

# ORANGE HERRING

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to promote the ongoing advancement, recognition and professional development of women crime writers.

## **MEETING PLACE**

Irvine Ranch Water District  
**15500** Sand Canyon Avenue  
Irvine, CA 92618

We meet in the Community Affairs meeting room on the northeast side of the parking lot.

For directions, visit: [www.ocsistersincrime.org](http://www.ocsistersincrime.org). ([IRWD map](#))

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## **NEXT MEETING**

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Please join us for our next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 2:00 p.m. when Craig Owens will discuss Volume I of HAUNTED BY HISTORY: Separating the Facts and Legends of Eight Historic Hotel and Inns in Southern California.

HAUNTED BY HISTORY, Vol. 1, “is a stimulating, heavily illustrated account of the supposed hauntings of eight historic Southern California hotels. Pulling together historical photographs and original documents as well as firsthand accounts, the author attempts to verify the ghost stories associated with each inn, dissecting their origins (often in the late 19th and early 20th centuries) and recreating the ghostly encounters in glamorously staged vignette photos.

Craig Owens is a Los Angeles-based fine arts photographer, historical researcher, and blogger of the Facebook page, Bizarre Los Angeles. In recent years, he turned his creative lens and critical eye on historic and haunted hotels in Southern California. Not only has Owens emerged as a leading authority on the paranormal, but his haunted hotel photos have developed a worldwide following.

We will meet in the Community Room of the Irvine Ranch Water District, on the northeast side of the parking lot. Hope to see you there!

### MEETING ROUNDUP

At the Sept. meeting, Marcia Talley gave a talk on “The Mind of a Mystery Writer.” Ms. Talley is the Agatha and Anthony award-winning author of 16 Hannah Ives mysteries, including DAUGHTER OF ASHES and MILE HIGH MURDER. She is editor/author of NAKED CAME THE PHOENIX, a star-studded, tongue-in-cheek collaborative serial novel about murder in a fashionable health spa. A second collaboration, I’D KILL FOR THAT, is set in an upscale gated community. Her short stories appear in more than a dozen collections including With Love, Marjorie Ann and Safety First, both Agatha award nominees, and the multi-award-winning “Too Many Cooks,” a humorous retelling of Shakespeare’s Macbeth from the viewpoint of the three witches, from Much Ado About Murder, edited by Anne Perry. Her story “Driven to Distraction” won the Agatha Award, was nominated for an Anthony, and selected for reprint in two major collections including The Deadly Bride and 21 of the World’s Best Crime and Mystery Stories. Another story, “Can You Hear Me Now,” appeared in *Two of the Deadliest: New Tales of Lust, Greed and Murder from Outstanding Women of Mystery*, edited by Elizabeth George. Marcia is a past national president of Sisters in Crime, Inc., serves on the board of the

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Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Mystery Writers of America, and is a member of the Authors' Guild. Marcia and her husband, Barry, divide their time between Annapolis, Maryland, and a quaint Loyalist cottage on Elbow Cay in the Bahamas.

### MEMBER NEWS

**Greta Boris** has announced the release of the third in her mystery series. There's one thing more dangerous than testifying to a crime—staying silent. Locked in the ruins of a California Mission, Abby Travers watches helplessly as a girl dies outside her window. As she struggles between her moral obligation to come forward as a witness, and her commitment to a Medieval religious practice that requires her to retreat from the world, the situation spins out of control. Abby's hesitation starts a series of catastrophes. She finds herself at the center of a deadly cover up where every minute counts and indecision could be fatal. She questions all her beliefs and everyone she knows becomes suspect. To save herself and those she loves, she must break free from her self-imposed prisons of stone and fear. *The Sanctity of Sloth* is a taut, psychological thriller that answers the question: What happens when a good woman does nothing? Fans of Paula Hawkins and A.J. Finn will enjoy this third book in Greta Boris's Seven Deadly Sins Series. Procrastination is perilous, so get your copy today.

### MYSTERY INK STORE EVENTS

Sunday, November 4, 2 p.m., **Jeri Westerson** - DEADLY RISING. In DEADLY RISING, things were quiet in Strange Herbs & Teas. Kylie, our crossbow slinging hero and her gang of Wiccans tuned-in to the paranormal, have earned some rest. However, when she learns that the Booke may have released not one, but two creatures of horror out into the world, it's up to her to save Moody Bog. DEADLY RISING is the second book in the Booke of the Hidden paranormal series. Jeri also writes the critically acclaimed Crispin Guest Medieval Noir Mysteries.

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Sunday, November 11th, 2:00 p.m., **Gary McPhearson** - JOSHUA AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH – Talk and signing

Sunday, November 17th, 4:00 p.m.-**Ellen Byron**- MARDI GRAS MURDER, **Sybil Johnson**- DESIGNED FOR HAUNTING, and **Nancy Cole Silverman**, REASON TO DOUBT

Check [mysteryink.com](http://mysteryink.com) for upcoming mystery conferences.

