

**FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST  
DR. FRANK COLISTRO TO SPEAK  
AT BLOODY THURSDAY MEETING,  
JANUARY 24, 2008**

Dr. Frank Colistro is a consulting psychologist for several law enforcement agencies including the Behavioral and Risk Services Unit of the Oregon Department of Corrections, the Cold Case Unit of the Portland Police Bureau as well as a criminal profiler for several agencies. He also works with the Oregon Board of Parole, providing psychological assessment of inmate's potential of recidivism. Dr. Colistro has consulted with prosecution and defense attorneys on topics such as homicide investigations, major sex crimes and domestic violence cases.

As a criminal profiler, he has been involved in a number of highly publicized local cases including the Forest Park Rapist, KOIN Tower Shooter and the NE Portland Rapist. He was featured on national news as a commentator on the Ward Weaver case. He is often heard on local TV and radio.

Please join us to hear Dr. Colistro discuss his experiences of more than 25 years. It promises to be an enlightening evening. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of Good Samaritan Medical Center, 1040 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (corner of NW 22<sup>nd</sup> and

Marshall). The event will begin with a reception at 7:00 pm. The meeting is free and open to the public. Free parking is available in the parking structure adjacent to the auditorium. The Portland Streetcar and Tri Met run on nearby routes.

**FRIENDS OF MYSTERY  
MEMBERSHIP DUES  
AND DONATIONS**

Membership dues and donations are used to pay for keeping our members informed of our events and the speakers. This includes both the print and electronic newsletters as well as our web site. We are fortunate to have our member, Bill Cameron, who donates his time and talent as our web master. If you haven't as yet paid your 2007-2008 dues we urge you to do so without delay. For those who have, we are very grateful.

Friends of Mystery is a member of the Oregon Cultural Trust and by making matching donations to both organizations you may receive a tax credit on your Oregon income tax. The credit reducing taxes owed is \$500.00 for individuals and \$1000.00 for couples filing jointly.

**SPOTTED OWL COMMITTEE  
UPDATE**

Books published in November and December have been recently added to the Spotted Owl reading list. This brings the total number of titles to 78 for the year. This is an increase over last year's total.

As the winter brings us many dark and stormy nights, the committee has discovered some great books to entertain, or frighten, as the case may be. In alphabetical order, the committee recommends the following novels:

- Diana Abu-Jaber. *Origin*
- Bill Cameron. *Lost Dog*
- Mike Doogan. *Capitol Offense*
- Robert Dugoni. *Damage Control*
- Ashna Graves. *Death Pans Out*
- J.A. Jance. *Justice Denied*
- Daniel Kalla. *Blood Lies*
- Elizabeth Lowell. *Innocent as Sin*
- Kate Wilhelm. *A Wrongful Death*

Check these out for great reads!

## ARTICLES FOR THE BLOOD LETTER

We are always looking for articles for inclusion in the Blood Letter and on our web page. If you write a book review or article that would be of interest to our members, please send it to Elinore Rogers or to our editor, Jeannette Voss, at our PO Box 8251, Portland, OR 97207-8251.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next meeting will be on March 27, 2008 when we will host a panel of debut authors who will be discussing the publishing process. The authors and their books are:

- Ashna Graves – *Death Pans Out*
- Bill Cameron – *Lost Dog*
- Greg Olsen – *A Wicked Snow*
- Robert Napier – *Love, Death and the Toyman*
- Doc Macomber – *Wolf's Remedy*

John Walsdorf is scheduled to be the moderator.

For the May 22, 2008 meeting we will host best selling author Steven Saylor. His latest Gordianus novel, *The Triumph of Caesar*, is scheduled for release during the month.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*The South Coast Writers Conference is to be held in Gold Beach, Oregon in conjunction with Southern Oregon Community College. There will be workshops on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Presenters include authors Larry Brooks, Ann Cameron, Jayel Gibson, Phil Hahn, David Oliver Relin and Sylvia Tohill. Also there will be workshops*

with corrections officer Rory Miller and editors Sue Fagalde Lich and Jessica Bryan. For registration and cost information call Southwestern Community College at 541-247-2741 or email at [scwc@socc.edu](mailto:scwc@socc.edu).

**Left Coast Crime** is being held in Denver on March 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. For more information email contact [chris@christinegoff.com](mailto:chris@christinegoff.com) or on the Web: [www.leftcoastcrime.org/2008/](http://www.leftcoastcrime.org/2008/)

Friends of Mystery will have a table at the **Multnomah County Library Writers Resource Fair** on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 PM at the Central Library.

**Bouchercon 2008** is being held in Baltimore, Maryland on October 9-12, 2008. For more information email: [ruth@crimespreemag.com](mailto:ruth@crimespreemag.com) or check the web at [charmedtodeath.com](http://charmedtodeath.com)

### **NEW BOOKS FROM PAST SPOTTED OWL AWARD WINNERS**

Two of our past winners of the Spotted Owl Award have new books coming out:

Earl Emerson's new title is *Primal Threat*, and it will be coming out in January. Quoting *Booklist*, "There are few writers in any genre who can sustain a narrative at such breakneck speed."

G.M. Ford's new title is *Nameless Night*, and it will be published in February. Again quoting *Booklist*, "This is a departure for Ford, the author of two popular Seattle-based crime series, but his fans will recognize the same blend of suspense, humor, and intelligence that hooked them on the Leo Waterman and Frank Corso novels."

### **WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MYSTERY IN 2007?**

In the next issue of *The Blood Letter* we'll be asking you to nominate your favorite mystery in 2007. Be thinking of worthy nominees!