BE AN OFFICIAL MALICE 30 PHOTOGRAPHER

We need photographs of each panel at Malice. The main events—honoree interviews and panels, opening ceremonies, banquet, Tea—will be covered by our official photographer.

We need volunteers to photograph panels. Can you commit to photographing one or more panels? Many of you have digital photo capabilities with your cellphones or bring a digital camera to Malice. If you help us out, we can ensure that every panel is covered this year.

What we would like is a general panel shot (middle distance, showing all panelists with their name tents), plus one “class photo” of the panelists. General convention shots are also needed: people congregating, Hospitality Lounge, banquet tables, etc.

Photographers who sign up will be asked which panels they would like to cover after the conference schedule is posted online and in the pre-convention issue of TUS.

If you are willing to help out, please contact Rita Owen at malicepublications@verizon.net
As I sit here writing this, on the day after St. Patrick’s Day, the forecast this coming week is for snow but I’m thinking ahead to when we’ll be together at the end of April. Hopefully the sun will be shining, but it won’t matter, and we’ll be at our new venue gearing up to celebrate Malice Domestic’s 30th anniversary. It has been my privilege and pleasure to have been a part of the Malice Domestic Board of Directors for the last twenty years. Each year I tell you that this Malice will be the best ever but I think this year we may have outdone ourselves.

I’m not going to list out the various events here because you can go to our website, www.malicedomestic.org and easily print out a copy of the program. What I will tell you is the program includes many of your old favorites such as the honoree interviews, the nominee panels and much more. The convention will be chocked full of fun things to do so catch up on your sleep before you arrive because I’m sure you won’t want to miss a thing.

I’d like to take the liberty to introduce you to each of our honorees for this year’s convention –

**Catriona McPherson** – Toastmaster – Catriona, a transplanted Scot, will be entertaining you beginning at the Opening Ceremonies. Listen closely, you might catch a hint of an American accent.

**Louise Penny** – Guest of Honor – Louise has been coming to Malice since her first book, STILL LIFE, was released, lo those several years ago. We’re thrilled she’ll be with us to celebrate.

**Nancy Pickard** – Lifetime Achievement Honoree – Nancy is one of the members of the Malice community who has attended many of the conventions since the very beginning.

Poirot Honoree – **Brenda Blethyn** – Brenda is the English actress who plays the character “Vera” in the hit BBC TV series Vera. She’s taking time out from her busy schedule to be with us before starting the filming of Season 9.

Amelia Honoree – **David Suchet** (will not be attending) – Sir David is the British actor who played the character of Hercule Poirot for over 25 years. Due to scheduling difficulties he is not able to be with us in person but he has sent a special message.

Special Amelia Honoree – **Joan Hess** – Joan was one of the charter members of Malice Domestic along with her dear friend Barbara Mertz. Her daughter Becca and Barbara’s daughter Beth will be with us to celebrate.

Fan Guest of Honor – **Janet Blizard** – Janet has been a valued member of the Malice Board of Directors for many years.

Malice Remembers – **Robin Hathaway** – Robin was a strong supporter of Malice Domestic and her daughters Anne and Julie will be with us to celebrate.

This year, in addition to the fabulous list of honorees, we’ve got some very special things planned. Some you may not find out about until you arrive for the convention. However, I’d also like to remind you that although there are events all day on Friday, the convention doesn’t officially kick off until 5:00 pm at the Opening Ceremonies when the honorees will be introduced and the Agatha nominees presented with their certificates.

Just writing this article has made me very excited and anxious for April 28th to arrive. So until we meet at Malice Domestic 30, I remain,

Most maliciously yours,
Verena Rose, Chair
Malice Domestic, Ltd.
Many Hands Make Light Work
Please Volunteer!

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 stopping by the Hospitality Room.

Anne R. Murphy
Coordinator of Volunteers

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We will see you at the new hotel!

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Convention Center located at 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

To help familiarized yourself with the hotel layout please see the included maps of the convention center.

