

**If traditional mysteries
are your cup of tea...**



Malice Domestic 21

May 1–3, 2009

Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel • Arlington, Virginia

Join our honorees...



Guest of Honor
Nancy Pickard



Toastmaster
Elaine Viets



**Lifetime
Achievement**
Anne Perry

...plus lots of other mystery authors and fans!

We expect more than **175 authors**
and **Ghost of Honor Charlotte MacLeod.**

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Now taking credit cards for registration.

Celebrate the classic mystery!

Malice Domestic is a convention of fans and authors who gather each spring in the Washington, DC, area to celebrate the traditional mystery—typified by the works of Agatha Christie (no excessive gore, gratuitous violence, or explicit sex, thank you very much). The genre is loosely “defined” as mysteries with a confined setting, characters who know one another, and, usually, an amateur sleuth.

Come Dressed to Kill!

The highlight of our celebration is the Agatha Awards Banquet where we present the traditional Agatha teapot for the Best Novel, Best First Mystery Novel, Best Short Story, Best Nonfiction, and Best Children’s/YA Mystery Novel. The Agatha Awards have become an internationally recognized honor, so feel free to put on your best glitz, come dressed as your favorite sleuth, or wear something that harks back to the days of the first Golden Age of mysteries—whatever will contribute to your enjoyment of the proceedings. Agathas are fan-nominated and voted on by all of the registered attendees of the convention.

Have Fun!

Have a rousing good time from Friday’s Opening Reception, Malice Theater of the Air, and Charity Auction to Sunday’s Closing Festivities and hilarious, stylish Beautiful/Creative Hat Contest. Chow down, attend panels, make friends, chat with your favorite authors, get your books signed, and visit the Dealers Room (you’ll be amazed at what’s there).

Join in!

Malice is organized and put on by a group of dedicated volunteers—and you can be one of them. Get involved on site by monitoring panels or book signings, stuffing registration packets, handing out badges, or staffing the hospitality lounge. Malice Volunteers 101 on Friday will tell you all about it.



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*Duncan is in his grave;
After life's fitful fever he sleeps well;
Treason has done his worst: nor steel, nor poison,
Malice Domestic, foreign levy,
nothing, can touch him further.*

— *Macbeth. Act III, Scene II*

We can't wait to see you!

During the 21 years Malice Domestic has honored the traditional mystery, we've brought mystery fans from around the world together with some of their favorite authors, introduced a whole host of new writers in the field, and helped foster a lot of friendships. Frankly, it's those friendships built on shared interests that make Malice special. Although we are much more than “cozies” in terms of mysteries, we think our cozy ambience is what draws people back year after year after year.

If you've never been to Malice, make this your year to come. **If you haven't been here in a while**, come back and see how much fun you've been missing.

What's in it for you?

- Opportunities to mingle with your favorite authors at our Opening Reception and Closing Festivities.
- A continental breakfast to meet the new authors.
- Malice's informative newsletter, *The Usual Suspects*.
- The right to nominate your favorites for the prestigious Agatha Awards (register by 12/31/08).
- The right to vote for the Agatha Awards.
- Registration packet goodies (free books!).
- A souvenir program book for autographs.
- Three days of non-stop fun!

Are you a writer in waiting?

Malice supports the continued growth of the traditional mystery through its Malice grants competition, which provides a monetary grant to an aspiring writer. Applications are due by December 15, 2008. Check the website for more information or, after September 15, 2008, write: Malice Domestic Ltd., P.O. Box 8007, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8007

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Please check your registration preference and fill out other appropriate sections. [Please **PRINT** or type.]

Comprehensive Registration

Entitles you to:

- Convention activities, including Opening Reception, New Authors Breakfast, and Closing Festivities
- Voting for the Agatha Awards
- Souvenir Program Book
- A subscription to *The Usual Suspects*
- Saturday's Agatha Awards Banquet

\$265 (until December 31, 2008)

Register by 12/31/08 and you can nominate titles for the Agatha Awards.

\$290 (January 1–March 15, 2009)

Banquet Meal Choice:

Regular Vegetarian

Basic Registration

Entitles you to:

- Everything in the Comprehensive Registration **except** the Banquet.
[Note: To add the Banquet until 3/15/09, the cost is \$75; on site \$85, if available.]

