

Summer, 2019 Newsletter

Greetings from Karen Shughart!



It was a tough spring. Flooding, again, from a combination of snowmelt from the other great lakes, more rain and wind than usual, and problems generated as the result of a treaty between our country and Canada that regulates the depth of Lake Ontario. Sadly, many properties, both residential and commercial, are damaged and sandbags, aqua dams and pumps are, as I write this, spread throughout our community.

Now it's summer here in Sodus Point, and hopefully our community will get a respite from the extreme weather conditions we've experienced for so many months. Summer means very long days where the birds sing their morning songs starting at about 4:30 a.m. and darkness doesn't descend until well past 9:30 at night. It means warm, sunny days, cool nights and a lush landscape of all manner of blooming flora and fauna: trees, shrubs, flowers, fruits and vegetables. Farm stands are finally open with a delightful array of edibles, and restaurants are seating patrons on decks overlooking the water.

This year there will be fireworks displays on both the July 4 and Labor Day holidays and, as in past years throughout the season, villagers and visitors will be able to experience thrilling sailboat regattas, 5k runs and races, a triathlon, craft fairs, car and children's parades, golf outings and weekly Sunday concerts on the grounds of the Historical Society and Museum.

My Writing Projects



I've spent a productive past several months finishing the draft of *Murder in the Cemetery*, book two of the series, and am now on the final rewrites (at least I hope they will be). In addition, I've written those monthly blogs many of you have read on the *Ladies of Mystery* site

including the [most recent](#), about a reunion I had in May with dear childhood friends. I've also spent some time promoting *Murder in the Museum* and *Wheel of Death*, the latter a book I co-wrote with 21 other authors, all of us affiliated with Cozy Cat Press. You can purchase the books on Amazon or at [my website](#).

Art and Wine



On Sunday, July 21, I'll be participating in **Art and Wine**, a fundraising event to benefit the Newark Hospital that will be held at the Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The event, which is open and free to the public, will feature the works of local artists and authors (and sales of their books and artwork), wine tastings during the show, and a two-hour painting class from 4:00-6:00 p.m. (Cost for that is \$45 and includes instruction and all materials). To register for the painting class or for more information contact: lessonlady@yahoo.com. If you live in Wayne County and plan to attend, be sure and stop by and have lunch at the Heights restaurant before the show.



Another Mystery Site

I discovered another site where the editor does book and newsletter swaps for Cozies and "Clean" Romances. She's mentioning *Murder in the Museum*, and [here's a site](#) for one of hers.

And here's one [for historical novels](#) with a contemporary flair.



Enjoy the Season!