

Through the Power of Words
December 2024 Terri Maue Newsletter



Adversity is the diamond dust Heaven polishes its jewels with
--Thomas Carlyle, Scottish essayist & historian



Dark Mirror Update

As you might imagine, I have not been extremely productive this last month. However, I am managing to work a bit on the second Zee & Rico mystery: *Dark Mirror*. Grief is a capricious taskmaster, ambushing me at odd times. But it is not constant. And writing connects me to joy. My drafts and revisions may need a lot of revisiting when I am more fully recovered, but for now, it is enough that I can touch the joy of writing.

I am grateful to my editor/publisher at Camel Press and to you, my readers who await Zee and Rico's next adventure. I hope I can bring it to you in 2025.

Where to Find Me

I cancelled my fall signings, but I'm happy to say I will participate in an exciting event in January.

January 25, 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.: The Clark County Library Authors & Artists Fair, at the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas. I have two appearances:

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. *No Free Rides! Make Description Earn Its Place.* I will present a hands-on workshop featuring playful exercises to demonstrate how descriptions can create mood and illuminate character. Even if you're not a writer, you can enjoy a peek behind the scenes, learn a few tricks, and perhaps learn to appreciate your favorite authors in a new way.

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. I'll be signing copies of *Knife Edge* in the Theatre Lobby. Snag a copy at a special price for those still-to-come chilly winter nights.

Coming April 3-5, 2025:

The Las Vegas Writers Conference!



I'm so excited that the conference will be in-person this year. The Henderson Writers Group sponsors this conference, and organizers have assembled a great line-up of presenters, panelists, editors and agents. Registration includes blue-pencil and pitch sessions, great opportunities to have a professional review your work. Early bird registration is open until December 31 and can save you \$50. There's also on single-day option and a virtual option.

All the details are on the website: <https://lasvegaswritersconference.com/>

The Great Pastry Hunt: Terri's Carrot Cake



Usually, I bake half a dozen different kinds of cookies to give to neighbors and friends for the holidays. I didn't have the energy to do that this year, but I love to give away baked goods, and they are always appreciated. So, this year, I made mini-carrot cakes with honey/cream cheese frosting.

This recipe is so old I don't remember where I got it. The cake is moist and slightly chewy. It's delicious enough to eat without frosting—my litmus test for a really good cake. Text me if you want the recipe: terri@terrimaue.com

And keep sending suggestions for bakeries I should visit.

Thanks for reading!

May 2025 find you happy, prosperous, and surrounded by love.

See you in January!