroline Todd interviewed by Margaret Maron
- On Sunday:
- Mystery Scene Presents: Meet the New Authors of Malice: Nosh With This Year's New Authors
 - International Guest of Honor: Ann Cleeves interviewed by Martin Edwards
 - A Toast to Toni L.P. Kelner: Toastmaster interviewed by Charlaire Harris

All of the other panels are scheduled as part of a track of panels in various time slots during the day, but do not despair; everything will be recorded so you will have an opportunity at a later date to listen to the panels you missed.

Each year it is a great pleasure for Malice to host as its honorees an exceptional group of individuals from the mystery community. This year's honorees are:

- Toni L.P. Kelner** — Toastmaster
- Charles & Caroline Todd (Charles Todd)** — Guests of Honor
- Ann Cleeves** — International Guest of Honor
- Sara Paretsky** — Lifetime Achievement Honoree
- William L. Starck** — Fan Guest of Honor
- Patricia Moyes** — Malice Remembers

Now I ask you, how could you not have a great weekend? For those of you who are long-time attendees, it's like coming home for a very large family reunion. And since last year we've managed to entice some new "family" members to join us. To make their first time at Malice a little easier to navigate, we have two Friday events to help in that regard. They are:

Malice 101: An Introduction to Malice for First-Time Attendees at 9:00 am in Waterford/Lalique

Malice 101 is followed by Volunteers 101: Important Information for Attendees Who Want to Help Out. Judy Cater and Anne Murphy will give you information and helpful hints on how Malice works as well as encourage you to sign up as a volunteer. The volunteers at Malice are coordinated by Anne Murphy and are an integral part of what makes this one of the most successful mystery conventions in the world. It's a great way to get your bearings and meet people.

It's important to remember that even though events have started earlier in the day on Friday, we don't officially kick off the convention until 5:00 pm at the Opening Ceremonies when we'll be introducing all of the Honorees and presenting the Agatha nominees with their certificates. Attend panels, meet some new people, buy some books and get them signed and, above all, have a great time!

With best malicious regards,
Verena Rose, *Chair*

HOTEL PRE-CON

Hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to another Malice as much as I am! Here's some information that might help you enjoy our 27th Malice Domestic.

BOX LUNCHES

Since there will be events on Friday as well as Saturday and Sunday, we will again have the hotel provide "boxed lunches" available for sale at the Starbucks in the hotel lobby for those who don't want to go out to lunch. Box lunches will be a choice of sandwich: vegetarian, beef or turkey. Each selection comes with a side, fruit, individual bag of potato chips and one soft drink or bottled water. Cost for each boxed lunch is \$15, including tax.

GETTING TO THE HOTEL

If you're wondering about the cheapest way to get to the hotel, it's difficult to provide specifics since I can't be aware of what airline you're using or your point of departure/arrival. The absolute cheapest means of transportation to the hotel is flying into Reagan National Airport and taking Metro (the subway) which runs from the airport to the hotel (the Bethesda exit is RIGHT at the hotel) but again, that depends on what airline you're using and which airport services them. It also may be difficult depending on how much luggage you have and want to tote on Metro. For more specific details on limos, taxis and other transportation, you can check <http://www.bethesda.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/services/transportation/index.jsp>

You may also contact the hotel by calling their main number and asking for the concierge: 301-657-1234. The Concierge can typically provide more explicit information if you give them your travel details.

There are more links to the hotel information on our Malice Hotel Information page and the Bethesda Hyatt website is very informative about all aspects of their hotel. For the full story, you can visit their basic webpage: <http://www.bethesda.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

HYATT MALICE ROOM BLOCK IS SOLD OUT—OTHER HOTEL OPTIONS

I know we had posted that the Malice rates were guaranteed for room reservations until the 27th of March, ***or subject to availability***. Well, that last part really came into play this year. More people than ever booked online and booked early so our block was full by the first week in March and, at this point, the hotel is almost at total capacity. If you haven't booked a room yet, there are three other hotels in the area that might have rooms, although I don't know their rates:

- Bethesda Court Hotel at 301-656-2100
- Residence Inn at 800-331-3131
- Hilton Garden Inn at 301-654-8111

MORE



CANCELLATIONS

For those that may have to cancel (I'm so sorry), please remember – hotel reservations at the Hyatt Regency are NOT connected to your Malice registration in any way. If you cancel your registration for the conference, you will also need to cancel your room reservation (if you made one). To cancel **without any charge to your credit card**, please cancel your room prior to 48 hours ahead of your scheduled arrival date.

