Malice 30 Registration Reminder

The early bird registration deadline for Malice Domestic 30 is September 30, 2017. In a change from previous years, the early bird registration rates of $310 (Comprehensive) and $260 (Basic) will increase to $345 and $295 respectively on October 1st. So be sure to go online and register or postmark your form by 9/30/17.

The Agatha Nomination Deadline remains December 31, 2017. Everyone who is registered to attend or is a Friend of Malice 30 will receive an Agatha Ballot in January to nominate their favorite books and stories from 2017 for the Agatha Awards.

If you have any questions about registering for Malice, please contact Shawn Reilly Simmons at MDRegServices@gmail.com.

Remembering Malice 29

MALICE DOMESTIC 29 PHOTOS NOW ONLINE

Malice Domestic extends its grateful appreciation to our Malice Domestic 29 photographers: Greg Puhl and volunteers Jerry DeMenna, Elaine Orr, Kristin Schadler, and Mo Walsh. Thanks to their efforts, we have photos from almost every session.

The MD 29 photo library is available online at http://www.rowengenpages.com. If you use any of the photos, please credit the photographer. Download the photo, right-hand mouse click, click on PROPERTIES, and then click on DETAILS. The photographer’s name is in the field called AUTHORS. (The process may be different on a MAC.)

Enjoy revisiting Malice Domestic 29 while you get ready for Malice Domestic 30.

Some photos are included in this issue for your viewing pleasure.

Stay Tuned
Details coming soon for Malice 29 Audio files
MALICE DOMESTIC’S 30TH ANNIVERSARY
AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED

On the evening of April 29, 2017, at the Agatha Awards Banquet, I announced the list of individuals to be honored at Malice Domestic 30. That list included:

   Catriona McPherson – Toastmaster
   Louise Penny – Guest of Honor
   Nancy Pickard – Lifetime Achievement
   David Suchet – Amelia Honoree
   Janet Blizard – Fan Guest of Honor
   Robin Hathaway – Malice Remembers

At the annual Live Auction Friday night, I bid on and won an item donated by Ann Cleeves. That item included the opportunity to go on a VIP tour of the set of the VERA production in Northumberland. After organizing calendars and finalizing the day of the tour, my friend and I traveled to Newcastle to meet Ann the day before the tour. The next morning Ann picked us up and took us off to Wallsend where the studio is located. We met Letitia Knight, the Producer of the show; David Leon (formerly Vera’s second in command DS Joe Ashworth) who was directing the episode; Kenny Doughty (DS Aidan Healy), and many of the crew. We had lunch from the food truck, just like the crew, and after lunch we were invited to visit Vera herself, Brenda Blethyn, in her trailer.

What I haven’t told you yet is that the Board had decided to invite Ms. Blethyn to be the Poirot Honoree for Malice Domestic 30. Rather than send a letter or email, I happily carried the invitation letter with me to present it to her in person. While sitting in Ms. Blethyn’s trailer chatting about the show and Ann’s latest VERA book “The Seagull” which had just come out, I handed Brenda our invitation. She read it with delight and to say she was very pleased would be an understatement. She accepted immediately and is looking forward to joining us at Malice 30.

We ended our day at Wallsend by visiting Vera in her on-set office which included getting pictures with Ms. Blethyn and, can you believe it, actually sitting at Vera’s desk wearing her hat! I hope you enjoy the photos.
With the spectacular lineup of honorees we have, Malice Domestic 30 is, without doubt, going to be a star-studded affair. So, if you haven’t already registered, you should do so immediately. And it’s never too early to start planning that special outfit to wear at the banquet. Let’s celebrate our 30th anniversary in high style.

Until next time I remain,

Most maliciously yours,
Verena Rose, Chair
Photo Preview

Agatha Awards Banquet
Around 
& About
Panels & Interviews
Signings
What's a good way to make friends, meet new people, and make sure you get to all the panels you want to see? VOLUNTEER! From 10-10:30 Thursday morning until 4:00 Sunday evening, Malice Domestic needs you somewhere. Set-up in the Hospitality Lounge and Registration area will introduce you to the faces that go with names you've been reading about in The Usual Suspects. Monitoring (not moderating) panels assures your attendance. This job is easy and we do our best to match "newbies" with our "tried and true" helpers who can't remember a time when they weren't volunteering. Maintaining lines at signings and passing out bags and badges at registration are also good activities where you can meet people. As an all volunteer, nonprofit organization, we don't hire professionals to run our convention; we do it all ourselves and will value your help.

