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Sisters in Crime Orange County



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new year. Already. The publishing industry is changing so fast we can barely figure out what's going on. So much new technology to try to get behind. We'll do our best in the coming year to try to keep up and let you know what's happening.



In the meantime, this month, we begin with what I hope will become an annual event, that of our ForensicsFest.

This month, our hallowed halls of the Irvine Water District will be graced by none other than bestselling author Jan Burke. She will kick off this two-month event by talking about the state of forensic science in America.

Next month, our gory gathering will continue with a panel of forensic science experts: Dr. Judy Meyers Suchey, forensic anthropologist; Dr. D. P. Lyle, forensic consultant and author of the Dub Walker thriller *STRESS FRACTURE* and other books; Michael Streed, police sketch artist; and Gary Bittner, crime scene clean up specialist.

This should all be very interesting and full of good information, whether you are a writer or just curious! We hope to have many guests at these meetings who might just turn into new members, so please welcome all new faces.

We also have a new board. Well, almost new. You've seen these guys before. Last year, in fact. I'm returning as your president; Pat Wynn, past prez, is returning as Vice President (thank you Dennis Piskiewicz for serving last year as VP. You stood in for me when I couldn't be at the meetings and I appreciate it!) Terri Nolan is also returning as recording secretary while Jill Amadio is joining us as corresponding secretary and PR person; and finally Rob Northrop also returns as treasurer.

Linda Smith, who served so many years as your newsletter editor is moving away and has to hand the reins over to another volunteer and **I ask, I beseech the membership for anyone to step**

forward to work on the newsletter for us. It's as easy as typing but there is also a little more to it here and there. ***I regret to say, that if no one steps forward, this may be the last newsletter you receive!*** Please make getting involved your priority this year. January is the right time to get a fresh start. And if you are at all interested in getting published, there's no better way to network than putting on your CV that you are a newsletter editor for Sisters in Crime. Need I say more?

Your President
Jeri Westerson



SISTERS IN CRIME MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote the professional development and advancement of women crime writers to achieve equality in the industry.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH

2PM: Reader's Forum: Titles and Cover Art. What grabs you? Bring your best samples!

3PM: Bestselling author Jan Burke. Month One of our ForensicsFest!

MYSTERY INK BOOKSTORE

Debbie Mitsch has over 500+ collectible paperbacks plus many hardbacks listed at 40% off at 7176 Edinger Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 714-960-4000

Bookstore Events:

Saturday, January 15, 4:00 pm --Hannah Dennison, *Thieves* and Kate Carlisle, *Sweet Surrender*, *Baby Surprise* will be signing their new releases.



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Bookstore events continued:

Sunday, January 23, 2:00 pm

SPECIAL SHERLOCKIAN EVENT with Graham Moore - author of *The Sherlockian* and Leslie S. Klinger, editor of *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes* will be discussing the history of Sherlock Holmes and signing their works.

Friday, February 11, Noon

Tea & Cookies with Maggie Sefton - author of the *Knitting Mystery Series*

Barbara DeMarco-Barrett's Pen on Fire Speaker Series

will have T. Jefferson Parker on Tuesday, **January 18th, 7:00 pm** at the Scape Gallery, 2859 East Coast Highway, Corona del Mar. Books provided by Mystery Ink Bookstore. Reservations required.

<http://www.barbarademarcobarrett.com/writerssalon/>

SPECIAL INVITATION

The American Library Association is having their convention in San Diego and Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore is opening its doors for a reception and meet and greet between 5 pm and 8 pm. 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92111-1040 (858) 268-4747



2010 MEETING CALENDAR

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3PM: Bestselling author Jan Burke. Month One of our ForensicsFest!

February 20th – ***SPECIAL TIME!*** 2:30 pm No Forum. Panel with forensic specialists: Dr. Judy Meyers Suchey, forensic anthropologist; Dr. D. P. Lyle, forensic consultant and author of the Dub Walker thriller *STRESS FRACTURE* and other books; Michael Streed, police sketch artist; and Gary Bittner, crime scene clean up specialist.

March 20th – 2 pm Writer's Forum, 3 pm Cozy Panel with authors Dorothy Howell, Hannah Dennison, and Avery Aames.