SHIPPING TO THE HOTEL — IMPORTANT

If you are shipping books for the registration bags, please use:

Hyatt Regency Bethesda
ATTN: Joni Langevoort – Bag Stuffing Room
One Bethesda Metro Center
Bethesda MD 20814

If you are shipping books for the dealers room, please use:

Hyatt Regency Bethesda
ATTN: Marian Lesko/[Your Dealer Name] – Dealers Room
One Bethesda Metro Center
Bethesda MD 20814

If you are shipping books or other materials to yourself and have a reservation at the hotel in your name, please use:

Hyatt Regency Bethesda
ATTN: [Your Name]/Date of Arrival/Malice Domestic
One Bethesda Metro Center
Bethesda MD 20814

Thanks, and I can't wait to see everyone again at the end of the month!

Caroline Craig
Hotel Liaison

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Many Hands Needed

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

Many hands make light work and Malice Domestic 27 can only succeed with the addition of some more willing hands.

From set-up in the Hospitality Lounge on Thursday morning (around 10:00) until tear-down on Sunday afternoon, your willingness to help is immeasurable!

If you know where you would like to assist us, please let me know. If you're not sure, please plan to attend Malice 101 and/or Volunteers 101 at 9:00 on Friday morning to hear what's needed when. Some places most in need of coverage are the panels. Two monitors (not moderators) are assigned to each room to put out panelists' name tents, check for fresh water, count the house, and give the moderators a "heads up" when there are 10 and 5 minutes left on the schedule. We'll pair up new workers with some of our more experienced ones, so no one is left floundering.

The convention schedule is in this edition of *The Usual Suspects*. PLEASE let me know where you'd like to volunteer. PRETTY PLEASE don't say "I'll decide when I get there." In the past that has led to frantic scrambles to make sure all panels were covered. Making your mind up ahead of time will help you get to the sessions you particularly want to see.

Many thanks to all who have helped in the past and an early thank you to those who will be helping this year. As usual, those who work 4 hours or more will receive our special Malice Domestic gift.



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2014 Agatha Award Nominations

Best Contemporary Novel

The Good, The Bad and The Emus, by Donna Andrews
A Demon Summer, by G.M. Malliet
Designated Daughters, by Margaret Maron
The Long Way Home, by Louise Penny
Truth Be Told, by Hank Phillippi Ryan

Best Historical Novel

Queen of Hearts, by Rhys Bowen
Wouldn't it Be Deadly, by D.E. Ireland
Murder in Murray Hill, by Victoria Thompson
Hunting Shadows, by Charles Todd
An Unwilling Accomplice, by Charles Todd

Best First Novel

Circle of Influence, by Annette Dashofy
Tagged for Death, by Sherry Harris
Well Read, Then Dead, by Terrie Farley Moran
Finding Sky, by Susan O'Brien
Murder Strikes a Pose, by Tracy Weber

Best Nonfiction

The Poisoner: The Life and Crimes of Victorian England's Most Notorious Doctor, by Stephen Bates
Death Dealer: How Cops and Cadaver Dogs Brought a Killer to Justice, by Kate Flora
400 Things Cops Know: Street Smart Lessons from a Veteran Patrolman, by Adam Plantinga
Writes of Passage - Adventures on the Writer's Journey, by Hank Phillippi Ryan, ed
The Art of the English Murder, by Lucy Worsley

Best Short Story

"The Shadow Knows," by Barb Goffman (*Chesapeake Crimes Homicidal Holidays*)
"The Blessing Witch," by Kathy Lynn Emerson (*Best New England Crime Stores 2015: Rogue Wave*)
"Just Desserts for Johnny," by Edith Maxwell (*Kings River Life Magazine*)
"The Odds are Against Us," by Art Taylor (*Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*)
"Premonition," by Art Taylor (*Chesapeake Crimes Homicidal Holidays*)

Best Children's/Young Adult Novel

Found, by Harlen Coben
Andi Under Pressure, by Amanda Flower
Greenglass House, by Kate Milford
Uncertain Glory, by Lea Wait
The Code Buster's Club, Case #4, The Mummy's Curse, by Penny Warner

MALICE DOMESTIC 11: ANTHOLOGY SUBMISSION SPECS

Theme: Murder Most Conventional

“Murder Most Conventional” means that the story takes place at or has some relationship to a convention. It can be a mystery convention like Malice Domestic or any other type of convention (sci-fi, business, etc.).

Story Length: 3,500 to 5,000 words

List word count on last page

Manuscript file must be entirely anonymous

No author identification on the cover page or on any other page

No author identification in the "document summary"

Author must identify himself/herself only in the content of the cover email

Fonts and Formatting

Generally, follow the Chicago Manual of Style

Story title: 16 point Times New Roman or equivalent, centered

Body of story: 12 point Times New Roman or equivalent

Spacing: double spaced

Margins: 1 inch top and bottom margins, 1 inch right and left margins

Indentation: use tab to indent

Do not use the spacebar to indent

Normal indent is .5 inch

All pages must be numbered in the footer

Put story title in footer

Do not use the automatic hyphenation feature (this is an option in Word which automatically hyphenates long words at the end of lines. If you haven't turned this feature on, you shouldn't have a problem)

For dialog, use double quotes: "Xxxxxxx."

