

## **SinC Atlanta e-Blast - Sept 14, 2018**

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### **\*\*\*News from SinC Atlanta\*\*\***

#### **Open for Nominations for Board for 2019**

**President- Vice President- Secretary- Treasurer**

**All are annually electable positions**

If interested, please email [President@SinCAtlanta.com](mailto:President@SinCAtlanta.com)

Nominations open through the end of September.

Meet the candidates in October. Election in November.

#### **Monthly Meeting**

**No September meeting due to Decatur Book Festival and Boucher Con.**



#### **AJC Decatur Book Festival**

Sisters in Crime had a third successful year at the Decatur Book Festival, with 17 authors participating. Most were from our Atlanta chapter, but several SinC authors came in from out of town. We entertained audiences with 12 panels in our booth and sold over \$3000 worth of books. Many visitors took flyers for our October workshop, and several others inquired about membership in Sisters in Crime. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the weekend successful!

**Our September guest is the future President of Sisters in Crime National. Let's give her a warm welcome.**

**[September 18, Virtual Book Club presents Sherry Harris](#)**

Sherry uses her love of garage sales, her life as a military spouse, and her time living in Massachusetts as inspiration for the Sarah Winston Garage



Sale series. Tagged for Death, first in the series, came out in December 2014. Her garage sale series is an action packed cozy mystery.

We will be discussing her latest book, the fifth in the series – I know what you bid last summer. <https://sherryharrisauthor.com>

<https://www.meetup.com/Sisters-in-Crime-Atlanta-Chapter/events/253943741/>



**October 16 the Webinar will be with Meg Gardner on How to keep turmoil in the story and your readers reading.** Meg is shifting to be a webinar instead of our October monthly meeting guest. She had a scheduling issue. Delighted we were able to find a solution. **Save the Date – This is not one to miss.**

Meg Gardiner is the author of fourteen thrillers. Her latest novel, Into the Black Nowhere, features rookie FBI agent Caitlin Hendrix. Don Winslow calls it "A terrifying and brilliant read." It's the sequel to UNSUB, which is nominated for a Barry Award for Best Thriller and is in development as a TV series by CBS.

**RESCHEDULED WEBINAR - Liz Ireland** needed to reschedule as she moved and everything is in boxes. She will be doing her webinar on Screenwriting in February 2019.

### **Last Month's webinar with Ellern Byron**



Ellen Byron writes the award-winning Cajun Country Mystery series. She talked about writing humor and how to identify moments where humor can make characters more than one-dimensional.

Ellen gave a hard to understand, but very informative webinar on integrating comedy into your writing. She created a PowerPoint and asks that we not share it beyond our group. <https://fccdl.in/9ax1LheljR> is the event link.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: - SinC Atlanta needs You.**

If you haven't yet volunteered to donate a little time and talent to support our chapter, please consider one of our vacancies: To volunteer, please contact Claire - [President@SincAtlanta.com](mailto:President@SincAtlanta.com).

- Membership Outreach.
- Sponsorship Outreach – both items for gift bags and promotional partnership
- Blog Coordinator- link to webinar about blogging <https://fccdl.in/qf02S1iiOS>

**Ramping up for 2019 - taking suggestions for speakers.**

Accepting recommendations for speakers for programs and online events for 2019. Contact at [President@SincAtlanta.com](mailto:President@SincAtlanta.com) with introductions to people who would be subject matter experts, literary or marketing experts, or have some other interesting specialty they could share with us.

**\*\*\*ATTENTION AUTHORS\*\*\***

**Promotional Opportunity:**

Interested in a free promotional opportunity? Bring your bookmarks and/or business cards to any meeting, and Amanda Feyerabend will put them front and center at the Book Nook in Marietta where she works. She'd love to help her fellow sisters and misters get in front of reader's eyes.

