

CAPITOL CRIMES

Sharing the thrill of mystery.

DECEMBER 2022

From the President

Happy Holidays, dear Capitol Crimes friends!

It's a busy time of the year, but we hope that you'll take time to celebrate with us in one way or another. We have our traditional in person luncheon on December 17th, and our newly traditional Zoom cocktails on December 27th. And, our NorCal siblings have invited us to their Zoom celebration on December 11th! So we hope to see you all at least once this month as we send off 2022.



I can't help but feel amazed and humbled by all that we accomplished this year. Fabulous speakers at our monthly meetings. Stepping into the challenge of hybrid events. Highlighting our members and their books at our Book Club events. Pulling together our incredible Killer Workshop in partnership with the Palmetto Chapter. Getting out to various local book stores, shopping for books, and spending time face to face with members new and old at our Coffee Hours. Seeing so much talent displayed by members at our Members Marketplace. Oh, and hosting Tori Eldridge and Terry Shepherd for a weekend of wonderful events. Did all of that really happen in just the last year?

It did, and it is all due to the energy and effort put forth by our board and many other marvelous members. I feel so lucky to have gotten to spend this last year as your president. I learned so much from all of you, and just had a lot of fun. As I step back into a smaller role, I look forward to using all of my experiences this year to make my writing stronger.

So, I say farewell to my role as president, and to 2022, but not to all of you. I'll be here, in my advisory role to the board, and I can't wait for everything that they have planned for next year. So don't

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forget to renew your membership, or join if you're not currently a member. It is an investment you won't regret!

Oh, and if you happen to need to do some present shopping, don't forget to visit one (or all) of our amazing local bookstores. We've had so much fun getting to know some of them this year, and we look forward to gathering in even more next year. So, a noble excuse to go book shopping!

—Sarah Bresniker, President



Upcoming Events

FACE-TO-FACE FA LA LA HOLIDAY PARTY 2022

Saturday, December 17, 2022 @ 1:00 PM (PT)

The Old Spaghetti Factory

12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova CA

CAPITOL CRIMES END OF 2022 VIRTUAL COCKTAIL PARTY

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 @ 7:00 PM (PT) • Zoom

THE SECRETS TO ATTRACTING A LITERARY AGENT WITH LORI GALVIN

Saturday, January 21, 2023 @ 1:00 PM (PT) • Zoom

CRIME TIME AT CAPITAL BOOKS

Sunday, January 29, 2023 @ 2:00 PM (PT)

Capital Books, 1011 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

MEET THE AUTHOR – TERRY SHEPHERD

Tuesday, February 07, 2023 @ 7:00 PM (PT) • Zoom

THE ORGANICS OF OUTLINING WITH ELLEN BYRON

Saturday, February 18, 2023 @ 1:00 PM (PT) • Zoom

Visit www.CapitolCrimes.org for details and to register.



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Lunch, Book Exchange, and Face to Face Merrymaking - Saturday, December 17th

Bring your whole self to our in-person holiday celebration!

Show up with your best “Festive Apparel”: holiday sweater, t-shirt, head adornment or all of the aforementioned.

Book exchange: please bring a wrapped book for our traditional book exchange.

There are three options for lunch. Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. Registration closes December 10th.

[Register here.](#)

Join us for the second annual Capitol Crimes Year-End Cocktail Party, December 27th.

Ugly sweaters are welcome but not mandatory. Bring the cocktail of your choice and conjure up a name for it that is appropriately mysterious.

Send us a note if you have a book you want to talk about during the proceedings and make a note of one or two of the best books you read in 2022.

Sarah will kick us off with a quick look in the rearview mirror. Rick will be there with a sneak peek of what’s ahead. And Terry Shepherd will have his usual plethora of conversation starters and some audio trivia questions with prizes attached (No Assembly Required).

Looking forward to seeing you all on December 27th, 7pm Pacific - 10pm Eastern - Midnight in Dublin, Ireland. That should cover just about every time zone in our member base.