If you are an overnight guest be sure to park in the hotel guest parking lot. If you are driving daily to the convention you must park in the convention center parking garage. The daily parking for the garage will be $3 after you pick up a parking pass from the Malice registration desk. Overnight guest cannot park in the garage or you will be charged the maximum of $30 per night.

Upon exiting the convention center parking garage, you are lead right into the lower lever of the convention center at the registration desk.

We have plenty of fun events for you to help us celebrate Malice's 30 years of malicious planning, plotting and hosting programs. If you are at the hotel Thursday night, make sure to check out our special screening of Vera provided by our friends at BritBox. There may even be some little surprises tucked in.

If you need any help or have any questions while at the hotel don’t be shy. Come find Jayne Colangelo or Angel Trapp and they will do whatever they can to help.

Warmest Regards,
Malice Board
2017 AGATHA AWARD NOMINATIONS

Best Contemporary Novel
Death Overdue: A Haunted Library Mystery by Allison Brook
A Cajun Christmas Killing: A Cajun Country Mystery by Ellen Byron
No Way Home: A Zoe Chambers Mystery by Annette Dashofy
Take Out by Margaret Maron
Glass Houses: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel by Louise Penny

Best Historical Novel
In Farleigh Field by Rhys Bowen
Murder in an English Village: A Beryl and Edwina Mystery by Jessica Ellicott
Called to Justice: A Quaker Midwife Mystery by Edith Maxwell
The Paris Spy: A Maggie Hope Mystery by Susan Elia MacNeal
Dangerous to Know: A Lillian Frost and Edith Head Novel by Renee Patrick

Best First Novel
Adrift: A Mer Cavallo Mystery by Micki Browning
The Plot is Murder: Mystery Bookshop by V.M. Burns
Hollywood Homicide: A Detective by Day Mystery by Kellye Garrett
Daughters of Bad Men by Laura Oles
Protocol: A Maggie O'Malley Mystery by Kathleen Valenti

Best Nonfiction
From Holmes to Sherlock: The Story of the Men and Women who Created an Icon by Mattias Boström
The Story of Classic Crime in 100 Books by Martin Edwards
American Fire: Love, Arson and Life in a Vanishing Land by Monica Hesse
Rewrite Your Life: Discover Your Truth Through the Healing Power of Fiction by Jess Lourey
Manderley Forever: A Biography of Daphne du Maurier by Tatiana de Rosnay

Best Short Story
Double Deck the Halls by Gretchen Archer
“Whose Wine is it Anyway” by Barb Goffman in 50 Shades of Cabernet
“The Night They Burned Miss Dixie’s Place” by Debra Goldstein in Alfred Hitchcock’s Mystery Magazine
“The Library Ghost of Tanglewood Inn” by Gigi Pandian
“A Necessary Ingredient” by Art Taylor in Coast to Coast: Private Eyes from Sea to Shining Seat

Best Children’s/Young Adults
City of Angels by Kristi Belcamino
Sydney Mackenzie Knocks Em Dead by Cindy Callaghan
The World’s Greatest Detective by Caroline Carlson
Audacity Jones Steals the Show by Kirby Larson
The Harlem Charade by Natasha Tarpley
Convention Schedule

**Thursday, April 26**

7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Early Bird Registration
Registration Desk-Lower Level

8:30 p.m. –10:00 p.m.
*Vera* Screening—sponsored by BritBox
White Flint Amphitheater

**Friday, April 27**

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Registration
Registration Desk-Lower Level

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Hospitality Lounge open
Brookside A/B

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Silent Auction
Forest Glen

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Dealers Room open
White Oak A/B

9:00–9:30 a.m.
Malice 101: An Introduction to Malice for First-time Attendees
Ballroom B
Judy Cater and Anne Murphy

9:30–9:45 a.m.
Volunteers 101: Important Information for Attendees Who Want to Help Out
Ballroom B
Judy Cater and Anne Murphy

10:00–11:45 a.m.
Malice Go Round: It’s Like Speed Dating, But with Authors
Ballroom D
Jack Cater — Moderator

