

COFFEE ON SUNDAYS



The Monthly Newsletter for Heather Hiestand, Eilis Flynn, and Anh Leod
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February Is For Snuggling

It's Valentine's month, that time for lovers—and ironically, neither Heather/Anh nor Eilis have releases in February! That's okay, though, because they have been keeping busy. Heather has signed contracts for her *Looking Forward, Looking Back* science fiction short story anthology, which should be out in May. Eilis has been busy scheduling promotions and personal appearances. In terms of writing, we are both working on first drafts at the moment. Heather is working on a sequel to *Claudia's Pleasure* and Eilis is almost done with her

Hunters for Hire continuity novel (she can't wait for the second draft!).

It's time for us to be nostalgic again, because Heather and Eilis both had their first electronic releases last spring, *Cards Never Lie* and *The Sleeper Awakes*, respectively. For those books, their publisher, Cerridwen Press, haven't scheduled print release dates yet. But it did offer advance reader copies, so Heather and Eilis finally saw their novels in print book form and were able to show them off to friends and family and use them for contests and raffles. One place to win them

will be at the Reader's Luncheon in Portland in April, so don't forget to sign up for this event! You can sit at a table with one of us for lunch and chat! See www.rosecityromancewriters.com for details.

In other news, Heather was excited to visit with her Seattle-based critique group recently, despite being unexpectedly caught by snow. One member, Gina Robinson (www.ginarobinson.com), recently made

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ON SALE NOW

Heather Hiestand

- *Cards Never Lie* (Cerridwen Press)
- *One Juror Down* (Cerridwen)
- *Gunshot Grange* (Cerridwen)

Eilis Flynn

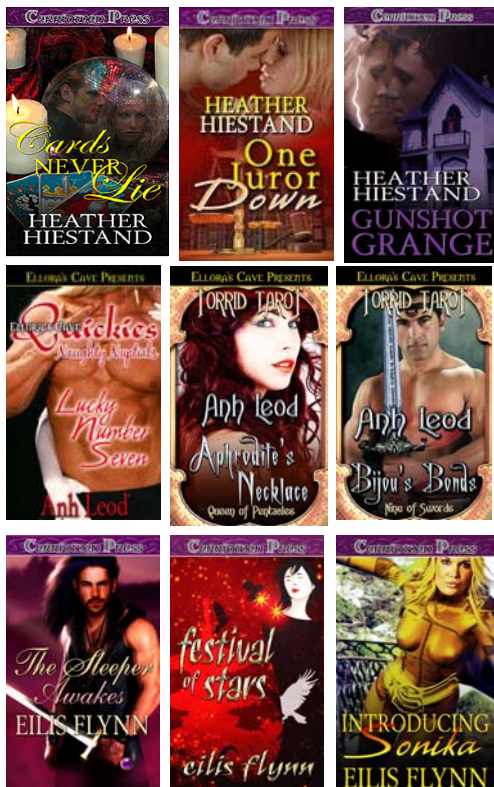
- *The Sleeper Awakes* (Cerridwen)
- *Festival of Stars* (Cerridwen)
- "30-Day Guarantee" (MyRomanceStory.com)
- *Introducing Sonika* (Cerridwen)

Anh Leod (Ellora's Cave)

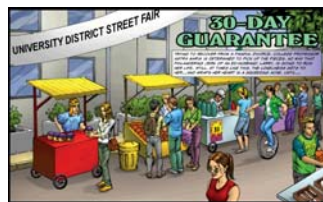
- "Lucky Number Seven"
- "Aphrodite's Necklace"
- "Bijou's Bonds"

UPCOMING RELEASES

- March 13, 2008: *Two On The Hunt* by Heather Hiestand (Cerridwen)
- April 25, 2008: *Recreating John Doe* by Anh Leod (Ellora's Cave)
- May 2008: *Looking Forward, Looking Back And Other Stories* by Heather Hiestand (Romance at Heart)
- June 12, 2008: *In Flight* by Heather Hiestand (Cerridwen)
- Mid-2008: "Claudia's Pleasure" by Anh Leod (Ellora's Cave)
- Late 2008: *Journey To Neotia Prime* by Eilis Flynn (Cerridwen)
- 2008: *Aromatherapy To Go* by Heather Hiestand (Lotus Circle)



Heather, Eilis, and Anh have all been busy! Heather, as you may gather, has a new book coming out next month.



