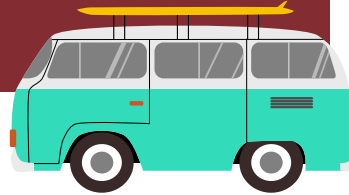
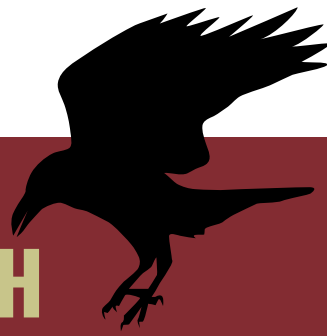


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SoCalMWA's monthly newsletter.



MWA Stands with the WGA

Pay the Writers!

On May 2, 2023, the Writers Guild of America went on strike.

“Writers are facing the most comprehensive assault on compensation and working conditions that they have seen in a generation,” the WGA stated. “The studios have taken advantage of the transition to streaming to underpay entertainment industry workers, including writers in every area of work. Like too many working people across our economy, as corporate profits grow, writers are just not keeping up.”

Mystery Writers of America is dedicated to promoting higher regard for crime writing and recognition and respect for those who write within the genre. Our motto is “Crime doesn’t pay . . . enough.”

We also support the right of writers in all genres to be treated as professionals. We support our many members who are also WGA members. We stand with the WGA.

Pay the writers!

Please check out WGA’s website for more information on:

How you can support the WGA:

<https://www.wgacontract2023.org/take-action/stand-with-writers>

Strike rules (including WGA’s position on nonmembers who perform writing services for struck companies during the strike):

<https://www.wgacontract2023.org/strike/strike-rules-faq>

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PRESIDENT'S RAP SHEET



Summer Plans

BY TRAVIS RICHARDSON



Dear members,

I hope you had an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. After a year of preparation, the 2023 California Crime Writers Conference is finally here. I know many of you signed up for the conference and I hope you have a wonderful time. In the past CCWCs, I've learned a lot from the presenters, made friends, and found opportunities, including one at a post-conference gathering in the Hilton bar where Holly West came up with her wonderful idea for a Go-Gos anthology: Murder-A-Go-Go's.

If you cannot join CCWC, you might consider Bouchercon in San Diego at the end of August. Unlike the cozy environment of CCWC where there are 200 participants or less, this is a crime fan convention with over 1250 attendees. This is a different beast with authors and fans from all over the world. There is still time to register if you are interested.

Finally, work on our website is coming along. Sue Trowbridge of Interbridge is rebuilding our website. She has made several author websites and sites for MWA and Sisters in Crime chapters. This site will be a little more basic than our previous site, but that is by design since our previous custom-made site had too many components that were not updating properly. The new site should be up in the first few days of June. We will send a notice as soon as it is up and running.

Here's to having an enjoyable and productive summer!

Travis

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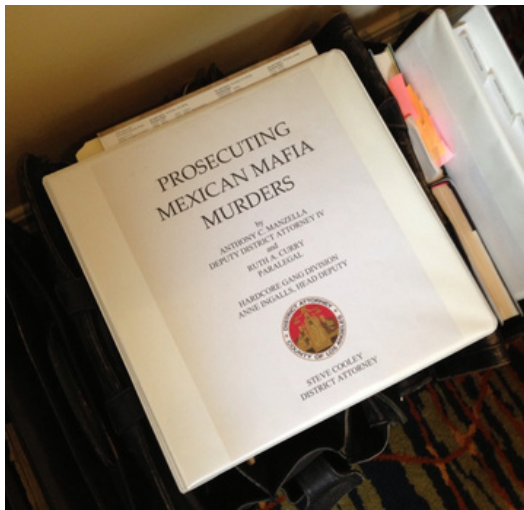
CCWC Memories

BY HOLLY WEST



I'm keeping it short and sweet this month since, at the moment, I'm busy preparing name badges and such for the California Crime Writers Conference that takes place in Culver City next week.

I've been doing registration for this conference since 2013. Wait, how is it possible that ten years have gone by? And yet, they have.



I took this at the 2013 conference when the speaker left it behind the registration desk. Some light reading to pass the time!

Things have changed since I moved from Los Angeles to Northern California in 2014. Instead of hopping in my car and driving to Pasadena for a weekend, I fly in from Sacramento to attend (and now, it's in Culver City). Strangely, I think flying from Sacramento might take less time than driving from the Westside to Pasadena during rush hour.

Either way, I look forward to a weekend of learning, friends, and fun. I hope to see you there!

Holly

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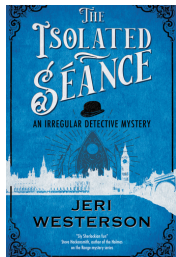
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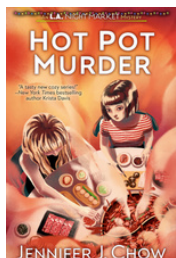
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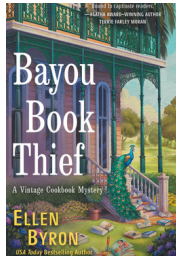
Nancy Cole Silverman's *PASSPORT TO SPY*, book 2 of the Kat Lawson Mysteries, debuts June 5 from Level Best Books.