11:45 a.m.
Lunch Break

Noon–12:50 p.m.
*A Little Spot of Poison*
White Flint Amphitheater
Luci Zahray, the Poison Lady, discusses the characteristics of a good poison

1:00–1:50 p.m.
You’ve Got Fan Mail: Honored Guests Discuss Interesting and Fascinating Fan Mail
Ballroom B/C
Verena Rose — Moderator
Brenda Blethyn
Catriona McPherson
Louise Penny
Nancy Pickard

2:00–2:50 p.m.
Make It Snappy: Our Agatha Best Short Story Nominees
Ballroom B/C
Michael Bracken — Moderator
Gretchen Archer
Barb Goffman
Debra H. Goldstein
Gigi Pandian
Art Taylor

3:00–3:50 p.m.
Simply the Best: Our Agatha Best Contemporary Novel Nominees
Ballroom B/C
Shawn Reilly Simmons — Moderator
Allison Brook / Marilyn Levinson
Ellen Byron
Annette Dashofy
Margaret Maron
Louise Penny

4:00–4:50 p.m.
Poirot Award Interview: Brenda Blethyn
Ballroom B/C
Brenda Blethyn chats with Ann Cleeves and Martin Edwards
 Convention Schedule

5:00–5:30 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies
Ballroom B/C

5:30–7:30 p.m.
Dinner on Your Own

7:30–9:00 p.m.
Live Charity Auction
Ballroom A/B/C/D
Auctioneers: Hank Phillippi Ryan - Christine Trent

9:00–10:00 p.m.
Mystery Most Geographical Signing
Ballroom Foyer

Saturday, April 28

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Registration
Registration Desk-Lower Level

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Hospitality Lounge open
Brookside A/B

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Silent Auction
Forest Glen
(Silent Auction until Noon only)

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Dealers Room open
White Oak A/B

9:00–9:50 a.m. — Panels

Murder Abroad
Glen Echo
Valerie O. Patterson — Moderator
Tracee de Hahn
Elizabeth J. Duncan
Marni Graff
Carlene O’Connor
Susan C. Shea

Antiquities
Linden Oak
Anne Reece — Moderator
Shelley Costa
Kathleen Ernst
Mary Anna Evans
Eileen Haavik McIntire

The Art of Murder
Ballroom A
Molly Weston — Moderator
Alexia Gordon
Sybil Johnson
Linda O. Johnston
Karen Olson
Robin Templeton

Making History: Our Agatha Best Historical Novel Nominees
Ballroom B
Harriette Sackler — Moderator
Rhys Bowen
Jessica Ellicott
Edith Maxwell

A Sleuth’s Best Friend
Ballroom C
Leone Ciporin — Moderator
Bethany Blake / Beth Fantaskey
David Burnsworth
Nancy Coco / Nancy J. Parra
Eileen Watkins

10:00–10:50 a.m. — Panels

Out in the Country
Glen Echo
Jess Montgomery — Moderator
Gloria Alden
Sandrea Bretting
Terry Shames
Teresa Trent

Main Street Investigates
Linden Oak
Robin Agnew — Moderator
Mollie Cox Bryan
Barbara Early / Beverly Allen
Cheryl Hollon
Meg Macy / D. E. Ireland
Dorothy St. James
Crime Fiction: Short & Sweet
Ballroom A
Teresa Inge — Moderator
Peter W. J. Hayes
Alan Orloff
Kathryn O'Sullivan
Cathi Stoler
Maureen Walsh

New Kids on the Block: Our Agatha Best First Novel Nominees
Ballroom B
Margaret Maron — Moderator
Micki Browning
V.M. Burns
Kellye Garrett
Laura Oles
Kathleen Valenti

From Page to Screen
Ballroom C
Shawn Reilly Simmons — Facilitator
Ellen Byerrum
Dana Cameron
Ann Cleeves
Louise Penny
Nancy Pickard

10:00–10:50 a.m.
Signings
Ballroom D

10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Shipping Services
Middlebrook
11:00 a.m.—11:50 a.m.—PANELS

