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Letter from the Editor



Greetings Sisters and Misters:

If you must know the truth...I have written, deleted, re-written and deleted again, my May letter to you. At first I thought I wanted to write about being a scatter-brain and how there are many obstacles for a writer because things like a new fad of adult coloring come into play and before you know it, Paula is contemplating between colored pencils and crayons. (True story...) But...alas, it didn't feel right. Although, you may see this reappearance next month after I finally make that decision.

So then I thought, let me write about my new job because it's been on my brain 24/7 since I started about 3 weeks ago. It was an exciting moment for me as I left the financial world and am now happily working for a small publishing company located in Valley View called GIE Media. We handle business-to-business books and magazines dealing with pest control, gardening, mechanics, recycling, etc. I finally feel at home in the workplace. Even though those topics may not be my absolute favorite, it is a privilege for me to work in the publishing industry and I look forward to all that I will learn "behind the scenes." And, who knows, I may drum up a mystery about pest control service technicians. You never know where you'll find a story!

But...with that being said...that wasn't the right topic either. So...I skirted around the first page and finished the rest of the newsletter, piddling around with fonts and formatting, dreading the moment when I had to complete my letter. And then, out of nowhere it dawned on me. It was short, simple and started with a few emails I received and ended with a woman who wanted to correct a subscription error....

I am here to help.

Now you may be wondering, what the heck is that weird, teal-haired girl talking about? Well, I'll tell you. Quite a few people have contacted me and said..."*Oh, I have this minor thing, but I didn't think it was worth mentioning for the newsletter.*" Nonsense! It is ALL important and I love to selflessly promote people any way that I can. So, tell me all of your news, even if you think it's the smallest thing in the world. I'll put it in the newsletter, throw it on Facebook, tell all my friends about it...whatever you need me to do. Thus...I am here to help.

I think a lot of people look at me sideways because I treat writers with such a high regard. (*That girl must be a nerd or something.*) Others are looking to actors/actresses, sports professionals, socialites and so on. But for me, you guys are my heroes. It takes an amazing person to wield a story, no matter the reason for it. So, think about that while you sit at your computers and typewriters. You are someone's hero...

Hey, look at that...turns out I got to write about all the stuff my scatter-brain desired after all.

Until next time...Happy Writing!

Paula Corrao

Let's Get Down to Business

Next Meeting!

May 12 - 7:00 p.m. at Twinsburg Public Library

Gloria Alden presents:

To Blog or Not to Blog - That is the Question

Gloria has been writing for the successful blog, *Writers Who Kill*, for nearly 3 years and has written nearly 200 blogs! And, that's not counting the number of guest blogs and interviews she's done.

Come join us for a night filled with a wealth of knowledge and fun!

You can catch Gloria blogging every Thursday on <http://writerswhokill.blogspot.com/>. Don't forget to leave a comment showing your support!



Gloria Alden promoting one of her self-published novels, *The Blue Rose*.

2015 Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendar!

June 9 - 7:00 p.m. at Twinsburg Public Library

July 14 - 7:00 p.m. at Twinsburg Public Library

August 11 - 7:00 p.m. at Twinsburg Public Library

Saturday, September 12

- One-day writing retreat - Additional details to follow

October 13 - 7:00 p.m. at Twinsburg Public Library

November 10 - 7:00 p.m. at Twinsburg Public Library

December 15 - 7:00 p.m. at Twinsburg Public Library

The Merry Month of...



Birthdays

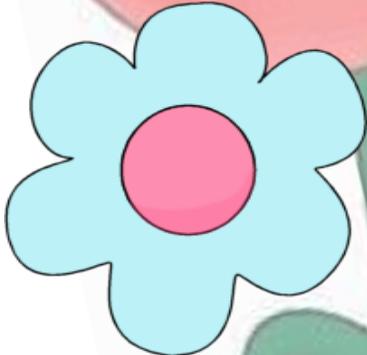
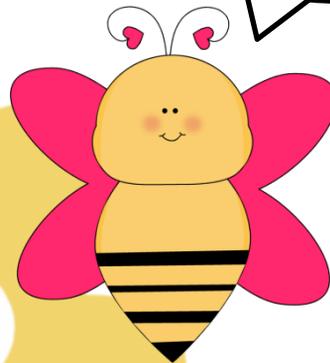
Robin Cook - May 4
Jeffrey Deaver - May 6
Daphne Du Maurier - May 13
Dashell Hammett - May 27
Ian Fleming - May 28

On May 21, 1932, Amelia Earhart began her solo, non-stop flight mission across the Atlantic Ocean.



