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

SUFFOLK, VA (June 26, 2017): The Fourth Annual Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival will be held Saturday, August 12, 2017, 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 28 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, sponsored by Köehler Books, 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. 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, a New Author Expo, multiple workshops and moderated panel discussions, concluding at 6 p.m. New this year: a day-long murder mystery game, facilitated by Featured Author Tj O'Connor, with the chance to win great prizes. 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, D.B. Corey, Maya Corrigan, John DeDakis, Tracee de Hahn, Barbara Early/Beverly Allen, Diane Fanning, Gerrie Ferris Finger, Grace Greene, Jenna Harte, Maggie King, Christina Kovac, Eleanor Kuhns, Judith Lucci, Allie Marie, Nan O'Berry/Tessa Berkley, Tj O'Connor, Alan Orloff/Zak Allen, Leigh Perry/Toni L.P. Kelner, Karen Pullen, Amy M. Reade, Shawn Reilly Simmons, B.K. Stevens, Lane Stone, Marcia Talley, Art Taylor, Christine Trent, and Heather Weidner. **New Author Expo Participants:** Alexandra Christle, Nellie Dixon, Stewart Goodwin, Jeannie Hall, Pamela K. Kinney, Daniele Lanzarotta, Amy E. Lilly, Bryan Nowak, Brittany Raschdorf, and the writing duo of F. Sharon Swope and Genilee Swope Parente.

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Moderated Panel Discussions:

- Not All Superheroes Wear Capes: The Wonder of Female Detectives
- Take A Walk On The Dark Side: Finding The Right Balance Between Fear and Fun
- From 17th Century Weaver to 21st Century Chef: How Research Establishes A Character's Professional Credibility

Workshops:

- A Guide to Publishing: Getting to First Base and Beyond
(presented by Joe Coccaro and John Köehler of Köehler Books)
- Short, Sharp, Suspenseful: The Mystery Short Story
(presented by Featured Authors B.K. Stevens and Art Taylor)
- Female Detectives from Nancy Drew to Kinsey Millhone and Stephanie Plum
(presented by Authors from the *50 Shades of Cabernet* Anthology)

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 SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.com.

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