What's Your Line?
Glen Echo
Karen Cantwell — Moderator
Connie di Marco
John Gaspard
Nicole Leiren
Misty Simon
Tracy Weber

Second Acts
Linden Oak
Karen Neary Smithson — Moderator
Nancy Haddock
Jenna Harte
Libby Klein
G. M. Malliet
Carol L. Wright

Double Timing: Authors with Multiple Series
Ballroom A
Kelley Letourneau — Moderator
Ellery Adams
E. J. Copperman / Jeff Cohen
JR Ripley
Elaine Viets
Lea Wait

Mystery Facts & Kids: Our Agatha Best Non-Fiction & Children's/Young Adult Novel Nominees
Ballroom B
Anne Murphy — Moderator
Judy Cater — Moderator
Mattias Boström
Cindy Callaghan
Martin Edwards

Our Malicious Past: The Dark Side of Historical Mysteries
Ballroom C
Verena Rose — Moderator
Sarah Masters Buckey
Mariah Fredericks
Andrea Penrose
Victoria Thompson
Christine Trent

11:00–11:50 a.m.
Signings
Ballroom D

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Kensington Author Signings
Ballroom Foyer

Noon
Silent Auction Bid Deadline
12:00–12:50 p.m.
Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m.
Agatha Voting Deadline

1:00–1:50 p.m.
**Interview of a Lifetime: Nancy Pickard**
*Ballroom D*
Nancy Pickard is interviewed by Sally Goldenbaum

2:00–2:50 p.m. — PANELS

**Murder in New England**
*Glen Echo*
Rick Ollerman — *Moderator*
Sherry Harris
J. A. Henrikus / Julianne Holmes
Leslie Meier
Shari Randall

**Bookish Sleuths**
*Linden Oak*
Edwin Hill — *Moderator*
Cathy Ace
Mary Angela
Victoria Gilbert
Marion Moore Hill
Leslie Wheeler

**Small Town Sleuths**
*Ballroom A*
Susan Breen — *Moderator*
Donna Andrews
Alex Erickson
Sharon Farrow / D. E. Ireland
Sally Goldenbaum
Camille Minichino / Jean Flowers

**Murder at the Improv**
*Ballroom B*
Barbara Ross — *Facilitator*
Sheila Connolly
Parnell Hall
Hank Phillippi Ryan

2:00–2:50 p.m.
Signings
*Ballroom Foyer*

2:00–3:50 p.m. — EVENT

**30 Years of Malice Memories**
*White Flint Amphitheater*
Long-time attendees and the Faithful Few swap stories

3:00–3:50 p.m. — PANELS

**Doing it Together: Sleuthing Duos**
*Glen Echo*
Ramona DeFelice Long — *Moderator*
Nancy Herriman
Ashley Weaver
Heather Weidner
Nancy G. West
Jane Willan

**Supernatural Sleuths**
*Linden Oak*
Margaret Dumas — *Moderator*
Carole Nelson Douglas
Amanda Flower
Leigh Perry / Toni L.P. Kelner
Maggie Toussaint

**Mysteries in Unique Settings**
*Ballroom A*
C. Michele Dorsey — *Moderator*
Junie Coffey
Matthew Iden
Dane McCaslin
Clare O’Donohue
Christine Poulson
The Usual Suspects

Convention Schedule

Murderous Wit
Ballroom B
Paula Gail Benson — Moderator
Sparkle Abbey (Mary Lee Ashford)
Sparkle Abbey (Anita Carter)
Ginger Bolton
Becky Clark
Lida Sideris

Historical Mysteries: Around the Globe
Ballroom C
Harriette Sackler — Moderator
Annamarra Alfiere
Dorothy Cannell
Kaye George
Anna Loan-Wilsey
D. M. Quincy

3:00–3:50 p.m.
Signings
Ballroom Foyer

4:00–4:50 p.m.
It's an Honor: Louise Penny Guest of Honor Interview
Ballroom D
Louise Penny is interviewed by Rhys Bowen