April 17th – 2 pm Reader's Forum

May 15th – 2 pm Writer's Forum

More to come!





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HOLIDAY PARTY PICTURES



Eric Stone (left) chats with Ashley Ream and Craig Westerson.



Mary LaGreek talks with new member Cheryl.



We ate, we saw, we conquered.

YOUR INPUT INVITED

This is every "Sister's" newsletter. Let us hear from you if you have events coming up or news that we'd all like to share. If you have any suggestions for the Orange Herring, let us know that, too.

Deadline for February newsletter is Feb 5th.



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PANEL SCHEDULE:

Mystery Suspense: Adrenaline Rush
Richard Lange, Paul Levine, Christopher Reich
Moderator: Dave Francis

Children's Picture Books: Picture This
Barbara Bottner, Ann Whitford Paul, Antoinette Portis
Moderator: Pamela Chesney-Algar

Poetry: A Visual Language
Kim Dower, Kate Gale, Mari L'Esperance, Katerina Stoykova-Klemer
Moderator: Allison Benis White

Science Fiction: Galaxies Unknown
Kay Kenyon, Dani Kollin, Eytan Kollin, Tim Pratt
Moderator: Michael Bricker

Romance: Love Between the Pages
Judy Duarte, Debra Mullins, Laura Wright
Moderator: Wendy Crutcher

Travel: Trailblazers
Robert Anasi, John McKinney, Dan White

Mystery: California Beat
Miles Corwin, Dianne Emley, Nadia Gordon, John Shannon
Moderator: Mary Menzel

Young Adult: Teen Beat
Jessica Brody, Lauren Kate, Marlene Perez
Moderator: Ericka Reeb

Fiction: Intimacy of Place
Bo Caldwell, Marisa Matarazzo, Andrew Winer
Moderator: Barbara Demarco-Barrett

Fantasy: Exploring the Edges
Gail Carriger, Karen Essex, Kim Vandervort
Moderator: Kristen Laughtin

Memoirs: The Human Comedy
Amy Alkon, Laurie Perry
Moderator: Marie Stone

War: Remembrance and Loss
Darrel Griffin, Jim Sheeler, Tatjana Soli, David Zimmerman
Moderator: David J. Morris

Historical Mystery: The Past Unraveled
Barbara Hambly, Jeri Westerson
Moderator: Jill Patterson

Children's Fiction: Tales From the Playground
Betty G. Birney, Gitty Daneshvari, R. L. LaFevers
Moderator: Kim Banks

Ficción: Sudden Fiction Latino
Lisa Alvarez, Daniel Olivas
Moderator: Andrew Tonkovich

Graphic Novels: Art and Story
Buzz Dixon, Kazu Kibuishi, Esther Pearl Watson
Moderator: Kim Leaming

Publishing: The Business of Publishing
Agents Jill Marr and Taylor Martindale
Moderator: Maria Hall-Brown

Nonfiction: Tales from the Real World
Terry McDermott, Ashley Merryman, David Rensin
Moderator: Scott Martelle



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Sisters in Crime Orange County Presents

ForensicsFest 2011

Join us as crime writers and mystery fans delve into the mysteries of the science of death when the Sisters in Crime Orange County chapter kicks off the New Year with a two-month ForensicsFest in January and February.



January 16, 3:00 pm

Best-selling author of the Irene Kelly thrillers

Jan Burke

will talk about the aftermath of death and the current state of death investigations in the U.S. and how they can affect the living.

February 20, 2:30 pm

The ForensicsFest continues with a star-studded panel of Orange County experts in their fields to discuss their specialties:

Nationally-acclaimed **Dr. Judy Myers Suchey**, forensic anthropologist.

Award-winning author **Dr. D.P.Lyle**, forensics consultant to crime writers and television shows, and author of the Dub Walker thriller, *STRESS FRACTURE* and other books.

Michael Streed, a police, military and government sketch artist.

Gary Bittner, a specialist in crime scene and trauma clean-up.

Both events are Free to the Public
Refreshments provided - Seating is limited
Irvine Ranch Water District
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618
Please make reservations at secretary@ocsistersincrime.org



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