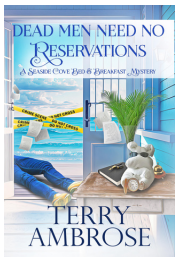
Jeri Westerson is launching her second new series this year, *The Isolated Seance*, in her An Irregular Detective Mystery series, a Sherlockian pastiche.



Hot Pot Murder, the second book in Jennifer J. Chow's L.A. Night Market Mystery series, releases on June 6. The first book in the series, *DEATH BY BUBBLE TEA*, was nominated for an Anthony Award in the Best Humorous category.



Bayou Book Thief, the first book in Ellen Byron's Vintage Cookbook Mystery series, is nominated for a Best Humorous Mystery Anthony Award.



On May 16, Terry Ambrose released his seventh Seaside Cove Bed & Breakfast Mystery. In *Dead Men Need No Reservations*, six guest check in, but one checks out early. Dead. Dru Ann Love called it, "...a well-written and fast-paced whodunit that I could not put down."



Topper Jones' debut mystery, *All that Glisters*, coming September 20 from The Wild Rose Press (Crimson Rose imprint). When the facts don't add up in his surf buddy's death, financial consultant and daddy-to-be Thaddeus Hanlon goes undercover in a secret probe of the U.S. gold stockpile, triggering a brutal manhunt.

California Crime Writers Conference

REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN

The California Crime Writers Conference is a joint production of the Sisters in Crime/Los Angeles and SoCalMWA and has been presented every other year since 2009.

The 2023 conference will take place Saturday, June 10– Sunday, June 11.

GUESTS OF HONOR



Rachel Howzell Hall



Deborah Crombie

APPEARANCES & EVENTS



Jeri Westerson will launch her latest book, *The Isolated Seance*, on [YouTube Live Online](#) on Sunday, June 4 at 2 p.m. PT. On Saturday, June 17 at 2 p.m., she'll appear at Book Carnival, 348 S. Tustin St., Orange. Saturday, June 24, at 1 p.m. she'll be at Baker Street West (Hein & Company Bookshop), 204 N. Main St., Jackson, CA, where the entire upper floor is a Sherlockian's Heaven, filled with little Victorian shops. On Friday, July 7, at 7 p.m., she'll be at Vroman's Bookstore, 695 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA, and Saturday, July 8, at 1 p.m. see her at Gatsby's Bookstore, 5535 E. Spring St., Long Beach, CA.

Jennifer J. Chow will be appearing virtually on [A Bookish Moment](#) on Tuesday, June 13 at 4:30 p.m. ET/1:30 p.m. PT. She'll also be doing an in-person joint event sponsored by Mystery Ink with debut author Marjorie McCown on Saturday, June 24 at 1:00 p.m. PT at Fernhill Clubhouse (5472 Diamond Drive, Huntington Beach, CA).

Sheila Lowe will be hosting a workshop at the California Crime Writers Conference: "Selling Books is Murder...Unless You Know How."

Come one, come all to the launch party of **Laurie Stevens'** *The Devil and Daniela Webster* at The Open Book at the Village 6316 CA-27 Suite 2180, Woodland Hills, CA on Saturday, June 3. Food, drinks, and a cool bookstore to browse through.

Join authors **Laurie Stevens, DJ Adamson, P Moss, Gene Desrochers, and Sue Hinkin** as they discuss the benefits and challenges of writing in other voices at the California Crime Writers Conference Saturday, June 10 at 1:45 p.m.

In June, **Donis Casey's** "Tell Me Your Story" column features her fellow Tulsan, Julia Bryan Thomas, author of *The English Boys*, a 2016 *Library Journal* Debut of the Month, and *Penhale Wood*, which earned starred reviews from *Kirkus* and *Library Journal*. Her latest novel, *For Those Who are Lost*, is set on the eve of the Nazi invasion of Guernsey and tells the story of a woman's split-second decision that will affect a family for decades to come. Read about Julia's publishing journey beginning June 20 at [DonisCasey.com](#).

On Tuesday, June 20 at 5 p.m. PT, "[Sleuths & Sidekicks](#)" is excited to launch their inaugural LIVE book club featuring multiple award-winning author Gigi Pandian who will dish about her latest release, *The Raven Thief*. Authors Jen Collins Moore, Tina deBellegarde, Carol Pouliot, and **Lida Sideris** are the women behind "Sleuths & Sidekicks." Details and registration are [here](#).

Malice Domestic



Best Contemporary Novel nominees (L-R): Tina deBellegarde, Annette Dashofy, **Ellen Byron**, **Jennifer J. Chow**



(L-R): Laurie Chandler, Susanna Calkins, **Karen Odden**, Mariah Fredericks

CRIME CALENDER



May 30–June 3: Thrillerfest XVIII, New York, NY

June 10–11: California Crime Writers Conference, Los Angeles, CA

August 30–September 3: Bouchercon, San Diego, CA

If you know of an event that belongs on the Crime Calendar, email themarchofcrime@gmail.com with the info.

THE LAST WORD



"Allison was a towering, skinny redhead with legs twice as long as the rest of her body. In her pink mini-dress, she could have passed for a flamingo."

"The Debutante"
by Rosemary Mild