6:15–7:00 p.m.
Cocktails
Ballroom Foyer
7:00 p.m.
Agatha Awards Banquet
Ballroom A/B/C/D

8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Hospitality Lounge open
Brookside A/B

9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Dealers Room open
White Oak A/B

9:00–3:00 p.m.
Shipping Services
Middlebrook

9:00–9:50 a.m. — PANELS

Savory Sleuths: Culinary Mysteries
Glen Echo
Kathleen Krevat — Moderator
Cynthia Baxter
Maya Corrigan
Devon Delaney
Leslie Karst
Linda Wiken

Law & Order
Linden Oak
Robert Downs — Moderator
Bruce Robert Coffin
Roger Johns
Catherine Maiorisi
Keenan Powell
Michael H. Rubin

Stop the Presses!
Ballroom A
Maureen Milliken — Moderator
R.G. Belsky
Melinda Mullet
Nancy Cole Silverman
LynDee Walker

Seasonal Sleuths: Mature Mysteries
Ballroom B
P. J. Coldren — Moderator
Barbara Barrett
D. B. Borton
Kaitlyn Dunnett / Kathy Lynn Emerson
Tony Perona
M. Glenda Rosen

Saturday, April 28

7:00 a.m.–8:45 a.m.
Mystery Scene Presents: Meet the New Authors of Malice:
Nosh with This Year's New Authors
Ballroom D
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SET AT TABLES
Host: Cindy Silberblatt
(Presentations begin at 7:10 a.m.)

8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Registration
Registration Desk-Lower Level
### Historical Mysteries: Back in the USA
*Ballroom C*

Jeffrey Marks — *Moderator*
L. A. Chandlar
C. M. Gleason
Alyssa Maxwell
Frances McNamara
Ann Parker

#### 10:00–10:50 a.m. — PANELS

**Get Your Facts Straight**
*Glen Echo*

Cathy Pickens — *Moderator*
JoAnna Carl / Eve K. Sandstrom
John Copenhaver
Linda Lovely
Sujata Massey
Triss Stein

**Mysteries on the Edge of Night**
*Linden Oak*

Kristopher Zgorski — *Moderator*
Anne Cleeland
Martin Edwards
Catriona McPherson
Lori Rader-Day
Gabriel Valjan

**Private Eyes: They’re Watching You**
*Ballroom A*

Rick Ollerman — *Moderator*
J. D. Allen
Susan M. Boyer
Aimee Hix
Alice Loweecey
Lissa Marie Redmond

**Precise Prose: Short Crime Fiction**
*Ballroom B*

James Lincoln Warren — *Moderator*
Michael Bracken
Eleanor Cawood Jones
Maggie King
Liz Milliron
Rosemary Shomaker

### Malice Domestic Public Board Meeting

*Great Falls*

Verena Rose — *Moderator*
Jayne Colangelo
Marian Lesko
Harriette Sackler
Angel Trapp

#### 11:30 a.m.—12:20 p.m. — PANELS

**Murder in the Nation’s Capital: DC-based Mysteries**
*Glen Echo*

K. G. Whitehurst — *Moderator*
Kathryn Johnson
Arlene Kay
Maggie Sefton
Sarah Shaber
Colleen Shogan

**Potpourri!**
*Linden Oak*

Michael H. Rubin — *Moderator*
Peggy Ehrhart
Leigh Hearon
Roberta Rogow
Ilene Schneider
Lane Stone

### Social Issues in Mystery
*Ballroom A*

Mary Feliz
Con Lehane
Kelly Oliver
Loretta Ross
Marcia Talley

#### 12:30 p.m.—1:20 p.m.

**A Toast to Catriona McPherson**
*Ballroom B/C*

A Conversation with Catriona McPherson and
Lori Rader-Day

#### 1:30–2:30 p.m.

**Agatha Tea and Closing Ceremonies**
*Ballroom D*
Let your character have their “day in the life” at dru’s book musings. Visit http://drusbookmusing.com and see what all the talk is about. For more information, please contact Dru Ann at drusbookmusing@gmail.com.

