



## The Baby Boomer Corner

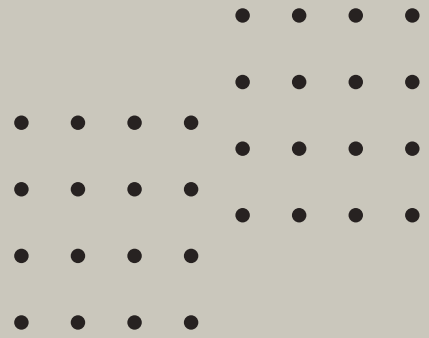
By Rick Bava

If you are one of the many Baby Boomers who are reading more books these days, you have probably heard the national syndicated radio program "Joy on Paper." This program, created and hosted by PatZi Gil, spotlights different writers of interest. It is my honor to profile one of the authors popular with baby boomers, Carol Perry.

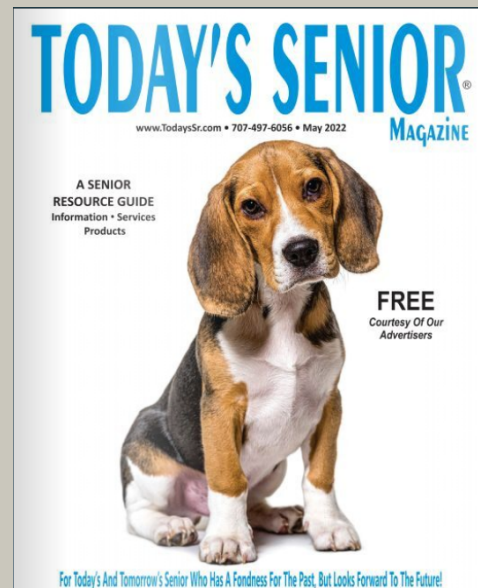
Carol J. Perry is the author of two of Kensington Publishers best selling "cozy mystery" series. Her Witch City Mysteries series takes place in her hometown of Salem Massachusetts, and in the Haunted Haven series the action happens in her adopted state of Florida. Readers have come to especially admire Carol's strong "boomer" characters, protagonist Lee Barretts feisty, red-haired, tech savvy sixty-something, research librarian Aunt Ibby in the Witch City books, along with fashion-conscious ghost Lorna Dubois—who died back in the 1970s and happily haunts protagonist Maureen Dougherty at her inherited Haven House Inn.

Carol admits to having missed being a boomer by a few years, but has been happily married to one—husband and best friend Dan—for dash over forty years. In addition to her fiction writing efforts, Carol has long been a contributor to magazines and newspapers both regional and national on a number of topics. In gathering information for her many non-fiction articles on antiques and collectibles, Carol noticed that dealers were featuring more Danish Modern and Heywood-Wakefield than Hepplewhite and Queen Anne, more Fiesta Ware and Jadeite than Wedgewood and Staffordshire. This provided the inspiration for a major long-running Florida collectibles show that Carol and fellow writer Sharon Ogan produced together called "Baby Boombazaar," where celebrities such as Dawn Wells and Russell Johnson from "Gilligan's Island" along with Buffalo-Bob Smith from the Howdy Doody show and Luke Halprin, star of "Flipper" and Lauren Chapin from "Father Knows Best," signed autographs while that good old rock and roll music played in the background and shoppers bought Hot Wheels and Barbie dolls and Juke boxes. It stands to reason that all this "boomerania" would find its way into Carol's mystery books. Lee Barrett is proud of her 1970s clear Lucite kitchen table and chairs and her collection of bronze pencil sharpeners. Maureen Doherty sleeps on one of those beautiful blonde Heywood-Wakefield beds and loves her kidney-shaped coffee table. Ghost Lorna favors wearing vintage Dior and Chanel.

Carol is working on a new Halloween mystery. Watch for boomer touches among the murders, and a new intriguing boomer among the characters!



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