Mary Anne Edwards has spoken with Gina, the director of Delmar Gardens Senior Center in Smyrna, who is always looking for speakers for their weekly book club. They also have space available for events. Contact Gina Kristjanson at 770-432-4444 or email [GKristjanson@delmaqrgardens.com](mailto:GKristjanson@delmaqrgardens.com)

Daria Pichanick and Jane Suen has volunteered to coordinate our promotional event with Tall Tale Books, our We Love Bookstore winner. This event will be a themed author reading and signing on October 27. We will keep you updated as plans firm up. We are working to develop a long term partnership with them and hope to do recurring signings once a quarter or so.

**Call for Submissions for**

Call for Anthology = American Psychos by Red Room Press  
<http://www.redroompress.com/submission-guidelines/american-psychos/>  
Serial killers in USA. Deadline 10/1/2018 \$100 per story, 3500-5000 words, Editors Randy Chandler and Cheryl Mullenax

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**Writers Guidelines for the Good G.R.I.T.S. Anthology**  
<https://sites.google.com/site/marybethmageewrites/home/botr-press-llc/good-grits-anthology>

We want well-written true stories and poems reflecting what it means to be a Girl Raised in the South. Edited by Mary Beth Magee ( SinC) . Charity fundraiser. Deadline - January 31, 2019

Angela Durden is editing 2 anthologies.  
Blue Room Books call for submissions for 2 anthologies

The first will feature Southern short-form humor by various writers.  
The second will have short stories featuring crime in the South. Both books can include fiction and non-fiction.

<https://angeladurden-books.com/books/blue-room-books-publisher/blue-room-books-call-writers-submissions-two-new-books/>

**\*\*\*MEMBER NEWS & INFORMATION\*\*\***

You can use [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) to promote your events. Ask Angela how [VP1@SinCAtlanta.com](mailto:VP1@SinCAtlanta.com)

Anne Lovett has agreed to host the Holiday Party this year. Hopefully it won't get snowed out again. More details as we get closer to the event. If someone would like to plan it, your help would be welcome.

**\*\*\*General News & Information\*\*\***



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On Saturday, October 6, 2018, SEMWA and SinC Atlanta are joining together to host *The Psychology of Writing*, an open to the public workshop at the DeKalb Public Library, featuring national award-winning author Toni L.P. Kelner (Leigh Perry), Dr. Stephen P. Kelner, and eighteen other authors. The price for this fantastic all-day event, which will include panels, book signings, networking opportunities and lunch is \$25.

Toni is the author of eleven novels: eight Laura Fleming and three “Where are they now?” mysteries. She also has written numerous short stories and co-edited, with Charlaïne Harris, several urban fantasy anthologies. Stephen specializes in using motivational psychology to energize writers and is the author of **Motivate Your Writing**.

**Choose your lunch by buying the ticket for the meal you desire.**  
<https://www.eventbrite.com> search **The Psychology of Writing**

[All-Day Pass and Vegetable Medley Lunch](#)

[All-Day Pass and Herb Grilled Chicken Salad](#)

[All-Day Pass and Roast Beef Sandwich Boxed Lunch](#)

[All-Day Pass and Tuna Salad Sandwich Boxed Lunch](#)

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## Invitation to Southern Festival of Books in Nashville TN

Friday – Sunday October 12-14<sup>th</sup> 2018

Sort of a smaller version of Decatur Book Festival. Draws over 200 authors a year. Middle Tennessee Sisters in Crime president Bob Mangeot has invited us to join him in their tent.

All of your members are welcome to meet/greet/sell at our booth. No fees, but authors pay own way and bring own stock, promo materials, etc. and arrange for own sales. Our chapter can't handle sales transactions directly. Folks are welcome to contact me directly. Some high points:

- The Festival is downtown blocks from Printers Alley and not much farther to Lower Broadway and honky tonkin'.
- The atmosphere is pure wonderful, with a big book tent (Ann Patchett's bookstore), food trucks, literary organizations, the works. There is music non-stop -- and Nashville has amazing musicians.
- Parking on-site means a lot or garage a few blocks away. But if folks give us enough advance notice, there's no problem unloading curbside at the Plaza and then parking.
- The show goes on wet or dry. The Main Library is a few blocks away. It's where most panels are held and is a worst-case oasis for heat or rain.