Kick-butt cozies. Fun, fearless sleuths. We’re 6 cozy writers armed with laptops and a killer sense of humor. Visit our blog www.ChicksOnTheCase to hang out with Ellen Byron, Marla Cooper, Vickie Fee, Kellye Garrett, Cynthia Kuhn, and Lisa Q. Mathews.

For those readers who asked for more funny fashion advice like that in Ellen Byerrum's Crime of Fashion Mysteries, there is good news. Ellen has a YouTube Fashion Bites channel with advice on a multitude of style questions, including such pressing issues as What to Wear to a Conference. Just Google Byerrum and YouTube and check it out.

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 June 30, 2018

To submit an announcement:

Online (preferred):
Go to our online store here: 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

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ONLINE

MEET UPS

Let your character have their “day in the life” at dru’s book musings. Visit http://drusbookmusing.com and see what all the talk is about. For more information, please contact Dru Ann at drusbookmusing@gmail.com.

Mystery bloggers are the best! Celebrate their passion and commitment to our genre at a casual meet-up with them. Are you a mystery blogger with a dedicated site? LMK at ellenbyronla@outlook.com.

When: 10 p.m. Friday evening, April 27th
Where: On the Rocks Bar, the Marriott
No RSVP necessary, just come on by.

Meet & Mingle
Come meet and mingle with the authors of Level Best Books.

Join us Friday night
After the Malice Anthology Signing
At On The Rocks Bar

AUTHOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Sale By Killer, the third Cindy York mystery by USA Today Best Selling Author Catherine Bruns, releases 5/22. Real Estate Problem 101: When your client’s hiding a deadly little secret. The sequel to Killer Transaction and Priced to Kill. www.catherinebruns.net https://amzn.to/2J9hk1g

Join Agatha Best First Novel nominee, V.M. Burns for a book signing for READ HERRING HUNT, the second book in the Mystery Bookshop Mystery series on Saturday, April 28th from 11-1 in the Grand Ballroom.
"That’s when she started to scream.” **A HOLE IN ONE: A Glass Dolphin Mystery #2** by Judy Penz Sheluk. Now available in e-book and trade paperback at all the usual suspects. Find out why Ellen Byron, Lea Wait and Jane K. Cleland loved this book!

Learn more at [www.judypenzsheluk.com](http://www.judypenzsheluk.com).

**Coming June 12! -- Death and a Pot of Chowder: A Maine Murder Mystery by Cornelia Kidd. (AKA Lea Wait)** When two sisters who didn’t know the other existed meet on a Maine island and bond over solving a murder … it has to be the beginning of a new series! (recipes and epigraphs included)

"Tis the season in Jewel Bay, Montana’s Christmas Village. When a friend is found dead, a string of lights around her neck, Erin investigates to protect the community and keep the holiday spirit glowing. **As the Christmas Cookie Crumbles** by Leslie Budewitz (Midnight Ink, June 2018), available at Malice Domestic.

**FREE to Good Home! Cat in an Alphabet Soup** (Publishing is murder!) Introducing **Midnight Louie**, feline PI, and human partner, feisty **Temple Barr**, PR. **First of 28 books.** Kindle or ePub format. “Douglas’s humor and keen plot twists keep this long-running series purring.” —Publisher’s Weekly

Contact Carole Nelson Douglas: cdouglas@catwriter.com

Agatha-nominated **Edith Maxwell’s** third **Quaker Midwife Mystery, Turning the Tide**, released April 8, a compelling story of women suffragists and murder. Find Edith Friday signing the anthology, at the Best Historical Novel nominees panel Saturday at 9, the Kensington signing event at noon, and at the signing tables at 3.

