

**A Preview of the Nancy Drew 75th/Stratemeyer Syndicate 100th
Anniversary Conference: June 16-19, 2005**

2 Day Conference Location, June 17-18: NYSEC—at 2 W. 64th, Central Park West, in Manhattan/New York City.

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Deadlines:

April 10th for Advertising

April 30th for Hotel Rooms Booked

RSVP/All Tickets Purchased by May 10th

Conference Purpose:

My goal in organizing this conference, was to plan an event that would celebrate not only the 75th anniversary of Nancy Drew but the 100th anniversary of the Stratemeyer Syndicate and all of the wonderful contributions to children's literature that are a result of the Syndicate. It will also be the 95th anniversary of the Tom Swift series. The focus of the conference is to enrich everyone with the history of the Syndicate and its series and to discuss the many facets and themes associated with Stratemeyer lore.

Our conference space is limited, first come first serve!

In building on the successful model of the 1993 Nancy Drew Conference at the University of Iowa, I present to you the following schedule of events, which will be updated often:

Conference Schedule

Thursday, June 16:

Day tour of Stratemeyer Syndicate sites in New Jersey. Tour fee from Penn Station in Newark to area sights=\$36.50.

Friday, June 17: Daytime:

Conference Begins: 8am to 4pm, at NYSEC Ceremonial Hall, tickets--information

at bottom of page. There will be a range of speakers discussing these topics: Stratemeyer Syndicate, Edward Stratemeyer, Harriet Stratemeyer Adams, Edna Stratemeyer Squier, Laura Ruby's Nancy Drew paintings will be on display, Syndicate Employees and Ghostwriters: Mildred Wirt Benson, James Lawrence, Pat Doll, the Garis family, Illustrator Russell H. Tandy, and more.

Friday, June 17: Evening:

7:30pm to 12am: Nancy Drew 75th Anniversary Birthday Gala. FIT (Fashion Institute of Technology) located at 27th street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

A 1930s murder mystery theme, prizes, trivia, goody bags, lots of fun! A candy & dessert bar fare will be provided.

While you will not be playing a role, you will be playing sleuth as clues are announced throughout the evening and a grand prize is awarded. Dress as your favorite Nancy Drew character. Costumes/Period dress optional, but recommended to help set the mood! Dressy attire required. Ticketed event that will help benefit the New York Public Library's Stratemeyer Syndicate archives--ticket includes donation to the library. Limited space available! Purchase tickets ahead of time via Pay Pal or check/money order to save \$. Ticket price=\$55.00/per person.

Saturday, June 18: Daytime:

Conference Continues: 8am to 5pm, at NYSEC Social Hall, tickets--information at bottom of page. There will be a range of speakers discussing these topics: Nancy Drew and the media, a scholarly look at lesbian subtext in the Nancy Drew series, Syndicate ghostwriter James Lawrence, Tom Swift Senior/Junior series, Hardy Boys history and collectibles/formats, Syndicate Ghostwriter: Leslie McFarlane, Nancy Drew history and collectibles/formats, the Nancy Drew Wanderer paperbacks, the Nancy Drew: Girl Detective Series, the new Hardy Boys: Undercover Brothers series, Her Interactive computer games, Papercutz Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys Graphic Novels, and more! From 1pm to 5pm we will be having our Solve a Mystery with Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys activities.

Saturday, June 18: Evening

Dinner & Bookstore Reading/Signing Event: To be announced as soon as possible.

Sunday, June 19: Daytime: Brunch/Morning activities for those around.

Speakers:

Speakers for the conference thus far include: James Keeline, Jennifer Fisher, Leslie Garis, Melanie Rehak, Geoffrey S. Lapin, Jim Lawrence Jr., Kathleen Chamberlain, Laura Ruby, Trudi Abel, Carolyn Dyer, Todd H. Latoski, Pamela Tandy, Spencer Tandy, Ilana Nash, Marilyn S. Greenwald, Neil Morrison, Her Interactive, and an S&S Representative.

Conference Merchandise:

We are selling officially licensed conference merchandise—the sale of which will help fund the conference, so we will especially appreciate your purchases! This collectible merchandise will be available in limited quantities for a limited time

Conference Hotel:

Our Hotel will be the West Park Hotel, located on 310 W. 58th St. between 8th and 9th avenues. (212)-445-0200

Our conference space is limited! It is recommended that you RSVP as soon as possible and purchase tickets in advance to ensure a spot at the conference. Purchasing ahead of time will save you \$ as well. Payment is due by May 10, 2005. All tickets are nonrefundable!

Fees:

2 Day Conference Pass=\$7.50. One day=\$5.00. Nancy Drew 75th Gala=\$55.00. NJ Tour=\$36.50. Send check to address above or Pay Pal to nancydrewsleuth@aol.com