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Gearing up for fall

Dear MWA-NY members,

Welcome to the new version of *The Noose*. And welcome to the new *Noose* editor **Mistina Bates**. Please [send any news items](#) to Mistina's attention.

We have some great fall programs, such as the reading series, the Mentor Program (see below), and library panels. We also have a fantastic outing in October—at Woodlawn Cemetery. What better place for mystery writers to spend a fall day?

While the board works hard to offer exciting programs, you and your fellow members are the best resource, the best thing about our organization. When you come to meetings, move around, get to know new people, make new friends. You can learn the most, benefit the most from each other's experiences.

If you haven't come to a meeting or event, what's up with that? And if you're outside the New York area, don't fret—we're making more programming available to you.

Excelsior,

Richie Narvaez
President, MWA-NY



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A Night of Noir

What is film noir, and why do we love it so much? At our June 4 meeting, **Scott Adlerberg**, author (*Spiders and Flies*) and co-host of the Word for Word Reel Talks series at the HBO Bryant Park Summer Film Festival, discussed film noir not as a genre or style, but as a cinematic sensibility.

Adlerberg used movie clips from such films as *Quicksand* (1950) and *Double Indemnity* (1944) to illustrate a wide variety of film noir tropes, from the heist caper to the femme fatale.

Upcoming Events

September 10, Wed., 6-9 p.m. Dinner Meeting, with guest speaker. "Writing Crime for TV." It's *Law & Order: MWA-NY* as novelist/screenwriter **Peter Blauner** and producer/screenwriter **Kevin Fox** share their experiences as TV crime writers. Salmagundi Club, 47

Good Noose

Short Fiction

- **Daniel Marshall Wood**, "An Unexpected Invitation," *Plan B Anthology, Volume IV*, May 2014
- **Bill Chambers**, "The Killing of General Patton," *Sherlock Holmes Mystery Magazine 12*, April 2014

Books

- **Elissa D. Grodin**, *Death by Hitchcock*, Cozy Cat Press, May 2014
- **Jennifer McAndrews**, *Ill-Gotten Panes*, Berkley Prime Crime, July 2014
- **Terrie Farley Moran**, *Well Read, Then Dead*, Berkley Prime Crime, August 2014

Awards

- **Nancy Bilyeau** received RT Reviews' Best Historical Mystery 2014 award for her novel *The Chalice*.

Have good news? Email [Mistina Bates](mailto:Mistina.Bates).

Get Mentored

Your friends love your stories, but publishers don't? Get a professional opinion. For just \$25, you can enroll

5th Ave, New York. Cost: \$42. Make checks to MWA-NY and mail to: **Ann-Marie DiGennaro**, 696 Birdseye Street, Stratford, CT 06615. For more information, contact [Ann-Marie DeGennaro](#).

October 5, Sun., 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Woodlawn Cemetery Writers' Workshop. Spend the day with us at this famous cemetery, learning grave secrets in the morning, and, after lunch, listening to guest writers, including **Linda Fairstein, Heather Graham, Hilary Davidson, Lawrence Block,** and **Lyndsay Faye**. Woodlawn Cemetery, Webster Avenue & E. 233rd Street, Bronx, NY 10470. Cost: \$25-\$60. [Click here for more details or to register.](#)

October 25, Sat., 9-6:30 p.m.
CrimeCONN: All-day Mystery Conference, co-sponsored by MWA-NY. Panel discussions, forensic, police experts, and more. Westport Library, 20 Jesup Road, Westport, CT. Cost: \$25, includes lunch. For more information, contact [Chris Knopf](#).

To keep up with upcoming events, [visit our website](#).

in the MWA-NY Mentor Program. **Send in 50 pages (of your novel or two short stories), and have them critiqued by a published author. The manuscript deemed most publish-ready will be sent to an agent for consideration.**

Manuscripts are due by October 31. Send them to [Catherine Maiorisi](#), chair of the Mentor Committee.

Mystery to a Tee



What's the perfect outfit to wear while struggling to finish your manuscript? An MWA-NY t-shirt! We've created a store on CafePress featuring a variety of shirt styles and colors, all with our snazzy new logo. [Start shopping here.](#)



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