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A BOOK FESTIVAL LIKE NO OTHER: FIFTH ANNUAL SUFFOLK MYSTERY AUTHORS FESTIVAL AROUND THE CORNER

SUFFOLK, VA (July 25, 2018): The Fifth Annual Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival will be held Saturday, August 4, 2018, at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts (SCCA). A partnership between the SCCA and Suffolk Tourism, this unique festival appeals to avid readers and aspiring writers alike. The event will feature 40 best-selling authors of mystery, suspense, paranormal, horror, romance and women's fiction. The Festival opens to the general public at 1 p.m. and is **FREE**—no tickets are required. 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 and souvenir ticket. The VIP Meet & Greet tickets are \$20 per person and are limited to the first 50 reservations, which may be made by calling 757.514.4130. The afternoon's schedule will feature book signings, multiple workshops and moderated panel discussions, concluding at 6 p.m. New this year: best-selling authors and good friends Charlaine Harris and Toni L.P. Kelner will be Co-Headliners. In addition to kicking off the Opening Session during an interview moderated by fellow Featured Author, the multi-award-winning Art Taylor, Harris and Kelner will be signing their latest titles during the afternoon signing sessions, along with all Featured Authors. 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: Betsy Ashton, E.A. Aymar, Christy Barritt, Lynn Cahoon, John DeDakis, Tracee de Hahn, Barbara Early, Diane Fanning, Gerrie Ferris Finger, Marni Graff, Grace Greene, Charlaine Harris, Jenna Harte, Aimee Hix, Mary Ellen Hughes, Roger Johns, Toni L.P. Kelner, Maggie King, Eleanor Kuhns, Gayle Leeson, Con Lehane, Alice Loweecey, Judith Lucci, Allie Marie, Sujata Massey, Mary Miley, Julie Moffett, Nancy Naigle, Nan O'Berry, Tj O'Connor, Alan Orloff, Amy M. Reade, Shawn Reilly Simmons, J.R. Ripley, Lane Stone, Marcia Talley, Art Taylor, Christine Trent, LynDee Walker, and Heather Weidner.

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Moderated Panel Discussions:

- Quirky Characters and Untimely Demises: Who Knew Death Could Be So Enticing
- Hello Darkness, My Old Friend: Crafting A Successful Thriller
- This Job's Trying To Kill Me: How A Sleuth's Profession Impacts The Story

Workshops:

- An Hour with Florence Nightingale
(presented by Christine Trent, Featured Author)
- From Novice to Novelist: How to Write A Novel
(presented by John DeDakis, Featured Author)
- The Many Hats Of A Writer
(presented by Teresa Inge, Maggie King*, Kristin Kisska, Nancy Naigle*,
Heather Weidner*, and Ken Wingate

**Featured Authors*

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 www.SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.com or on Facebook @SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.

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