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HEART of TEXAS Chapter
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Election Results

Elected by acclamation at our December 14, 2013, meeting HoTxSinC is proud to announce our 2014 Officers.

2014 HoTxSinC Officers and Job Descriptions

President: Sue Vertrees

(The Vice-President for Programs is also President-Elect and automatically moves up to this position.)

- ✕♥ Contact person and spokesperson for HoTxSinC
- ✕♥ Presides at meetings
- ✕♥ Supports officers and committee chairs

Vice-President for Programs/President-Elect:

Kathy Waller

- ✕♥ Plans, implements and provides follow-up for programs for the year
- ✕♥ Supports the President as needed
- ✕♥ Moves up to the Presidency the next year

Treasurer/Membership: Sarah Ann Robertson

- ✕♥ Maintains checking account and pays bills
- ✕♥ Maintains Membership Directory
- ✕♥ Maintains inventory of cups/t-shirts/tote bags
- ✕♥ Acts as Contact with web maven Angel Laughlin

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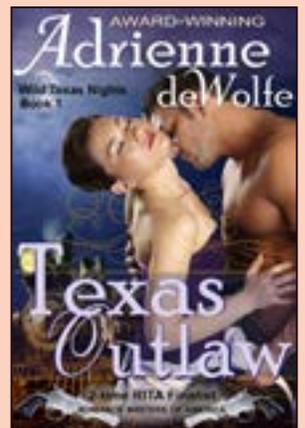
UPCOMING EVENTS

January 12, 2014 – Adrienne deWolfe, presenting 'Bestselling Novels: Turn Sidekicks into Heroes to Write Spinoff Novels', is a publicist, journalist, college fiction teacher, and book-writing coach. She writes wildly popular, award-winning fiction. Her novels repeatedly show up as bestselling titles on Amazon.com and BN.com.



Her publication debut occurred with Bantam's release of *Texas Outlaw*, the first book in her bestselling *Wild Texas Nights* series. *Texas Outlaw* broke industry records in paperback when it was nominated for two Rita Awards by the published authors of Romance Writers of America (RWA).

A popular speaker who leads writing and creativity workshops around the country, she taught How to Write a Novel that Sells for several years at a Texas college, and she continues to teach that class online, as well as its spin-off, How to Write a Romance Novel That Sells.



Sisters in Crime Heart of Texas Chapter, has changed its meeting place to Recycled Reads (part of the Austin Public Library system). The address is 5335 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78756 (512) 323-5123. Recycled Reads is located between North Lamar Boulevard and MoPac (Loop 1), near the intersection of Burnet Road and West North Loop Boulevard.

The Last Death of Jack Harbin a Samuel Craddock Mystery By Terry Shames

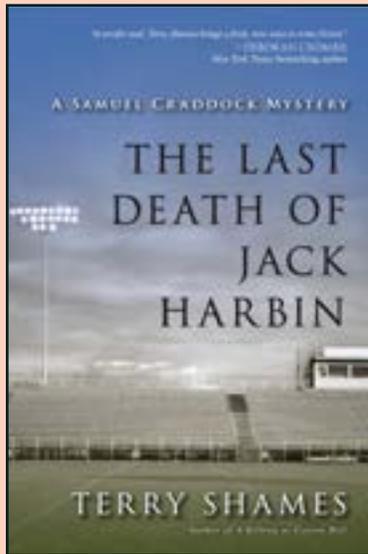
With the chief of police out of commission, it's up to trusted ex-chief Samuel Craddock to investigate the brutal murder of a Gulf War veteran who was a former high school football star. Craddock uncovers a dark tale of greed and jealousy that extends into the past, and well beyond the borders of the small town of Jarrett Creek.

Terry will be doing readings in Texas to support the book, which released on January 7, 2014.

