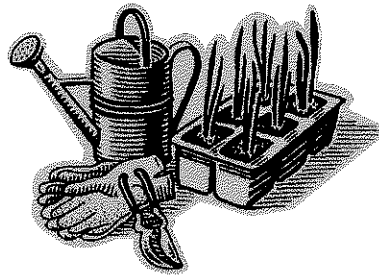


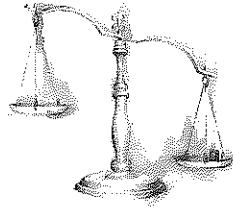
*Craig Faris*

**Craig Faris serves as vice-president of the Southeast Mystery Writers of America. Five of his short stories have won the South Carolina Carrie McCray Literary Award for best short fiction. He has 27 years experience as a graphic designer and is also the wonderful talent behind those great MGS posters. Craig recently completed his second novel, a thriller entitled, *THE SPECTRUM CONSPIRACY*. He lives in Rock Hill, SC with his wife and two children and is currently working on his third novel.**



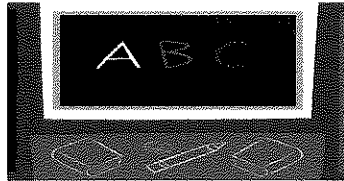
*Joyce and Jim Lavene*

**Master gardeners Joyce and Jim Lavene are the authors of over forty novels including the award-winning Sharyn Howard mystery series. In their Peggy Lee Garden Mysteries, each book is set in one of the four growing seasons and includes a gardening journal at the back of the book, plus helpful gardening tips and ideas. *PRETTY POISON* is the first book in this series. They live in South Carolina.**



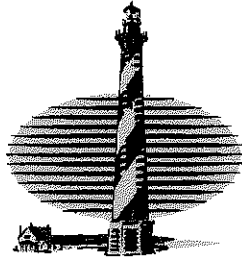
## *Cathy Pickens*

**Cathy Pickens grew up in Walhalla, South Carolina, where her ancestors have lived for over 300 years. She confesses that the most profound influences on her life have been her family, her faith, Nancy Drew and Perry Mason. Her first novel *SOUTHERN FRIED* won the 2003 St. Martin's Malice Domestic Award for Best New Traditional Mystery. Her second book in the series, *DONE GONE WRONG*, hit bookstores in November 2005. Her latest, *FRUIT OF THE POISONED TREE* is due out in May 2006.**



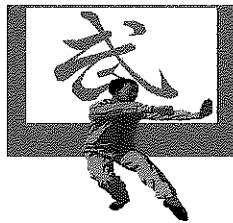
## *Cheryl Ritzel*

**Cheryl works as a middle school teacher who has a background in politics and psychology. These two areas of expertise give her great tools for understanding how the criminal mind works and the schematics of the political scene. Her first novel, A Paul Grey Murder Mystery--*BEGINNER'S LUCK* was released in May 2003. Her second novel in the series *RUNNER'S HIGH* hit bookstore in June 2005.**



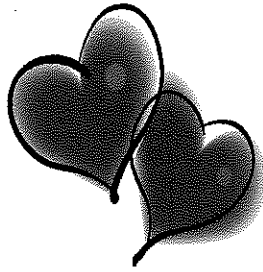
*Vonda Skelton*

**Vonda is dreamed of becoming an undercover detective or an investigative reporter. Instead she became an RN who teaches at Christian Women's Conferences. But through her writing, she has attained the best of both worlds. Her second novel in the "Bitsy" series, *BITSY AND THE MYSTERY AT AMELIA ISLAND* hit bookstores in July 2005. She lives in South Carolina with her husband.**



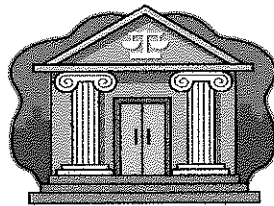
*Walter Sorrells*

**Walter Sorrells is past president of Sisters in Crime. He holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt in Japanese shito-ryu karate. He has studied the Japanese sword art of Iaido and shinkendo. He is the Edgar Award winning author of the legal thrillers *CRY FOR JUSTICE*, *WILL TO MURDER*, and *PROOF OF INTENT*. He also writes under the pen names Ruth Birmingham (Sunny Childs Mysteries) and Lynn Abercrombie. His first young adult novel *FAKE I.D.* hit book stores in February 2005. His second *CLUB DREAD* is due out in March 2006. Walter lives in Atlanta with his wife and son.**



*Ellis Vidler*

**Ellis Vidler grew up Florence and Huntsville, Alabama. She wrote her first mystery at the tender age of 8. Her first novel, *HAUNTING REFRAIN* is a romantic mystery about a reluctant psychic named Kate McGuire. Ellis lives in South Carolina Piedmont with her husband, cat, and a dog.**



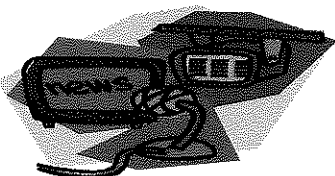
*Jaclyn Weldon White*

**Jaclyn Weldon White is the Juvenile Court Administrator in Gwinnett County and has worked in law enforcement since 1978. She has written for various newspapers around the state. She is the author of *WHISPER TO THE BLACK CANDLE*, *DISTANT HEARTS*, and *THE EMPTY NURSERY*.**



## **Eddie Rogers**

**Eddie Rogers has over 25 years experience in corporate security management, law enforcement and security consulting. As a Patrolman he had assignments in anti-crime, field training, crimes against persons and received over 11 citations for bravery including the Meritorious Duty, the department's highest honor. Mr. Rogers is an Adjunct Professor at Chattahoochee Technical College in Atlanta where he teaches courses in Security Investigations, Use of Force and Weapon Qualifications. He has specialized training in Homeland Security, Private Investigations, Criminal Gangs; and a professional license as a Crisis Negotiator, Private Investigator Trainer and Firearms Instructor.**



## *John DeDakis*

**Since 1988, Mr. DeDakis has worked as a writer for CNN. From 2001 to 2005 he supervised "Day Break" anchored by Carol Costello. Currently he writes and edits for CNN's "The Situation Room" anchored by Wolf Blitzer. John grew up in LaCross, Wisconsin. He is married and his wife Cindy have three children. *FAST TRACK* is his first mystery novel.**