

# BLOODLETTER

## CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES

### Chapter News

### AND THE ZOOM GOES ON...

By Nina Mansfield

This summer, it looked like we might be able to commence in-person meetings again. However, with the surge of the Delta variant, the board decided our chapter meetings would remain on Zoom for the remainder of 2021. That said, we had a wide array of exciting virtual programming over the past few months.

In September, our chapter welcomed the fall season with a **Virtual Anthology Launch for *Justice for All, Murder New York Style 5***, edited by **D.M. Barr and Joseph R.G. De Marco**. This event was hosted by board member **Sarah Burr**, who arranged thematic mini-panels and asked our short story authors probing questions about their work. Missed this event? You can find a recording posted on our Facebook page, and in the Members Only Section of our website. Unlike many of our event recordings, this one is available to be shared with the public.

In October, our chapter held two events. First of all, we were delighted that the **Brooklyn Book Festival** was held live in Cadman Plaza. While our table location was a little out of the way, NY/Tri-State authors spent a lovely day selling their books. D.M. Barr was also on location throughout the day to sell our anthology.

For our October meeting, we were joined by author **Elizabeth Kerri Mahon**, in conversation with board member **Mariah Fredericks**. They spoke



Our chapter launched our 5th Anthology via Zoom in September.



Chapter members (left to right) Dawn Barclay (aka D.M. Barr), Cathi Stoler, Mally Becker, Nina Wachsman, Lori Robbins and Nancy Good at the Brooklyn Book Festival in October!

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about Mahon’s new book, *Pretty Evil New York*, which focuses on Gotham’s most fascinating female criminals, including “Ruth Snyder, immortalized in James M. Cain’s novella *Double Indemnity*; serial killer Lizzie Halliday, nicknamed the Worst Woman in the World; and Celia Cooney, the Bobbed Hair Bandit.” The fascinating conversation covered Mahon’s research process—which was made more complicated because of the pandemic—and revealed the details of many of the crimes discussed in Mahon’s book. A recording of the event can be found in the Members Only section of our website.

In November we welcomed civil rights and criminal defense attorney **Gregory Zenon**, and owner of Gilbert C. Parris Criminal Defense Attorneys, **Gilbert Parris**, for *This Call is Being Recorded*. In this unique program, the attorneys shared recordings of jailhouse phone conversations and authentic 911 calls, and related the circumstances behind the calls. A transcript of the calls was shared prior to the event, and can also be found in the Members Only Section of our website. What we heard was at times shocking, often disturbing, and always eye-opening about human nature.



To close out 2021, our chapter celebrated with guest of honor **Joanna Shaffhausen**, who helped us welcome this festive season with a discussion of...serial killers! Shaffhausen, who has a doctorate in psychology, was an editorial producer for *ABC News*, and wrote for *20/20*, is the author of numerous novels including *Vanishing Season* and *Last Seen Alive*. In her entertaining talk, she discussed how plot points and characters in her novels were inspired by various true-crime cases. The evening ended with a quiz about serial killers. One interesting fact shared was that many serial killers don’t actually have the compulsion to keep killing like we are often lead to believe from TV shows and movies. Many stop because they settle down and get married. Yikes!

We look forward to starting off 2022 with our Annual Open Mic Night in January. We hope to see you there!



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Mariah Fredericks (r) introduces guest of honor Joanna Shaffhausen (l).

## Membership Almost Doubles in 2021

We are proud to report that our chapter membership has almost doubled in size in the past year! **Our Vice-President of membership, Dawn Barclay, who writes as D.M. Barr,** can be credited with much of this growth. Dawn has been responsible for several outreach efforts that have led to our expansion. A huge welcome to our new and returning members!

Have you renewed your membership for 2022? All those who renewed by the end of 2021 were entered into a raffle for an Amazon gift card.

We are also currently running a Refer-a-Member incentive. The chapter member who refers the most new siblings in December and January is eligible for a fabulous prize: The first 75 pages of your work-in-progress edited by **Terri Bischoff.** Bischoff, who has been a wonderful supporter of our chapter, appearing on panels and our very first QueryFest, is the acquiring editor of Crooked Lane Books, and a freelance editor.

In order to be eligible for this prize, make sure any new members you refer write your name in the “Referred By” section on our membership form when they join.

For those members who have joined recently, we are in the process of updating our website to include your names on our membership list. If you did not fill out a membership form when you joined, please do so, so that we have all of your current social media links.