Here’s to ringing in the new! [Register here.](#)



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Invitation from our NorCal Siblings for a Celebration

SinC / MWA Chapters and Friends
Crime Time Holiday Party

Dec 11, 2022 2-4:30 PM (PT)

[Register in advance for this meeting here.](#)

(After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.) Send your favorite seasonal recipe for delicious dishes, drinks, desserts—you name it. We'll put together a pdf with everyone's offering to hand out at the party through the chat. Please include your name, pen name, latest title and your chapter. Send to: programs@sincnorcal.org by December 8th.

We look forward to celebrating with our NorCal siblings!



Save the Date! You Won't Want to Miss This!

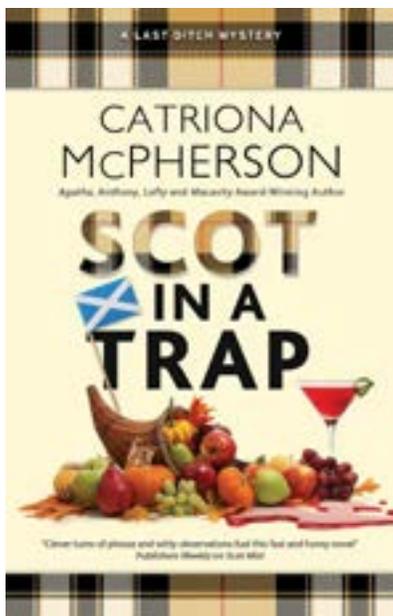
Registration will open in January, but you'll want to start planning now! This in-depth craft retreat will include critique of your work, individual time with Yasmin, sessions on:

Writing Characters that Thrill
Writing Plots that Hit
Pacing Conflict, Tension, and Suspense

and more, plus time to dedicate to your writing in a beautiful, peaceful setting with fellow writers. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information soon!

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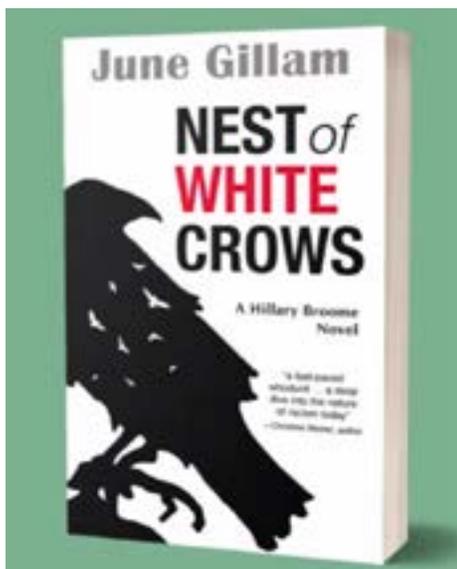


From Catriona McPherson -

Davisites, Davis Adjacents, people who might conceivably be passing through Davis on a Thursday evening . . .I'm going to be at the **Avid Reader** <https://avidreaderbooks.com/events> with wine and snacks, at **6.00pm on Thursday Dec 8**, reading from **SCOT IN A TRAP**, book five in the Last Ditch trilogy (I know; I don't know) which opens on Thanksgiving morning and follows Lexy Campbell, "fictional" Scottish immigrant to this "fictional" college town in northern California, through a wild week of leftovers and murder.

I'm easily entertained and it's tickling me no end to know I'll read a scene set in the Casual Browser bookstore in "fictional" Cuento, while actually at the Avid Reader in actual Davis.

If that sounds like fun to you too, I very much hope you'll join me, —Cx



From June Gillam -

Sunday, December 11, 2:00-4:00pm at Sierra 2 Arts & Community Center, 2791 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818

Cap Crimes members and friends are invited to participate in a live murder mystery game at the book launch for **NEST OF WHITE CROWS**, the latest Hillary Broome crime novel. Guests will join together to crack a set of clues and solve a mystery! You'll enjoy suspense, laughter, delicious food and beverages at this very special event, a fundraiser for local social justice causes.