February News, CONTINUED

her first novel sale. *Spy Candy* will be out in November from Kensington Books. Good going, Gina! Another member, Gerri Russell (www.gerrirussell.net), announced that her third novel with Dorchester Publishing should be out about the same time as Gina's debut. Heather is looking forward to both releases since Gina and Gerri, like all of Heather's critique partners, are exceptional writers.

Don't forget to keep an eye on Heather's and Eilis' blogs. Heather's can be found at <http://blog.heatherhiestand.com>, while Eilis's can be found at <http://eilisflynn.blogspot.com> and eilisflynn.livejournal.com (and even myspace.com/eilisflynn). This is the best place to find out how their minds work and what contests they are taking part in.

And speaking of contests, both Eilis and Heather are participating in contests in March. The next opportunity to win a free copy of Heather's books should come around St. Patrick's Day, when she'll be taking part in another multiauthor contest like the one during the winter holidays. That contest was so wildly successful, she's eager to do another. Eilis will be taking part in a contest with other Cerridwen Press authors about the same time to promote ebooks — see below for some preliminary details, especially if you have ever been curious about MySpace.

Finally, keep an eye on your email inbox for our next newsletter, which will feature Heather's March release, *Two On The Hunt*, from Cerridwen Press! Until then, don't forget you can purchase our currently available novels 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from www.cerridwenpress.com and www.ellorascafe.com!

Ebooks are good for the environment

If you're so inclined, check out GreenBookFriends at social networking website MySpace.com. As ebook authors, Heather and Eilis have become more sensitive to how ebooks are actually environmentally friendly, since they don't need to involve chopping down trees, dealing with potentially poisonous inks, or distributing print copies with skyrocketingly expensive gasoline. (Not that we would turn down contracts for print books, but we're just sayin'.) Not only that, as Heather points out, many mass market paperbacks are destroyed when they don't sell at bookstores, but ebooks are never wasted.

We're doing our bit to help the environment. At myspace.com/greenbookfriends, Eilis is getting ready for a contest starting the beginning of March—a scavenger hunt, if you will—involving a group of Cerridwen authors, with a grand prize of an environmentally friendly ereader loaded with a collection of our

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books. Details will be available at the GreenBookFriends site at MySpace toward the end of February, so don't forget to check in!

As Frances Stockton (www.francesstockton.com/), another Cerridwen Press author, says, being more environmentally friendly just takes some thought. "I try to cut back on how many times I print a manuscript. I like to have a hard copy for my records, then maintain a flashdrive, external hard drive, and work off that rather than print it multiple times. I still love print books, but I hope that ebooks become more and more accepted and that people realize that downloading a book from Cerridwen Press or Ellora's Cave can help save a tree. One thing at a time, one step at a time."

Q&A

I know Eilis has plans to go to Romance Writers of America's national conference in San Francisco, but does Heather? And does that mean Eilis's books will be available in print version for the annual literary booksigning at the conference?

Unfortunately, Heather is not—she's got other plans this year. As for the booksigning, Ellora's Cave/Cerridwen Press no longer has a presence at the conference, and that includes the booksigning. Rats!

APPEARANCES (TENTATIVE)

Eilis Flynn:

- Romance Excerpts Only, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/romanceexcerptsonly/>, February 3–9, 2008
- "GreenBookFriends" MySpace contest, early March
- "Faeries Along the Silk Road And Beyond" workshop with Jacquie Rogers, Eastside Writers Group, Issaquah, WA, March 11
- Introductory interview, Futuristic, Fantasy & Paranormal RWA chapter newsletter, Spring 2008
- Readers' Luncheon, Portland, OR, April 26, 2008
- Emerald City ComiCon, Seattle, WA, May 11
- "Introducing Sonika," Long and Short Reviews, <http://longandshortreviews.blogspot.com/>, May 13
- "Silly Interview," Michelle Pillow website, late summer
- Romance Writers of America National Conference, San Francisco, CA, July 30–August 2
- Dragon*Con, Atlanta, GA, August 29–September 1
- Emerald City Writers' Conference, Bellevue, WA, October 10–11, 2008



Heather Hiestand/Anh Leod:

- "Resurrecting Your Rejected Manuscript," with Jenna Bayley-Burke, Rose City RWA chapter, March 8
- "Salvaging Your Rejected Category Romance," AskAnAuthorPro Yahoo! loop, March 17–28, 2008
- Readers' Luncheon, Portland, OR, April 26, 2008

Got a question? Drop us a line at eilisflynn@aol.com or heather@heatherhiestand.com. Maybe we'll have an answer! What we don't know we'll gladly make up. ☕ Next month we will be telling you what we have in store for the coming months.