May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and National Moving Month

In early Roman calendars, the month of May was the third month of the year.



Where Do You Think You're Going?



Mystery Community Events for May

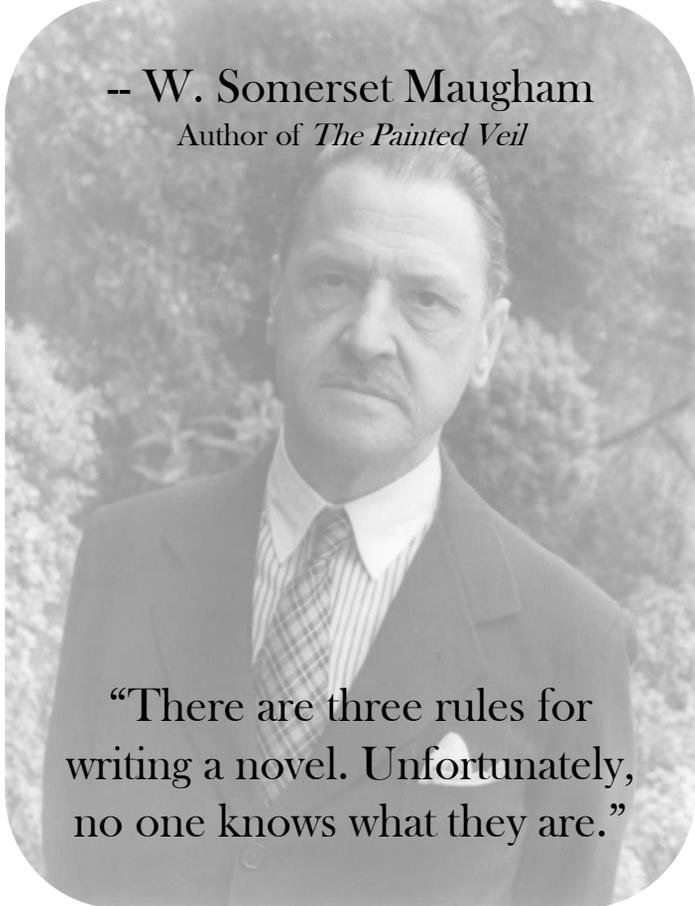
May 9

Local Author Expo
located at the
Medina Public Library
210 S Broadway St., Medina, OH 44256
11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
NEOSinC Member: Jane Turzillo



May 13

Jane Turzillo: Author Presentation
Westlake Senior Men's Club
9:30 a.m.



-- W. Somerset Maugham
Author of *The Painted Veil*

“There are three rules for writing a novel. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.”

Mystery Community Events for 2015

- Deadly Ink: Aug 7 - 9 in New Brunswick, NJ
- 2015 Western Reserve Book Festival: Sept 19 in Hiram, OH, at The Kennedy Center located on the Hiram college campus
To apply for space at this festival, visit:
<https://hiram.wufoo.com/forms/new-author-application-western-reserve-book/>
- Magna Cum Murder – Oct 30 – Nov 1 in Indianapolis, IN, at The Columbia Club
- Bouchercon 2015 – Oct 8 – Oct 11 in Raleigh, NC

RSVP TV NEOSinC Guest Appearance: Jane Turzillo



Irma Baker and Jane Turzillo



You can catch TV interviews with true-crime writer Jane Ann Turzillo, NEOSinC vice president, online. Jane's most recent books are *Ohio Train Disasters* and *Murder & Mayhem on Ohio's Rails*.

She was the guest on RSVP TV, on Wadsworth cable station WCTV, in April talking about train disasters in northeast Ohio and makes a return appearance this month talking about railroad crime in northeast Ohio. The show is hosted by Irma Baker, NEOSinC president.

Jane is also the author of *Wicked Women of Northeast Ohio*. She is currently doing research on unsolved crimes in northeast Ohio for her next book, scheduled for publication before Christmas.

You can find Jane's interviews at my.pegcentral.com. Click in the "All Folders" box and scroll down to RSVP.

Cleveland Rocks!

