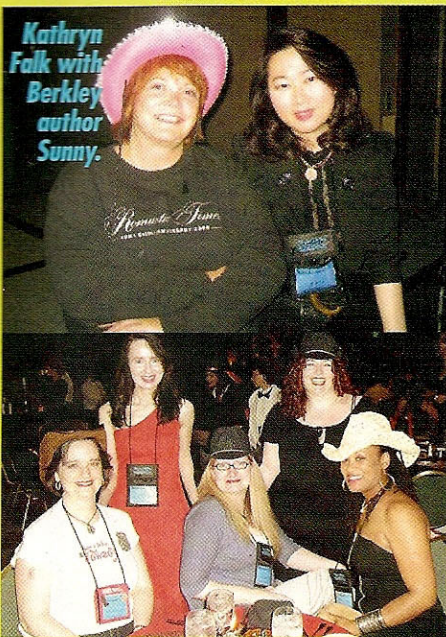


To Booklovers

From Kathryn Falk, Lady of Barrow

AT THE RT CONVENTION IN HOUSTON.



Standing: Lisa Renee Jones and Sasha White. Seated: Beth Williamson, Vivi Anna and Kimberly Kaye Terry.



Authors hosted An Afternoon Delight for Booksellers. Standing: Angela Knight, Jade Lee, Ann Elizabeth, Sunny and Kate Ryan (RT's bookstore liaison). Seated: Kate Douglas, Kathryn Falk and Diane Whiteside.



Staff Sergeant Wiseman and Captain Fuller were among the honorees at the SOS Mixer; Ann McDermott, SES (Sr. Executive Service) which is the civilian equivalent of a general.

Dear Reader,

We're back after a grand and glorious week in Houston celebrating women's fiction and bringing fantasies to life for readers, writers and booksellers. It was hard to settle down after five days of parties, fabulous workshops and a giant book fair, plus costume balls hosted by Ellora's Cave, the Faery Court, **Heather Graham** and Dorchester Publishing, and dancing up a storm until the wee hours.

Mixers started each morning and even went past "Midnight at the Oasis," hosted by Medallion Press, where we were entertained by a belly dancer, drank mimosas and lounged under tents until nearly 2AM.

Carol Stacy did a magnificent job creating the workshop programs and illustrated agenda, which takes months of planning. Now she's gearing up for Pittsburgh in April 2008 and our 25th Booklovers Convention, which will include an appearance from the king of cover models, **Fabio**.

Jo Carol Jones and our mighty staff outdid themselves organizing the wonderful week like the smoothest of clockwork, and readers and writers appreciated the efficiency.

A big thank you to **Bertrice Small**, who sent flowers for the occasion and contributed a registration package as a raffle prize, and to publicist **Judy Spagnola** and author **Bobbi Smith**, for their bouquets of remembrances. These women are just a few of the many generous members of our romance community.

Marilyn Campbell and other psychics delighted the crowd in the evenings with their fabulous readings. And the Psychic Sunday program was expanded and included **Michelle Lam**, who spoke about alternative medicine, which stimulated more than one attendee to fly to New York for medical treatment at her clinic.

Kim Adams, from the Fort Meade Officers' Wives Club, brought in a color guard for our Saturday military mixer, which was a poignant and inspiring get-together. **Staff Sergeant Wiseman** and **Captain Fuller**, husbands of attending spouses; **Jai Clark**, wife of an injured commander; **Jim Stoa** of Help a Hero, along with moms and wives of deployed soldiers, were on hand to be honored.

Enjoy another fabulous issue with a timely feature on killing off characters, titillating interviews with **Shirlee Busbee**, **Dean Koontz**, **Jackie Collins** and **James Rollins** and, especially, the RT Convention photo album on pages 138-144!

Happy reading,

Kathryn