Register for the party here:

<http://evite.me/W7Qtmq5YMB>

Buy the book:

<https://www.amazon.com/Nest-White-Crows-Hillary-Broome/dp/173246426X>

Visit June's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GorillaGirlInk/>



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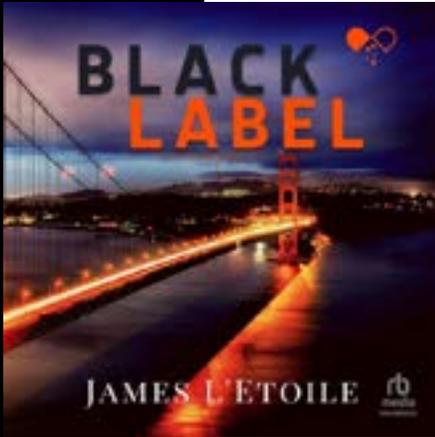


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From Penny Manson -

I was invited back to host the Authors on the Air podcast, interviewing author Wanda Morris. (I had to fight very hard not to go all fan girl over her.) We talked about her debut book "All Her Little Secrets" and her newest book, "Anywhere You Run". I hope you will listen in. (It's short, about 15 minutes.)

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/ACsmq0xWoG4>



From James L'Etoile -

James L'Etoile is happy to announce his award winning thriller, **BLACK LABEL** releases in audio book format from Recorded Books on November 29th. Narrated by Sara Shekells. Available at your favorite audio distributor.

B&N: <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/black-label-james-letaille/1139669512?ean=2940175968164>

Kobo: <https://www.kobo.com/us/en/audiobook/black-label-3>

Libro: <https://www.libro.fm/audiobooks/9781696610438-black-label>

Also, James L'Etoile is thrilled to report **FACE OF GREED**, in which a detective is pulled into a complicated home invasion and murder that involves the state capital's political elite as she struggles to care for a mother suffering from Alzheimer's sold to Oceanview Publishing, in a nice deal, a two book deal for publication in fall 2023.



From Elizabeth Varadan -

Photos for the recent author visit to the adult English class at Escola de Idioma, Monforte de Lemos, Galicia, Spain (November 16, 2022), discussing my book, Deadly Verse, and the writing process. [Visit Elizabeth Varadan's website here.](#)

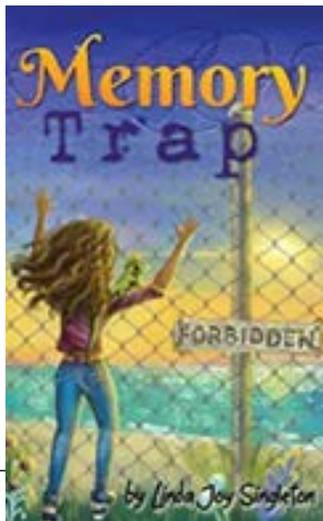
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From Linda Joy Singleton –

I will be signing my Curious Cat Spy Club series and my 2022 release of a middle-grade futuristic murder mystery, **MEMORY TRAP** at the historic Preston Castle, Lone, California, at their annual holiday event on Saturday, December 10th from 10AM-4PM.

