The results of the Kiss of Death Chapter's Daphne Du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery/Suspense are in. On behalf of KOD and the Daphne Committee, I am pleased to announce the winners of our 2014 Published Contest:

**Category (Series) Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
Finalist: Loreth Anne White, *Guarding the Princess*
Finalist: Paula Graves, *Murder in the Smokies*
Finalist: Paula Graves, *Smoky Ridge Curse*
Finalist: Rebecca Zanetti, *Under the Covers*

**WINNER: Gail Barrett, A Kiss to Die For**

**Historical Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
Finalist: Jeannie Lin, *The Lotus Palace*
Finalist: Katy Madison, Katy Madison for *Lord Coleraine's Scandalous Offer*
Finalist: Erica Monroe, *A Dangerous Invitation*
Finalist: Christine Trent, *Lady of Ashes*

**WINNER: Linda Lappin, Signatures in Stone**

**Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
Finalist: Robin Caroll, *Strand of Deception*
Finalist: Debby Giusti, *The General's Secretary*
Finalist: Irene Hannon, *Trapped*
Finalist: Susan Sleeman, *No Way Out*

**WINNER: Dani Pettrey, Stranded**

**Mainstream Mystery/Suspense**
Finalist: Gretchen Archer, *Double Whammy*
Finalist: Allison Brennan, *Cold Snap*
Finalist: Rosie Genova, *Murder and Marinara*
Finalist: Diane Hester, *Run to Me*

**WINNER: Hank Phillippi Ryan, The Wrong Girl**
Paranormal (Fantasy/Time Travel/Futuristic) Romantic Mystery/Suspense
Finalist: Tamara Hogan, *Tempt Me*
Finalist: Mina Khan, *Wildfire*
Finalist: Danielle Monsch, *Stone Guardian*
Finalist: Jana Oliver, *Tangled Souls*
Finalist: Rebecca Zanetti, *Shadowed*

**WINNER:** Angie Fox, *My Big Fat Demon Slayer Wedding*

Single Title Romantic Mystery/Suspense
Finalist: Toni Anderson, *Her Last Chance*
Finalist: Kaylea Cross, *Ignited*
Finalist: B. J. Daniels, *Forsaken*
Finalist: Melinda Leigh, *Midnight Sacrifice*

**WINNER:** Kendra Elliot, *Buried*

**THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2014 PUBLISHED CONTEST IS:**
Linda Lappin, *Signatures in Stone*

Congratulations to all!
Brooke Wills
2014 Daphne Contest Overall Coordinator