Festival deets: <http://humanitiestennessee.org/programs/southern-festival-books-celebration-written-word>

To make arrangements contact Bob. His email is [rtn@robertmangeot.com](mailto:rtn@robertmangeot.com)

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October 4-7th is Georgia Romance Writer's Moonlight and Magnolias conference. This year they have a mini crime writing track. SinC members are welcome.

### **A Day with Damon Suede: Workshop for Genre Fiction Writers**

Music City Romance Writers (MCRW) is proud to present A Day with Damon Suede, a workshop for genre fiction writers led by best-selling romance author, Damon Suede on September 15<sup>th</sup> in Brentwood, TN. Sessions will cover innovative methods for characterization, story planning strategies, branding, and building an authorial platform. Optional bonus sessions include an evening workshop on blurb creation and Sunday morning breakfast marketing chat. For pricing info and full schedule, visit [www.mcrw.com](http://www.mcrw.com) (<https://musiccityrwa.blogspot.com/2018/06/september-2018-event-day-with-damon.html>)

### **New Book Releases and Author Announcements:**

Let us know about your upcoming releases, book parties, and events – email [President@SincAtlanta.com](mailto:President@SincAtlanta.com)

Do you have books coming out? Let Sinc National know to include you on the monthly rotator Submit here: <https://www.sistersincrime.org/page/bookcover>

Sharon Marchisello's short story, "The Wrong Coffee Shop" has been published in the anthology, Shhhh...Murder! by Darkhouse Books. It was just released:

<http://darkhousebooks.com/2018/09/13/shhhh-murder/>

Roger Johns' River of Secrets was released late August. The book features Baton Rouge police detective Wallace Hartman navigating a tangle of family ties, police politics, and climbing racially based violence while investigating the murder of a powerful and ambitious politician.

Anne Lovett is a finalist for a 2018 Maggie Award. Saving Miss Lillian, her mystery-romance, has been named a finalist in Mainstream Fiction with a Central Romance in the Maggie Awards given by the Georgia Romance Writers. The winners of the Maggie Medallions will be announced at the banquet October 6. A new large print edition of Saving Miss Lillian is in production. Anne also shared that she recently appeared at Marsha Cornelius's A Novel Idea with five other local mystery authors in Canton and read a scene. It was great fun!

Angela K. Durden does more than crime. The next book about to be published is humor. That's right! Make 'em laugh. It is entitled "Dancing at the Waffle House — and other stories Neal

Boortz Wishes He Had Told." Expected publication date is August 2018. This is the first in a series of books featuring long-form humor, such as Mark Twain, Will Rogers, Umberto Eco, and others write as they opine about people and events. To see more of what Angela has written, click this link: [Amazon Author Page](#).

## News from National –

### “We Love Libraries” winner for July 2018 is Peachtree City Library.

Peachtree City Library will be receiving a check for \$1000 from Sisters in Crime National to support their programs. Date of award is to be determined. Sharon Marchisello and Larrissa Reinhardt are organizing the presentation.

<https://www.sistersincrime.org/page/WeLoveLibraries>

I have materials about the We Love Libraries program. Let me know at a meeting if you would like the brochure to share with your favorite public, school, university library. - Claire

### SinC ATLANTA CALENDAR NOTES

<https://www.meetup.com/Sisters-in-Crime-Atlanta-Chapter/> has all the most current information. Strongly suggest that everyone gets on the Meetup mail list.

