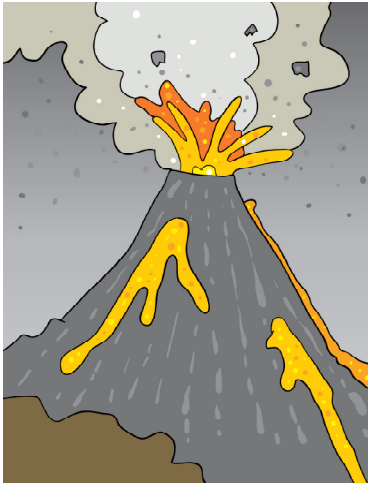


*Say Aloha to Murder*



# Left Coast Crime 2009

March 7-12, 2009

Marriott Waikoloa

Beach Resort, The Big  
Island, Hawaii

## Notes from the Lava Flow

*LCC 2009, Hawaii*

Getting ready for the unconventional  
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### Guests of Honor –

**Rhys Bowen's** mysteries have been nominated for every major mystery award, including the Edgar for best novel, and she has won seven of them. She writes three series, including the Constable Evans mysteries, set in the mountains of Wales, and the Molly Murphy mysteries, set in turn-of-the-century New York City and featuring a feisty Irish immigrant woman. 2007 marked the launch of a new and very different series, this one about a minor royal in 1930s England, Lady Victoria Georgiana Charlotte Eugenie. It has been described as Bridget Jones meets "Charade" as told by Nancy Mitford. The first book in that series, *Her Royal Spyness*, has been nominated for the Agatha Award for Best Novel.

**Barry Eisler's** celebrated series about half-American, half-Japanese assassin John Rain have been translated into nearly twenty languages and have been optioned for film by Barrie Osborne, Oscar-winning producer of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. Before he started writing the Rain novels, Eisler worked for the CIA, where he was trained in small arms, long arms, hand-to-hand combat, improvised explosive devices, small water craft, air drops to friendly forces, surveillance, counter-surveillance, counter-terrorism, agent recruitment and management, and interrogation and manipulation techniques. We hope none of Eisler's "special" skills will come into play during Left Coast Crime!

**Toastmaster – Lee Goldberg** broke into television with a freelance script sale to Spenser: For Hire. Since then, his TV writing & producing credits have covered

a wide variety of genres, including sci-fi (*SeaQuest*), cop shows (*Hunter*), martial arts (*Martial Law*), whodunits (*Diagnosis Murder*, *Nero Wolfe*), comedy (*Monk*), and much, much more. His TV work has earned him two Edgar Award nominations from the Mystery Writers of America. He is also the author of several acclaimed novels, including *The Man with the Iron-On Badge*. His two careers, novelist and TV writer, merged when he began writing the *Diagnosis Murder* series of original novels, based on the hit CBS TV mystery that he also wrote and produced. He also writes novels based on *Monk*. Goldberg is guaranteed to keep you entertained with his stories about showbiz!

**Fan Guests of Honor – Vallery Feldman and Pam Dehnke** have been making quilts for LCC since 1997. The quilts are auctioned off or awarded as a raffle prize to earn money for the LCC charity. View a gallery of their fabulous creations at: [www.leftcoast-crime.org/quilt.html](http://www.leftcoast-crime.org/quilt.html)

**Ghost of Honor – Earl Derr Biggers** (1884-1933) was an American novelist and playwright best known through adaptations of his novels, especially those featuring the Chinese-American detective Charlie Chan. At first a sergeant (but later promoted) in the Honolulu Police Department, Chan and his wife have eleven children (the oldest of which is colloquially known as "Number One Son") and live in a house on Punchbowl Hill, above the city of Honolulu. For more about Biggers and Chan, read "Charlie Chan, The Enduring Detective" by Marv Lachman, or visit the Charlie Chan Family Home fan site. <http://charliechanfamily.tripod.com/>

## Hotel –Marriott Waikoloa Beach Resort, on the Kona coast

The hotel is now accepting reservations. Call 1-877-359-3696. Be sure to mention Left Coast Crime 2009. The special hotel rates are good for three days before the convention and three days after. Plan to make this a family vacation and take advantage of the pre- and post-convention trips currently under consideration.

