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### 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUFFOLK MYSTERY AUTHORS FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2022 HEADLINER

SUFFOLK, VA (October 1, 2020): Suffolk Tourism is pleased to announce that best-selling author **Juliet Blackwell** will headline the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival, slated for Saturday, March 5, 2022, at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts. A partnership between the SCCA and Suffolk Tourism, this unique festival appeals to avid readers and aspiring writers alike, with events such as book signings, author meet & greets, workshops, and moderated panel discussions. This popular annual event will feature an additional 39 best-selling authors of mystery, suspense/thriller, paranormal, horror, historical, romance, and women's fiction. In addition to kicking off the Opening Session, where she will be interviewed by co-author (and sister) Carolyn J. Lawes, Blackwell will be signing her latest and most popular titles during the afternoon signing sessions, along with all Featured Authors. Applications to be a Featured Author are now available and will be accepted until December 1.

*New York Times* bestselling author **Juliet Blackwell** writes the Witchcraft Mystery series and the Haunted Home Renovation Mysteries. She also writes mainstream novels set in France, including *Off The Wild Coast of Brittany* and the upcoming *The Paris Showroom*. As one-half of Hailey Lind, Blackwell wrote the Art Lover's Mystery series—including the Agatha-nominated *Feint of Art*—with her sister, Carolyn J. Lawes. A former anthropologist and social worker, Juliet has spent time in Mexico, Spain, Cuba, Italy, the Philippines, and France, and has worked with refugee communities in the U.S. When not writing or traveling, she spends her time painting in her studio, hiking the redwoods with her big dog, and tending to her overgrown garden in Oakland, California. She was a two-term president of NorCal Sisters in Crime and served on the board of Mystery Writers of America. Visit her website at [www.JulietBlackwell.com](http://www.JulietBlackwell.com).

**Carolyn J. Lawes** is a history professor at Old Dominion University, who, in her spare time,

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enjoyed writing the Art Lovers' Mystery novels with her sister, Juliet Blackwell, under the nom de plume of Hailey Lind. She has a Ph.D. in history from the University of California at Davis, which is very helpful in her day job but was largely unhelpful when it came to plotting mysteries. She enjoys contributing historical tidbits and insights to Juliet Blackwell's various novels and is a brainstormer of the first order.

To learn more about the Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival, please contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130, visit [www.SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.com](http://www.SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.com) or follow us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival](http://www.Facebook.com/SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival).

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