



BETTY'S BLOG

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Upcoming Dates

Book Readings/Signings

Sat., Jun. 9, 11 am — Redbery Bookstore, 43455 Kavanaugh Rd., Cable, WI, 715-798-5014

Sat., Aug. 18 — Northwest Iowa Book Tour: "True Crime Day," General N.B. Baker Library, Sutherland (noon), 315 Ash Street, Sutherland, IA 51058, (712) 446-3839; Spencer Public Library (time TBD), 21 E 3rd St, Spencer, IA 51301, (712) 580-7290; and Cherokee Public Library (time TBD), 215 S 2nd St, Cherokee, IA 51012, (712) 225-3498

Pending

Date/Time: TBD — Plot Twist Bookstore, 502 N Ankeny Blvd, Unit 6, Ankeny, IA

Date/Time: TBD — River Lights Bookstore 1098 Main St., Dubuque, IA

Date/Time: TBD — Chapter2 Books, 226 Locust S., Hudson, WI

Date/Time TBD — Beaverdale Books, 2629 Beaver Ave Ste 1, Des Moines, IA 50310

Date/Time: TBD — Magers & Quinn, 3038 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN

Book Fairs/Festivals

Sat., Jun. 2, 10 am-5 pm — "Art In The Hollow", Swede Hollow Park, Beaumont at Drewry Lane (one block south east of Payne and East Minnehaha Avenues—watch for the signs), St. Paul, MN, 651-776-0550

Sat., Aug. 4, 1 pm — "Local Authors Book Fair", Beaverdale Books, 2629 Beaver Ave., Ste. 1, Des Moines, IA (recently-published local authors showcase their books)

Sat., Sept. 15, 9 am-3 pm — "Iowa Author Fest 2018", Capital Square, Des Moines, IA

In Sympathy

LoE Miller

So sorry to hear that LoE Miller (Mrs. Joe Miller) passed away last night. She was among the dozen or so Fairbank octogenarians who helped me research for "Gangster In Our Midst." If I needed to know something about Fairbank, I'd call LoE at Parkview Assisted Living, as she knew Fairbank and its people so well she could usually tell me what I wanted to know off the top of her head—or direct me to the right person. The Miller family has had a presence on Fairbank's Main Street for many decades. Read 20 pages of [Historical Fairbank, Iowa](#) that didn't make it into the book at www.bettybrandtpassick.com. RIP, LoE. Love you!

Your Help Is Requested

"Gangster In Our Midst" is a neglected TRUE Iowa story, and I'm interested in bringing this book to venues across the state—one of which is the **2018 Iowa State Fair**. If you know of a vendor who might allow me to sell this book at his/her site for a nominal cost, please contact me at bbpassickauthor@comcast.net. I'm also interested in invitations to talk with **Iowa book clubs, church groups, libraries and other organizations**. Thank you!

Book Comments (new)

Thank you River Lights Bookstore, Dubuque, Iowa, for your nice book comment: "The book was a fun read, especially because it was about a familiar setting—I know Oelwein and recently spent the night in Mealey Hotel."

"Gangster In Our Midst" — Global!

Effective April 10, 2018, "Gangster In Our Midst" (second edition) became available on Amazon.com, www.amazon.com/dp/0999263501. The book will also be available on Kindle—soon!

First Book Reading in WI...

Wisconsin is well known for its gangster hideouts. I would have been remiss to not include a chapter in the book about Al Capone's hideout between Hayward and Couderey. A friend, Jeri Fink, provided interior/exterior photos so I was able to write about the estate authentically. Thank you to the Sherman and Ruth Weiss Community Library for the invitation to do a book reading/signing on April 17th... See a couple of the PP slides I used during the presentation on the next page.

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Guy Houston and his company, The Hideout Inc., bought the property in the **1950s** (Al Capone died in 1947).

It was transformed into a seasonal bar and restaurant, known for its prime rib, and offered guided tours focusing on the Capone lore. The Hideout became a top tourist attraction in the area.

The property was foreclosed and sold at a sheriff's sale on steps of Sawyer County Courthouse in Hayward, **Oct. 8, 2009**.

Currently owned by the Lac Courte Oreilles (LOC) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians).

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Chicago Gangsters



Johnny Torrio



Dion O'Banion



Frankie Yale



Tony Lombardo



Jake Lingle



Hymie Weiss



Al Capone



George "Bugs" Moran



Frank Nitti



Jake "Greasy Thumb" Guzik



Jack Zuta



Albert Alseme (left) & John Scalise

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