Submit manuscript in Microsoft Word format, if possible. A PDF file is acceptable.

Send submission to maliceanthology@verizon.net

no later than May 1, 2015

MALICE 27 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

(As of 4/7/15)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Early Bird Registration

Meeting Room Foyer

FRIDAY, MAY 1

8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Registration

Meeting Room Foyer

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Hospitality Lounge open

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Silent Auction

9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Malice 101:

An Introduction to Malice For First-time Attendees

Waterford/Lalique

July Cater and Anne Murphy — *Moderators*

9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

Volunteers 101: Important Information For Attendees Who Want to Help Out

Waterford/Lalique

July Cater and Anne Murphy — *Moderators*

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Dealers Room open

10:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

Malice Go Round:

It's Like Speed Dating, But With Authors

Haverford/Baccarat

Jack Cater — *Moderator*

Noon–12:50 p.m.—CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Iron Coffin Boy

Haverford/Baccarat

David Hunt and Deb Hull-Walski, Forensic Anthropologists, talk about how researchers solved the mystery of a boy in an iron coffin discovered by utility workers.

(Feel free to bring lunch and eat during the presentation.)

An Introduction to the Malice Grants

Waterford/Lalique

Harriette Sackler — *Moderator*

Ellen Byron

Stephanie Jaye Evans

G. M. Malliet

William L. Starck

1:00 p.m.–1:50 p.m.

New Kids on the Block:

Our Agatha Best First Novel Nominees

Waterford/Lalique

Shawn Reilly Simmons — *Moderator*

Annette Dashofy

Sherry Harris

Susan O'Brien

Terrie Farley Moran

Tracy Weber

2:00 p.m.–2:50 p.m.

Making History:

Our Agatha Best Historical Novel Nominees

Waterford/Lalique

Harriette Sackler — *Moderator*

Rhys Bowen

D. E. Ireland (Meg Mims)

D. E. Ireland (Sharon Pisacreta)

Victoria Thompson

Charles Todd (Caroline)

Charles Todd

3:00 p.m.–3:50 p.m.

Simply the Best:

Our Agatha Best Contemporary Novel

Nominees

Waterford/Lalique

P.M. Carlson — *Moderator*

Donna Andrews

G. M. Malliet

Hank Phillippi Ryan

Margaret Maron

4:00 p.m.–4:50 p.m.

You've Got Fan Mail: Honored Guests

Discuss Mail from Fascinating Fans

Haverford/Baccarat

Verena Rose — *Moderator*

Ann Cleeves

Toni L.P. Kelner

Sara Paretsky

Charles Todd (Caroline)

Charles Todd

5:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies

Waterford/Lalique

5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own

7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Live Charity Auction

Waterford/Lalique

Auctioneers: Donna Andrews/Dana Cameron

Harriette Sackler/Ellen Byron

Verena Rose/Shawn Reilly Simmons

9:15 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Haverford/Baccarat

SATURDAY, MAY 2

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Registration

Meeting Room Foyer

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Hospitality Lounge open

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Silent Auction (*Silent Auction until 1:00 p.m. only*)

9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Dealers Room open

9:00 a.m.–9:50 a.m. — PANELS

Fifty Shades of Oy Vey:

Religious Elements in Mysteries

Diplomat/Ambassador

Ilene Schneider — *Moderator*

Anne Cleeland

Nancy J. Cohen

Stephanie Jaye Evans

Mindy Quigley

Let There Be Lighthouses:

Murder at the Seaside

Cabinet

Jayne Ormerod — *Moderator*

Eva Gates/Vicki Delany

Sally Goldenbaum

Sybil Johnson

Kathryn O'Sullivan

Kids Love a Mystery:

Our Agatha Best Children's/Young Adult

Novel Nominees

Judiciary

Anne Murphy — *Moderator*

Amanda Flower

Kate Milford

Lea Wait

Penny Warner

Thrills and Chills: We Like Thrillers, Too!

Waterford

Brenda Buchanan — *Moderator*

Judy Lee Burke

Dana Cameron

Allison Leotta

Amy M. Reade

Make It Snappy:

Our Agatha Best Short Story Nominees

Lalique

Linda Landrigan — *Moderator*

Kathy Lynn Emerson/Kaitlyn Dunnett

Barb Goffman

Edith Maxwell/Tace Baker/Maddie Day

Art Taylor

Authors Alley

Cartier

9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m.: John Billheimer

9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.: Mollie Cox Bryan

9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.: Stacey Cochran

10:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m. — PANELS

Cozy Noir?: Private Eyes

Diplomat/Ambassador

Traci Andrighetti — *Moderator*

Alice Loweecey

Sara Paretsky

Lane Stone

Elaine Viets

Sheila York

Is Murder PC?: Social Issues in Mysteries

Cabinet

Cathy Wiley — *Moderator*

Sparkle Abbey (Anita Carter)

