

TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

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2012 AWARD WINNERS

The Nero Wolfe Award

Dana Stabenow for *Though Not Dead*

Dana Stabenow was born in Anchorage and raised on a 75-foot fish tender in the Gulf of Alaska. Her first crime fiction novel, *A Cold Day for Murder*, won an Edgar award and her first thriller, *Blindfold Game*, hit the *New York Times* bestseller list. The author's 28th novel and 19th Kate Shugak novel, *Restless in the Grave*, was published in 2012. Accepting the award on behalf of the Alaskan-resident is Kelley Ragland, editorial director for Minotaur Books.

The Black Orchid Novella Award

Robert Lopresti for "Red Elephant"

Robert Lopresti is a librarian, author, song writer, and blogger. He is also a sleuth. His sleuthing helped expose a lucrative history-for-sale scheme and aided in the recovery of roughly 1,000 books from the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries that had been taken from at least 100 university and local libraries across the country.

ABOUT REX STOUT AND THE WOLFE PACK

REX STOUT was born in Noblesville, Indiana, December 1, 1886. *Fer-de-Lance*, Stout's first Nero Wolfe novel, appeared in 1934. More than seventy other Nero Wolfe books and stories followed. A month before his death in 1975, he published the final Nero Wolfe book, *A Family Affair*.

THE WOLFE PACK is a forum to discuss, explore, and enjoy the 72 Nero Wolfe books and short stories. The organization promotes fellowship and extends friendship to those who enjoy these great literary works of mystery through a series of events, book discussions, and a journal devoted to study of the genius detective, Nero Wolfe, and his intrepid assistant, Archie Goodwin. To learn more, visit www.nrowolfe.org.

35th Annual Black Orchid Banquet



Arno Ristorante, New York, NY

December 1, 2012

Menu

Salad à la Brownstone

Selection of Entrées

Chicken Bolognese ~ The Corridona

Grilled Salmon ~ Mondor's

Veal with Mushrooms ~ Chateau Montcalm

Broiled New York Sirloin ~ Rusterman's Restaurant

Dessert Tray ~ the Willow Club

Coffee and Tea

Wines

2010 Sella and Mosca Vermentino

2010 Petit Chateau Cote du Rhone

Tonight's selection of entrées was inspired by dishes favored by members of Les Quinze Maitres.

Program

Welcome ~ Ira Brad Matetsky, Wgrowance

Awards Ceremony

Introduction and presentation by Jane Clend, Chair, Wolfe Pack Award Committee

The Nero Wolfe Award to
Dana Stabenow for
Though Not Dead

Introduction and presentation by
Linda Landigran, Editor-in-Chief,
Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine

The Black Orchid Novella Award
in cooperation with
Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine to
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Keynote Speaker
William C. Forbes, Esq.

Toasts, Quizzes, and Song Parodies