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A BOOK FESTIVAL LIKE NO OTHER: 6TH ANNUAL SUFFOLK MYSTERY AUTHORS FESTIVAL AROUND THE CORNER

SUFFOLK, VA (July 25, 2019) The 6th Annual Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival will be held Saturday, August 10, 2019, at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts (SCCA). A partnership between the Suffolk Tourism and the SCCA, this unique festival appeals to avid readers and aspiring writers alike. This popular annual 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 reception will take place from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m., when 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. Best-selling author Julie Hyzy will be this year's Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival Headliner. In addition to kicking off the

Opening Session during an on-stage interview moderated by fellow Featured Author, E.A. Aymar, Hyzy will be signing her 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.

Featured Bestselling Authors: Betsy Ashton, E.A. Aymar, Christy Barritt, Catherine Bruns, Ellen Butler, Lynn Cahoon, Austin Camacho, Lynn Chandler Willis, Maya Corrigan, Mollie Cox Bryan, John DeDakis, Tracee de Hahn, Barbara Early, Marni Graff, Grace Greene, Bradley Harper, Sherry Harris, Jenna Harte, Nancy Herriman, Aimee Hix, Maria Hudgins, Mary Ellen Hughes, Julie Hyzy, Roger Johns, Diane Kelly, Maggie King, Alice Loweecey, Allie Marie, Mary Miley, Julie Moffett, K.L. Murphy, Nancy Naigle, Nan O'Berry, Bill Rapp, Amy M. Reade, Shawn Reilly Simmons, J.R. Ripley, Marcia Talley, LynDee Walker, and Heather Weidner.

Moderated Panel Discussions:

- Oh! The Places You'll Go: The Importance of Setting in Mystery
- So Much For Stereotypes: Strong Women in Fiction and Why We Love Them
- License to Thrill: Shivery Suspense To Keep You Turning The Pages

Workshops:

- **From Novice to Novelist: How to Write A Novel**
(presented by John DeDakis, Featured Author)
- **You Wrote Your Novel, Now What? Publishing World Options**
(presented by Ellen Butler, Featured Author)
- **Short Stories vs. Novels: Pathways to Publication**
(presented by Sisters in Crime – Central Virginia Lethal Ladies (and Gent), including Frances Aylor, Lynn Cahoon*, Judy Chalkley, Bradley Harper*, Kristin Kisska, and Heather Weidner*)

*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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