Sparkle Abbey (Mary Lee Woods)

Susan Froetschel

Alan Orloff

It's All Relative: Dysfunctional Families

Judiciary

Sandra Carey Cody — *Moderator*

Victoria Abbott/Mary Jane Maffini

Beverly Allen

Maggie Barbieri

Susannah Hardy

Just the Facts, Ma'am:

Our Agatha Best Nonfiction Nominees

Waterford

Judy Cater — *Moderator*

Stephen Bates

Kate Flora

Hank Phillippi Ryan

In the Beginning...: Early Influences

Lalique

Art Taylor — *Moderator*

Dorothy Cannell

Parnell Hall

Margaret Maron

Daniel Stashower

Authors Alley

Cartier

10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.: Marion Moore Hill

10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Sarah Shaber

10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.: Michael Robertson

11:00 a.m.

Signings in the Concours Terrace above the bar

See Signing Schedule in Malice At-a-Glance.

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. — CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Fifty Shades of Red:

Game Show Style from Jungle Red Writers

Judiciary

Rhys Bowen — *Moderator*

Lucy Burdette

Hallie Ephron

Hank Phillippi Ryan

Thanks for the Memories:

Malice Remembers Patricia Moyes

Haverford/Baccarat

Katherine Hall Page and Martin Edwards reminisce about Patricia Moyes

Authors Alley

Cartier

(Feel free to bring lunch and eat during the presentations.)

12:15 p.m.-12:30 p.m.: Kay Finch

12:30 p.m.-12:45 p.m.: Eleanor Cawood Jones

1:00 p.m.

Agatha Voting & Silent Auction Deadlines

1:00 p.m.-1:50 p.m.

Interview of a Lifetime: Sara Paretsky

Haverford/Baccarat

Sara Paretsky is interviewed by Parnell Hall

Authors Alley

Cartier

(Feel free to bring lunch and eat during the presentations.)

1:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m.: Roberta Rogow

1:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: P.L. (Paul) Gaus

2:00 p.m.-2:50 p.m. — PANELS

Knit One, Murder Too: A Crafty Compendium of Craft-based Mysteries

Diplomat/Ambassador

J.A. Hennrikus/Julianne Holmes — *Moderator*

Christina Freeburn

Betty Hechtman

Molly MacRae

Maggie Sefton

Do You Know the Dewey Decimal System?: Research

Cabinet

Valerie O. Patterson — *Moderator*

Laura Bradford/Elizabeth Lynn Casey

Laura Lebow

Sujata Massey

Carolyn Mulford

Have Passport, Will Murder: Mysteries Set Abroad

Judiciary

Sarah Wisseman — *Moderator*

Susanna Calkins

Elizabeth J. Duncan

Lisa Lieberman

Yrsa Sigurdardottir

You Could Just Die Laughing: Humor in Mysteries

Waterford

Kathryn Leigh Scott — *Moderator*

Cindy Brown

Shelley Costa

Tim Hall

Jackie King

Nancy G. West

School for Murder: Academic Mysteries

Lalique

Debra H. Goldstein — *Moderator*

Neil Plakcy

Lori Rader-Day

Triss Stein

Susan Van Kirk

Authors Alley

Cartier

2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.: Gin Jones

2:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Dana King

3:00 p.m.-3:50 p.m. — PANELS

Globe Trotters: Traveling Sleuths

Diplomat/Ambassador

Paula Gail Benson — *Moderator*

Cathy Ace

Peggy Hanson

Maria Hudgins

Maddy Hunter

Does the Spirit Move You?: Mysteries with a Spooky Feel

Cabinet

Leone Ciporin — *Moderator*

Ann Cleeves

Dee Phelps

Fran Stewart

Maggie Toussaint

Uncle Sam Wants You: American Historicals

Judiciary

KB Inglee — *Moderator*

Eleanor Kuhns

Anna Loan-Wilsey

Alyssa Maxwell

Frances McNamara

The "Paws" That Refresh: Four-Legged Detectives and Their Sidekicks

Waterford

Laura Morrigan — *Moderator*

John Clement

Carole Nelson Douglas

Kaye George/Janet Cantrell

Linda O. Johnston

Death in the City: Urban Mysteries

Lalique

Con Lehane — *Moderator*

R.G. Belsky

Ellen Byerrum

Alan Cupp

Frank A. Ruffolo

Authors Alley

Cartier

3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.: Kathleen Ernst

3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: Cate Price

3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.: LynDee Walker

4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

It's An Honor: Charles Todd

Guest of Honor Interview

Haverford/Baccarat

Charles and Caroline Todd are interviewed by Margaret Maron

5:00 p.m.

Signings in the Concours Terrace above the bar

See Signing Schedule in Malice At-a-Glance.

6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cocktails available for sale in Crystal Ballroom Foyer (as well as at the bar)

7:00 p.m.

