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The Great Cactus Caper Newsletter



February 13, 2016 Newsletter

Author/Reader Connections

Don't forget your opportunity to get to know your favorite authors in a more personal setting, such as lunch, coffee, or happy hour. A number of Author/Reader Connections are posted already, and more are being added every day. Check them out and [sign up!](#)

See More of Phoenix

There are still spaces available on the local tours taking place before and after LCC. For instance, if you arrive in town Wednesday afternoon, check out the Walking Tour of Haunted Phoenix that evening, 7:00-9:00 PM (You can sign up online or when you pick up your registration packet.) [Get full details on all tours.](#)

Author Speed Dating

Readers and fans! Get to know 40 different authors at Thursday morning's event. You'll sit at a table and hear pitches from rotating pairs of authors. That's Thursday, 9:00-11:00 AM (Author spaces full.)

Looking for a Roommate?

Noemi Levine has volunteered to coordinate roommate requests. Contact her at noemi@noemilevine.com.

We Need YOUR Help! Final Call for Volunteers

We still need lots of volunteers to help the convention run smoothly. If you are interested

in helping with any of the Volunteer Jobs listed below, please please [email Volunteer Coordinator Lucinda Surber](#) who will reply with a list of the panels and other volunteer time slots still in search of volunteers. (And thanks to all of you who have already volunteered – we can't put on a Left Coast Crime convention without your help!)



Panel Room Timekeeper/Monitor

Sign up for a shift managing a panel room. We need lots of volunteers for this fun job.

Responsibilities include picking up the Panel Packet and arranging the panelist name tents before the panel, holding up signs so the Panel Moderator knows how much time is left before the end of the panel, and escorting the panelists to the signing space after the panel. Written instructions will be provided.

Book Signings

Sign up for a shift helping with the Book Signings following each panel. Duties include placing signage, greeting and directing authors to their seats, and managing lines to avoid congestion. We need volunteers for one-hour shifts on Thursday (12:30–4:30 PM), Friday (11:30 AM – 4:30 PM), Saturday (10:00 AM – 4:30 PM), Sunday (10:00 AM – 12:30 PM).

Registration Desk

Sign up for a two-hour shift helping Registrar Karen Ringer manage the registration desk. We need both experienced Registration Desk volunteers and those who have never done this fun job of welcoming convention registrations and handing out the registration envelopes and book bags. We need volunteers for two-hour shifts on Wednesday (5:00–6:00 PM), Thursday (1:00–4:30 PM), Friday (9:00 AM – 4:30 PM), Saturday (9:00 AM–1:00 PM).

Volunteer Table

Sign up for a two-hour shift helping Volunteer Coordinator Lucinda Surber to distribute and collect Panel Room Packets. We need volunteers for two-hour shifts on Thursday (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM), Friday (9:00 AM – 4:30 PM), Saturday (9:00 AM – 4:30 PM), Sunday (9:00–11:00 AM).

Banquet Table

Sign up for a two-hour shift helping participants chose the author table they would like to sit at. We need volunteers for two-hour shifts on on Wednesday (3:00-6:00 PM), Thursday (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and 3:00–4:30 PM), and Friday (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM).

Silent Auction

Sign up for a shift helping Auction Chair

Mary Thielen monitor the Silent Auction Items, like this fabulous Silent Auction basket donated by Sheila Lowe. Responsibilities include keeping an eye on the Silent Auction items and answering questions. We need volunteers for two-hour shifts on Thursday (12:30–4:30 PM), Friday (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM), Saturday (Noon–4:00 PM).



Book Staging and Book Bag Stuffing

NOTE: All the volunteer slots for Book Staging on Tuesday and Book Bag Stuffing on Wednesday have been filled. Thanks in advance for all of you who volunteered to help with this fun job!

See you soon in Phoenix!

We're looking forward to seeing you soon in Phoenix! General questions about the convention should be sent to [Chair Ingrid Willis](#). Visit the [LCC 2016 Contact page](#) for other contact email links.

Left Coast Crime 2017: Honolulu Havoc

It's not too soon to think about escaping the cold March weather (unless you live in Phoenix!) in 2017 — registration for Left Coast Crime in Hawaii is open! Don't wait too long — our early registration price of \$225 will expire at the close of The Great Cactus Caper, on February 29, 2016. [Register online](#), or stop by the Honolulu Havoc table in Phoenix for more information, or to register in person.

March 16–19, 2017 in Honolulu, Hawaii

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort

Located on Waikiki Beach on 22 beautiful waterfront acres, the legendary Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort features five pools, 20 restaurants and bars, and daily activities ranging from morning exercise classes to Hula lessons.

- Lifetime Achievement: Faye Kellerman & Jonathan Kellerman
- Guests of Honor: Dana Stabenow & Colin Cotterill
- Toastmaster: Laurie R. King
- Ghost of Honor: Earl Derr Biggers, creator of Charlie Chan

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