



ORANGE HERRING

Sisters in Crime  Orange County



MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the professional development and advancement of women crime writers to achieve equality in the industry.



MEETING PLACE

Irvine Ranch Water District
15500 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92618

For more information and directions, visit:
www.ocsistersincrime.org



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your membership! To join or renew your membership in our Sisters in Crime Chapter, you must also be a member of National. To renew your national membership, go to: www.sistersincrime.org/. To renew for our chapter, go to: www.ocsistersincrime.org/membership.htm and download the form, or fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and mail it in with your check. You can join national online or send your check to national along with your check for our chapter.

If you have not already done so, please renew your Sisters in Crime membership today!

Following are the dates for OC SinC meetings in 2013. Please mark your calendars.

March 24
April 28
May 26
June 23

July 28
August 25
September 15
October 27

November 24
December 15



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mar. 24th at 3:00 p.m. – Carol Hughes

Dame Judy Dench she is not, but field “Mother” she was for more than twenty years as a covert agent in some of the most deadly and glamorous cities and countries in the world. If romance, suspense, mystery and thrillers are in your blood, you won’t want to miss the Orange County Sisters in Crime March meeting.

From Oscar’s Annual Bash to Cannes’ glitzy Red Carpet. From fabled palaces to rat-infested tunnels. From the floor of the Coral Sea to the vacuum of space. From the rain slicked streets of midnight Paris to the bombed out streets of Beirut at high noon. Carol Hughes has lived and written about sights, adventures and characters that have raised more than a few eyebrows around the world. She’s navigated the killer-infested back alleys of Europe’s grandest cities and the shark-infested corridors of Hollywood’s studios—and picked up enough secrets and tips to make living—and writing—an adventure in itself. Going from award winning documentary filmmaking, to covert intelligence agent, to award winning playwright/poet/TV and Feature Film writer seemed like an interesting way to learn the business of writing for writer Carol Hughes. Leaving the world of covert intelligence for the world of Hollywood, Carol has written for Disney, Warner Bros., Universal, Paramount, 20th Century Fox, Orion Pictures, MGM, and Nickelodeon/MTV.

April 28th at 1:30 p.m. at Mystery Ink – T. Jefferson Parker will talk about his new book, *The Famous and the Dead*, and share his experiences as a best-selling, award-winning mystery writer.



MEETING ROUNDUP

It was appropriate that our last meeting took place on Oscar night, because our first pair of speakers had the inside story on some very salacious crimes involving movie stars, mobsters and moguls. Award-winning investigative journalist **Barbara Schroeder** and Beverly Hills PD Senior Forensic Specialist **Clark Fogg** shared some of the stories that come to life in their book, *Beverly Hills Confidential: A Century of Stars, Scandals and Murders*.



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Involved in many of the same cases, the authors had crossed paths for years. When they finally met, it led to a collaboration. Fogg held the case files of some of the most famous crimes in Beverly Hills. The two started digging, and the result is a fascinating look at the seedy side of life in beautiful Beverly Hills. They offer analysis regarding the deaths of Bugsy Siegel and Ronnie Chasen, scandals involving Heidi Fleiss and the Billionaire Boys Club, and the antics of Winona Ryder, Oliver Stone and Lindsay Lohan. Not to mention failed kidnapping attempts, famous assaults, and even mummified bodies.

Beverly Hills Confidential: A Century of Stars, Scandals and Murders gives us a peak into the fascinating and sometimes bizarre history of one of the most glamorous cities in the world.

Daniel McKerren specializes in computer forensics and data recovery. His background is varied. He has investigated horse race fixing, medical crimes, workman's compensation fraud, staged auto accidents, and even faked deaths.

He explained how information is stored on computers and how to retrieve information without tainting the evidence. He gave us some specifics on what to put in a search warrant and different types of warrants. And he provided some entertaining examples of "dumb crooks" who leave behind their names and addresses and then act surprised when they are found.

If anyone says, "There's no way they can recover that," McKerren suggests adding the word "now." With constant advancements in technology, it's only a matter of time before someone finds a way to retrieve that "lost" data.



