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The Great Cactus Caper Newsletter



February 6, 2016 Newsletter

Attention: All authors who have a first mystery/crime novel published between January 1, 2015, and February 29, 2016.

You are eligible to present at the Meet the New Authors Breakfast, Friday, February 26 at 7:30 AM. If you are eligible and have not been contacted by Mike Befeler, you can reach him at mikebef@aol.com.

Calling All Volunteers

Our thanks to everyone who has already volunteered for Left Coast Crime 2016: The Great Cactus Caper. As an all-volunteer organization, LCC can't organize conventions without volunteers like you! To volunteer for any of the Volunteer opportunities listed below, please email Volunteer Coordinator Lucinda Surber with the Volunteer Job(s) you would like along with some times you are available.



Hooray! The Panels Are Here!

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. If you are interested, please look over the [Panel Schedule](#) and email Lucinda Surber with a list of some panels you would like to help with.

Book Signings

Sign up for a shift helping Signing Coordinator Al Abramson 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 (10:00 AM – 4:30 PM), Saturday (10:00 AM – 4:30 PM), Sunday (10:00 AM – 12:30 PM). If you would like to help with the Book Signings, please specify some time blocks you would be available.

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 (3:00-6:00 PM), Thursday (1:00 – 4:30 PM), Friday (9:00 AM – 4:30 PM), Saturday (9:00 AM–Noon). If you would like to volunteer for the Registration Desk, please note some time blocks you would be available.

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). If you would like to help out at the Volunteer Table, please specify some time blocks you would be available.

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). If you would like to help out at the Banquet Table, please note some time blocks you would be available.

Silent Auction

Sign up for a shift helping Auction Chair Mary Thielen monitor the Silent Auction Items. 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 – 4:30 PM), Saturday (10:00 AM – 4:30 PM). If you would like to help in the Silent Auction room, please select some time blocks you would be available.

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!

Questions about LCC 2016?

We welcome your interest in Left Coast Crime 2016, The Great Cactus Caper. 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 (depending on where you live, of course!) in 2017 — registration for Left Coast Crime in Hawaii is open! Don't wait too long — our early registration price of \$225 will expire on February 29, 2016. 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

[More information about LCC 2017 and online registration](#)



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