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Bootmaker News and Events

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Murdoch Mysteries Creator to Reveal Bootmaker Link at Annual Awards Dinner

This year The Bootmakers of Toronto are very excited to be hosting mystery maven Maureen Jennings as the keynote speaker at the annual awards dinner. Ms. Jennings is the creator of the Murdoch Mysteries and Bomb Girls TV series. She has promised to reveal the Bootmaker connection to her iconic Detective Murdoch! Make sure to reserve early, as this is likely to be a popular event!

Save the Date: January 25, 2014

Time

6:00 p.m. Drinks
and music

7:00 Dinner

Place

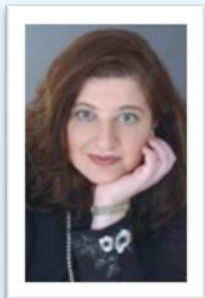
Badminton and
Racquet Club of
Toronto

25 St. Clair Avenue
West

Cost

\$75 per person





It is my honour to be serving as Meyers in 2014. It's going to be a busy year for The Bootmakers, as there are a number of projects planned and some already underway.

When Bootmakers get together and look at the changes that have taken place around them since the Society first began, they often joke that it is always 1895 for us. This year, we face the challenge of moving into the present century while still retaining the integrity of our origins and interests. This change is technological rather than ideological, as our communication and presentation transitions to the electronic rather than paper-based. Our vision is that the "hub" of the Society will be our website – this will be where members will eventually go to learn about events, reserve for meetings, renew their membership or join, get announcements about Sherlockian events, read Canadian Holmes or download it to their e-reader, do research, access a photo gallery, and many other capabilities which we do not currently have. If you have not looked at our website lately, I urge you to check it out as it evolves: www.torontobootmakers.com. This transition will take some time, but we have already begun to make changes to the way that we communicate with members, such as this newsletter.

In terms of meetings, a number of exciting events are planned. In January, we will have the great pleasure of hosting Maureen Jennings, creator of Murdoch Mysteries, as our keynote speaker at the annual awards dinner. In May, instead of the traditional pub night, a new type of event has been scheduled which promises to be a great social evening for members. There will be a games night and Bootmaker garage sale, accompanied by a pot luck supper, so start thinking about what you would like to acquire and what you might like to pass on from your Sherlockiana collection. In July we once again head over to Woodbine Racetrack for the annual Silver Blaze event. Our Fall schedule begins with a far-away member from the US

who will be visiting us and presenting a paper at our September meeting. In October The Bootmakers will head over to Heliconian Hall for a Lunch With Lady Eaton event, as we hear from author Carol Anderson about her popular cookbook and taste some of the original recipes served in the Eaton department store restaurants of yesterday. I am in touch with several other possible guest speakers whom members have recommended to me. If there is a fabulous speaker who you think we would enjoy hearing, please pass on their contact information to Meyers.

In addition, two new features will be introduced at our regular meetings. Chris Redmond will be updating us on news from the Sherlockian world, and I will be presenting A Moment of Zen for our amusement and edification. Special thanks to members who have already volunteered papers and presentations. We are still searching for more papers and presentations for almost all meetings. If you are presenting something during a meeting, technical help is now available. There will be a laptop and projector at every meeting which you may use to show Powerpoint presentations, videos or to play music. That should generate quite a bit of creativity in the coming months. For information on our technical capabilities, please contact Meyers.

Finally, this year we welcome Peter Calamai and Dorothy Palmer to the Bootmaker Executive, Also Edith and Jim Reese as Quizmasters, and Brock Harpur as Facebookmaster. Dorothy steps up as the new Liaison with other Sherlockian Societies and also becomes our first Twitermistress. Peter will be a Director-at-Large with a special interest in publicity and publishing.

It's going to be a great year! Plan to be there!

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The 2014 Executive

These are the dedicated men and women who work hard to make sure that The Bootmakers of Toronto runs smoothly.

Meyers – Thelma Beam

Past Meyers and Treasurer – Phillip Elliott

The Editors of Canadian Holmes – Mark and JoAnn Alberstat

Toronto Reference Library Liaison – Peggy Perdue

Membership Secretary – Elizabeth Carbone

Archivist and Secretary – Kathy Burns

Liaison with Other Societies – Dorothy Palmer

The Stamper – Dayna Nuhn

The Colonels Ross – Donny Zaldin and Barbara Rusch

Awards Coordinator – Dave Sanders

Lassus – Karen Campbell

Director-at-Large – Peter Calamai

You can reach the Bootmaker Executive by sending an email to meyerstoronto@yahoo.ca.

And a special thanks to these awesome volunteers.

The Greeter – Marilyn Penner

The Quizmasters – James and Edith Reese

The Honorary Counsel – Cliff Goldfarb

The Webmaster – Larry Beam

The Twitermistress – Dorothy Palmer

The Facebookmaster – Brock Harpur

We are currently searching for volunteers to be Mrs. Turner (assistant to Mrs. Hudson) for all meetings. If you would like to help out, please contact Meyers at meyerstoronto@yahoo.ca



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2014 Bootmaker Schedule

- **Saturday, January 25th** – Annual Awards Dinner, Badminton and Racquet Club of Toronto, 25 St. Clair Ave. West.
- **Sunday January 26th** – Marlene Aig Brunch – Spirits Bar and Grill, 642 Church St.
- **February 22nd** – 3GAB story meeting – Toronto Reference Library, Beeton Auditorium, 789 Yonge Street
- **March 29th** – MAZA story meeting – Toronto Reference Library
- **May 3rd** – Games Night, Garage Sale & Pot Luck Supper – The 360 Lounge, 360 Bloor Street East
- **July 12th** – Silver Blaze – Woodbine Race Track
- **September 13th** – CREEP story meeting – Toronto Reference Library
- **October 25th** – LION story meeting – Lunch With Lady Eaton at Heliconian Hall, 35 Hazelton Ave.
- **December 6th** – AGM and LAST story meeting, The 360 Lounge, 360 Bloor Street East



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