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## MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the professional development and advancement of women crime writers and to achieve equality in the industry.

## 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

On Sunday, April 29, at 2:00 p.m., our guest speaker is Joan Renner. She is a writer, lecturer, and a social historian with an expertise in historic Los Angeles crime. Over the past several years she has appeared in more than 20 episodes of various Discovery Channel programs such as *Deadly Women*, *Evil Twins*, *Deadly Affairs*, *Evil*

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*Kin*, and *Nightmare Next Door*. A few years ago she appeared in a segment on film noir for the Turner Classic Movie series, Film Fanatics, and has been interviewed by the History Channel for a show on famous mobsters from the early days of crime. Most recently she has appeared in a show about the infamous Cecil Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The show is entitled *Horror at the Cecil Hotel*. She has also appeared in a new show called ICE COLD BLOOD, hosted by Ice T.

She worked for 6 1/2 years as an archivist at the Los Angeles Police Museum and was an assistant curator for a limited run exhibit based upon the LAPD's continuing investigation of the 1947 unsolved murder of Elizabeth Short, aka The Black Dahlia. She was fortunate to have been part of a small book team that edited a book of crime scene photos for the Police Museum. The book is *LAPD '53*, published in May 2015. James Ellroy, the Demon Dog of American crime fiction, wrote the narrative to accompany the photographs

Although no longer affiliated with the Los Angeles Police Museum, she is currently a volunteer archivist/historian for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Museum, slated to open late in 2018 or early 2019. There will be two museums: a small museum that will open in the Hall of Justice downtown and feature artifacts reflecting the original inhabitants of the Hall including the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney, and the Coroner. Another museum will focus exclusively on the history of the Sheriff's Department and will open at what was formerly the Los Angeles County Women's Jail, Sybil Brand Institute.

She has lectured at the Egyptian Theater in Hollywood, the Central Library, and private organizations on such diverse topics as "Gold Diggers & Snake Handlers: Deranged L.A. Crimes from the Notebook of Aggie Underwood," "Felonious Flappers: Bad Girls of the Art Deco Era," and "Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow: How the 'Bob' Changed History." The "Gold Diggers..." lecture provided the inspiration for the Deranged L.A. Crimes blog.

She is a board member for the nonprofit, Photo Friends (affiliated with the Los Angeles Public Library). She has served on the Advisory Board of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Museum and on the Los Angeles County Peace Officer Memorial Committee.

As of January 2018, she serves on the board of the Los Angeles chapter of Sisters in Crime.

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Several times a year she is a tour guide for Esotouric, a company that gives, among their many offerings, crime-themed tours of Los Angeles. Look for her on the Black Dahlia, Blood and Dumplings, Hotel Horrors & Main Street Vice, and East Side Babylon tours.

Her most recent book is *The First with the Latest!: Aggie Underwood, the Los Angeles Herald, and the Sordid Crimes of a City*.

## MEETING ROUNDUP

Because our excellent guest speaker for March is subject to a NDA (non-disclosure agreement), there will no published summary of her presentation.

## MEMBER NEWS

Anaheim Library Foundation Mystery Author Luncheon

“High Tide and Homicide”

**DP Lyle, Matt Coyle, Patricia Smiley, Robin Burcell**

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Sheraton Park Hotel

1855 S. Harbor Blvd

Anaheim, CA

<http://www.anaheimpubliclibraryfoundation.com>

**Terry Ambrose** has released a new Seaside Cove Bed & Breakfast Mystery titled “Clues in the Sand.” This is the second book in the series featuring B&B owner Rick

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Atwood and his precocious ten-year-old daughter Alex. The book is available in both Kindle and paperback editions.

**Diane Pardee** recommends the following resource as a great free resource for published authors. We have our own Orange County page, plus there are pages for Los Angeles, San Diego and a lot of other California counties. The more people you get on there, and the more they promote it to their groups, the better it will be for everyone. We have 20 authors on it now, but there are tons more who haven't heard of it. <https://hometownreads.com/city/orange-county>

### MYSTERY INK NEWS

**Saturday, May 5, 5:00 p.m.**—Baron Birtcher - *Fistful Of Rain*

In this sequel to *South California Purple*, set in 1975, a small town in a rural county is trying to reconcile the sweeping changes across the nation with the town's way of life. A theft of livestock escalates to arson and the murder of a dozen people. Sheriff Ty Dawson finds himself in the center of a battle between cattle ranchers and a hippie commune, each growing closer to committing violence to the other and tearing the town apart.

**Saturday, May 19, 11:00 a.m.**—Wendy Hornsby and Janet Dawson

In Edgar-Award winning author Wendy Hornsby's new novel, *Number 7, Rue Jacob*. Maggie MacGowan, an investigative filmmaker, and her fiancé Jean-Paul, are being hunted and their predator is using every electronic medium to stalk them. When their pursuer posts a reward for their capture on the internet, anyone could be their potential enemy. Maggie and Jean-Paul embark on a nightmare odyssey across Europe.

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In Janet Dawson's newest California Zephyr mystery *Ghost In Roomette 4*, it's almost midnight on the sleek streamliner, the California Zephyr, when Zephyrette Jill McLeod sees something she can't explain. Jill soon learns that others have seen the phenomenon, too. Whatever—whoever—is haunting roomette four may be connected to a man's death two months earlier and it looks like the unquiet spirit is pointing to murder.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, April 15 Anaheim Library Annual Mystery Authors Luncheon

D.P. Lyle, Patricia Smiley, and Matt Coyle, with moderator Robin Burcell

<http://www.anaheimpubliclibraryfoundation.com/>

**Los Angeles Times Festival of Books April 21 - April 22 – USC Campus**

Visit us at the SoCal MWA and Sisters in Crime booths.

**Sunday, April 29 - O.C. Sisters in Crime, [www.ocsisterincrime.org](http://www.ocsisterincrime.org)**

Speaker: Joan Renner on Aggie Underwood - Murder Was Her Beat: LA Crimes

**SAVE THE DATE! October 7, Annual Ladies of Intrigue Conference**

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## **MYSTERY CONFERENCES 2018:**

### **Malice Domestic, April 27-29, Bethesda, MD**

Guest of Honor: Louise Penny, Toastmaster: Catriona McPherson

### **CrimeFest May 17-20, Bristol, United Kingdom**

Featured Authors: Lee Child and Jeffery Deaver

### **ThrillerFest XIII, July 10-14, New York City, NY**

Thriller Master: George R.R. Martin and Lee Child

### **Bouchercon, September 6-9, St. Petersburg, FL**

Guests of Honor include: Karin Slaughter, Ian Rankin, Lisa Unger and more!

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**For additional information and location: [ocsistersincrime.org](http://ocsistersincrime.org)**



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If you have events coming up or announcements, let me know. Please 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.

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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**Name:**

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**Evening Phone:**

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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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