You can contact me at volunteers.murphy@gmail.com or by addressing a note to Malice Domestic
P.O. Box 8007
Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8007
with "Attn: volunteers" in the lower left hand corner.

Programming will be available after the Agatha nominees are announced in the new year, but I'm always delighted to hear from you.

Anne R. Murphy
Coordinator of Volunteers

Malice Domestic Welcomes a New Board Member!

Jayne Colangelo
Hotel Liaison

While traveling to DC for work, Jayne Colangelo always made sure to visit the mystery bookshop in Dupont Circle. These trips are where she discovered information promoting Malice Domestic. In 1998, Jayne joined the Malice Domestic family by attending her 1st Malice and she's been volunteering around the convention since 1999. Many of you are sure to recognize her.

As our new Hotel Liaison (previously held by Caroline Craig), Jayne will be working very closely with the other board members to ensure Malice 30 will be one of our best! We are very excited to have Jayne as a part of our family and we are looking forward to working with her.

If you have any hotel related questions or concerns, Jayne will be happy to help. She can be contacted at MaliceHotelContact@gmail.com.
Malice Domestic is celebrating its 30th Anniversary in April 2018! There will be great honorees, interesting panels, wonderful authors to meet, old friends to see, new friends to make, and Books! Books! Books!

**Hotel:**  
All this fun will happen in our new hotel and conference center:  
Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Rd, Bethesda, MD 20852  
**Hotel Phone:** (301) 822-9200  
**Reservations Toll Free:** 1-877-212-5752  
**Reservation Website:** [https://aws.passkey.com/e/49205115](https://aws.passkey.com/e/49205115)

Hotel Reservations are now open through April 4, 2018, or until the room block is sold out. Malice’s special hotel convention rate per night is $129.00 (single, double). Using the custom reservation website above will automatically give you the special rate, subject to availability. Be sure to mention “Malice Domestic 30 Event Gala” when making your reservations through the phone systems.

**ADA Rooms:**  
If you need accommodations in an ADA-designated room, be sure to mention the type of ADA room you will require when making your reservation. The hotel will do their best to accommodate your request. If you would like me to follow up with the hotel on your behalf, once you make your reservation, email me your name, confirmation number, contact email or phone #, and type of ADA room you requested – I will verify that the information is in your reservation record for the front desk agent to see when you check in. ADA Rooms are also on a first come first served basis.

**Parking:**  
There will be Self Parking available at the conference center and at the hotel. The hotel does not offer Valet Parking. We are working with the hotel for a possible valet parking solution and will publish any changes in a future newsletter.

**Transportation:**  
The ‘White Flint’ Metro stop on the Red Line will deliver you very close to the hotel.

**Animals:**  
The hotel’s policy is that only service animals are allowed.

**Sightseeing and Dining:**  
There is a restaurant and a bar at the hotel. There are also many restaurants offering a range of prices and cuisine close to the hotel. If sightseeing is desired, the White Flint Metro Station is close by to take you into Washington, DC and surrounding areas.

At this time, I would like to tip my hat in acknowledgment to Caroline Craig, my predecessor and long-time hotel liaison for past Malice Domestic conferences. Caroline decided to hang up her clipboard and walkie-talkie this past year. I hope to see her at Malice in the future and I wish her all the best.

Best Regards,  
Jayne Colangelo, Hotel Liaison  
MaliceHotelContact@gmail.com
**FROM THE MALICE COMMUNITY**

**Paid Advertisements**

For a **nominal charge of $5.00 for a 50-word ad**, anyone in the Malice community - authors, fans, editors, publishers, etc. - can place a mystery-related announcement in “From the Malice Community” in *The Usual Suspects*. Place ads, announce signing events, talk about book clubs, publicize self-publishing, advertise services. This is also where people attending Malice can advertise for roommates or carpools. (All responses to ads for roommates or carpools will be coordinated through the Malice Registrar, to protect the privacy of both the advertiser and respondents.) **Note:** “Double ads” (100 words) can be ordered by paying for 2 ads. Ads with logo (50 words plus logo) can be ordered by paying for 3 ads.

