



# Mystery Writers of America

## *New York Chapter*

## A Killer Summer

Dear Fellow MWA-NY Chapter Members,

I hope all of you have been enjoying a fun and productive summer.

Our chapter has been busy these hot months. We had three write-ins and hosted three readings, two in Manhattan and one in on Long Island ([click here for the full story](#)). Thanks to **Ardi Alspach** and **Juliet Fletcher** for putting together the write-ins, to **Scott Adlerberg** for organizing the NYC readings, and to **Linda Maria Frank** for putting together the event in West Hempstead. As always, if you're outside of Manhattan and interested in having events in your area, [let me know](#).

We also attended the inaugural Queens Lit Fest in August, with Queens-based members **Megan Abbott**, **Nancy Bilyeau**, **Terrie Farley Moran**, **Laura Joh Rowland**, and **Alex Segura** reading from their works. Nancy was good enough to do the legwork on getting the band together. [Visit our blog for the full story](#).

This fall, you can look forward to more readings, more write-ins, CrimeCONN in September, dinner meetings with best-selling author **Wendy Corsi Staub** and forensic scientist **Barbara Butcher**, and more. And we have a very special celebrity on tap as guest of honor for this year's Revels in December.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Excelsior,

Richie Narvaez  
President, MWA-NY

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## Discount Writing Courses at NYWW

It's back to school time for writers! New York Writers Workshop is launching new fiction writing workshops this fall. NYWW offers a wide range of courses for writers of all levels, in multiple genres. MWA-NY members receive a 20% discount on tuition. You must present your MWA ID card.

The NYWW's well-known Fiction Pitch Conference will run in October; the three-day conference costs \$450, but MWA-NY members pay only \$300.

For more information, [click here](#) or [send an email](#) to request more information.

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## Upcoming Events

### MWA-NY Write-in @ Think Coffee

**Aug. 30**, Sun., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Get caffeinated and creative with fellow MWA-NY members and **Richie Narvaez**, president of MWA-NY. Get your writing questions answered and talk shop.

Think Coffee  
73 8th Avenue  
New York, NY 10014

Cost: Free

[Click here](#) for more information.

**Dinner Meeting: Author Wendy Corsi Staub**

**Sept. 9**, Wed., 6 - 9 p.m.

The *New York Times* bestselling author visits us to discuss her works and her career.

Salmagundi Club  
47 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10003

Cost: \$42

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

**Brooklyn Book Festival**

**Sept. 20**, Sun., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Visit the MWA-NY booth at the largest free literary event in New York City. If you're interested in participating or have questions, please contact Festivals and Conferences Chair [Patricia King](#) ASAP. There is no cost to participate.

Metro Tech Commons in Downtown Brooklyn

**CrimeCONN**

**Sept. 27**, Sun., 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

A day of entertaining and informative panels with authors, forensic experts, and publishing professionals.

The Westport Library  
20 Jesup Road  
Westport, CT 06880

Cost: \$25, includes light breakfast, coffee/tea and luncheon (MWA members use promotional code POE to receive a \$5 discount.)

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

## **Fireside Mystery Theatre**

**Sept. 27**, Sun., 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of thrilling and chilling tales! Four free tickets available - first come, first served - by contacting showrunner [Gustavo Rodriguez](#). Otherwise, MWA members pay just \$10 at the door.

The Slipper Room  
167 Orchard Street  
New York, NY 10002

Cost: \$10 (***Bring your MWA ID card!***)

[Click here](#) for more information.

## **MWA-NY Mix & Mingle Brunch**

**Oct. 3**, Sat., 12 - 3 p.m.

Salmagundi Club  
47 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10003

Cost: \$25

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

For a full list of upcoming events, [click here](#).

## **Our Trip to Sing Sing**

Our chapter recently visited Sing Sing Correctional Facility in upstate New York. The trip was organized by Outings Chairperson **Rachel Gallagher**, and Board Historian **Andrew J. Peck** was instrumental in reaching out to the officials at the facility to help make this event happen.

The number of members allowed on the tour was limited to 20, and security was tightened because of the recent breakout at the Clinton Correctional

Facility, also in upstate New York. Visitors also had to obey strict rules, such as dressing conservatively and bringing a state-issued ID, and not bringing bottles, cameras, or sharp metal objects.

MWA-NY members **Catherine Clark** and **Daniel L. Friedman** and **Eugene B. Friedman** were kind enough to write about their experiences on the trip; you can read their accounts [here](#) and [here](#), respectively. If you have an idea for a future outing or are interested in working on the Outings committee next year, [contact Rachel](#).

## Edgar Allan Poe Fest Calls for Authors

The Edgar Allan Poe Festival is looking for authors. The well-advertised Halloween event takes place October 31-November 1 in Riverhead, Long Island, and features readings and a space for authors to sell their books. If you're interested, contact our Festivals and Conferences Chairperson [Patricia King](#).

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## MWA-NY Online

You may not always be able to attend a meeting and hear a detective dish on cases or kibbitz with fellow members, but don't forget our healthy presence online. Besides our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages, we also have a great website and blog.

Earlier this year **Patricia King** wrote an insightful entry about [piracy in the book biz](#). Recently, **Laura K. Curtis** posted some excellent advice about [setting — and meeting — your writing goals](#). Our blog has information about our [Write-ins](#), and once a month we [profile an MWA-NY member](#).

## Good Noose

### Short Fiction

- **Stan Trybulski**, "Hangin' with Iron Mike," *Sherlock Holmes Mystery Magazine*, Vol. 6, No. 1

### Books

- **JG Faherty**, *The Cure*, Samhain Publishing, May 2015
- **CJ Carpenter**, *Hidden Vices*, Midnight Ink Publishing, July 2015
- **Terrie Farley Moran**,

Also, our [Yahoo Group page](#) is still active. You can contact other members there, ask for advice, give advice, network, kibbitz, promote.

## Need a critique?

The MWA-NY 2015-16 Mentor Program is coming. Have your crime-related manuscript or short story critiqued by an active member for only \$25.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, but don't forget your writing. [Contact us with any questions!](#)

The Mentor Program Committee

**Erica Obey**, Chair

**Ken Isaacson**

**Shizuka Osake**

*Caught Read-Handed*,  
Berkley Prime Crime, July  
2015

- **Daniella Bennett**, *Lead Me into Danger*, Black Opal Books, October 2015

### Awards

- **Terrie Farley Moran**, *Well Read, Then Dead*, Agatha Award, Best First Novel
- **Cathi Stoler**, "The Kaluki Kings of Queens," Derringer Award, Best Short Story 2014, Short Mystery Fiction Society

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