2015 Cleveland Rocks Romance Conference

Join the Northeast Ohio Romance Writers of America on May 29 and 30 for the Cleveland Rocks Romance Conference at the Holiday Inn in Strongsville, OH located at 15471 Royalton Road (Route 82).

The conference will begin Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and continue through Saturday until 5:00 p.m. Registration starts at 6:15 p.m. on Friday and 8:15 a.m. on Saturday.

Cost: \$105 for NEORWA members, \$125 for non-members

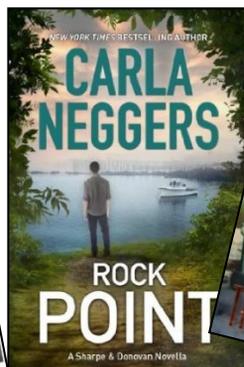
Breakout workshops:

- What's Hot and What's Not (in today's market)
- The Disorganized Organized Revision
- Connecting with your Readers: A Whirlwind Tour of Social Media for Authors

Plus:

- Pitch Appointments
- Meet-and-greet time
- Book fair
- Signings
- Annual Basket Raffles including: Kindle baskets, workshop registrations, critiques by industry professionals and baskets filled with books and other goodies!

For more information about the conference or NEORWA, check out their website at www.neorwa.com or email them at neorwa@neorwa.com



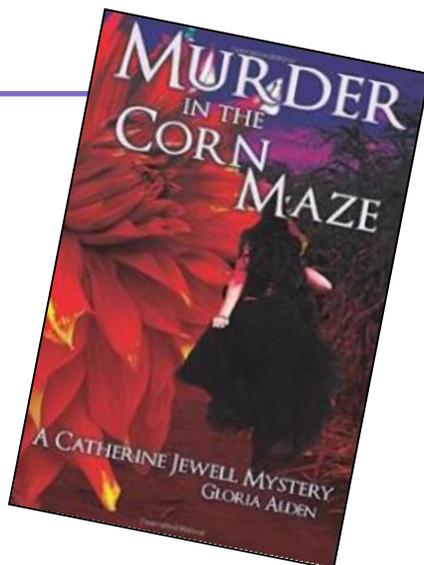
Keynote Speaker:
Carla Neggers
A romantic suspense novelist, Carla is the author of over 40 books and has appeared on both the New York Times and USA Today Bestselling Lists.

What's Everyone Up To?

Gloria Alden

Gloria's self-published, fifth installment of her Catherine Jewell Mystery series, *Murder in the Corn Maze*, is now available on Amazon.

On the first night of the Haunted Corn Maze, Catherine Jewell is going through it with her brother when the body of a teacher dressed as a vampire is found. Catherine's friend Maggie found his body when she was checking on her students stationed at different spots as witches, zombies or vampires. The teacher was disliked by many, and since Maggie got blood on her witches outfit when she checked to see if he was dead, she becomes a suspect. Although the police chief, John MacDougal wants her to stay away from the investigation, Catherine knows her friend isn't a murderer so she still tries to find clues to find the murderer. Many others were there in costumes that night so it's not easy to narrow the suspect list down, and not all the suspects were there, and could have parked elsewhere and walked in that night. Extra suspense occurs when Hanna and Teddy, the nine-year-old Davis twins, find the entrance to a tunnel that was once part of the Underground Railroad and discover a skeleton.



Other books in the series:

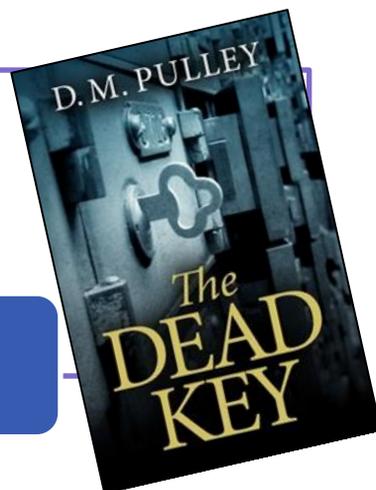
- #1 - *The Blue Rose*
- #2 - *Daylilies for Emily's Garden*
- #3 - *Ladies of the Garden Club*
- #4 - *The Body in the Goldenrod*

**She is currently working on her 6th novel!

D.M. Pulley attended the Rocky River Public Library Book Fair where book sales were hosted by Barnes and Noble. Upon check-out, with her very own copy of *The Dead Key*, the NEOSinC newsletter editor was informed that D.M. had the most sold books of the day!