**AUTHOR’S NAME IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE WORD COUNT. Please remember to identify the author.**

The **deadline** for FROM THE MALICE COMMUNITY ads for the next issue of *The Usual Suspects* is **October 31, 2017**

**To submit an announcement:**
**Online (preferred):**
Go to our online store here: [http://yhst-38248542791295.stores.yahoo.net/anfrmaco.html](http://yhst-38248542791295.stores.yahoo.net/anfrmaco.html)
Fill out your contact and payment information and in the comments section list your 50-words-or-less announcement.

**By Email:**
Send announcement text by email to Angel Trapp at MaliceDomesticTUS@gmail.com

*** PLEASE NOTE NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER***

**ONLINE**

**Kendall & Cooper**

**Talk Mysteries**

We interview exciting **authors** from Cozies to Thrillers, from a Holmes expert to Supernatural Whodunnits - and everything in between.

Writers give us the **scoop** on new books, their writing lives, favorite characters and genre insights. And Recommended Reads!

Enjoy K&C on [iTunes](https://www.apple.com/itunes/) or on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)

**WORKSHOP**

**Rhys Bowen** repeats her successful writing workshop in **Tuscany May 29-June 7 2018**. Intensive writing sessions plus gourmet meals, wine tastings, lovely old hotel with grounds and pool and plenty of one on one time with Rhys. Jump start that stalled novel!

info: minervaeducation.net

**MESSAGES**

**Thank you, Malice Community**, for making **DON’T MURDER YOUR MYSTERY** a steadily acquired resource for writers every year since you gave it the **2006 Agatha Award** for nonfiction. Wish I could be with you again because I value the support you give to so many.

All my love,
Chris Roerden

**AUTHOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Marge Smith is hired to recover paintings stolen from a murder victim. But the list of paintings hands Marge a shock: **she stole them herself** more than three decades earlier. **SMOKE**, forthcoming in October, is a mystery by D.B. Borton, author of the **Cat Caliban** and **Della Liberty** series.

Author of the **Crime of Fashion Mysteries Ellen Byerrum** is happy to announce her **new Vlog** on YouTube. Ellen Byerrum’s **FASHION BITES** were inspired by readers who wanted more comic fashion advice like that in her books. Fashion crimes and misdemeanors are explored as well as mystery inspiration.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvnouFJdA-CTxwzY25gsncA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvnouFJdA-CTxwzY25gsncA)
Tail of the Dragon, Connie di Marco’s third book in the Zodiac Mysteries, is coming soon – summer 2018. “di Marco crafts an intricate, twisting plot and layers on the astrological details that fans of psychic mysteries so enjoy.” ~ Booklist


Death of the Kona Man, a Hawaiian culinary mystery by USA Today Best-Selling Author Catherine Bruns, arrives 10/10. A world renowned food critic drops dead after eating at the Loco Moco Café. Who knew Kona coffee could be so deadly? The sequel to Death of the Big Kahuna.

www.catherinebruns.net
http://amzn.to/2jqR7mc

Benjamin Franklin and the Quaker Murders: In September of 1785, everyone in Philadelphia thinks Jacob Maul, the Quaker stonecutter, is a murderer. How could there be any doubt? Two women have been found dead on his property—one of them in his bed—with bruise marks on their throats. The only person who comes to a different conclusion is the city’s most famous citizen, Benjamin Franklin. Debut mystery novelist John Harmon McElroy’s new series has garnered 99% 5-star reviews. “Meticulously researched and tightly plotted” “May I have another?” Paperback and e-book on Amazon.com and other online booksellers. benfranklindetective.com

A neglectful boss. A bimbo replacement. And one day left to teach some lessons. Will Myra prevail on her final day as a law firm secretary? Or will she be a legal loser? Find out in Barb Goffman’s “Whose Wine Is It Anyway?” in new anthology 50 Shades of Cabernet.

HAIR BRAINED (Bad Hair Day Mystery #14) is now available. When hairstylist sleuth Marla Vail’s best friend is hurt in a suspicious car accident, Marla assumes guardianship of her infant son. No sooner does Marla say, “Baby want a bottle?” than she’s embroiled in another murder investigation.

Gay Toltl Kinman's new publications on Kindle:
Travel Diary: Washington, D.C., London, Amsterdam and Ghent, May 2007. Malice Domestic; West End plays; and Road Scholar program, “Art History in Belgium and Holland”--setting for short story, Death in a Belgium Monasterium on Kindle, and in Death in… [17 mysteries in different countries] on Amazon.