MEMBER NEWS

D. P. Lyle's latest Q&A book *More Forensics and Fiction* has been nominated for an Edgar Award in the Best Fact Crime category. Congratulations, Doug!

Hey sports fans. **Dmitri Ragano's** latest novel, *The Fugitive Grandma*, is now out in paperback... A crime thriller/black comedy/family drama about a boy and his grandma who rob big box retail stores for cash and medicine. Available on Amazon.



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The Manipulator, a new ebook thriller by OC SinC member **Michael McQuade**, is now available on Amazon's Kindle, Apple devices, and other ebook readers. In *The Manipulator*, Nathan Foster uses a Congressman, a Mafia connection, and an Interpol agent to track down a terrorist group and a money laundering operation in an attempt to influence the Presidential election.



MYSTERY INK NEWS

Located at: Bridgecreek Plaza
8907 Warner Avenue, #135
Huntington Beach, CA 92647
[714 960-4000](tel:7149604000)

In Store Events:

Saturday, March 16th, 2:00 p.m. – **Thomas Perry** – *The Boyfriend*

Perry will be discussing and signing his latest crime novel featuring Jack Till, a retired L.A.P.D Homicide detective and now currently working as a private investigator.

Saturday, April 13th, 3:00 p.m. – **Jim Pascoe and Tom Fassbender**

The previous publishers will be talking about their new collection.

Sunday, April 14th, 3:00 p.m. – **O. C. Launch Party for Tammy Kaehler**

Breaking Points - A new Kate Reilly Racing Mystery. Cake! Goodies!



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Signed Copies Available: Robert Crais – *Suspect*, Michael Connelly – *The Black Box*, Jesse Kellerman - *Potboiler* (2013 Edgar Award nomination for Best Novel),
Earlene Fowler – *The Road to Cardinal Valley*,
Robert S. Levinson – *Phony Tinsel*

Outside Events:

Sunday, March 17th, 11:00 p.m. – Anaheim Public Library – Authors’ Luncheon

“Down These Mean Streets” with John Lescroart, Miles Corwin & Dennis Palumbo.

Call 714-765-1810 for reservations and information.

Mystery Ink Bookstore, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, (714) 960-4000,
www.mysteryink.com. Coffee & Wi-Fi now available.



UPCOMING CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, and EVENTS

LEFT COAST CRIME is an annual mystery convention sponsored by mystery fans, for mystery fans. ...

March 21-24, 2013 – Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Colorado Springs. [Left Coast Crime: Annual Mystery Convention](#)

Edgar® Awards

May 2, 2013 – Grand Hyatt Hotel • New York City

Malice Domestic 2013

May 3, 2013 – Bethesda, MD. For more information, follow this link: [Malice Domestic 2013](#)

California Crime Writers Conference

June 22-23, 2013 – Pasadena, CA

For more information, visit www.ccwconference.org



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Bouchercon 2013, the world's leading convention for crime fiction readers, writers and fans.

September 19-22, 2013 -- Albany, NY, at the Empire State Plaza. For more information, follow this link: [Bouchercon 2013 | A New York State of Crime](#)



Support your local SinC chapter. Buy a lovely mug at the next meeting, and bring your novels for our Sister Share!



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!

If you have events coming up or announcements you want to make, let me know. Please send your contributions and suggestions to: ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com.

The deadline is the 1st of each month!



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Print and complete this form. **NOTE: YOU MUST ALSO JOIN SISTERS IN CRIME NATIONAL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER.**

Send the completed form with both checks, \$40 payable to Sisters in Crime (National) and \$25 payable to Sisters in Crime, OC to:

Membership

Sisters in Crime, Orange County

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please print all information and list your name as you want it listed in the Membership Directory.

New Renewal Name: Address:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

Email: I am a (check all that apply):

Mystery Writer Published Unpublished

Writer in other fields Published Unpublished

Screenwriter

--Produced: Features TV/Cable Other

Reviewer Agent Bookseller Librarian Reader

I would like to help with (check all that apply):

Publicity Refreshments Speakers Raffle Other: