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## Look What's Happening! Don't forget these dates for your calendar!

Times: Critiques 11:30am, Business Meeting 12:30pm, Program 1:30pm  
Meetings are held the second Saturday every month

October 10, 2009

Martha Geier from the Louisville Free Public Library will discuss the ins and outs of collection development and explain why we sometimes can't find our favorite authors or mystery classics on the shelves. She'll also explain the steps a book goes through after it's purchased and before it hits the shelves and answer our questions about the recent flood damage. Martha grew up in Evansville, attended DePauw University, but graduated from San Francisco State. Her Masters in Libraries and Information Services is from Rutgers. She says she's always worked in public libraries because she believes so strongly in their mission, but has also worked for companies that provide software and research tools to libraries. She has lived in Louisville for nine years.

November 14, 2009

### Roundtable Discussion: Favorite Mystery Author or Character

Join us at the next Sisters in Crime ORV meeting,

we will hold a roundtable to discuss

YOUR favorite mystery writer or mystery character.

Why is this author/character your favorite?

Can you identify with the character?

Do you admire the writer's style?

What about the author's sense of place or settings?



Does the character's profession appeal to you?

Does the author create a world that you can see beyond the page?

Do you learn something new every time you read this author?

Does this author produce literary masterpieces in your opinion,  
or an afternoon's escapist entertainment?

Does the character's profession or lifestyle attract you to the work?

Do you like one series from this author but not  
other series or stand-alone novels by the same author?

Come prepared to listen and contribute if you wish. Learn more about  
undiscovered writers and their creations and the people like you who read them.



### Ghost Writing 101

Thomas Freese, is a man of many talents. A resident of Jeffersontown, KY, he is an author, freelance writer, storyteller, and jewelry maker. He does part time work as a psychic channel, including palm readings and tarot. He writes a monthly column for the "Chevy Chaser" and "Southsider Magazine" in Lexington, KY

He is a professional storyteller with educational and entertaining programs he tells for all ages from pre-school to adults. He tells his stories any where people would like him to; schools libraries, parties and even churches. Some of the stories he tells are ghost stories, fairy tales, pioneer tales, silly stories and songs. Thomas also plays guitar, harmonica, and other instruments.

He studied art at several college level educational facilities, from New Mexico to Louisville. Thomas has a line of wooden folk art jewelry that he created. Pins and earrings made in designs with Southwest and Celtic origins.



Thomas told us of his beginnings in psychic channeling, palm reading and the reading of the tarot cards. He told us of the psychic fairs where he honed his abilities. We heard several of his ghost stories, and about some of the people he has done psychic readings for in the past.

"Shaker Ghost Stories from Pleasant Hill, Kentucky" was his first book about ghosts. He has several more with two news one coming out soon. "Ghosts, Spirits, and Angels: True Tales from Kentucky and Beyond" and Haunted Battlefields of the South. He even has a book where he shares his talents of jewelry making with others.

If you would be interested in Thomas' psychic skills you can contact him through e-mail at [thomasfreese@bellsouth.net](mailto:thomasfreese@bellsouth.net)

## Book Raffle

The next book raffle will be at the October meeting. Heidi says she needs MORE books! So go through those book cases and see what you need to get rid of and which ones you need to read just one more time. In October you can donate them and pick up more at the raffle for yourself. I have found this is a great way to read a new author (someone new to me at least) without paying full price for a book you might not like.

## Comings and Goings of other chapter clubs and National SinC

### Bouchercon 2009

Bouchercon 2009 will be held in Indianapolis at the  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
October 15-17, 2009  
Early registration \$125.00  
Guest of Honor- Michael Connelly  
Toastmistress- S.J. Rozan  
Fan Guest of Honor- Kathryn Kennison

SinCORV as a group will help with author assistance and hospitality.

If any of our members would like to volunteer for other activities they are welcome to do so. For volunteering information write to: [news@themysterycompany.com](mailto:news@themysterycompany.com)

They now have a website open [www.bouchercon2009.com](http://www.bouchercon2009.com) you may want to check it regularly because new information is being added as it comes available. Such as, concerning the convention, the city, special guest writers and more.

## Poisoned Pen WebCon

Billed as the world's first virtual mystery convention, the WebCon will take place in real time on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Just like "real" cons, attendees will get to hear guests of honor, in this case, Dana Stabenow and Lee Child. There will also be panel discussions, author presentations and interviews, and a



chance to meet and chat with authors and other mystery lovers in the virtual coffee shop. All registered attendees will receive a goodie bag with a coupon for the Poisoned Pen bookstore, short stories and novel excerpts. For more information and registration details, visit the website:

<http://ppwebcon.com/>

## [Bodies and Buckeyes: The Midwest Writers' Conference](#)

**When:** November 7, 2009, 8am-6:30pm

**Where:** Embassy Suites Hotel, 2700 Corporate Exchange Dr, Columbus OH 43231

**Details:** Join Sisters in Crime of Columbus, Ohio for its first ever mystery conference, Bodies and Buckeyes. Our keynote speaker will be nationally acclaimed crime scene investigation and police procedures expert, Lee Lofland. Lee and other published authors, including Karen Harper, Craig McDonald, Judy Clemens and Beverle Graves Myers, among others, will speak on craft and industry-related topics. Agents, Christine Witthohn and Judith Ann Miramontez, will address Queries, Synopses and the Perfect Pitch and will offer one-on-one pitch sessions. Published authors will participate in a book signing at the end of the day. Space is limited. SinC Authors are invited to send bookmarks, postcards or other promotional pieces for distribution to attendees. Raffle, goodie bags, give-aways, education, networking, fun and friendship. Not to be missed!!!

**Cost:** \$100 if registration postmarked on or before September 23. \$125 if registration postmarked after September 23. Registration is limited to 90 people and must be received by November 3. Continental breakfast, buffet lunch and afternoon snack are included in the conference price.

For more information, go to [Sisters in Crime of Columbus Ohio's website](http://www.sicowriters.org) (<http://www.sicowriters.org>) or contact us [via email](mailto:cmelvin94@mac.com) (cmelvin94@mac.com) or call Carolyn Melvin at 740-246-4794.

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