New suspense thriller by J. Lee Burke: Blackrock Island, Saint Augustine: Bluewater Press, 2017

The first book in Christine Trent's new Florence Nightingale Mysteries, entitled NO CURE OF THE DEAD, will release on May 8, 2018, during National Nurses Week.

Lea Wait announces! Suspense magazine called PIZZA TO DIE FOR "a delicious mystery starring a smart & feisty young girl coming to terms with who she is .. a supporting cast of wacky characters guaranteed to entertain readers. Yummy fun!” With recipes; ebook and paperback.

Barb Goffman's newest short story, "Crazy Cat Lady," appears in the premier issue of Wildside Press's Black Cat Mystery Magazine. "Crazy Cat Lady" is a story of psychological suspense about a woman who comes home and immediately suspects she's suffered a break-in even though everything looks perfectly in order.

Just released! \textit{Passport to Murder} by Mary Angela
Start with an unlucky number. Throw in a romantic location. Include a dashing Frenchman and an uncompromising professor. And you have all the ingredients for a passport to murder.

A “clever academic mystery” – Publishers Weekly
An “enthralling … clandestine tale” – RT Reviews

Victoria Thompson announces the Counterfeit Lady Mystery Series. The first book, \textit{City of Lies}, is out Nov. 7. Every woman plays a part — but some are more dangerous than others. Like most women, Elizabeth Miles assumes many roles; unlike most, hers have made her a woman on the run.

www.victoriathompson.com

Agatha nominee Victoria Thompson hopes you didn’t miss her latest Gaslight Mystery, \textit{Murder in the Bowery}. Former police sergeant turned private detective Frank Malloy and his wife Sarah are caught up in the strange world of a society woman who enjoyed flirting with danger but found death instead.

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\textit{A CAJUN CHRISTMAS KILLING}, the third book in Ellen Byron’s award-winning Cajun Country Mystery series, received a starred review from Publisher’s Weekly, which called it "Superb...there's no end to the mischief and mayhem in this exceptional cozy."

\textit{The Body in the Casket} by Katherine Hall Page
“Agatha-winner Page’s 24th Faith Fairchild mystery is a cracking good traditional manor house mystery… Realistic characters and a pair of intriguing side stories contribute to a satisfying read.” (PW)

If you’re in the mood for a fun, laugh-out-loud art crime mystery, good news! Serena Jones Mysteries by Sandra Orchard are on sale. \textit{A Fool and His Monet} is free on Kindle, Nook and GooglePlay until September 30th. \textit{Another Day Another Dali} and \textit{Over Maya Dead Body} are discounted.

FROM THE MALICE COMMUNITY—
DISCLAIMER

Malice Domestic offers “From the Malice Community” for the convenience of the Malice Domestic participants. However, the Board does not warrant the accuracy of the announcements. Any arrangements made in response to these announcements are the sole responsibility of the participants. The Board is not responsible for the success of such arrangements.
Are you or someone you know in need of assistance to attend Malice Domestic? 

If so, a group of anonymous individuals have put together a fund to assist up to two individuals each year by providing funding to cover a comprehensive registration. This registration type includes all events at the convention including the banquet on Saturday evening. You will still need to provide your own transportation to and from the convention as well as food and lodging for the weekend.

Please contact us at MaliceAngels@comcast.net We would like to make the notification(s) for Malice Domestic 30 (April 27-April 29, 2018) prior to the December 31, 2017 deadline so that recipient(s) will be able to receive a nomination ballot.

Would you like to be a part of the Malice Angels sponsorships? 

We would welcome additional funds from the Malice community to ensure that this program is able to continue for many years to come. Unfortunately, this cannot be considered a charitable contribution, however, it is still a very worthy cause. Please contact us at MaliceAngels@comcast.net if you would like to contribute to the sponsorship fund.

The Malice Angels is an anonymous program organized to enable those in the Malice community who are in need of financial assistance to continue attending the convention.
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Now taking credit cards for registration.
Celebrate the Classic Mystery!

Malice Domestic is a convention of fans and authors who gather each spring in the Washington, D.C., area to celebrate the traditional mystery—typified by the works of Agatha Christie (no excessive gore, gratuitous violence, or explicit sex, thank you very much).