**Weather** – Left Coast Crime is being held at a warm, balmy location. Expect temperatures from 70-80° F. This means one can pack very lightly. Hawaii is a very casual place, which means essentially a swimsuit, a cover up, and a hat to protect you from the sun.

**Getting there** – Flying is the obvious answer to the question of how to get to Hawaii. Book tickets to Kona International Airport on the Big Island of Hawaii. Flight time from the West Coast of the US is about 5 hours. Currently there isn't a shuttle from the airport to the hotel, but we are looking into getting discounts on rental cars. Driving time from the airport to the hotel is about 30 minutes.

**Programming: Tentative schedule** – The programming will begin Saturday night through Thursday noon. The Awards brunch on Wednesday.

Registration will be open Saturday. Both before and after the convention, there will be opportunities to take trips to explore the island, whale watch, snorkel, etc. These are still in the early planning stages. As the programming firms up, we will be sending updates and posting it on our web site [Leftcoastcrime.org/2009](http://Leftcoastcrime.org/2009).



The famous Humuhumunukunuku apua'a, the Reef Triggerfish, is the State fish

**Contests – win, win, win**, a Free Registration to Left Coast Crime 2009 by entering the Hawaiian Shirt & Outfit Contest!!

All REGISTERED Convention attendees are eligible to enter this contest. The winner will receive a free convention registration OR a full refund of his/her 2009 Convention Registration Fee.

To participate, send either a color .jpg photo of your smiling self in an Outlandish Beautiful Hawaiian shirt or outfit (dress, costume?) to: [pam@leftcoastcrime.org](mailto:pam@leftcoastcrime.org) or, if you prefer, a picture (any reasonable size) to Bill Gottfried, 10 Rustic Way, Orinda, CA 94563.

A select panel of judges will judge during two different time periods (you may have two opportunities to apply — but can only win once): March 1, 2008 to July 1, 2008 and July 2, 2008 to October 15, 2008.

Pictures remain ours and are not returnable. Pictures may be used on our web pages. The Winner's picture will be posted on our website about two weeks after each contest. **Good Luck** and don't forget to **Smile**.

## Hawaii 2009 Book Contest Coming Soon!

Left Coast Crime 2009 is sponsoring a series of Book Giveaway Contests during 2008. Anyone reading these rules or about these rules is eligible to enter.

Prizes are a Free Book as described in each contest. Participants must correctly answer the question(s) offered for each book and submit their answer to the address designated at the time of each contest by the time deadline noted.

Participants must send their snail mail address in order to receive their free book if they win the contest. Participants may enter as often as they wish but may win only one free book during the series of contests in 2008.

In the event of a tie, LCC09 will select the winner by "blinded pull" with the decision of the judges being final. Winners names and the correct answer will be posted on the Left Coast Crime 2009 website as well as on [dorothy1.com](http://dorothy1.com). Good luck to everyone and enjoy the challenging questions and good reading!

**Your favorite mystery web site:** We want to start a list of great mystery reference or mystery list web sites. Send suggestions to: [vallerose@comcast.net](mailto:vallerose@comcast.net)

## What's on the web site – Leftcoastcrime.org/2009

is the place to get up-to-date information on everything pertaining to the convention. Along with basic information, one can find the complete list of registrants, more flight information, a registration form, the complete mystery book list, and lots more. We also have a **blog** that is crammed with stuff on Hawaiian history, what's happening in the state, adventures, suggestions, etc. The blog can be accessed through the web site or <www.sayalohatomurder.com>

**Books set in Hawaii –** Get ready for your trip by reading mysteries set in Hawaii! Thanks to Cindy Chow and John Walsdorf for providing us with a list of *Homicide in Hawaii* and to everyone else who has sent suggestions. Got one to add? Send it to [trow@interbridge.com](mailto:trow@interbridge.com). The complete list is on the LCC2009 website. Following are mysteries by authors already registered for LCC.

