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NEWS – For Immediate Release

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Word Forge Books Signs New Author, Launches New Mystery Series

Ferndale, Pa. – Independent publisher Word Forge Books is pleased to announce the signing of its second author, Betty Kerr Orlemann, today at the Springtown Community Day festival. Orlemann is the creator of octogenarian sleuth Hattie Farwell, star of an upcoming series of “cozy” mysteries set in Orlemann’s native Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

“We’re thrilled to have Betty on board at Word Forge Books,” says publisher Mary Shafer, who started the publishing house in 2005. “She’s a longtime writer of proven skill, and her character, Hattie Farwell, is one of the most original new faces to emerge in the mystery genre in ages. We believe her Hattie Farwell series will appeal to a broad range of readers, especially anyone who’s familiar with and fond of our beautiful Bucks County settings.”

Orlemann is a familiar face in the Delaware Valley, as founder of the Friends of the Delaware Canal and a longtime contributor toward several area newspapers and magazines.

The series launches with the publication of “Mission: Murder,” the first title due out in July of 2008. The books will come under the publisher’s Shadowdance Press imprint.

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