Multiple Agatha nominee **Victoria Thompson** announces the next Gaslight Mystery, **Murder on Union Square, available first at Malice 2018!** When murder hits close to home, Frank Malloy finds himself the prime suspect. He and Sarah must find the killer as Frank’s own life hangs in the balance. [www.victoriathompson.com](http://www.victoriathompson.com)

When a guest turns up dead at an English country house, Eliza Doolittle and Henry Higgins must discover who came to the fox-hunting party determined to hunt more than the fox in **With A Little Bit of Blood**, the fourth book from the Agatha nominated team of D.E. Ireland.

New work this spring from **Alan Orloff**! Look for his stories in the anthologies **The Night of the Flood: Chesapeake Crimes: Fur, Feathers, and Felonies**; and Malice’s own **Mystery Most Geographical**. Craving a thriller novel with a unique premise? Try **Pray for the Innocent**! For more info: [www.alanorloff.com](http://www.alanorloff.com)

**NO CURE FOR THE DEAD**, the first book in the new **Florence Nightingale Mysteries series by Christine Trent**, releases May 8th, but copies will be made available **early just for Malice attendees**! Visit your favorite bookseller at the conference to purchase your copy. **Christine will be signing Saturday at 2pm.**

Discover acclaimed first in series books by **John Billheimer, P.M. Carlson and Terence Faherty** at 40% off, this month only with coupon code "DISCOVER." Shipping in the US is always free. Visit [www.crumcreekpress.com/discover](http://www.crumcreekpress.com/discover) to shop and learn more.
Agatha nominee for Best Historical Novel *Dangerous to Know* by Renee Patrick is now available in paperback! Publishers Weekly says "Patrick’s sassy second series novel takes the reader on an exhilarating ride through Hollywood in its heyday." Renee wishes everyone a wonderful Malice weekend!

Watch for book three in the Whisky Business Mystery Series - *Deadly Dram* by Melinda Mullet, on sale September 3, 2018. Catch Melinda at Malice, Saturday 2:00 at the signing tables. Stop by for a bite of whisky fudge!

Crime of Fashion author Ellen Byerrum is thrilled to be attending Malice this year after a two-year hiatus. She’ll be signing *The Masque of the Red Dress*, the 11th in her series. In this outing, Lacey Smithsonian chases spies, lies, and a dangerous red dress.


Lizzie’s back and so is Quinn. Frankie Y. Bailey announces that her mystery series featuring crime historian, Lizzie Stuart, and former homicide detective, John Quinn, is being re-issued in e-book and print by a new publisher, Speaking Volumes. *Death’s Favorite Child* will be available in mid-April.

Hurry to be the second person to review the recently released novel, *BEHIND THE SEVENTH VEIL*, by Barry Fulton. (Reading it first is recommended, but not required.) Previous books in the Thomas Sebastian Scott Espionage Mystery series are *THE LADY IS BUGGED* and *FLAME: HACKERS, ARTISTS, LOVERS, AND SPIES*.


Gay Toltl Kinman’s new book from Mysterious Women--*Vengeance is Mine*. A collection cases solved by VIM, a P.I. Agency owned by two former LAPD Investigators who want to see justice done The cases are all familiar ones—but with a twist. Available on Amazon and Kindle.

"A Cajun Christmas Killing," the third book in Ellen Byron’s Cajun Country Mystery series, won the 2018 Lefty Award for Best Humorous Mystery. It’s also nominated for a Best Contemporary Novel Agatha award. Crooked Lane Books has contracted for books 5 and 6 in the series.
In *Bear Witness to Murder*, Silver Bear Shop manager Sasha Silverman is cozying up to fall with the village’s Oktobear Fest—a too-cute celebration themed around teddy bears. But trouble looms when a rival toy and bookstore opens – and Sasha finding another murder victim takes away all the fun.

The Supper Club is back! New *New York Times* bestselling author *Ellery Adams* has fully revised and re-released all six books in the cozy mystery series featuring a group of crime-solving dieters. A brand-new book in the series, *PASTA MORTEM*, co-authored with Agatha Award winner *Rosemary Stevens*, will be available soon!
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 31 (May 03 –May 05, 2019) prior to the December 31, 2018 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.

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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 harks 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 run 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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