

**Bloody Words XIII presents...**



**DANSE MACABRE:  
HISTORICAL MYSTERIES  
& THE DANCE OF DEATH**

June 6 - 8, 2014  
Toronto, ON

**Guest of Honour: Vicki Delany**  
**International Guest of Honour: Paul C. Doherty**  
**M.C.: Melodie Campbell**

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## Home, Home on the Web

The [Bloody Words 2014 Website](#) is now live, so come visit us. You can even [register now](#) – and save! As the Bloody Gang gears up throughout the summer, we'll be adding information to the Website about agent appointments, manuscript evaluations, the Bony Pete short story contest, the Bony Blithe award, and more. BTW, if you haven't done so already, please Like the [Bloody Words 2014 Facebook page](#).

## Time Enough for ... Murder

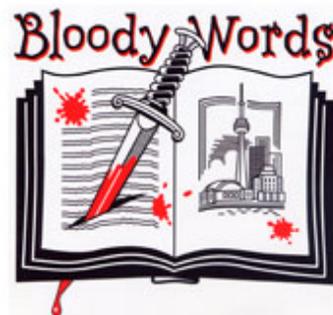
From biblical times (and probably further back than that) to the present, murder has been a part of the human condition. And when murder (or any other crime) happens, someone's going to write about it. And the rest of us crime-loving folks are going to read about it.

For 2014, Bloody Words will be celebrating crime through the centuries with our theme, **DANSE MACABRE: HISTORICAL MYSTERIES AND THE DANCE OF DEATH**. We have a terrific pair of guests of honour – **Vicki Delany, our Canadian Guest of Honour**, and **Paul C. Doherty, our International Guest of Honour** – who, between them, cover three millennia of creatively criminous doings of all kinds (not just murder). Read about **Vicki, Paul**, and our **Mistress of Ceremonies, Melodie Campbell** (who does her own riff on the historical scene), on our [Guests of Honour page](#).

## What You See (Here) Is What You Get

In addition to our terrific guests of honour, your registration includes:

- reception & banquet
- two tracks of panels and presentations on everything from first novels to the latest in forensics and publishing
- the Mystery Café where authors chat about their books in a more intimate setting
- loot bags (with lots of free books & stuff)
- lots of authors, fans, and folks in the publishing biz to schmooze with
- dealers' room
- Bony Pete short story contest
- the presentation of the Bloody Words Light Mystery Award (aka the Bony Blithe)
- the Hammett Award
- three workshops to choose from on Sunday morning
- manuscript evaluation service (small surcharge for this, as usual)
- an opportunity to pitch your book to an agent
- the Friday night special event
- plus, of course, some surprises that not even we, the Bloody Gang, know about yet



## Register Now ... and SAVE!

You can register online or by snail-mail. Plus we have a new way for you to pay – via Interac e-transfer (although you have to have a Canadian bank account to do so). You can also pay by Paypal (with either a Paypal account or a regular credit card) or by cheque or money order. To register, visit our [Registration page](#).

## Our New Bloody Home: Toronto Hyatt Regency Hotel

Our 2014 Bloody Words hotel is the Hyatt Regency on King, 370 King St. W. in downtown Toronto. The hotel is close to Chinatown, Kensington Market, the Fashion District, and the Entertainment District. You can book your room now in one of two ways:

- online at Hyatt's [dedicated Bloody Words reservation page](#), or
- by phone at 1-877-806-0006, but remember to tell the person you speak with that you're with Bloody Words

The Bloody Words 2014 room rate is \$199 (single or double; regular rate is \$269), but the price includes free Wifi. This BW rate is good from June 2–12, 2014, so you could come early for the Arthur Ellis Awards dinner (Thursday, June 5) and/or stay over for the Luminato Arts Festival, which is usually sometime around the time of Bloody Words.

Note: The cut-off date for getting the special Bloody Words guest room rate is May 5, 2014.

## Digging into the Tickle Trunk\*

Halloween is going to come twice in 2014: its regular date of October 31, but also several months earlier on Saturday, June 7, when Bloody Words invites you to dress as your favourite mystery book character for the Bloody Words banquet. If you're an author and your protagonist wears great threads, here's your chance to show the rest of us what a clothes horse he or she is. If you're a reader, do you have a favourite series or standalone character you've always wanted to emulate (at least in the clothing department)? Go crazy. The hotel is air conditioned, so you don't have to worry about being too hot. And if you're not staying at the hotel, we'll be making arrangements for some rooms where you can hang your costume and then change for dinner.

(And yes, it's OK if you don't want to dress up for dinner...although you might consider wearing a historical-type hat.)

\* R.I.P. [Mr. Dressup](#) (aka Ernie Coombs).