Visit Linda's website at: <https://lindajoyingleton.com/>



From Lorie Lewis Ham–

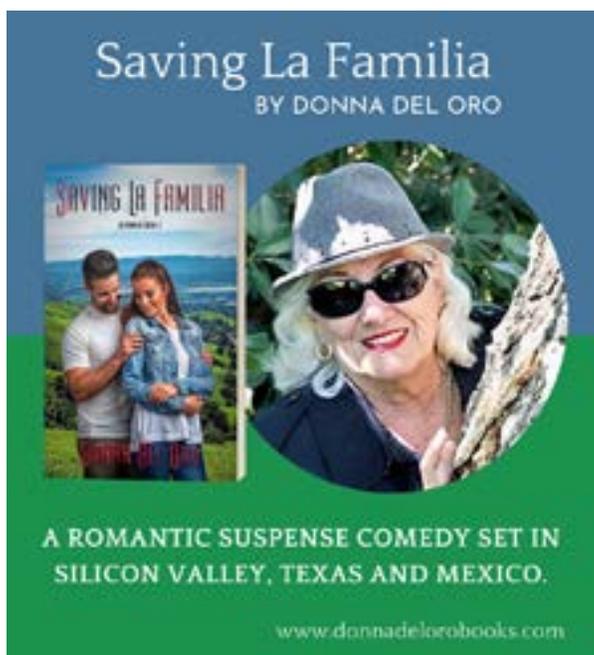
New Mysteryrat's Maze Podcasts!

This one features an excerpt from the first chapter of "Lost and Found in Harlem" by Delia C. Pitts and read by local actor Theodore Fox <https://mysteryratsmaze.podbean.com/e/lost-and-found-in-harlem-by-delia-c-pitts/>

One featuring the mystery short story "Grist For the Mill" and it is read by local actor Joseph Ham <https://mysteryratsmaze.podbean.com/e/grist-for-the-mill-by-kaye-george/>

And one featuring the Thanksgiving mystery short story "They Shoot Pumpkins Don't They?" by Margaret S. Hamilton, and it is read by local actor Donna Beavers <https://mysteryratsmaze.podbean.com/e/they-shoot-pumpkins-don-t-they-by-margaret-s-hamilton/>

They can also be found in all the usual podcast places!



From Donna Del Oro –

Sandra Lopez, a graphic designer, created this delightful book trailer which captures the wry humor in my comedy-suspense novel, **SAVING LA FAMILIA**. Hope you all enjoy it!

<https://videotrailertesting.blogspot.com/2022/11/video-trailer-test-1-saving-la-familia.html>

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In Other News:

SinC/MWA NorCal - Facebook Live: Laurie R. King on "The Art of the Rewrite: Bashing Your Manuscript into Place" on Saturday, December 10th @ 1 PM (Pacific Time). <https://www.facebook.com/watch/MWANorCal/>

"SoWest: Wrong Turn" Sisters in Crime Desert Sleuths Anthology – Book 10. To be published: September 2023. Submissions will be accepted beginning October 1, 2022, and close at 11:59 p.m. January 15, 2023. Contributing authors will be chosen using a blind submission process. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Left Coast Crime 2023: "Trouble in Tucson" – Tucson, Arizona. March 16-19, 2023. [Click here for more details.](#)

Malice Domestic - April 28-30th 2023 - Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland. [Click here for more information.](#)

2023 California Crime Writers Conference - June 10 & 11, 2023. [Click here to go straight to the Registration page.](#) And [check out the hotel](#) for the event, the Hilton Los Angeles, Culver City, 6161 W. Centinela Ave., Culver City, CA. Two intense days of incredible information, inspiration, and networking for any crime writer at any stage in your career. There will be panels for the beginner who has barely written that first line to established professionals looking to step up their game, plus workshops and some exciting surprises.

Killer Nashville Writers' Conference - August 17-20, 2023 - Franklin, TN at the Embassy Suites Nashville South / Cool Springs hotel. [Click here for more details.](#)

Bouchercon 2023: "Murder at the Marina" August 30 to September 3, 2023 at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina, California. [For details click here.](#)

Sisters in Crime Grand Canyon Writers proudly present **Fireside Chats! Coming in 2023: March 2** – Helen O'Hare, editor at Mulholland Books, **May 4** – Racheal Herron, "Revising Your First Draft: All the Tools You'll Need." Registration links and exact times of the virtual 2023 Fireside Chats will be announced closer to the event date. [Click here for details.](#)

Noir at the Bar: Monterey - Held monthly at Duffy's Tavern in Monterey, it's a great excuse for a trip to the coast! For more information, call Alec Cizak at 831-644-9811.

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