38th 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

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). 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.

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.