Agatha Awards Banquet

Crystal Ballroom

SUNDAY, MAY 3

7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Mystery Scene Presents:

Meet the New Authors of Malice—

Nosh with This Year's New Authors

Haverford/Baccarat

Continental Breakfast Set at Tables

Host: Cindy Silberblatt

(Presentations begin at 7:10 a.m.)

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Registration

Meeting Room Foyer

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hospitality Lounge open

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Dealers Room open

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. — PANELS

Death by Chocolate: Sweet and Savory Murder

Diplomat/Ambassador

Joyce Tremel — *Moderator*

Kathy Aarons

JoAnna Carl/Eve K. Sandstrom

Nancy J Parra/Nancy J Coco

Population 2000: Small Town Sleuths

Cabinet

Patsy Asher — *Moderator*

Gloria Alden

Leslie Budewitz

Jessie Crockett

Gail Oust

Marcia Talley

When Cupid's Arrow Turns Lethal: Romance and Murder

Judiciary

Teresa Inge — *Moderator*

Frances Brody

Rosie Genova

Arlene Kay

Ruth Moose

Lucy and Ethel and Murder, Oh My: Sleuthing Duos

Waterford

Tracy Kiely — *Moderator*

Ritter Ames

Hannah Dennison

Gigi Pandian

Wendy Tyson

**Downton Malice:
British Historical Period Mysteries**

Lalique

Verena Rose — *Moderator*

Tessa Arlen

Ray Buckland

Anna Lee Huber

Catriona McPherson

Christine Trent

Authors Alley

Cartier

9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m.: Diane Vallere

9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.: C. E. Zaniboni

10:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m. — PANELS

Are We There Yet?: Vacation Mysteries

Diplomat/Ambassador

Doris Ann Norris — *Moderator*

Gretchen Archer

Mysti Berry

Jane Kelly

Marie Moore

Cop Shop:

Police Procedurals

Cabinet

Frankie Y. Bailey — *Moderator*

Brenda Chapman

Anne Hillerman

Stephen Kelly

Book 'Em:

Book Sellers and Shops

Judiciary

Kate Parker — *Moderator*

Kate Carlisle

Erika Chase/Linda Wiken

Maggie King

Marilyn Levinson

**Challenges, Challenges:
Protagonists on the Edge**

Haverford

Greg Lilly — *Moderator*

John Betancourt

David Burnsworth

Jeff Cohen/E.J. Copperman

KM Rockwood

**Magical Mystery Tour: Paranormal
Mysteries**

Baccarat

Judy Hogan — *Moderator*

Charlaine Harris

Tonya Kappes

Toni L.P. Kelner/Leigh Perry

Tj O'Connor

Authors Alley

Cartier

10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.: Deirdre Verne

10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Jennifer McAndrews

10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.: B.K. Stevens & ASL

Interpreter

11:00 a.m.

**Signings in the Concours Terrace above the
bar**

See Signing Schedule in Malice At-a-Glance.

11:45 a.m.-12:35 p.m. — PANELS

Bright Lights/Starry Nights:

Big City to Small Town Sleuths

Diplomat/Ambassador

Christine Husom — *Moderator*

Sheila Connolly

Kylie Logan

Sandra Parshall

Barbara Ross

Murder's on the Menu: Food and Mysteries

Cabinet

Loulou Harrington — *Moderator*

Connie Archer

Maya Corrigan/Mary Ann Corrigan

Mary Ellen Hughes

Liz Mugavero

**Murder Below the Mason-Dixon:
Southern Mysteries**

Judiciary

Cathy Pickens — *Moderator*

Susan M. Boyer

Bailey Cates/Cricket McRae

Kendel Lynn

Nancy Naigle

Agatha Christie and the Golden Age of Detection

Haverford

Douglas Greene — *Moderator*

Martin Edwards

Daniel Stashower

Steve Steinbock

Smoke and Mirrors:

That's How We Do It at Malice

Baccarat

Verena Rose — *Moderator*

Caroline Craig

Marian Lesko

Harriette Sackler

Angel Trapp

Authors Alley

Cartier

11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Steve Kelner

12:00 p.m.-12:15 p.m.: Michael Dymmoch

12:40 p.m.

Signings in the Concours Terrace above the bar

See Signing Schedule in Malice At-a-Glance.

1:10 p.m.-1:55 p.m.

International Guest of Honor:

Ann Cleeves

Waterford/Lalique

Ann Cleeves is interviewed by Martin Edwards

(Feel free to bring your lunch)

2:05 p.m.-2:50 p.m.

A Toast to Toni L.P. Kelner

Waterford/Lalique

A conversation with Toni L.P. Kelner and Charlene

Harris

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Agatha Tea and Closing Ceremonies

Haverford/Baccarat

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED

*To VOLUNTEER as a Malice photographer,
please send email to malicepublications@verizon.net*

Again this year, we are asking for volunteers to be Malice Domestic photographers during the convention. Photographers who sign up should use digital photography and be prepared to offload their photos to Rita Owen in the Malice Office during the conference. If you do not wish to "sign up," you can still share your photos by emailing them to malicepublications@verizon.net during or after the convention. Be sure to include your name so that the photos can be properly credited.

