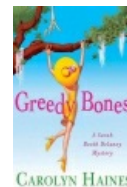




Dear Friends and Readers,

August came and went with a flurry of home repairs. Long story, not fun, so we shall skip the details. But September is loaded with excellent news!



First, I want to thank all of you for your support for GREEDY BONES and the entire Bones series. Someone is talking—and bringing new readers to the series. This is more important than you know, and I truly appreciate the fact that many of you recommend my stories to others. And a big thank you to all who posted reviews on the websites for Amazon and Barnes & Noble. This is a big deal.

I am pleased to announce the launch party for **DELTA BLUES**, an anthology of crime/noir stories that I edited. Tyrus Books, a new publisher headed by the fabulous Ben LeRoy and Alison Janssen, formerly of Bleak House Books, will bring the collection out with a huge launch party March 27 at Ground Zero Blues Club in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

All of the stories in the collection are centered around crime and the blues. The Mississippi Delta is the birthplace of this unique musical form, and the book contributors (some mighty talented, some not so talented [that would be me!] but willing to try hard) are going to perform in our own blues band. (I am singing back up!)

Check out <http://www.deltabluescollection.com/> to see everyone who has contributed a story. It is a fine collection with a foreword by Morgan Freeman, who works for literacy through the Rock River Foundation. This is going to be a fun party, and even better, \$1 for every book sold will go to Rock River Foundation. This is open to the public, so make plans to attend.

Tyrus Books has partnered with the Mississippi Writers Guild (MWG) and Rock River Foundation to host a high school fiction writing competition in Delta high schools. Winners will be published in a chapbook and the MWG is sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship for the winning student to apply toward a college degree in the field of writing. Additional awards will include attendance (along with a guardian) at the next MWG annual writing conference. The MWG conference is held each August in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

I cut way back on speaking engagements this year. It was a choice of either write or travel, and I needed to write. But I am speaking Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at the opening event of the Spring Hill College Friends of the Library at Stewartfield on the college campus. (Public invited.)

I'm also speaking Sept. 19 at the Gulf Coast Writers Conference in Panama City. More info at <http://www.gulfcoastwritersconference.com/>.

Four of my students will be reading their work on Oct. 14 at 4 p.m. at Satori Coffeehouse on Old Shell Road in Mobile. Dr. Sue Walker's poetry students will also read. (Public invited.)

The animals are good. Naughty but good. Sorrow ate my cell phone, the house phone, a remote control to the TV, four pens, a tennis shoe, and two bandanas. Ah, the joys of a puppy. Papillion has been neutered and needs a good home. I'm working on a web site to list animals that need homes—but more on that in the next installment of "all the news from Casa Caroline."

Best,

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