BookPeople (Austin)-
Monday, January 27,
2014 at 7pm

Barnes & Noble Lincoln Park (Dallas)-Tuesday,
January 28, 2014 at 7pm

Barnes & Noble/ Shops at La Cantera (San Antonio)-
Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 2pm



Murder by the Book (Houston)-
Saturday, February 8, 2014 at
4:30pm (with Author Mark Pryor)



Terry Shames is the best-selling author of *A Killing at Cotton Hill* and *The Last Death of Jack Harbin*, Seventh Street Books. Her books are set in small-town Texas and feature ex-chief of police Samuel Craddock. Terry lives in Berkeley, CA with her husband and two rowdy

terriers. She is Vice President of Norcal Sisters in Crime and on the board of MWA Norcal. She travels frequently to Austin and is a member of Sisters in Crime Heart of Texas Chapter. For more information, please visit her website: www.Terryshames.com. ❤️

Elections (con't.)

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Publicity: Joyce Arquette

- ❤️ Maintains publicity contact lists for monthly meetings and special events
- ❤️ Issues News Releases for monthly meetings and special events
- ❤️ Distributes HOTSHOTS! and other information of interest to members

Editor of HOTSHOTS!: Bill Williams

- ❤️ Solicits articles and items of interest for members
- ❤️ Works with officers to include announcements
- ❤️ Produces monthly newsletter

Historian: Anna Castle

- ❤️ Maintains collection of items showing the history of HoTxSinC
- ❤️ Accepts new items
- ❤️ Presents reports as requested

Library Coordinator: Pamela Jennifer Farley

- ❤️ Houses and maintains the book collection and accepts new books as offered
- ❤️ Keeps the website updated as to contents of the collection
- ❤️ Provides reviews of the books for the membership

Barbara Burnett Smith Aspiring Writers

Project Coordinator: Gale Hathcock-Albright

- ❤️ Coordinates Call for Aspiring Writers, Call for Mentor Authors, Aspiring Writer/Mentor Author Matches, Barbara Burnett Smith Aspiring Writers Event, Publicity
- ❤️ Provides reports as requested

Facebook Administrator: Valerie Chandler

- ❤️ Maintains Sisters in Crime Heart of Texas Chapter Facebook page
- ❤️ Posts items of interest to HoTxSinC members
- ❤️ Moderates posts

MURDER AT BOOK PEOPLE

Wednesday 1/15 7p - MysteryPeople Presents Bestselling Thriller Author BRAD TAYLOR speaking & signing *Polaris Protocol*

Brad Taylor's bestselling thrillers are fueled by his more than twenty years of experience in the US Army, including eight years in Delta Force. Tonight he brings the fifth installment in his Pike Logan series to BookPeople. Taskforce operators Pike Logan and Jennifer Cahill are used to putting their lives at risk, but in *The Polaris Protocol* it's Jennifer's brother and countless more innocents who face unfathomable violence and bloodshed.

Friday 1/17 7p - MysteryPeople Presents Austin Author MARK PRYOR speaking & signing *The Blood Promise*

In this latest Hugo Marston mystery, Marston must figure out what lies hidden inside an old sailor's chest before a 200-year-old blood promise is revealed and claims another life. We're big fans of Austinite Mark Pryor's first two books, *The Bookseller* and *The Crypt Thief*, and hope you'll join us to celebrate another terrific story!

Monday 1/27 7p - MysteryPeople Presents TERRY SHAMES speaking & signing *The Last Death of Jack Harbin*

Join us tonight as we welcome back one of our favorite Texas mystery writers, Terry Shames, with the second book in her Samuel Craddock series, *The Last Death of Jack Harbin*. The shocking murder of a wounded veteran challenges the investigative skills of ex-chief Samuel Craddock. Against the backdrop of small-town loyalties and betrayals, Craddock discovers dark secrets of the past and present to solve the mystery of Jack Harbin's death. Terry is a member of Sisters in Crime Heart of Texas Chapter.

Wednesday 1/29 7p - Hard Word Book Club discussing *Twenty Year Death* by Ariel Winter

Tough stories with hard hombres and dangerous dames – this is what you'll find in the Hard Word Book Club. Scott and Chris will guide you along the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm. This month's book is *The Twenty Year Death* by Ariel Winter.

