

January 21st, 2010: Open Mic Night This is an encore of our popular program where members read snippets from any of their works, and everyone gets the chance to hear what our diverse chapter's been doing. Practice public reading before your book tour or just sample a variety of terrific writing during this supportive and always-entertaining event. We do time the readings (4 minutes is about 1000 words or less). Hear you there!

February 18th, 2010: Craigslist and True Crime Less than a year ago, people around the country were spellbound by the unfolding saga of the Craigslist killer, so-named during a week-long spree that saw three young women attacked and robbed in hotel rooms, one of them killed, after using the online site to arrange "erotic" services. While former med student Philip Markoff awaits trial, we'll hear about the wide-ranging investigation and arrest from Paul LaRosa, the man who co-wrote the book **SEVEN DAYS OF RAGE: THE DEADLY SPREE OF THE CRAIGSLIST KILLER**. Not only will this veteran NY journalist and author tell us about the crimes, but also the process that authors go through to turn them into books. Chapter member Kathleen Ryan will moderate, and we'll also be giving away a copy of the book!

March 18th, 2010: Small Print to Big ScreenWe all see movies based upon other written works, but how does that process unfold in real-life? Our two guests know from personal experience. Philip Cioffari, a previous short story panelist, also happens to be the writer and director of **LOVE IN THE AGE OF DION**, an independent feature that's already won a handful of honors at local film festivals. Joining him is Tim McLoughlin, whose name may be also be familiar to you as an author and editor from Akashic Books's celebrated Noir collections. His novel of Brooklyn, **HEART OF THE OLD COUNTRY**, was adapted for film, and **THE NARROWS** was screened at last fall's Brooklyn Book Festival. Bring your popcorn, and we'll focus on the joys and perils of transitioning one's stories from small print to the big screen!

April 15th, 2010: Joan Q. Public-ity Joan Schulhafer has worked as an in-house publicist for Avon, Bantam, Pocket Books, Silhouette, and Kensington. Since opening her own agency, she's worked with Nora Roberts, Jayne Ann Krentz, Heather Graham, Ray Bradbury, Elizabeth George, J.A. Jance, Neil Gaiman, Laura Lippman, and Tami Hoag among other notable authors. She'll tell us how publishers' campaigns are planned, what the goals and methods are, and how to think about promoting our own work in the innovative ways a pro publicist does.

May 25th, 2010: Workshop with Chris Roerden Chris Roerden is the multi-award-winning author of DON'T MURDER YOUR MYSTERY and DON'T SABOTAGE YOUR SUBMISSION. At her website, you can sample her books and learn about her decades of experience writing and editing fiction. Based upon the voting preference of chapter members, as our May meeting, we're delighted to announce that Chris will present a 2-hour interactive seminar from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on The Writer's Voice:

Why are 90-95% of manuscripts rejected without being read? Why do most rejections say, "We're looking for a fresh, new voice"? What is voice? How does it differ from style? Tone? And how do you get it? Enjoy group exercises that lead you to explore the elements of voice and expand your options in ways you haven't considered before.

Like regular meetings, afterwards, anyone who wishes is invited to stay to share dinner and conviviality. The cost is \$20 for chapter members and \$25 for non-members, and seating is limited.

June 14th, 2010: Business Mtg. & Party! At the end of our programming year, we traditionally catch up on chapter business, report our progress both organizational and personal, and celebrate all of it with each other. We're holding this one on another unusual day, a Monday, in order to get our favorite private room at what's become a favorite SinC haunt, the West Village's Cowgirl. Follow link for more info and directions. Our *prix fixe* dinner includes appetizer, entree, dessert, and beverage. The full, cash bar has margaritas on tap! The cost will be \$38, payable by check

or cash at the door, though your RSVP must be firm. After June 10th, canceling members or no-shows will be billed, since the restaurant charges the chapter-at-large for meals and staffing by the final headcount.

If you haven't been to Cowgirl, the food is Western/Southern fare with a variety of meaty and meatless options. The portions are ample, the staff is friendly, and the atmosphere is always fun and conducive to carousing. It's undoubtedly a treat to spend time with Sisters and catch up, but don't forget about the door prizes! This is our last meeting of the 2009-10 programming season. Regular meetings will begin again in September.

September 23, 2010: Profiling with Dr. Forensic Kicking off our new season of programs, we have an outstanding guest, Dr. Kostas A. Katsavdakakis, a real-life forensic profiler. Dr. Forensic, as he's nicknamed, provides threat assessments and risk analysis for defendants, both adult and juvenile, charged with violent sexual and non-sexual crimes. Working both privately and for the Courts, he's also presented to law enforcement, criminal attorneys, and mental health professionals. If that weren't enough, he teaches undergraduate and graduate-level courses in the psychology of criminal behavior and forensic psychological testing at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. When it comes to criminal character motivation, Dr. Forensic has the answers, so join us for this fascinating turnabout when it's we who will pick his brain for a change!

October 28, 2010: Writing in Disappearing Ink Frank A. Ahearn is a skip tracer and international "privacy consultant." His latest book, co-authored with partner Eileen C. Horan, is titled HOW TO DISAPPEAR. We'll hear about famous and infamous cases where he was enlisted to track elusive people down. We'll also learn how, in this digital age, professionals help establish new identities and habits for people who want (or need) to get lost.

November 18, 2010: From Both Sides Now A former District Attorney and a defense lawyer, Charles Abercrombie will give us the inside

scoop and war stories from both sides of the courtroom. Bring your questions about strategy and procedure!

December 14, 2010: Holiday Hoe-Down Our Tuesday night party will be at chapter favorite Cowgirl! The party starts at 6:30pm like regular meetings. This time, dinner will be buffet-style with chips, salsa, and guacamole for snacking; chicken fried chicken and BBQ ribs; green salad, mashed potatoes, coleslaw and cornbread; cobbler for dessert and coffee/soft drink service. There will be a full, cash bar stocked with the delectable margaritas as always.

The cost will be \$38, payable at the door. Your RSVP must be firm, as the restaurant charges us for the headcount we supply in advance, and no-shows or late cancellations will be charged.

In addition to hosting our fun Secret Santa gift exchange (for which interested Sisters can bring a wrapped gift of mayhem costing less than \$10), we're adding another optional activity. This year, we'll also be collecting book donations at the party. Children for Children is a non-profit that will distribute our collection to local schools that need new (or very gently used) books of fiction, appropriate for early readers up to high-schoolers. If you can, please help us build new generations of readership!