**Mystery Ink**, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, CA (714) 960-4000

And for something a little different, and a moment's respite from all things scary and alarming, visit Orange County SIC chapter president **Barbara DeMarco-Barrett** at the Artistic License Fair on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 & 27, Estancia Park, Costa Mesa. Booth 35. Come say hi!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 27, 7th Annual AAUW Authors Lunch- Seal Beach, with award-winning authors **Wendy Hornsby** and **Ellen Byron**. Edgar award-winning author Wendy Hornsby, published internationally, is the author of fourteen novels and many short stories. Her latest book, NUMBER 7, RUE JACOB, features investigative filmmaker Maggie MacGowen. Ellen Byron writes the award-winning Cajun Country Mystery series. In a starred review, Publishers Weekly called her book, A CAJUN CHRISTMAS KILLING, "superb." It won the Left Coast Crime Lefty Award for Best Humorous Mystery, as did BODY ON THE BAYOU. Her latest book in the series, MARDI GRAS MURDER will be released October 9th.

Location: Old Ranch Country Club, Seal Beach - contact: Judy Willis [judywillis3@verizon.net](mailto:judywillis3@verizon.net)

Monday, October 29, 7 pm at Yorba Linda Library. Panel with **Jill Amadio**, **Greta Boris** & **Jeri Westerson** : "We Love Libraries" Presentation of National Sisters in Crime award.

Saturday, November 3, 8 p.m., **Jeri Westerson** at Bearded Lady Mystic Museum Book Launch and Signing for DEADLY RISING. Come to this mysterious locale to enjoy refreshments,

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giveaways, a tarot card reader, and a gift shop of the weird and wonderful. ALL ARE WELCOME. 8p.m. Sharp! Address: 3204 W Magnolia Blvd, Burbank, CA 91505

**SUMMARY OF LADIES OF INTRIGUE EVENT OF 7 OCTOBER**

**BY JILL AMADIO**

Two multi-award-winning authors, **Hallie Ephron** from Boston, MA, and **Carola Dunn** from Eugene, OR, headlined Orange County, California's annual premier female mystery writer event, Ladies of Intrigue, on October 7, continuing its resounding success into a fifth year. Hosted by the OC chapter of Sisters in Crime and its president, bestselling author **Barbara DeMarco-Barrett**, it was held at the Mesa Verde Country Club. Event co-chairs were DeMarco-Barrett and Debbie Mitsch, owner of Mystery Ink bookstore in Huntington Beach, CA. The Hallowe'en theme brought forth trick-or-treat candies and orange candles as centerpieces for the tables and seven gift baskets containing thrillers, mysteries, cozies, and gift cards were auctioned off to the 80 or so attendees.

Nine authors and three author-moderators presented panels focusing on Writing Across Borders: Merging Character with Setting; Curious Minds: Plots, Clues, and Characters, and Me and My Shadow: Series, Stand-Alones and Collaborations. Of particular interest was **Rachel Howzell Hall's** description of her collaboration with James Patterson on his book, *Family Lawyer*. The other authors were **Janelle Brown, Ivy Pochoda, Amy Stewart, Ellen Byron, Hannah Dennison, Wendall Thomas, Lisa Brackmann, Naomi Hirahara, Maddie Margarita, Jill Amadio, and Daryl Wood Gerber**. There were author-signing sessions before and after the panels.

The enthusiastic audience at the day-long gathering of murder-minded fans listened, lunched, and besieged the book table, snapping up their favorite thrillers, cozies, and non-fiction how-to manuals. Ephron's book, *Writing and Selling Your Mystery Novel*, sold out, as did DeMarco-

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Barrett's award-winning **Pen on Fire: A Busy Woman's Guide to Igniting the Writer Within**. Event survey praises included: "Helps us connect more with the stories," "A chance to tell authors we love their work," and "A special day to look forward to each year."



**Support your local SinC chapter. Buy a mug at the next meeting, and donate books for our upcoming raffle.**

If you have future events or announcements, send your contributions and suggestions to: [ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com). **The deadline is the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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## Sisters in Crime Orange County

**Print and complete this form.** NOTE: YOU MUST ALSO JOIN SISTERS IN CRIME NATIONAL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER.

To become a member of SinC National (\$40 **ACTIVE\***, or \$50 **PROFESSIONAL\*\***) go to: <http://www.sistersincrime.org>; See "Become a Member" at the top of the opening page.

To join SinC O.C., send the completed form, below, with a \$25 check, payable to Sisters in Crime, to: Membership, Sisters in Crime O.C., P.O. Box 53132, Irvine, CA 92619-3132.

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Pls. print all information and list your name as you want it listed in the Membership Directory.

**New**       **Renewal**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Day Phone:**

**Evening Phone:**

**Email:**

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**I am a (check all that apply):**

**Mystery Writer**     Published     Unpublished

**Writer in other fields**     Published     Unpublished

**Screenwriter**  
--Produced:     Features     TV/Cable     Other

**Reviewer**     **Agent**     **Bookseller**     **Librarian**     **Reader**

**I would like to help with (check all that apply):**

**Publicity**     **Refreshments**     **Speakers**     **Raffle**     **Other:**

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