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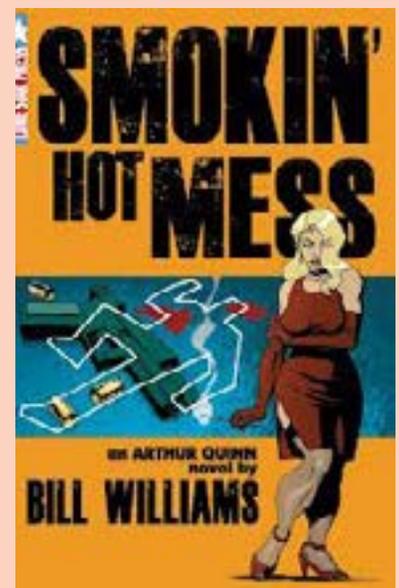
Bill Williams first novel, *Smokin' Hot Mess* will be offered for free for the Kindle reader from January 13- January 17, 2014.

Arthur Quinn spends his free time helping his friends and loose associates out of dire straits to soothe a guilty conscience. When he's not managing his inheritance or tending bar, Quinn wanders the side streets of his beloved hometown of Austin, Texas, and parts beyond, looking for trouble.

The amateur detective is in the middle of a workout when the phone rings. An old friend is just stepping out of the police station after a long interrogation. Earlier that morning, someone had murdered her estranged husband and left the body cooling in the driveway. Now the police have her in their sights and she needs someone who knows the police.

Quinn steps in and interferes in the police investigation, leaving a trail of business cards in his wake. An angry detective wants him for tampering with the case as Quinn searches for the killer, afraid that the clues will lead back to his old friend.

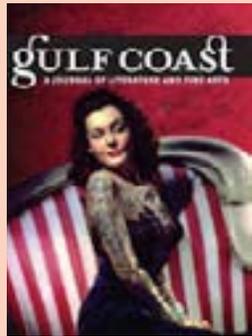
Bill is HOTSHOTS! newsletter editor for Sisters In Crime Heart of Texas Chapter.



Gulf Coast Prizes

The annual [Gulf Coast Prizes](#) awards \$6,000 in total prize money to poets, essayists, and fiction writers. This year's judges are **Andrea Barrett (Fiction)**, **John D'Agata (Nonfiction)**, and **Rachel Zucker (Poetry)**!

The contest awards publication and **\$1,500 each to the best poem, essay, and short story**, as well as \$250 to two honorable mentions in each genre. The winners will appear in *Gulf Coast* 27.1, due out in Fall 2014, and all entries will be considered for paid publication on our website as [Online Exclusives](#).



The entry fee includes a year-long subscription to *Gulf Coast*. **The deadline for submissions is March 15, 2014.** For information on how to enter, please visit- <https://gulfcoastmag.org/contests>

Barbara Jordan Media Awards

The annual [Barbara Jordan Media Awards](#) program from the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities is presented in several different categories, including TV or Print Feature, Internet, Book, Photojournalism, etc. There is **NO FEE** for entries.

The Barbara Jordan Media Awards seek to spotlight writers who portray people with disabilities in a respectful, positive manner. It is our belief that journalists and authors help shape our culture and our perceptions; well-produced, creative stories showing a person with a disability as a *person first* benefits us all.

Deadline for submissions is **January 15, 2014** for stories produced, published and/or distributed in Texas in 2013. For more information and [Submission Guidelines and Entry Forms](#), please visit-

http://governor.state.tx.us/disabilities/awards/barbara_jordan_media_awards

Upcoming Programs

February 9 - TBA

March 9 - TBA

April 13 - Joan Upton Hall and Russ Hall
'How to Write a Mystery'

May 18 - Barbara Burnett Smith
Aspiring Writers Event

Upcoming Events

The 2014 HoTxSinC dues are due.

People love a happy ending.
So every episode, I will explain
once again that I don't like
people. And then Mal will shoot
someone. Someone we like.
And their puppy.

-Joss Whedon

Sisters in Crime is an international organization of women and men whose purpose is to support women mystery writers, and combat discrimination against them. Speakers include published mystery authors and technical experts who help writers craft better mysteries and readers enjoy what they read. Meetings are free and open to all. For more information, check out the Sisters in Crime Heart of Texas Chapter website at www.hotxsinc.org.

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