\$215 (until December 31, 2008)

Register by 12/31/08 and you can nominate titles for the Agatha Awards.

\$240 (January 1–March 15, 2009)

\$255 (On Site)

Agatha Awards Banquet Tickets

To add banquet tickets to your basic registration or obtain banquet only tickets, please contact the registrar at 301-730-1675 or Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org.

Can't Attend? Be a Friend...

Receive the souvenir Program Book of Malice Domestic 21, *The Usual Suspects* newsletter, and a special Malice memento. Register by 12/31/08 to nominate titles for Agatha Awards. To be a Friend, contact the registrar at Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org or 301-730-1675 or visit the web site www.MaliceDomestic.org to obtain the Friend's form. (\$50 U.S., Canada, Mexico; \$60 all others – sent air mail).

PRE-CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2009.

Registrations not postmarked by the registration deadline will be treated as on-site basic registrations. Some banquet tickets may be available for \$85.

Name (as it should appear on badge) _____

[**Authors note:** Use the name under which you write. You must fill out the back of this form for consideration as an author. Also, fill out the back even if you have filled it out in the past. This is **NOT** saved year to year.]

AKA _____

[Only for authors who write under more than one name.]

Is this your first Malice? Yes No

Company (if needed for badge use) _____

Address _____

City, State, Nine-digit ZIP/Postal Code, Country

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-Mail (for periodic updates) _____

I am a Fan Mystery Author Agent Editor
 Publisher Reviewer Bookseller Librarian

Our meeting sites are physically accessible. If you need an accessible room, please contact the hotel directly. If you have other access needs, please contact Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org or call 301-730-1675.

Payment: Please make your check payable to Malice Domestic, or if you want to use your Visa, MasterCard, or American Express credit card, go to Malice's website at www.malicedomestic.org to obtain a credit card form and send your payment along with this registration form to: Malice Domestic Registration, P.O. Box 8007, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8007. You should receive a confirmation letter within six weeks.

Multiple Registrations: A separate form is required for each person registering (photocopy this form as needed).

Cancellation: All cancellations subject to non-refundable \$50 fee. No refunds after 3/15/09. Cancellations must be in writing or via e-mail (Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org). Registrants who cancel become Friends.

Hotel Reservations: After 4/27/08, please make your reservations directly with the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel by calling 1-800-228-9290 or 703-920-3230. Identify yourself as a Malice Domestic registrant to obtain special convention rates of \$162 single/double, \$172 triple, \$182 quad, plus tax. Price subject to change. Reservations must be made by 3/26/09 to obtain discounted group rate.

Mystery Author Information Section

[Must be filled out for you to be designated as a published author—please PRINT clearly]

This information is used for preliminary planning of the program and panel assignments. To be considered as an author at Malice Domestic 21, you must already have published mysteries by **May 1, 2009.**

Name under which you write _____

Any other name under which you write _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

★ **Will your first mystery be published between Malice Domestic 20 and 21?** Yes No

Do you wish to be on a panel? Yes No

Do you want a signing time? Yes No

[Please note: While we try to accommodate every author with a signing time, convention logistics may make it impossible to assign every author to a panel. If you plan to attend the entire conference, the more we know about your interests, your protagonist/books, and any special expertise, the more likely you are to get a panel assignment you like.]

What have you published? novels novels and short stories short stories only

children's/young adult mysteries non-fiction

★ **Title, publisher, and date of publication of last two books** (for short stories list anthology/magazine):

POTENTIAL PANEL TOPICS (Check as many as apply and use a star to indicate preferred topics.)

General categories:

- humor
- animals/pets
- food
- academia
- supernatural
- ecclesiastic

Your sleuth(s)/books:

- history (period?) _____
- locales (where?) _____
- occupations _____
- hobbies _____
- unique/key features _____

Thumbnail sketch of protagonist(s):

Elements of mysteries where you feel you have expertise/experiences to share: characters dialogue

- plot setting mood/style multiple viewpoints locked room stand-alones
- multiple series fan input/criticism research/accuracy children/young adults
- publishing process/promotion other _____

Your special areas of expertise: police force/private investigative experience media (which?)

biography (who?) related occupation/scientific field (specify) _____

Panel suggestions not covered above: _____

Special Note: Please tell us now if there are times/days you cannot be on a panel for health, religious, or travel reasons:

