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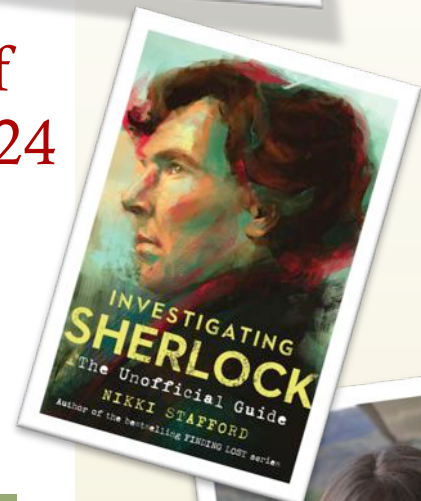
Bootmaker News and Events

Be there!



Meet Nikki Stafford, author of
Investigating Sherlock at October 24
brunch meeting!

This Fall, The Bootmakers of Toronto head over to the York Masonic Temple in Thorncliffe Park for a sumptuous brunch meeting, where Nikki Stafford is our special guest.



Save the Date: Saturday, October 24, 2015

Time

11:30 for 12:00

Brunch will be served

Place

The York Banquet
& Event Center
(Masonic Temple)

1100 Millwood
Road, Toronto

Cost

\$20 per person

No charge for
parking



Win a pair of tickets to the “Sherlock Holmes” play in Toronto

We have 2 pairs of tickets to give away! One pair of tickets will be the door prize at the next meeting on October 24th. The tickets will be rewarded by random draw to a member in good standing of The Bootmakers of Toronto.

In order to win the second pair of tickets, you must send an email to meyerstoronto@yahoo.ca with your name, your email address and telephone number, and the correct answer to this skill-testing question:

To which COUNTRY do ALL of the following four stories make some reference: The Devil’s Foot, The Greek Interpreter, The Sussex Vampire, His Last Bow? (Answer is one country name only.)

One winner will be drawn randomly from all the correct entries received. Contest is open ONLY to members in good standing of The Bootmakers of Toronto. There will be ONE entry per membership household. All entries must be received by midnight on October 18, 2015, and the draw will be held on October 19, 2015. The decision of the judges will be final. Letter entries will also be considered and should be sent to Thelma Beam, Meyers, Toronto, The Bootmakers of Toronto, 360 Bloor Street East, Suite 910, Toronto ON, M4W3M3.

Bootmakers in the News – On the Website Now

The Bootmakers have had a great year, and there always seems to be one of us in the news lately. The Society has received a lot of attention, including a short video on youtube! So, to keep all this publicity straight, the website now includes a page called “In The News”. You can also access it from this link:

<http://www.torontobootmakers.com/about/in-the-news/>

News stories and interviews about the Society or individual members can now be found on the website chronologically. We are very proud of our members who are newsmakers! If you see a news article about yourself or a fellow Bootmaker, please forward the link to Meyers for inclusion on the website: meyerstoronto@yahoo.ca.

Message From Meyers



2015 has been a watershed year for The Bootmakers of Toronto. With the renewed interest in all things Sherlock Holmes, we have managed to attract our share of media attention and new members.

So far this year, 23 new members have signed up, surpassing the total for 2014. As a result of our members actively promoting the Society at conferences and events in the US, and receiving some widespread media attention, 8 of those new members are US or International. Yes, we have Bootmakers spread around the world!

In addition, our journal, *Canadian Holmes*, is constantly setting new standards for excellence and The Editor is receiving potential publication material from as far away as Australia!

Perhaps though, the most gratifying part of my job this year was to welcome past members from afar back into the Bootmaker community. It is good to see old friends, and I hope they will stay with us in the years to come.

But we will not be sitting on our laurels. The Bootmaker Executive has been hard at work finding interesting event opportunities like the “*Mr. Holmes*” advance screening in July. Participation in Sherlockian events means more invitations to future events. I am contacted on a regular basis by authors, students, publishers, software developers, journalists, media companies and other Sherlockian Societies with questions and opportunities. I try to pass these along to the most appropriate people to select what members will be most interested in doing.

Several members wrote to me recently to bring to my attention the Sherlock Holmes play that will be in Toronto this Fall. We listened, and James Reese (Meyers 2016) has been in contact with certain powers-that-be trying to organize an opportunity for us to see this play. To that end, thanks to James, The Bootmakers of Toronto have lately received another fabulous offer!

Starvox Entertainment has offered us discounted tickets to see the play “*Sherlock Holmes*” starring David Arquette at the Ed Mirvish Theatre in Toronto. The discount is 35% on tickets purchased on specific performances! A separate email will be sent out to all members with the promo code and link to the website.

In addition, we have some tickets to give away to this show! Another benefit to being a member of The Bootmakers of Toronto! We are holding a contest and draw. One pair of tickets will be given away at the October 24th brunch meeting as the door prize.

But that’s not all. There will also be a contest for another pair of tickets. In order to enter, you must answer a skill-testing question and submit your name and email address and phone number to me at meyerstoronto@yahoo.ca. One winner will be drawn at random from all the entries received by October 18th, 2015. That means that members have two chances to win – one by sending me an email, and another at the October brunch meeting. This contest is open to Bootmakers in good standing ONLY.

By now it should be clear that there are certain advantages to being a member, aside from access to the current issue of *Canadian Holmes*. While everyone is welcome to attend the regular meetings and share in our Sherlockian camaraderie, the special discounts, promotions, invitations to special and free events are only available to members in good standing. This is as it should be, and I hope that those who have not yet done so will take advantage of the opportunity to become Bootmakers in the future. Where else can you meet with like-minded individuals, hear fabulous guest speakers talk about their work, read a world-class journal, and indulge in exclusive events? It’s all about having fun, and we are sure doing a lot of that this year!

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