

"Murder Goes South"

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Friday Night Featured Writer **Carolyn G. Hart** is well know for her Henrie O series. She is an acknowledged master of mystery and spinetingling suspense. Dead Man's Island won Ms. Hart an Agatha Award. She has also been nominated for and has won multiple Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity Awards for her popular "Death on Demand" series. One of the founders of Sisters in Crime.

Saturday Writers are:

Steve Brown has a degree in history and political science and served as a combat platoon leader with the 25th Infantry division in south Vietnam. He is a member of Mystery Writers of America, sisters in Crime and the International Crime Writers. Steve is the author of the Myrtle Beach mysteries, featuring lifeguard and runaway finder Susan Chase. He lives in South Carolina.

Beverly Connor loves archaeology and has worked in Georgia and South Carolina as an archaeologist. She states that she also loves mysteries and combines these two loves in her work, Lindsay Chamberlain Archaeology Mystery series and Diane Fallon Forensic Investigation series. She lives in the wood of Oglethorpe County, Georgia.

Carolyn Haines grew up in the small town of Lucedale, Mississippi. She had big dreams. The southern Delta has never been more exhilarating, evocative, and wickedly funny than the mysteries of Carolyn Haines. Sarah Booth Delaney as an unconventional southern belle is the hottest detective in Zinnia, Mississippi.

Brandon Massey was born in Waukegan, Illinois and grew up in Zion, a suburb north of Chicago. He originally self-published his first novel Thunderland in 1999. His second book, Dark Corner, a vampire novel that takes place in rural Mississippi, hit stores in January 2004.

Cathy Pickens says the most profound influences on her life have been her family, her faith, Nancy Drew and Perry Mason. Southern Fried, winner of the 2003 St. Martin's Malice Domestic Award for Best New Traditional Mystery, features Avery Andrews.

Cheryl Ritzel is a mystery writer and middle school teacher. She takes short courses on Forensics and Crime Scene Investigation and is pursuing a Private investigator's license Her first novel is Beginner's Luck: A Paul Grey Murder Mystery.

E. Joan Sims is the writer of the Paisley Sterling mysteries. She has lived in Barcelona, Spain and Caracas, Venezuela but uses the small town in Kentucky where she was born for her fictitious "Rowan Springs". Membership in the Sisters in Crime, Mystery Writers Association and the Romance Writer's Association are just a few of her credentials.

There will also be workshops on forensic/crime scenes, k-9 training and investigation, 23 different knives and how to use them and the possibility of an agent?

"Murder Goes South" January 28, 2005 7:30pm and January 29, 2005 9:30am-5:00pm

Smyrna Community Center, 200 Village Green Circle, Smyrna, Ga 30080

Friday, January 28, 2005, 7:30pm Carolyn G. Hart, guest speaker. Dinner by Café Michel

Saturday, January 29, 2005, 9:30am-5:00pm Writers forum, workshops, Q&A, book signing and lunch.

Fee for both events is \$40 if registered by January 10, 2005 and \$50 after January 10, 2005.

Fee for either the Friday evening or all day Saturday event is \$25.00.

Please indicate

_____ for both events
_____ for Friday evening
_____ for all day Saturday
_____ total included

Please indicate preference

_____ Friday night dinner _____ chicken
_____ vegetarian
_____ Saturday Lunch _____ chicken salad sandwich
_____ ham and cheese sandwich
_____ turkey and cheese sandwich

All lunches include chips, cookies and beverage

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Number of tickets Friday _____
e-mail address for confirmation _____ Saturday _____

tickets will be at registration desk day of event. They will not be mailed out.

There is limited seating. To reserve please return form with payment to: Friends of the Smyrna Library

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