

COFFEE ON SUNDAYS



The Monthly Newsletter for Heather Hiestand, Eilis Flynn, and Anh Leod

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Split September!

Around here, we have a split personality when it comes to September — sure it's the beginning of the school season, sure it's supposedly the end of summer, but it's hard to remember that when it's 80 degrees out there! Eilis has already tried to retire her summer wardrobe, but those sweater sets for autumn are just too hot for Indian summer weather!

What have we been up to, you ask? Lots of things! Eilis spent a chunk of her August working on an article for *Romance Writers' Report*, the organization magazine for Romance Writers of America, on snappy comebacks — what do you say when someone, sometimes in the name of “humor,” sometimes not, says something amazingly rude about what you write? She asked around and got some surprising responses. That article's scheduled to come out in the November issue, and it will find its way eventually for you to read too. After she sent that off, Eilis went back to work on her dragon novella, tentatively titled “Falling to Earth,” taking time out from working on her sequel(s) to *Introducing Sonika* and *The Sleeper Awakes*.

Not only that, Eilis was on a webcast on September 9 with a number of other authors, talking about our pets! Check out the “Appearances” section for where to go to take a listen. And if you have pix of the cutest cats, dogs, and equine pets in the world, enter them in a contest that's just starting up, the “Mule Blues Days Pet Pictures Contest” — check out the second page of this newsletter for details!

And for those of you who are going to the Emerald City Writers'

Conference, we are pleased to announce that not only will Eilis be co-presenting a workshop on faeries around the world (see our “Appearances” section), Heather will be conducting a workshop on her own about reworking your rejected category novels into something that you can sell! For those of you who have some manuscripts under your bed, this workshop can't be missed! That's in addition to the critique group panel she'll be appearing on!

Recently, Eilis and Heather were discussing how to explain to those who ask what exactly it is that we write. What do we write that they would like? The comparison “If you like horror, you won't like us!” came up, but we nixed it because it just sounded too negative (and Eilis doesn't watch or read horror, so she wouldn't know how to make that comparison).

With Eilis's *Introducing Sonika*, it's not that hard to find a comparison. It's a romance about a superheroine, so if you read comic books (and wished there had been a real romance somewhere in there), you'd like *Sonika*. Also if you like urban fantasy and paranormal, something like *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, you'd like *Sonika*. Or if you like to read about a skittish cat who decides she'll get along with a patient hero, for that matter (my salute to my late cat Rover).

If you like high fantasy or stories by Robin D. Owens in her fantasy series from Luna Books, stories in which everyday people leave their comfortable world they know and step into an unfamiliar place, or stories about dying

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ON SALE NOW

HEATHER HIESTAND

Cerridwen Press:

- *Cards Never Lie*
- *One Juror Down*
- *Gunshot Grange*
- *Two On The Hunt*
- *In Flight*

Romance at Heart:

- *Looking Forward, Looking Back And Other Stories*

EILIS FLYNN

Cerridwen Press:

- *The Sleeper Awakes*
- *Festival of Stars*
- *Introducing Sonika*

Graphic novellas:

- “30-Day Guarantee” (myromancestory.com)

ANH LEOD

Ellora's Cave:

- “Lucky Number Seven”
- “Aphrodite's Necklace”
- “Bijou's Bonds”
- *Recreating John Doe*
- “Claudia's Pleasure”



UPCOMING RELEASES

- October 10: “Cherokee's Playmates” by Anh Leod (Ellora's Cave)
- Late 2008: *Aromatherapy To Go* by Heather Hiestand (Lotus Circle)
- February 2009: “Ex-Factor” by Anh Leod (tentative)
- Mid-2009: *Theoretical Bounty Hunter* by Eilis Flynn (tentative)
- Mid-2009: “Trading Terms” by Eilis Flynn (tentative)
- Mid-2009: “Celilo Falls” by Anh Leod (tentative)
- Late 2009: “Falling To Earth” by Eilis Flynn (tentative)

And more to come!

Split September, CONTINUED

people doing one last good thing, you'll like *The Sleeper Awakes*. Or if you like telepathic horses, for that matter.

If you like movies or stories like *Flower Drum Song* or *Sayonara* or even *Snow Falling on Cedars*, multicultural romance with Asian or Asian-American characters and folklore and contemporary romance, you'll like *Festival of Stars*. Or stories that take place in Seattle, for that matter. Stories using the raven folklore in a way you may not be familiar with? That's right here.