**Atkinson, Deborah.** *Primitive Secrets, The Green Room, Fire Prayer.* Attorney Storm Kayama solves the murders of an uncle and a cousin; local Honolulu author.

**Befeler, Mike.** *Retirement Homes are Murder.* The mystery takes place in a retirement home on the Windward side of Oahu, featuring an elderly sleuth with short-term memory loss.

**Elkins, Aaron.** *Where There's A Will.* Gideon Oliver gets involved in a decade-old mystery surrounding the deaths of two elderly Swedish brothers who owned a huge cattle ranch on the Big Island.

**Glatzer, Hal.** *The Last Full Measure.* Katy Green confronts murder and intrigue on the S.S. Lurline, en route to Hawaii on the eve of Pearl Harbor.

**Goldberg, Lee.** *Mr. Monk in Hawaii.* Mr. Monk battles bare feet, geckos, and aloha wear as he solves a murder and debunks a psychic on Kauai.

**Plakcy, Neil.** *Mahu, Mahu Surfer.* HPD Detective Kimo Kanapa'aka must deal with prejudice from fellow cops and his involvement in the murder behind a gay bar.

**Awards –** The Left Coast Crime 2009 Board is pleased to announce details about the Book Awards to be given in three categories at their Brunch Banquet Ceremony, March 11, 2009, at the Marriott Waikoloa Hotel, Hawaii.

Awards will be given for books published in English (anywhere), between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008 in the following three categories:

**The Lefty:** Funny, humorous, smiling mystery

**The Bruce Alexander Memorial Historical Mystery:** An historical mystery, covering events before 1950

**Hawaii 5-0:** Law enforcement, police procedural, mystery

All publishers, authors and fans are invited to send in timely nominations by e-mail to <[cheryl@cherylsteven-slaw.com](mailto:cheryl@cherylsteven-slaw.com)> OR book copies may be sent to (will not be returned) to Bill Gottfried, 10 Rustic Way, Orinda, CA 94563, USA.

All book nominations must have the following identifying features: Name of the Author, Title of the Book, Date of Publication, Award Category, Publisher. Nominations can be sent in any time. The judges reserve the rights to review nomination categories.

Ballots will be sent to all Registered Convention participants the first week of January 2009 and must be returned to the individual identified on the ballot by January 28, 2009 to be eligible for counting.

**Get into the spirit** with a Lava flow cocktail:  
Served in a Hurricane Glass

1 oz light rum, 1 oz Malibu® coconut rum  
2 oz strawberries, 1 banana  
2 oz pineapple juice, 2 oz coconut cream

Blend banana, coconut cream, and pineapple juice in a blender and set aside. In the bottom of a hurricane glass, stir together both rums and strawberries.

Pour banana/coconut/pineapple mix slowly into the glass. The strawberry/rum mix should creep up the sides of the glass to make a wonderful looking (and tasting) summertime cocktail! from [www.drinksmixer.com](http://www.drinksmixer.com)



Hibiscus- State flower

## Program Book Ad Rates

The advertisement rates for ads are as follows:

Back outside cover:	\$2000 – full color
Front inside cover:	1500 – full color
Back inside cover:	1500 – full color
Full Page	750 – black and white
Half Page	500 – black and white
Quarter Page	250 – black and white
Business size	75 – black and white (approx. business card size, to be adjusted as necessary for page formatting.)

Send your photo ready copy of your advertisement with your payment in full, as soon as possible. Please make your check payable to Left Coast Crime Conference, Inc. The non-profit tax number (EIN) is 86-0775004. Send the check, with ad copy, to Margaret Howland, 12 Pinehurst Green Way, Greenville, SC, 29609, or send the ad copy in a .jpg file via email to [howlanma@yahoo.com](mailto:howlanma@yahoo.com).

**Share** this newsletter with a friend and encourage them to join you in beautiful Hawaii.

**Convention Web Site** – [Leftcoastcrime.org/2009](http://Leftcoastcrime.org/2009)

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Nene – Hawaii's State Bird also known as the Hawaiian Goose.



State of Hawaii – Admitted to the Union on August 21, 1959 as our 50th state.

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