Please sign up as soon as possible so a shooting schedule can be prepared and distributed.

At least one photograph needs to be taken at every session and panel. We need one general panel or interview shot (showing all panelists with their name tents) **or** one "class photo" of the panelists or interviewees (closeup). Additional panel and audience shots are welcome. General convention shots are also appreciated: people congregating, Hospitality Lounge, banquet, etc.

Photographers who sign up will be asked which panels they would like to cover. You may be asked to cover additional sessions, as needed. The shooting schedule will be posted in the Malice Office on the meeting room level at the hotel.

IT'S ALL HAPPENING . . . IN AUTHORS ALLEY

Do you enjoy going to bazaars and just wandering around taking it all in? Seeing what strikes your fancy? Then welcome to Malice Domestic's Authors Alley. Throughout the weekend, 22 authors will talk about various topics including scrapbooking, dealing with Sherlock Holmes' mail, Manhattan as it might have been, American Sign Language, Freegans, etc. Each author will speak for fifteen minutes in the Cartier room, which is on the lower level of the hotel. Come out of the elevator, turn left, and the room is only steps away. One-on-one time with an author can be hard to come by. The adventure begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning; don't miss out on this great opportunity to meet some fascinating authors. See the complete schedule of Author Alley participants and their plans below.

Janet Powell
Program Chair

Saturday Morning

9:00 am **John Billheimer:** You Couldn't Make This Stuff Up. The outrageous real and imagined scams that fuel his West Virginia mysteries.

9:15 am **Mollie Cox Bryan:** Scrapbooking, Murder, and Pie, oh my. Why scrapbooking is a great craft for crime solvers and mystery writers.

9:30 am **Stacey Cochran:** *Eddy and Sunny*, a noir romance set in rural North Carolina which was a Kindle Press selectee.

10:00 am **Marion Moore Hill:** How the "Scrappy Librarian" character in her mystery series came to be, and how that intrepid (*aka* nosy) Oklahoma librarian keeps surprising her.

10:15 am **Sarah Shaber:** Her wartime sleuth Louise Pearlie finds unusual mysteries to solve while working for OSS, America's spy agency, in Washington D.C.

10:30 am **Michael Robertson:** What the Royal Mail does with the letters that people still send to Sherlock Holmes—and why he writes about the letters, but not the man himself.

Saturday Lunchtime

12:15 pm **Kay Finch:** Discusses books, cats, and good luck, including an introduction to Hitchcock, the feline star of the new Bad Luck Cat mystery series.

12:30 pm **Eleanor Cawood Jones:** In her stories, sometimes the bad guy gets away with it, and people get what they deserve.

Saturday Afternoon

1:00 pm **Roberta Rogow:** Alternate history: worlds that never were and never will be. What would Manhattan Island have been if settled by Spanish Moors?

1:15 pm **Paul Gaus:** Talks about how he uses is latest, *Whiskers of the Lion*, to bring out the more subtle and enigmatic aspects of the Amish struggle for simplicity in a modern world

2:00 pm **Gin Jones:** What happens when a control freak collaborates with six other writers in a multi-author series (Danger Cove Mysteries)

2:15 pm **Dana King:** What Pushes Your Buttons? Sex, Violence, and Foul Language. How much? Why

or Why Not? (Audience participation encouraged.)

3:00 pm **Kathleen Ernst:** Provides a preview of the Laura Ingalls Wilder historic sites featured in *Death on the Prairie*, and shares examples of folk arts highlighted in the series.

3:15 pm **Cate Price:** Cate's "Daisy Buchanan" shows us how to maintain a happy marriage with all its ups and downs while still running her vintage sewing notions shop and tracking down a killer.

3:30 pm **LynDee Walker:** Fact or fiction: LynDee talks about the craziest news stories she's covered in real life, and how her work as a reporter influences her novels.

Sunday Morning

9:00 am **Diane Vallere:** Go Retro! Join in a record-setting sing-along of Doris Day's Que Sera Sera, enjoy daisy cookies, and learn about hidden gags in *With Vics You Get Eggroll*.

9:15 am **C. E. Zaniboni:** Cy Walleski, PI, thinks his night is bad enough until he finds a nose-less snowman and a body close by with a carrot sticking out of its ear.

10:00 am **Deirdre Veme:** Ever met a Freegan? Find out how all things green help CeCe Prentice, a dumpster-diving artist, solve the crime while making the world a better place to live.

10:15 am **Jennifer McAndrews:** Familiar Faces—the inside scoop on the true identity of those who inspired the people of Wenwood, NY, the setting of the Stained Glass Mysteries.