And what about Heather's work and Anh's work? Those are interesting challenges too, because those works span such a wide range.

Heather's work spans romantic comedy, romantic suspense, and contemporary romance. Her *Cards Never Lie*, a romantic comedy, would be enjoyed by those who liked the earlier works of Jayne Ann Krentz (from the 1990s), fellow Cerridwen author Ashlyn Chase, or upcoming author Gina Robinson, whose first book, *Spy Candy*, will be coming out in November (for those who are wondering why we're mentioning a book that's not even out yet, Gina and Heather critique together).

Heather's King County Confidential series, *One Juror Down* and *Two on Hunt*, would be appreciated by legal thriller or romantic suspense lovers, those who like Lisa Gardner, for instance. Or if you happen to be a category romance fan and you love books in the Harlequin Intrigue line but you would like to read a slightly more complex story, you might want to give those two a try.

Gunshot Grange has some similarities to Nora Roberts' new novel *Tribute*, though of course they are entirely different. Then there's *In Flight*, Heather's latest novel, which might be right up the alley of those who are fans of Julie Cohen's and Jenna Bayley-Burke's writing.

Then there's *Looking Forward, Looking Back And Other Stories*, Heather's anthology of futuristic romance. If you're a fan of light sci-fi or coming of age stories, you'll like these.

And then there's Anh's work, which is erotic romance. If you love short erotic romance writers like Brynn Paulin or stories about werewolves in general, give "Lucky Number Seven" a try (also if you like Rebecca York's work). If you like a little bondage in your stories after trying Joey Hill, give "Bijou's Bonds" a read.

Do you like sexy historical romance? Heather's "Aphrodite's Necklace" might be right up the alley for those

who like fiction by Sahara Kelly or new author Delilah Marvelle. Love sexy futuristics? Anh has *Recreating John Doe* and the upcoming "Ex Factor" if you're a fan of Nathalie Gray's work at Ellora's Cave.

Then there's Anh's current series about the lives and loves of Hollywood pretty people as a background. "Claudia's Pleasure" and the upcoming "Cherokee's Playmates" (October 10, in fact!) might be just what those readers who like to read super-sexy ménage stories are looking for. But there's a little urban fantasy in there too, so if you like Jennifer Ashley/Allyson James, give these stories from Anh a try.

Mule Blues Days Pet Pictures Contest

Enter your pet's picture for a chance to win dozens of prizes! For rules and details on how to enter (and a complete list of prizes), go to www.jacquierogers.com. The list of prizes is too long to go into here! Books, T-shirts, jewelry, more books — *it's insane!* (Sorry, we were channeling Crazy Eddie for a second.) The authors giving out prizes are (in no particular order): Deborah MacGillivray, the late Dawn Thompson, Judith Laik, Eilis Flynn, Celia May Hart, Jacquie Rogers, Gerri Russell, Alexis Morgan, Rowena Cherry, Isabel Mere, Jo Webnar, Sherrie Holmes!

Deadline to submit your cute pet pix is October 5. A photograph can only final in one category. In case a photograph finals in two categories, it will be placed in the category in which it ranks the highest.

Sept. 5 to Oct. 5, 2008: Enter your pet pictures!
Oct. 10 to Oct. 25, 2008: First-round voting
Nov. 1 to Nov. 15, 2008: Final round voting
Nov. 16, 2008: WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

APPEARANCES (TENTATIVE)

Eilis Flynn:

- "Crazy Tuesdays" podcast, www.internetvoicesradio.com, with host Rowena Cherry. Featuring Jacquie Rogers, Deborah Ann MacGillivray, Gerri Russell, Candy Thompson, and Eilis Flynn, September 9
- *Paraphernalia* online magazine online, <http://paranormalromance.org/Paraphernalia.htm>, late September
- "Paranormality Universe" online, <http://paranormalityuniverse.blogspot.com>, September 29
- "Faeries Along The Silk Road And Beyond" workshop, Emerald City Writers' Conference, Bellevue, WA, October 10–12



Heather Hiestand/Anh Leod:

- "Critique Groups" panel and "Resurrecting Your Rejected Category Romance" workshop, Emerald City Writers' Conference, Bellevue, WA, October 10–12
- Booksigning, Emerald City Writers' Conference, Bellevue, WA, October 10–12

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