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THIRD TIME'S A CHARM: SUFFOLK MYSTERY AUTHOR'S FESTIVAL CONTINUES TO GROW

SUFFOLK, VA (June 16, 2016): The Third Annual Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival will be held Saturday, August 13, 2016, at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts (SCCA). A partnership between the SCCA, Suffolk Public Library and Suffolk Tourism, this unique festival appeals to avid readers and aspiring writers alike. The event will feature 30 best-selling authors of mysteries, suspense, paranormal, horror, romance and women's fiction. The Festival opens to the general public at 10 a.m. and is **FREE**—no tickets are required. New for 2016 is a New Authors Expo, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., where fans can meet the best-selling authors of tomorrow and buy their books before everyone else! A private VIP Meet & Greet event will take place from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m., where fans can mingle with their favorite authors, enjoy light refreshments and take home a Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival swag bag. The VIP Meet & Greet tickets are \$20 per person and are limited to the first 100 reservations which may be made by calling 757.514.4130. The afternoon's schedule will feature book signings, readings, multiple workshops and moderated panel discussions, concluding at 6 p.m. A limited supply of the latest titles from each author will be available for purchase; attendees are also encouraged to bring their own books to be signed if they so choose. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day.

Featured bestselling authors: Sparkle Abbey, Beverly Allen, Betsy Ashton, Frankie Y. Bailey, Kelsey Browning, Mollie Cox Bryan, C.S. Challinor, John Clement, Maya Corrigan, Kathleen Delany, Eva Gates/Vicki Delany, Grace Greene, Mary Ellen Hughes, Maggie King, Kimberly Lang, Mary Lawrence, Gayle Leeson/Amanda Lee, Alice Loweecey, Judith Lucci, Nancy Naigle, Nan O'Berry, Tj O'Connor, Kathryn O'Sullivan, Mindy Quigley, Amy M. Reade, B.K. Stevens, Art Taylor, Wendy Tyson, LynDee Walker, and Linda Wiken/Erika Chase. **New Author Expo Participants:** D.B. Corey, Nellie Dixon, Stewart Goodwin, Jeannie Hall, Pamela Kinney, Jackie Laberif, Daniele Lanzarotta, Allie Marie, Bryan Nowak, and Heather Weidner.

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Moderated Panel Discussions:

- Battered and Fried Homicide: Culinary Mysteries
- Unleashed: Incorporating Animal Sidekicks
- It's a Marathon, Not a Sprint: Pacing Mystery & Suspense
- It's Complicated: Creating Authentic Relationships
- You're a Writer! . . . Now What?: Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask

Workshops:

- How to Write a Really Terrible Mystery: And How Not To
- Anatomy of a Mystery—'For Gawd's Sake, Put Some Clothes On!'
- I Don't Need an Agent . . . or *Do I?*
- Reading Like A Writer (co-sponsored by the Suffolk Public Library)
- Writing That First Draft

To learn more or to reserve your VIP Meet & Greet pass, contact Suffolk Tourism at 757.514.4130 or VisitSuffolk@suffolkva.us. Additional details are available at SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.com.

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