10:30 am **B.K. Stevens:** B.K. and a nationally-certified interpreter will offer an interactive introduction to American Sign Language and teach you some mystery-related signs.

Sunday Lunchtime

11:45 am **Steve Kelner:** Discusses his research into what makes writers tick and how to stay motivated, as described in his book *Motivate Your Writing!*, undoubtedly using his wife, Toastmaster Toni L.P. Kelner as an example.

12:00 pm **Michael Dymmoch:** Talks about her books ranging from a Chicago police detective series to suspense and fantasy standalones.

Agatha Banquet Menu

STARTER

Basic Salad with ranch or clear Italian dressings (available on the table for diners to chose).

ENTRÉE

Choice of:

Chicken: Herb Crusted Roasted Chicken Breast with Thyme
au jus
or Beef: Filet with Peppercorn Sauce
or Vegetarian: Quinoa Pilaf

All entrees will be served with **Stack Roasted Vegetables and Turned Potatoes**

DESSERT

Surprise Chocolate Dessert

(Fruit desserts will be available for those who are allergic or prefer no chocolate -

let Shawn know when you make your banquet meal choice)

Bottles of wine will again be available to purchase at the table:

Concannon Merlot (red) \$33
Fish Eye Pinot Grigio (white) \$32
Beringer White Zinfandel (rosé) \$32

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EVENTS

AT MALICE: The **Sleuths in Time authors** (Tessa Arlen, Susanna Calkins, Anna Lee Huber, D.E. Ireland, Anna Loan-Wilsey, Alyssa Maxwell, Christine Trent, and Ashley Weaver) are **hosting a scavenger hunt during Malice Domestic 27**. Look for details on page 61 of the Malice Program Book for your chance to win a bag full of signed books.

Calling all mystery authors! Be an honored guest at the **Second Annual Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival on August 22, 2015**, in Suffolk, Virginia. Join your fellow bestselling authors for book signings, fan meet & greets, readings, panel discussions and workshops. For more information, email Katie Kelley at kkelley@suffolkva.us

BLOGS AND ONLINE

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AUTHOR AND BOOK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ellen Byron, winner of a 2013 William F. Deeck-Malice Domestic Grant, has made a two-book deal with Crooked Lane Books for her "**Cajun Country Mystery**" series. The first book, *Plantation Shudders*, will be available in Fall of 2015. "I truly owe it all to the grant, and to Malice Domestic. Malice introduced me to the mystery world, and I will always be grateful."

Meet the residents (and corpses) of Danger Cove, a small town in the Pacific Northwest at <http://www.dangercovemysteries.com>. The authors of this cozy mystery series include **Traci Andrighetti** (*Deadly Dye and A Soy Chai*) and **Gin Jones** (*Four-Patch of Trouble*), who will be at Malice Domestic.

NEW! **Five-Alarm Fudge, A Fudge Shop Mystery** by **Christine DeSmet**. The national-bestselling series continues with Ava and Grandpa Gil in the chocolate crosshairs of a deadly arsonist spoiling a visit by Belgium's royal family who asked Ava to find an 1800s divinity fudge recipe hidden by a legendary nun.

In **Maggie King's Murder at the Book Group** (Simon & Schuster, 2014), Hazel Rose learns that the members of her nice little book group are harboring secrets—and that one of them may not be quite so nice. *Booklist* describes it as “edgier and sexier than most cozies.”

Death In.... by **Gay Tolti Kinman** - **seventeen mysteries** set in Amsterdam, Ghent, Hamburg, Knightsbridge, London, Moscow, Prague, St. Moritz, Sorrento, Boston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Los Olivos, Mojave, Roswell, San Gabriel and Van Nuys. Most published in ezines, magazines and anthologies such as “Catnapping” in *Murder in Vegas*, edited by Michael Connolly.

Rosemarie and Vince Keenan (aka Renee Patrick) announce the publication of **Design for Dying**, coming in April 2016 from Forge Books. The murder of an aspiring actress leads shop-girl Lillian Frost into an unlikely partnership with legendary costume designer Edith Head. Rosemarie & Vince are winners of a 2013 William F. Deeck-Malice Domestic Grant and would like to thank the Malice Domestic community for their support.

Debbi Mack's new Sam McRae mystery novel, **Deep Six**, was published by Renegade Press in early 2015. This is the fourth novel in the **Sam McRae Mystery series**, which includes *The New York Times* bestselling debut novel, **Identity Crisis**. Debbi's website is www.debbimack.com.

Crooked Lane Books will launch **Ellen Byron's debut novel, Plantation Shudders**, the first in her “**Cajun Country Mystery**” series, on August 11, 2015. It will first be available to members of Bookspan book clubs in April 2015. Ellen, who won a 2013 William F. Deeck/Malice Domestic Grant for the novel *Reality Checked* (now titled *You Can Never Be Too Thin or Too Dead*), says, “I will be eternally grateful to the Malice Domestic Conference for its support and encouragement.”

