The results for the first round of the Kiss of Death Chapter's Daphne Du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery/Suspense—Published Division are in. On behalf of KOD and the Daphne Committee, I am pleased to announce the finalists of our 2012 Published Contest:

**Category (Series) Romantic Mystery/Suspense:**
Finalist: HelenKay Dimon, *The Big Guns*
Finalist: Paula Graves, *Major Nanny*
Finalist: Angi Morgan, *38 Caliber Cover-Up*
Finalist: Gayle Wilson, *Flashback*

**Winner:** Julie Miller, *Nanny 911*

**Historical Romantic Mystery/Suspense:**
Finalist: Leanna Renee Hieber, *Darker Still: A Novel of Magic Most Foul*
Finalist: Elizabeth Loupas, *The Second Duchess*
Finalist: Sharon Page, *Engaged in Sin*
Finalist: Deborah Simmons, *Glory and the Rake Glory and the Rake*

**Winner:** Katy Madison, *Tainted by Temptation*

**Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense:**
Finalist: Diane Burke, *Bounty Hunter Guardian*
Finalist: Debby Giusti, *The Captain's Mission*
Finalist: Laura Scott, *Lawman-In-Charge*
Finalist: Susan Sleeman, *The Christmas Witness*

**Winner:** Renee Ryan, *Courting the Enemy*

**Mainstream/Mystery/Suspense**
Finalist: Linda Castillo, *Breaking Silence*
Finalist: W. S. Gager, *A Case of Hometown Blues*
Finalist: Elizabeth Voss, *The Winslow Incident*
Finalist: Lois Winston, *Assault with a Deadly Glue Gun*

**Winner:** Julie Kramer, *Killing Kate*
Paranormal (PTTF) Time Travel, Futuristic Romantic Mystery/Suspense:
Finalist: Kristin Miller, *InterVamption*
Finalist: Jana Oliver, *The Demon Trapper’s Daughter*
Finalist: Robin D. Owens, *Heart Search*
Finalist: Kristen Painter, *Blood Rights*

**Winner: Darynda Jones, Second Grave on the Left**

Single Title Romantic Mystery/Suspense
Finalist: Donnell Ann Bell, *The Past Came Hunting*
Finalist: Allison Brennan, *Kiss Me, Kill Me*
Finalist: Cindy Gerard, *With No Remorse*
Finalist: Roxanne St. Claire, *Face of Danger*

**Winner: Christy Reece, Sweet Justice**

THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2012 PUBLISHED CONTEST IS:
Darynda Jones, *Second Grave on the Left*

Congratulations to all!
Brooke Wills
2012 Daphne Contest Overall Coordinator