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Mystery Writers of America

New York Chapter

Summer in the City

Dear Fellow MWA-NY Chapter Members,

I know it's hard to believe, but we are halfway through the year. I don't know about you, but I have a list of new books to read, courtesy of the Edgar[®] Awards. (Didn't catch the nominees/winners? [Check them out here.](#)) Which is just the position I want to be in at the beginning of the summer.

But the summer months hold pleasures beyond reading, too. (I know, it's hard to believe.) Last summer, we had our first genrepalooza. This year, we hope to do it again! We don't have details yet, but we are aiming for August. We'll involve the SF/F folks this year, so you'll be able to talk to people from other genres and see what's going on in the wider world of publishing.

A few things to remind you about: as well as reading your *Noose*, which I know you do whenever it comes because you're reading this letter, I hope you read *The Third Degree*, MWA's national newsletter. There's great information in it, and I don't say that solely because of my article on the various pathways to publication.

Another great resource is the MWA-NY blog, where our chapter members share their expertise. If you'd like to write something for the blog, or *The Noose*, feel free to contact any of the board members, and we'll point you in the right direction.

And of course, we are plotting more nefarious goodies for you guys. In the last *Noose* I mentioned our November 4th workshop with **Jeffrey Deaver**, so please mark your calendars. At the moment, we have no way to record the event. We're hoping to figure something out before the time comes, but it's always better to attend

So stay tuned to this space... and all the emails that come from us, your local chapter. But remember, communication goes both ways. We can't make the community work without you! Let us know how we can serve you.

Laura K. Curtis

President, MWA-NY

Now Accepting Applications for the Leon B. Burstein/MWA-NY Scholarship

The Leon B. Burstein/MWA-NY Scholarship for Mystery Writing offers financial support to aspiring mystery writers. Awards will cover actual expenses not to exceed \$1,000 and may be used toward classes, conferences, or research for a mystery work in progress. It was named for avid mystery fan Leon B. Burstein, to create new works in his favorite genre.

Associate and affiliate members of MWA are eligible to apply; active MWA members are ineligible. Non-members may apply if they do not meet the criteria for active MWA membership. Applicants must live in Connecticut, Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, or West Virginia.

Applications will be accepted until September 22, 2017.

Two scholarships will be awarded in 2017, announced on or about November 8.

For more information, see the full details on the [MWA-NY website](#).

MWA-NY Fiction Writers Conference **June 3, 2017 — Ferguson Library, Stamford, Conn.**

Were you inspired—or depressed—by the Edgar® Awards? Did the awards fire your determination to write better, to write again, to write more? Or, conversely, did you think to yourself that you could never even be nominated for such an award? Either way, MWA-NY's Fiction Writers Conference at The Ferguson is for you. Members of MWA-NY, many of whom were honored at this year's awards, are coming to help you take your fiction—whether it's mystery, romance, historical or general fiction—to the next level.

Beginnings, Structure, and Dialogue to Compelling Characters and Revisions. And publishing professionals will address the Basics of Publishing, the Short Story Market, and more. Our teaching staff is filled with *New York Times* best-selling authors, Edgar[®], Anthony, Agatha and Nero Award-winning authors like **Reed Farrel Coleman**, **Lyndsay Faye**, **Jane Cleland**, **Charles Salzberg**, **Chris Knopf**, **James Benn**, **Jill Fletcher**, **Tim O'Mara**, **Laura K. Curtis**, and **Steve Liskow**, as well as publishing/marketing pros **Jason Pinter**, **Maggie Topkiss**, and **Dru Ann Love**.

Cost: \$65 for MWA members, students, and seniors

Continental breakfast, boxed lunch, and coffee/wine wrap-up party included.

[Visit our Facebook page](#) for more information, and [register online here](#).

History of Mystery Lecture Series

Authors from MWA-NY will discuss the development of the mystery genre in a series of lectures at the Library of the Chathams in Chatham, N.J., on consecutive Tuesdays this June.

The cost for the series is \$40. Register by [clicking here](#).

If you cannot attend all four lectures, the library may make exceptions at a cost of \$10 per lecture. Call the library at 973-635-0603 for more information.

- June 6. **Peggy Ehrhart** on Edgar Allan Poe
- June 13. **Jeff Markowitz** on Anna Katharine Green, the "Forgotten Mother of Mystery"
- June 20. **Lyndsay Faye** on Sherlock Holmes
- June 27. **Dave White** on "The Hardboiled School of Crime Fiction in the U.S."

All lectures begin at 1 p.m.

2017 Write-In Dates

Join MWA-NY for one of our upcoming write-ins.

- June 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Manhattan, venue TBD

- September 24, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Manhattan, venue TBD

[Check out our Facebook group](#) for the latest news on these events.

Upcoming Events

Meet the Queens of Crime: Megan Abbott and S.J. Rozan

June 7, Wed., 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join **Megan Abbott**, Edgar[®]-winning author of eight novels, including *The End of Everything*, *Dare Me*, and *You Will Know Me*, in crime-filled conversation with **S.J. Rozan**, winner of the Edgar[®], Shamus, Anthony, Nero, and Macavity awards for Best Novel and the Edgar[®] for Best Short Story.

PLEASE NOTE VENUE: The Club Quarters

40 West 45th Street
Priestley Room, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10036

Program:

7:00 p.m. Presentation

Drinks and dinner are not included. However, feel free to come as early as 6 p.m. to mingle as usual before a meeting. You can buy drinks at the downstairs bar and restaurant for the mingling hour before the presentation.

Cost: \$10

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

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MWA-NY Crime Fiction Reading Series

June 17, Sat., 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Join the Mystery Writers of America, New York Chapter, for another evening of crime! Crime fiction that is, read by our members: **Angel Luis Colon**, **Jen Conley**, **Nikhil Iyengar**, **Brian Klingborg**, **Alex Segura**, and **Radha Vatsal**. Hosted by

KGB Bar

85 East 4th Street
New York, NY 10003

This event is free and open to the public.

If you're interested in sharing your work at any of our readings, [contact Scott Adlerberg](#).

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What a Character! (Library Panel)

June 29, Thurs., 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

What makes a fictional character memorable? How do you make your readers care about them? Established authors from the Mystery Writers of America, New York Chapter, **Philip Cioffari**, **Peggy Ehrhart**, **Al Tucher**, **Brian Wiprud**, and **Sheila York** share stories of what works for them and what doesn't.

Cresskill Public Library

53 Union Avenue
Community Room
Cresskill, NJ 07626

Light refreshments, Q&A, book raffle. Register by calling 201-567-3521.

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

Good Noose

Short Fiction

- **Richard Ciciarelli**, "An Act of Deception," *Woman's World*, March 27, 2017

Novels

- **Peter Blauner**, *Proving Ground*, Minotaur Books, May 2017
- **Radha Vatsal**, *Murder Between the Lines*, Sourcebooks Landmark, May 2017
- **Kevin Egan**, *A Shattered Circle*, Forge, March 2017

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