September 8, 2018	NO MEETING
September 18	Virtual Book Club with Sherry Harris
Sept 30	DEADLINE for Nomination for Board of Directors for 2019
October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Decatur Library 9:00 – 4:00 pm – registration opens at 8:30AM SEMWA and Sisters in Crime, Atlanta are co-sponsoring <i>Psychology of Writing</i> , a workshop featuring Leigh Perry and her husband. There will be speaking and book selling opportunities for members.
<del>October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM</del>	TO BE RESCHEDULED to February 2019 - Webinar – Liz Ireland – writing scripts and Screenplays
October 13, 2018	Smyrna Public Library 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Announce Slate, meet the candidates.
October 16, 2018	Webinar - Meg Gardiner: Suspense – How to keep the reader in turmoil

November 10, 2018 Smyrna Public Library 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Elections  
November 13th, 7:00 PM Virtual Book Club: P. M. Terrell – multi genre author  
December 8, 2018 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Holiday Party at Anne Lovett’s home,  
Installment of new officers  
December 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM Webinar: John DeDakis :From Novice to Novelist

**Area Events (from Guppy First Draft Newsletter and Publishers Weekly)**

Sept 22, 2018 LitFest 2018 Brenau University, Gainesville GA  
<https://www.brenau.edu/litfest/>

Oct 4-6, 2018 Georgia Romance Writer’s Moonlight and Magnolia’s conference

Oct 6, 2018 Psychology of Writing at Decatur Library, co-hosted by SEMWA and  
SinC Atlanta

October 12 – 14, 2018 – Nashville’s Southern Festival of Books, our Sister chapter Middle Tn  
gets a booth and we are invited to join.

Nov 10, 2018 Milton Literary Festival

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February 15-19, 2019 Savannah Book Festival

March 1-2, 2019 Dahlonega Literary Festival

March 14-17, 2019 SleuthFest, Deerfield Beach, FL sponsored by Florida MWA

March 2nd, 2019 Deckle Edge Literary Festival, Columbia, SC <http://deckleedgesc.org/>

March 24-26, 2019 SCBWI, Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Decatur  
Library, Decatur, GA ( Not confirmed)

March, 2019 Dahlonega Literary Festival, Dahlonega GA

April 21 Alabama Book Festival, Montgomery, Ala.

May 3-5, 2019 Malice Domestic, Bethesda, Md., (Anthony’s Award )

April 2019 Independent Bookstore Day,

October 29- Nov 3, 2019 Boucher Con, Dallas, TX 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary <http://bouchercon2019.com>

<https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/trade-shows-events/article/75712-select-book-conferences-festivals-and-fairs-in-2018.html>

**Do you have an event or other news to share?** Send a short blurb, ready to copy-and-paste written in third person, with active links checked to [sincatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:sincatlanta@gmail.com) (subject line: e-Blast). Goal to send Eblast twice monthly - -the second and fourth week of the month.

Something longer? Consider if it might be good for InSinc magazine. Deadline for December Issue is September 10<sup>th</sup>. [insincmagazine@sincatlanta.com](mailto:insincmagazine@sincatlanta.com)

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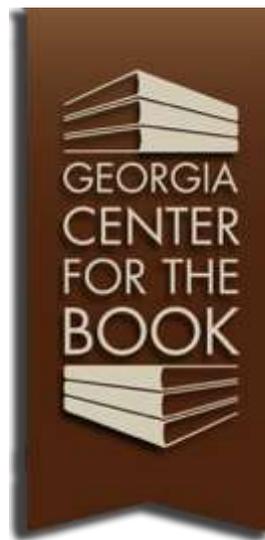
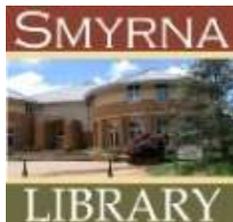
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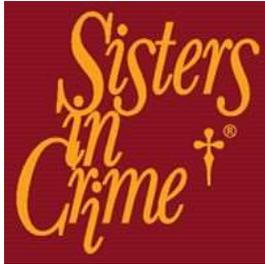
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**#MembershipMondays**

**#TBRTuesdays ( to be read)**

**#WCW ( Women Crush Wednesday)**

**#TheFridayFinish**