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New England Crime Bake
presents

The Many Faces of Mystery

Its Fourth Annual Conference for
Mystery Writers and Readers.

Featuring

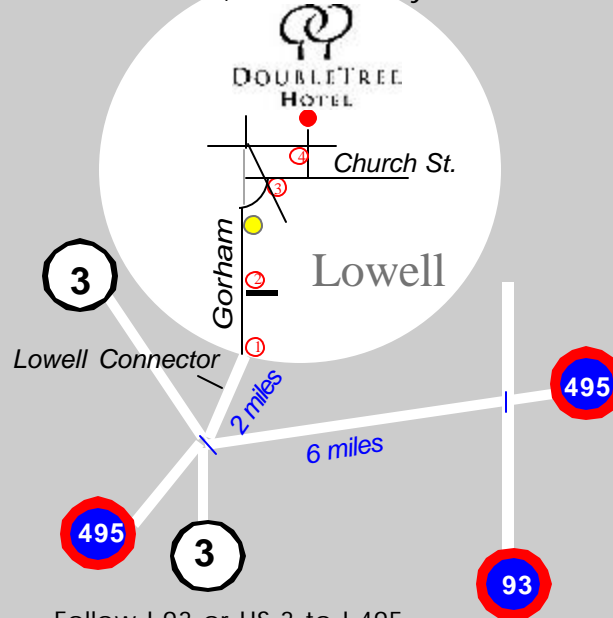
- Tess Gerritsen
Guest of Honor
- Panels of Writers, Editors,
Forensic Experts
- One-on-One 5-Minute Sessions
with Agents or Editors
- Presentation of the
Al Blanchard Award
- Book Signings by Authors

Directions

to the **Doubletree Riverfront Hotel**

50 Warren Street, Lowell, MA

The locals may take a shorter route but for anyone not familiar with Lowell, this is the best way:



Follow I-93 or US-3 to I-495.

Take the Lowell Connector to Exit 5C,

Turn left into Gorham Street ⓪.

At the third red light ⓪, turn right into Church Street.

Turn left at the end of the block (opposite the white church),

Cross Green Street ⓪ and enter the hotel parking lot.

Park in the garage. The hotel will validate your ticket.

Spend the night?

Call the Doubletree in Lowell directly 978 452 1200 and ask for the special Crime Bake rate (\$69/night).



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Mystery Writers' Conference

New England Crime Bake 2005

Short Story Contest

In memory of Al Blanchard, co-chair of the first three New England Crime Bake Conferences, NEMWA President and member of Sisters in Crime; the New England Crime Bake Committee is sponsoring the **Al Blanchard Award**.

The Prize: \$100 plus publication in *Level Best Books'* third anthology of crime Fiction.

GUIDELINES:

The Story

- Story must be a crime story by a New England author or with a New England setting
- Story must be previously unpublished
- Story must not be more than 5,000 words in length
- Story may include the following genres: mystery, thriller, suspense, caper and horror (No torture/killing of children or animals.)

The Submission

- Deadline for submission is May 31, 2005
- Send your submission to crimebake@aol.com
- Type "Al Blanchard Award" in the subject line (without it, attachments will not be opened.)
- Put your name, address, phone and email address, as well as your story title and word count in the main body of your email
- Send your story as an attachment in *Word* format, double-spaced
- We will promptly acknowledge receipt of your submission. The attachment will be coded to insure anonymity and be sent to the judges. Therefore, your name should not appear anywhere in the attachment
- There is no entry fee
- One entry per author
- The Al Blanchard Award will be presented to the winner in person. The contest winner must be able to attend the conference

A First Look at the Program

Saturday, November 12, 2005
Sunday, November 13, 2005

Guest of Honor

Tess Gerritsen

Author Panels

Professional Detectives:

Jeremiah Healy, Linda Barnes, Chuck Hogan

Amateur Sleuths:

Leslie Meier, Leslie Wheeler, Frankie Bailey, Roberta Isleib

Suspense/Thrillers:

Tess Gerritsen, Lisa Gardner, Mike Wiecek, Lynne Heitman

Romance and Suspense:

Patricia Lewin, Sylvie Kurtz, Joyce Sullivan, Joanna Novins, Carla Neggors

Sex and Violence:

Kate Flora, Hallie Ephron, Bill Eidson, Joseph Finder

Building a Mystery:

Dana Cameron, Toni Kelner, Jan Brogan, Peter Abrahams

Editors and Agents

Agents and Editors tell what they are really looking for. Sign up for one-on-one, five-minute interviews to pitch your book to an agent or editor.

Criminalists and Forensic Experts

Frank Ahearn, *Skip Tracer*

Other panelists to be announced shortly.

Keep checking www.crimbake.org for updates.

Registration

Detach and send with your check
(made out to New England Crime Bake) to:

New England Crime Bake,
P O Box 762
Foxboro, MA 02035-0762,

(please PRINT how your name should appear on your badge.)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

email _____

(only for use with Crime Bake related matters)

Phone _____

Cost for both days:

\$125 for members of MWA and SinC

\$145 for nonmembers.

Add \$20 for registration after September 30.

No walk-ins, please.

For confirmation of your registration, look up www.crimebake.org.

Registration includes 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, hors d'oeuvres at Saturday cocktail party (cash bar). Let us know of any allergies.

\$50 for Saturday buffet dinner

\$50 for additional non-conference attending guest for buffet dinner
Seating is limited, so reserve early.

Interview with Editors and Agents

Request a 5-minute slot to pitch your book to an agent or editor. Assignments are on first come, first served basis, and by lot.