Come Dressed to Kill!
The highlight of our celebration is the Agatha Awards Banquet where we present the traditional Agatha teapot for the Best Contemporary Novel, Best Historical Novel, Best First Mystery Novel, Best Short Story, Best Nonfiction and Best Children’s/YA Mystery Novel. The Agatha Awards have become an internationally recognized honor, so feel free to put on your best glitz, come dressed as your favorite sleuth, or wear something that harkens back to the days of the Golden Age of mysteries—whatever will contribute to your enjoyment of the proceedings. Agathas are fan-nominated and voted on by all of the registered attendees of the convention.

Have Fun!
Have a rousing good time from Friday’s Welcome Reception, special events, and Charity Auction to Sunday’s Closing Festivities and afternoon tea. Chow down, attend panels, make friends, chat with your favorite authors, get your books signed, and visit the Dealers Room (you’ll be amazed at what’s there).

Join in!
Malice is organized and put on by a group of dedicated volunteers—and you can be one of them. Get involved on-site by monitoring panels or book signings, stuffing registration bags, handing out badges, or staffing the hospitality lounge. Malice Volunteers 101 on Friday will tell you all about it.

We Can’t Wait to See You!
During the 30 years Malice Domestic has honored the traditional mystery, we’ve brought mystery fans from around the world together with some of their favorite authors, introduced a whole host of new writers in the field, and helped foster a lot of friendships. Frankly, it’s those friendships built on shared interests that make Malice special. Although we are much more than “cozies” in terms of mysteries, we think our cozy ambience is what draws people back year after year after year.

If you’ve never been to Malice, make this your year to come. If you haven’t been here in a while, come back and see how much fun you’ve been missing.

What’s In It for You?
- Opportunities to mingle with your favorite authors at our Welcome Reception and Closing Festivities.
- A continental breakfast to meet the new authors.
- Malice’s informative newsletter, The Usual Suspects.
- The right to nominate your favorites for the prestigious Agatha Awards (register by 12/31/17).
- The right to vote for the Agatha Awards.
- Registration packet goodies (free books!).
- A souvenir program book for autographs.
- Three days of non-stop fun!

Are you a writer in waiting?
Malice supports the continued growth of the traditional mystery through its Malice grants competition, which provides a monetary grant to an aspiring writer. Check our website for information about the 2018 Grant process, or write: Malice Domestic Ltd., P.O. Box 8007, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8007 or email inquiries to MaliceGrants@comcast.net

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• Voting for the Agatha Awards
• Souvenir Program Book
• Access to The Usual Suspects newsletter online
• Saturday’s Agatha Awards Banquet

If space is available. Registrations not postmarked by the registration deadline will be treated as onsite basic registrations. Some banquet tickets may be available for $95.

Name (as it should appear on badge)
[Authors note: Use the name under which you write. You must fill out the back of this form for consideration as an author. Also, fill out the back even if you have filled it out in the past. This is NOT saved year to year.]

AKA
[Only for authors who write under more than one name.]

Is this your first Malice? □ Yes □ No

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Home Phone ____________________________________________

Work Phone ____________________________________________

E-Mail (for periodic updates) ____________________________________________

I am a □ Fan □ Mystery Author □ Agent □ Editor
□ Publisher □ Reviewer □ Bookseller

If you are an author, will you be traditionally published before this convention? □ Yes □ No

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Payment:
To use your Visa or MasterCard credit card, go to Malice’s website at www.MaliceDomestic.org to register and pay online. To pay by check, please make your check payable to Malice Domestic and send your payment along with this registration form to: Malice Domestic Registration, P.O. Box 8007, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8007. You should receive a confirmation letter within three weeks.

Multiple Registrations: A separate form is required for each person registering (photocopy this form as needed).

Cancellation: All cancellations are subject to non-refundable $50 fee. No refunds after 3/15/18. Cancellations must be in writing or via e-mail (MDRegServices@gmail.com). Registrants who cancel become Friends.

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Access for People with Disabilities
All of our meeting sites are physically accessible. If you need an accessible room, please contact the hotel directly. If you have other access needs, please indicate them on your registration form.

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Established in 1989, Malice Domestic is an annual convention that salutes mysteries in the classic tradition. The convention is operated by Malice Domestic, Ltd., a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors.

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