“Charming, entertaining, and smart.” *Library Journal* starred review. “You can't go wrong with this **first in a new series**, Cats, Jane Austen, books, and a lighthouse library. It doesn't get much more appealing.” Lesa's Book Critiques. **By Book or By Crook**, by **Eva Gates**. Now available!

The Whistler, a seasonal stalker, is terrorizing the women of Nantucket as they head home from the bars. When the body of a missing nanny is found anchored to the bottom of a bog, police Lieutenant John Jarad fears that this year, The Whistler is upping his twisted game and that more women may be in danger. **The Choking Game**, by **Martha Reed**, the latest **John and Sarah Jarad Nantucket Mystery**, is available in trade paperback and ebook formats now.

Appearing at Malice 2015: **The Kizuna Coast**, “Agatha-winner **Sujata Massey's** moving **11th Rei Shimura mystery**” (*Publishers Weekly*). Find out more about this new trade paperback at sujatamassey.com

Murder at Beechwood, a **Gilded Newport Mystery** by **Alyssa Maxwell**, coming 5/26/15! www.alyssamaxwell.com

By Cook or by Crook, **Maya Corrigan's** first **Five-Ingredient Mystery**: A café manager uncovers five clues to solve a murder. Her curmudgeonly grandfather, foodie friends, and two men pursuing her add advice, spice, and steam to her recipe for thwarting a killer. Read this “charming cozy debut” (*Library Journal*). www.mayacorrigan.com.

“What’s the first book in the series?” “What comes next?” Find answers in **Organizing Crime: The Mystery Company's Guide to Series**. The big new **2015 edition** takes 7000 titles in 800 active mystery series and puts them in order on handy checklists. Available from booksellers everywhere, and direct from www.crumcreekpress.com

The Body in the Birches (Wm Morrow May 2015), by **Katherine Hall Page**. Faith Fairchild is back in the **22nd spine tingling and delicious entry in the series** on the Maine coast where she discovers that real estate can be murder! www.katherine-hall-page.org

The duo writing team of **D.E. Ireland -- Meg Mims and Sharon Pisacreta** -- are thrilled that **Wouldn't It Be Deadly** has been **nominated for Best Historical!** THANK YOU SO MUCH!!! Check out DEIreland.com for more on the **Eliza Doolittle & Henry Higgins Mystery series**. We'll see you all at Malice!

Murder on Location, the second book in the **Red Carpet Catering series** by **Shawn Reilly Simmons**, is now available! When two girls go missing after a raucous beach party thrown by her film crew and a celebrity chef stands accused of murder, Penelope Sutherland works to uncover the truth.

Murder, mammals, and a little romance: Zookeeper and amateur sleuth Hannah Lilly returns in **The Lemur's Cry**, by **Linda Lombardi**, second volume in the **Hannah Lilly Zoo series** that began with *The Sloth's Eye*. Now both available as ebooks! Find out more at www.lindalombardi.com/books

Christine Zaniboni announces: My first novel, **Iced at Midnight**, will be available as an ebook on April 1st, and the paperback will be available later that month. The publisher is Gypsy Shadow Publishing. Check out my website: www.czaniboni.com .

Linda Reilly, Fillet of Murder, May 5, 2015, Berkley Prime Crime. Talia Marby's return to the Berkshires comes just in time to help out her old friend run the local fish and chips shop. But when she stumbles upon the body of a neighboring merchant, she has to fish around for clues in a sea of suspects so she can keep her friend out of the pokey.

Read **The Language of the Dead**, by **Stephen Kelly**, from Pegasus Books. As German bombers threaten England daily, Inspector Thomas Lamb tracks a diabolical killer in a remote Hampshire village. “Fans of well-researched historical mysteries, particularly the work of Charles Todd and Charles Finch, will welcome this debut.” (*Library Journal*)

After Moe the groundhog predicts another long winter, Vermonter Gus has had enough. So he comes up with a plan to get rid of that groundhog. It sounds simple, but capers never go as planned. Find out what happens in **Barb Goffman's Agatha Award-nominated "The Shadow Knows."** www.barbgoffman.com/The_Shadow_Knows.html

Laura Lebow announces the publication of her debut novel, **The Figaro Murders**, first in a **series of operatic mysteries** set in eighteenth-century Vienna. While working with the up-and-coming opera composer Wolfgang Mozart on *The Marriage of Figaro*, librettist Lorenzo Da Ponte is accused of the murder of a nobleman's protégé.

Scam Chowder (July 2015), **Five-Ingredient Mystery #2** by **Maya Corrigan**: Val investigates five suspects to prove her grandfather innocent after a scam artist preying on retirees goes face-down in chowder Granddad served. Includes five-ingredient recipes and trivia Val uses to solve the murder. Visit www.mayacorrigan.com for mystery trivia quizzes. <http://www.carolenelsondouglass.com>



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