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Milford-Haven Book & Jewelry Tea

Are you in Colorado? Join me in Colorado Springs!

We're kicking off August -- my favorite month -- with a beautiful book & jewelry tea in a private home. Consider this a small, private "pre" event before the next big launch in October of . . . my next novel, its prequel short story, my next book tour, and my next blog tour! (Whew, October will be busy!)



This Friday's gathering will be a joint event, featuring my signature charms, and featuring the gorgeous Silpada line of silver jewelry offered by my dear friend Leeza Steindorf.

Even if you're not interested in jewelry, join us for great conversation and stories . . . for delicious treats . . . to enjoy the delights of Colorado summer . . . and to meet Leeza.

Date: Friday, August 3. Time: 3:30 - 6:00 pm. [Come after work, or before your evening plans begin!]

If you'd like to attend, please contact my assistant Kelly Johnson to let her know. She'll give you location and directions! kjohnson@cornerstoneva.com

The Milford-Haven Charms

This is such a funny question, but . . . do you know what a DINGBAT is?

(You may feel you've met a few along the way . . .) Actually, "dingbat" is a printing term, referring to the symbol that appears at chapter headings or between segments.



When a hardcover book is designed, it's a work of art from cover to cover, including font, paper, size, case, end papers, original cover art, dust jacket, and the dingbat. These artistic elements are then described on a special page called the Colophon.

So when my publishers and book designers and I were discussing the creation of the dingbats for my books, I thought sea shells should be the iconic symbols for my coastal series. Then began the research. What fun!

For book one, I chose the HEART COCKLE shell. My dear friend Caren Pearson, the artist who created one of the original Milford-Haven posters, and my mother (also an avid shell collector) helped me find the actual shell. Then my cover artist Mary Helsple captured the image for the dingbat, which I just love.

Then I remembered CHARMS . . . the ones on my grandmother's bracelet that captured major milestones in her life . . . the ones on my childhood bracelet that my mom helped me to collect . . . and the ones I see on so many wrists these days, as the bead-charm has swept the nation and the world. I approached a gifted jewelry designer, Carol Falls, who "fell" in love with my idea to create charms of the dingbat designs, one for each novel in my series! And what a gorgeous job she does!

Charm #1 - The Heart Cockle Charm

It's a heart . . . it's a shell . . . it's a heart cockle. It's utterly unique, and wonderfully collectible. We give you three options. 1) Order it in sterling. Or, 2) if you prefer, order it in white bronze. 3) Order the white bronze oxidized, which gives you a darker-silver, almost pewter look. All three options are stunning! This charm is designed to commemorate *What the Heart Knows*, book one of the Milford-Haven saga. With this special heart on your wrist -- or dangling from a necklace -- you'll always remember to consult not just your head, but your heart.



Charm #2 - The Placuna Charm

It's a drop of water from the ocean . . . it's a tiny lens . . . it's a placuna, also known as a windowpane oyster. Again, the three options are available (sterling or white bronze). This charm is designed to commemorate the upcoming *Where the Heart Lives*, book two of the Milford-Haven saga. On its cover you'll find a magnifying lens. So as the charm slides across your wrist, what does it remind you of? It reminds you to take a closer look at what matters to you in your heart of hearts.



Silpada Jewelry

My beautiful friend Leeza always looks stylish, whether she's flying in from Germany, taking an exercise class, or conducting one of her life-changing seminars. When I admired her stunning jewelry, she explained that she loved this line so much she decided to share it with her friends.

Leeza will have an extraordinary array of lovely offerings that just might speak to your heart the way they speak to mine . . . if not for yourself, perhaps as a gift for someone very special.



Save the Dates . . .

Thank you, as always for your interest in my books and presentations. Many exciting events are coming up next autumn. Here are two dates to save for Colorado readers:



September 14th: GO RED FOR WOMEN! This signature American Heart Association annual event will be at the Hilton Anters in downtown Colorado Springs. After a morning of vital, interactive health sessions, we shift gears for a fun, fabulous luncheon at which I've been invited to be KEYNOTE SPEAKER! I'm honored and excited. So find a fabulous red dress, and join us!

October 8th: Margaret Coel and I are joining forces again to give a presentation about our novels and the fascinating topics we research to write them. This time we'll be at the Denver Press Club.

Full schedule will be in the next newsletter! Meanwhile, we hope to see you this Friday, August 3rd! Join me as you *find yourself in . . . Milford-Haven!*

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