

# 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Orchid Banquet

Arno Ristorante, New York, NY  
December 5, 2015

## *Menu*

Garden Salad à la Prime

### *Selection of Entrees*

Counterfeit Currency Chicken Saltimbocca

— “The Highly Unremunerated Mission”

Egyptian House Grilled Salmon

— “Diplomacy Club Business”

Veal Scaloppini Imitation Van Gogh

— “Hay Fever Case”

Sirloin Steak Keraghan

— “The Hardest Guy to Deal With Case”

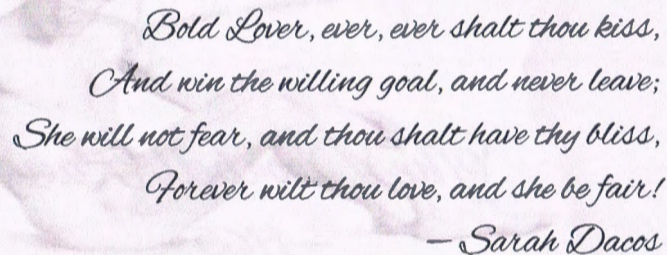
### *Fritz's Pastries*

### *Coffee & Tea*

### *Wines*

2013 Domaine de la Bastide, Côtes du Rhône

2014 Château Lamothe Blanc, Côtes de Bordeaux



*Bold Lover, ever, ever shalt thou kiss,  
And win the willing goal, and never leave;  
She will not fear, and thou shalt have thy bliss,  
Forever wilt thou love, and she be fair!*  
— Sarah Dacos

## WELCOME

Ira Brad Matetsky, Werowance

Toast Introductions by  
Ellen Krieger, Founding Werowance

### **The Black Orchid Novella Award**

Introduction by Jane Cleland, Chair,  
Black Orchid Novella Award Committee

Presentation by Linda Landrigan,  
Editor-in-Chief,  
*Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*

The Black Orchid Novella Award  
in partnership with  
*Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine* to  
**Mark Thielman for “A Meter of Murder”**

### **The Nero Wolfe Award**

Introduction and Presentation by  
Stephannie Culbertson  
Chair, Nero Wolfe Award Committee  
The Nero Wolfe Award to

**John Verdon for *Peter Pan Must Die***

### **Keynote Speaker**

Terry Teachout  
“Better Than Holmes?”

**Quizzes and Song Parodies**



## TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

Terry Teachout is the drama critic of *The Wall Street Journal*, the critic-at-large of *Commentary*, and the author of "Sightings," a biweekly column for the *Friday Journal* about the arts in America. He also writes about the arts on his blog, "About Last Night" ([www.terryteachout.com](http://www.terryteachout.com)). Mr. Teachout is a playwright, director, and librettist. He is the author of biographies on several influential figures in the arts. He read his first Nero Wolfe mystery in 1969 and has been following Mr. Wolfe's career with close attention ever since.

## 2015 AWARD WINNERS

### The Nero Wolfe Award

John Verdon is a former Manhattan advertising executive who lives with his wife in the mountains of upstate New York. His first three Dave Gurney novels, *Think of a Number*, *Shut Your Eyes Tight*, and *Let the Devil Sleep*, are all international bestsellers.

### The Black Orchid Novella Award

Mark Thielman, a retired prosecutor, lives in Fort Worth, Texas surrounded by an extended family of Nero Wolfe fans. "A Meter of Murder" is his first novella.

## ABOUT REX STOUT AND THE WOLFE PACK

Rex Stout was born in Noblesville, Indiana, December 1, 1886. The first Nero Wolfe mystery was published 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.

The Wolfe Pack is a forum to discuss, explore, and enjoy the 72 Nero Wolfe novels and short stories. The organization promotes fellowship through events, book discussions, and a journal devoted to study of the genius detective, Nero Wolfe, and his intrepid assistant, Archie Goodwin. [www.nerowolfe.org](http://www.nerowolfe.org).

## ABOUT *THE FBI NOBODY KNOWS* BY FRED J. COOK

Author of 45 books and a freelance investigative reporter, Fred J. Cook wrote a series of articles in 1958 alleging abuses by the FBI, which he expanded into the book *The FBI Nobody Knows*. He died in 2003 at the age of 92.

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