



The Squid Speaks - Vol. 6, January 20, 2014

Welcome to all our new registrants since the last newsletter! Only 60 more days until Left Coast Crime 2014 in Monterey, California.

Reminder to Return Awards Nomination Form

Registrants of the 2013 and 2014 Left Coast Crime Conventions are invited to nominate up to three titles in each category:

- **The Lefty:** Best humorous mystery novel
- **The Bruce Alexander Memorial Historical Mystery Award:** Best historical mystery novel covering events before 1960
- **The Squid:** Best mystery set within the United States
- **The Calamari:** Best mystery set anywhere else in the world

Your nomination form was emailed on January 1st and must be returned by January 24th. If you have misplaced your Nomination Form, [email the Awards Co-chairs](#).

Squid FAQs

Dear Squid: I have a book eligible for a Left Coast Crime Award. What's your advice about etiquette for writers during the award season?
We consulted our good friend Donna Andrews about this tricky question. Luckily she has [some thoughts to share](#) on award season etiquette.



Advertise in the Calamari Crime Program Book

The deadline for reserving an ad space in the Calamari Crime Program Book is February 1st. Visit our [Advertising webpage](#) for more details and the order form. There are sizes and

prices for every budget. Don't be left out!

Thanks Central Coast Sisters in Crime!

Our thanks to the “small but mighty” [Central Coast Sisters in Crime](#) for making a donation to help with Hospitality.

(Please contact [Lucinda Surber](#) if your organization would also like to help with the Hospitality Room.)

Meet the New Authors Friday Breakfast

Calling all authors who have published their first mystery novel between January 2013 and March 2014. You are eligible to present at the Meet the New Authors Breakfast on Friday morning. Send an email to [Mike Befeler](#) to be included. Mike will contact you with further details.

Everyone is invited to the Meet the New Authors Breakfast on Friday morning to hear from the great group of authors who have published their first mystery novel. Each of the new authors will have one minute to tell you the most important thing you should know about their debut novel.

Friday Breakfast: 7:15–8:45 AM, all conference members (authors & readers) welcome, seating limited.

Sisters in Crime Saturday Breakfast

What is SinC Up? It's a new training program for SinC authors who would like to take advantage of all the promotional benefits of their membership with [Sisters in Crime](#). Everyone is invited to hear about this new program over breakfast.

Saturday Breakfast: 7:15–8:45 AM, all conference members (authors & readers) welcome, seating limited.



Looking for a Roommate?

Noemi Levine is our Roommate Liaison. Email [Noemi](#) if you would like to be matched with a roommate and share a hotel room. We have three people so far who would like to share a room and no one with an extra bed.

Auction

In anticipation of Crimelandia — Left Coast Crime 2015 in Portland, Oregon — author G.M. Malliet is donating a signed copy of her latest book, *Pagan Spring*, along with a Powell's Bookstore tote bag and “Born to Read” T-shirt (size L). All proceeds from the

auction will go to the Monterey Public Library and the Monterey County Free Libraries. Information about donating to our Auction can be found on our [Auction webpage](#).



Hotel Registration Deadlines for Conference Rate

The deadlines for making reservations at our conference rate are coming up in February. Reservations must be received at the Portola by February 21st, and at the Marriott by February 24th. More information about the hotels is available on our [Hotel webpage](#). If you have misplaced your hotel reservation information, please contact [Stan Ulrich](#).

Travel Information

Airports

- [Monterey Regional Airport](#) (10 minutes from hotel)
- [San José International Airport](#) (1 hour from hotel)
- [San Francisco International Airport](#) (1 hour and 45 minutes from hotel)



Shuttle Service

The [Monterey Air Bus](#) provides “Door to Door” shuttle service from San Francisco and San Jose airports to Monterey hotels.

Side Trips

Registration and payment for the Side Trips before and after the convention must be received no later than March 1st. Visit our [Squid Trips & Activities](#) page for more information and the registration form.

Book Room

The Left Coast Crime Book Room provides a convenient place for attendees to purchase books by their favorite authors. Authors: if you publish through a small publishing house or are self-published, please contact at least one of the three dealers listed on our [Book Room webpage](#) to see if they will carry your books.

Calamari Crawl

This year we are encouraging conference registrants to get out and enjoy the beautiful scenery in Monterey while making a charitable donation to the Monterey Public Library and the Monterey County Free Libraries. A 1.9 mile recreation trail runs from Fisherman’s Wharf, right outside the back door of the Portola Inn & Spa, to the Monterey Bay

Aquarium. Round trip is 3.8 miles (about 6K). We're not organizing an official event, but participants can choose to walk or run along the trail at any time during the convention week, and then exchange a \$25 donation for a Calamari Crawl certificate/tax receipt. You can also make your Calamari Crawl donation [online in advance](#). There will be sign-ups posted near the registration table if you would like to participate in the Calamari Crawl with a group of old or new friends.

LCC 2105: Crimelandia

We hope you will join us March 12–15 in Portland, Oregon, for Left Coast Crime 2015. The Guests of Honor will be Chelsea Cain and Ridley Pearson, Gar Anthony Haywood will be the Toastmaster, and we will honor the Friends of Mystery as our Fan Guest of Honor. Visit the [Crimelandia webpage](#) for more information and to register.



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