If you don’t have a book cover displayed on our website yet, be sure to send a JPEG to Nina Mansfield at [nina@ninmansfield.com](mailto:nina@ninmansfield.com) with the subject: SinC Book Cover. You can also reach out to Nina if you haven’t joined our chapter listserve yet.

Don’t forget, you also need to be a member of Sisters in Crime National.

### Missed a meeting?

**Recordings of many of our Zoom meetings can be found in the Members Only section of [www.nysinc.org](http://www.nysinc.org). Check your emails for the new password.**

## Chapter Membership Benefits

In addition to the benefits of being a member of SinC National, below you’ll find some of the perks of being a NY/Tri-State SinC Chapter Member:

- Access to the Members Only section of our Website, which include recording of many of our high quality Zoom events.
- Access to all of our high quality Zoom and Live events, including QueryFest.
- Opportunity to exhibit at our booth at the Brooklyn Book Festival.
- Your book cover displayed on our website’s Book Carousel.
- Access to our Listserve, where you can spread the news about your latest publication, or ask a writing related question.
- Your name and website linked on our website.
- Facebook and Instagram Author spotlights.
- Retweets and promotion on Twitter.
- The opportunity to participate in our annual Open Mic Night.
- The opportunity to submit a story to our next anthology.
- Low-cost writing workshops offered by the chapter.

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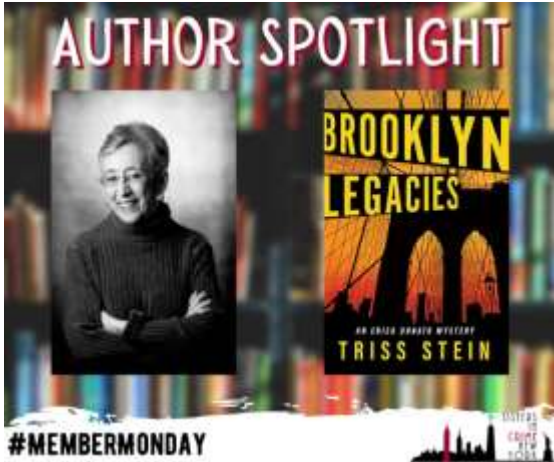
**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING AN ARTICLE TO BLOODLETTER? CONTACT NINA MANSFIELD AT [NINA@NINAMANSFIELD.COM](mailto:NINA@NINAMANSFIELD.COM).**

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# CYBER CRIMES

## A Social Media Update

You may have noticed the NY/Tri-State Chapter has an increased social media presence. Much of this is due to the efforts of new board member **Sarah Burr**, who has been posting for us on Instagram and Facebook. Have you seen her #MemberMonday campaigns? If not, check out some of the posts below.



## THE POLICE BLOTTER

### Member News

**Sarah Burr's** new paranormal cozy mystery *You Can't Candle the Truth* was released in November. This marks the first book in the Glenmyre Whim Mysteries.

**Elizabeth Crowens** will be a featured reader on **Crime, Capers and Conan Doyle in Alternate History with Teel James Glenn** at the NYRSF readings on **Tuesday, February 4th at Brooklyn Commons**. 388 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 7:00 p.m. \$7 suggested donation. Will be recorded on Facebook Live

**Catherine Maiorisi's** *Legacy in Blood*, the fourth NYPD Detective Chiara Corelli Mystery will be released in February 2022. *The Disappearance of Lindy James*, her first general fiction, was published in November 2021. All the NYPD Detective Chiara Corelli Mysteries are available as ebooks, paperbacks and Audio books narrated by Abby Craden.

**Catherine Siemann** was one of the winners of the **Leon B. Burstein/MWA-NY Scholarship for Mystery Writing** for 2021. The award will enable her to attend a mystery writing conference, and to join two local historical societies connected to her work: The Tenement Museum and the New-York Historical Society. Catherine's work in progress features a female lawyer in Gilded Age New York City; the character also appears in "The Teacup," her contribution to our most recent anthology, *Justice for All*.

## DISTURBING THE PEACE

### Upcoming Chapter Events

**Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 6:30PM**  
**Annual Open Mic Night**

The following authors will be reading:

Kathleen Kalb  
Catherine Maiorisi  
Mally Becker  
Sarah Burr  
Cathi Stoler  
Nancy Good  
Ursula Renee  
Constance Meccarello  
Peggy Katalinich  
Nina Mansfield  
Catherine Siemann  
Lori Robbins

*Zoom registration information will be available soon*

**<https://nysinc.org/upcoming-events/>**