Congratulations D.M.!

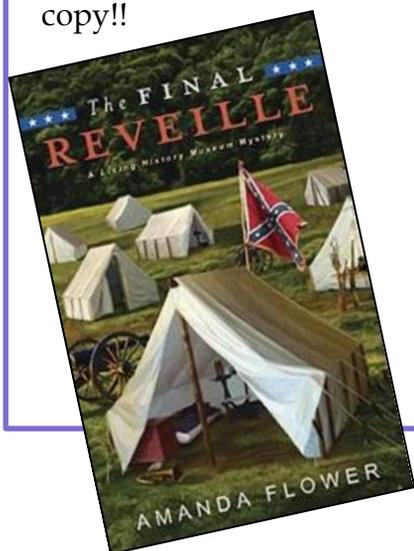
D.M. Pulley



What's Everyone Up To?

Amanda Flower

Amanda's latest book, published by Midnight Ink, kicks off her new Living History Museum Mystery Series. *The Final Reveille* is set to hit stores May 8! Don't forget to pick up a copy!!



As the director of Barton Farm, a living history museum in Ohio, Kelsey Cambridge is underpaid and underappreciated, but she loves every minute of it. Determined to keep the struggling Farm open, she plans to impress the museum's wealthy benefactress, Cynthia Cherry, with a four-day Civil War reenactment on the Farm's grounds, complete with North and South encampments, full-scale battles, and an Abraham Lincoln lookalike spouting the Gettysburg Address to anyone who will listen. Unfortunately, the first shot in the battle isn't from a period rifle but from Cynthia's greedy nephew, Maxwell, who plans to close the Farm when he inherits his ill aunt's wealth. On the first day of the reenactment, Cynthia and Maxwell stop by, and Kelsey and Maxwell have a public argument over the Farm's funding. The next morning, things go from bad to worse for Kelsey when she discovers Maxwell dead in the brickmaker's pit. Now Kelsey is the police's number one suspect, and she must start her own investigation to save the museum . . . and herself while the War Between the States rages on around her.

Jane Ann Turzillo

Jane's book, *Ohio Train Disasters*, won in the 2015 Ohio Professional Writers (OPW) first place book award for non-fiction history. The book will now go on to judged nationally!

OPW is the Ohio affiliate of the National Federation of Presswomen and Jane has been a member of the NFPW back to her newspaper days.



What's Everyone Up To?

BLOG

Does murder make you hungry?
Ever wonder about "the criminal mind"?
Like odd criminal tidbits, historical trivia, and unsolved teasers?
Maybe some useful consumer tips?



Slow Burn and Downfall coming soon!

T.K. Starr

The new T.K. Starr website/blog is up and running! T.K. is open to guest bloggers and looks forward to hearing from both readers and fellow writers. You can find the fun at: www.TKStarrmysteries.com.

Visit regularly as T.K. will be posting a few times throughout the week.

She will also be guest blogging on mysteryplayground.net in June. Keep your eyes peeled!



Wonder why you haven't seen Kim at recent meetings?
She's been attending the FBI Citizens' Academy!

Kim Hammond

Formed in 2004, The FBI Citizens' Academy Foundation of Cleveland is a non-profit organization that promotes safer communities and increases law enforcement knowledge in the greater Cleveland area.

Through the program, local citizens can learn how the FBI works first-hand, how to collect and preserve evidence, and what it's like to fire a weapon.

Classes generally meet six to eight times and are taught by Special Agents in charge of that field office, their senior managers, and senior agent experts.

For more information, visit: www.fbicaf.org

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Did you
know...?

James Patterson has sold more books than that of Stephen King, John Grisham and Dan Brown combined!

Photo Op!
Women Read,
Women Write



Top Row: Julie Anne Lindsey, Kylie Logan
Bottom Row: Jane Ann Turzillo, Amanda Flower, Shelley Costa

Coming soon to a newsletter near you!

Watch our newsletter grow! Each month we hope to bring you more and more information from the mystery writing world! Things to come include:

- ★ **Member spotlights** – Let's get to know each other!
- ★ **Have you read it?** – Book recommendations for your writing and reading needs.
- ★ **Event coverage** – Read up on any events you might have missed.
- ★ **Member contributions** – Have something you want to share about an experience you had? We want to know!

If you have suggestions for articles you'd like to see in the newsletter, email paula.corrao@yahoo.com!