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SECOND ANNUAL SUFFOLK MYSTERY AUTHORS FESTIVAL A DAY OF MYSTERY AND INTRIGUE

SUFFOLK, VA (August 19, 2015): Prepare for a day of mystery, suspense and romance as avid and casual readers, aspiring writers and published authors unite for the Second Annual Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival, Saturday, August 22. A partnership between Suffolk Tourism, the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts and Suffolk Public Library, this unique festival showcases 24 best-selling authors. The festivities kick off at 12 p.m. at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts with a sold-out private VIP Meet & Greet hour, where fans will mingle with their favorite authors, enjoy light refreshments and take home a Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival swag bag. Opening to the general public at 1 p.m., this **FREE** event will feature book signings, readings, multiple workshops and moderated panel discussions, concluding at 6 p.m. A limited supply of the latest titles from each author will be available for purchase; attendees are also encouraged to bring their own books to be signed if they so choose. Door prizes will also be given away throughout the day. The Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts is located at 110 West Finney Avenue in Downtown Suffolk. Contact Suffolk Tourism at 757.514.4130 or SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.com for more details.

Featured bestselling authors include: Sparkle Abbey, Ellery Adams, Beverly Allen, Mollie Cox Bryan, Erika Chase, Eva Gates/Vicki Delany, Grace Greene, Nancy Herriman, Mary Ellen Hughes, Maggie King, Joyce & Jim Lavene, Judith Lucci, Jamie Mason, Marliss Melton, Mary Miley, Nancy Naigle, Nan O'Berry, Tj O'Connor, Kathryn O'Sullivan, Mindy Quigley, Fiona Quinn, Amy Reade, B.K. Stevens, and LynDee Walker.

Moderated Panel Discussions: **1 p.m.** "Meet the Authors" Introductory Panel; **3 p.m.** Some Like it Hot: The Role of Romance in Mysteries; **4 p.m.** Location, Location, Location: How Setting Affects the Story; **5 p.m.** When Death is a "Shore" Thing: Killer Coastal Mysteries.

Workshops: **3 p.m.** "Cozy Mysteries 101"; **4 p.m.** Anatomy of a Mystery; **5 p.m.** How Do I Get Published?

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