

Bloodletter

NY/Tri-State Chapter Sisters in Crime

June 2013



The annual June party for the New York/Tri-State Chapter of Sisters in Crime was at Cowgirl Restaurant! A good time was had by all as the recent slate of officers bid adieu and the new group stepped up to lead. The new president donned the official tiara; the outgoing president received flowers.





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Outgoing President Catherine Maiorisi, Incoming Vice-President Cathi Stoler, President Peggy Ehrhart, Incoming Board Member Cynthia Benjamin, Incoming Board Member Laura Joh Rowland, and Treasurer Stephanie Wilson-Flaherty.

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Incoming Board Member Kate Lincoln, Yahoo Group Moderator Laura Kramarsky, and Jean Krasno.

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Webmistress Clare Toohey, Incoming Board Member Kathleen Ryan, and current Anthology Editor Anita Page.

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Catherine Maiorisi and Cathi Stoler.

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Tanya Goodwin, Program Chair Susan Chalfin, and Cynthia Benjamin.

Middle Left

Elizabeth Kerri Mahon, Pearl Wolf, Jenna Weart, Shelly Freydont, and Stephanie Wilson-Flaherty.

Middle Right: Dot Hayes and Clare Toohey.

MURDER, THEY WROTE . . . AND SOLD!

PM Press is reprinting all five novels in Ken **Wishnia's** Edgar-nominated series featuring Ecuadorian-American investigator, Filomena Buscarsela, with introductions by Barbara D'Amato, Gary Phillips, Reed Coleman, Alison Galyin, and Liz Martinez, also a short story extra in each one. *23 Shades of Black* was re-published in 2012. The second, *Soft Money*, (a Library Journal Best Mystery of the Year) is out now, and *The Glass Factory* comes out in August. Two titles are coming next year. Check out: www.pmpress.org or www.kennethwishnia.com.

Kate Lincoln will read from her novel, *Natural Selection*, at the MWA reading at KGB bar on July 29 (see more info below). The unpublished novel is currently being offered by her agent.

Cathi Stoler will join other Mystery Writers of America authors on July 29 at the KGB bar in Manhattan where she'll be reading from her new novella, *Nick of Time*. Her second novel in the Laurel Imperiole/Helen McCorkendale series, *Keeping Secrets*, will be published by Camel Press in October, followed by the third book in the series, *The Hard Way*, coming out in February, 2014.

Terrie Farley Moran sold another story to *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*. "Knowledge is Deadly" will appear later this year. "Bobby Wycoff is Dead" was in the June 2 issue of the e-zine *Beat to a Pulp*. Terrie also sold her *Read 'Em and Eat Cafe* mystery series to Michelle Vega at Berkley.

The Malfeasance Occasional: This inaugural e-zine project from CriminalElement.com, to publish later this summer, will have the story "Magda" by **Cathi Stoler**, and "The Barnacle" by **Hilary Davidson's** story. The M.O. is edited by **Clare Toohey** (who will also be reading at KGB on July 29), with invaluable assistance from **Laura K. Curtis (Kramarsky)**, whose romantic suspense *Twisted* will be published by Intermix/Penguin in November.

Death Will Help You Leave Him, the second novel in the mystery series featuring recovering alcoholic Bruce Kohler by **Liz Zelvin**, is out in a new e-book edition at <http://tinyurl.com/death-leave> on Amazon.

Kathleen Ryan's short story, "A Primal Force" is in the soon-to-be-released e-book tentatively titled, *Grand Central Noir*, a collection of stories published in honor of the 100th Anniversary of GrandCentral, published by Metropolitan Crime, a new press created by Terrence McCauley, who is co-editor with Richie Narvaez. Kathy will attend the Public Safety Writers Conference in Las Vegas in July and serve on three panels. She participated in "Noir at the Bar NYC III" in January along with **Hilary Davidson** (below), Matthew J. McBride, Terrence McCauley, Tommy Pluck, Justin Porter, S.J. Rozan, Seamus Scanlon, and Albert Tucher. The evening was hosted by Todd Robinson and Glenn G. Gray.



FAMILY MATTERS ANTHOLOGY

A reminder that as a member of the New York/Tri-State Chapter of Sisters in Crime, you can submit a short story for consideration in the chapter's third anthology, working title: *Murder New York Style: Family Matters*.

Stories must be crime-related and set within the Greater New York area. That includes Long Island, Westchester, and nearby New Jersey towns in addition to the five boroughs. Our theme is inspired by Tolstoy's reflection that each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. We hope this will inspire thoughts of toxic relations, long-buried secrets, and any number of deadly sins.

You'll find complete submission guidelines here: <http://www.nysinc.org/2013-chapter-anthology-submission-guidelines>.

Anita Page, Editor

2013-2014 Officers

President: Peggy Ehrhart
Vice-President: Cathi Stoler
Secretary: Catherine Maiorisi
Treasurer: Stephanie Wilson-Flaherty

Members at Large (Board): Cynthia Benjamin, Kate Lincoln, Laura Joh Rowland, and Kathleen Ryan

The board extends its deep appreciation to Susan Chalfin, who continues as program chair; Laura Kramarsky and Clare Toohey, our invaluable tech support people; and Leigh Neely, for the newsletter.

NOTICE! NEW MEETING PLACE

Beginning in **September**, we'll be holding our meetings at the **Jefferson Market Branch** of the New York Public Library--**Sixth Avenue at 10th Street** in the Village. We had to leave the old location because the library committed the room to another group.

It is easy to reach by public transportation:
<http://www.nypl.org/locations/tid/39/directions>

Meetings will be on **Wednesday** instead of Thursday nights because that's the night the Jefferson Market Branch stays open late. The meetings will start with a **meet-and-greet at 6 p.m., and programs will be from 6:30 to 8.**

There are many restaurants in the new area. We'll scout in advance for a place with reasonable prices and space for all of us.

Here are the meeting dates for 2013-2014:

September 18	February 19
October 16	March 19
November 20	April 16
Holiday party: TBA	May 21
January 15	June party: TBA

Presidents' Letters

Dear members,

The SinC-NY President's tiara was peacefully transferred to Peggy Ehrhart at the annual meeting/party Tuesday, June 11, so this issue of Bloodletter is the last of my presidency. As with any organization, the members make SinC-NY the warm, welcoming, and supportive organization that it is. I am constantly amazed at the sparks of energy and goodwill each time we get together for a meeting, a dinner, or a party. I love the sharing of information and encouragement that we offer each other. I celebrate the fact that since I joined many members have published in novel or short story form, and many more now have contracts and will soon be published. Every one of you, published, soon to be published, and working to be published, add to the spirit of SinC-NY and make it a special organization.

I salute you all and thank you for your support during the last two years

Catherine



From the new president . . .

When we look at the publishing world these days, we can only scratch our heads in puzzlement. Questions abound. How can a midlist author attract and retain an agent in an era when publishing conglomerates see only the bottom line and agents are looking for the next blockbuster? Is self-publishing the key to fame and fortune? Will e-books replace print the way MP3 files replaced CDs?

These are twenty-first-century questions. When I joined Sisters in Crime NY/TriState over two decades ago, I had questions. They were just different questions. And many of them have been answered over the years by this wonderful group. I've met women (and a few men) as passionately interested in the craft of mystery writing as I am, and as dedicated to getting their work in front of a reading audience.

Now I'm your new president and I'm delighted. I look forward to working with the other officers and the board to keep up our group's tradition of informative programs and lively networking occasions—and to tracking down answers as the publishing world continues to change.

Peggy